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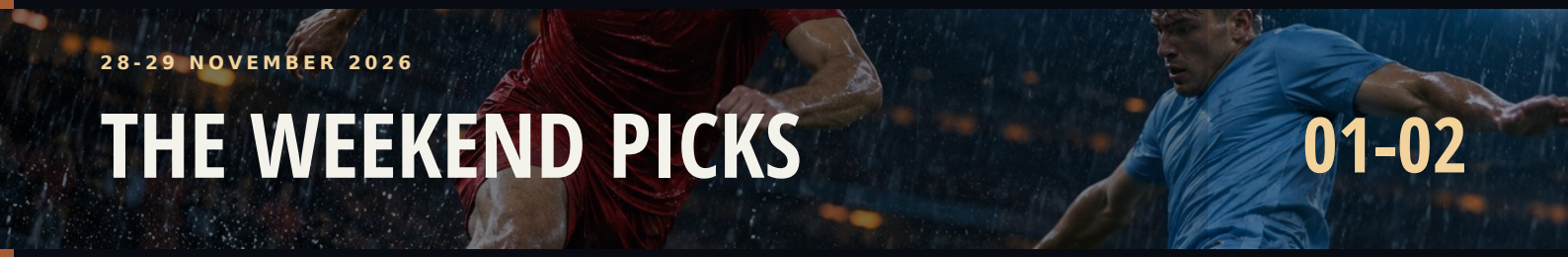
HOW TO READ THE PICKS

Score lean = an illustrative forecast. **Confidence** is editorial and relative, not a calculated probability. **DNB** = draw no bet; a drawn match returns the stake. **1X / X2** = home-or-draw / away-or-draw. **BTTS** = both teams to score.

Timing: kick-offs show GMT, CET and US Eastern (ET). Data checked on 23 November before Monday evening games; midweek results and confirmed lineups must be checked again. Source numbers link directly to the index on page 20.



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 01-02

PREMIER LEAGUE

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

PREMIER LEAGUE 01

MANCHESTER UNITED V BRENTFORD

SAT 28 NOV | 15:00 GMT / 16:00 CET / 10:00 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Brentford or draw	1-1	LOW

Why this pick: United's 4-0 defeat at Liverpool followed an eighth-minute red card. It exposed the scale of the problem, but the dismissal also makes that score a poor measure of eleven-against-eleven strength. Their league record still shows only one win in eleven, against a Brentford side with five draws in ten before Monday's game.

Match plan: I expect United to protect central areas first. If Brentford can collect the second ball and force hurried passes out of defence, the visitors have a credible route to a point. Home pressure alone does not justify backing a United recovery.

Main risk: Brentford play Everton on Monday. Reassess after that result and United's disciplinary update; a disciplined home response could overturn the lean.

SOURCES [01] [02] [03]

OLD TRAFFORD NEEDS A RESET

PREMIER LEAGUE 02

EVERTON V LIVERPOOL

SUN 29 NOV | 12:00 GMT / 13:00 CET / 07:00 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Liverpool to win	1-2	LOW

Why this pick: Liverpool arrive from a 4-0 win over United, while Everton's published record has only two defeats in ten before Monday's Brentford trip. The visitors have the stronger attacking case, but that latest win was helped by an early dismissal. This derby deserves a much tighter forecast than a repeat of the Anfield scoreline.

Match plan: Liverpool need to circulate the ball beyond Everton's first challenge and attack the space behind the midfield. Everton's best route is to slow the rhythm, win territory and make restarts count. I lean toward the visitors finding one extra clear chance.

Main risk: Derby discipline, Everton's Monday workload and midweek European minutes could narrow the gap. A settled home defensive unit would increase the draw risk.

SOURCES [01] [02] [03]

DERBY INTENSITY MEETS ATTACKING MOMENTUM



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 03-04

PREMIER LEAGUE

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

PREMIER LEAGUE 03

BRIGHTON V NEWCASTLE UNITED

SUN 29 NOV | 14:05 GMT / 15:05 CET / 09:05 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Brighton to win	2-1	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Brighton's 2-0 defeat at Hull came through two stoppage-time goals, with Hull reduced to ten late on. It is a warning about finishing and concentration, rather than a reason to discard Brighton's broader return of 22 points and a +17 goal difference. Newcastle's published total is 13 points from eleven matches.

Match plan: The home lean depends on Brighton creating repeat entries into the box rather than settling for blocked shots. Newcastle can turn the game through direct breaks into the spaces left behind. A close contest with goals at both ends looks more credible than a comfortable home shutout.

Main risk: Check the midweek workload and whether Brighton's final-third selection changes. Newcastle scoring first would allow them to defend deeper and challenge this prediction.

SOURCES [01] [02] [04]

BACK THE BODY OF WORK

PREMIER LEAGUE 04

SUNDERLAND V TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

SUN 29 NOV | 14:05 GMT / 15:05 CET / 09:05 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Tottenham, draw no bet	0-1	LOW

Why this pick: Sunderland have scored eight league goals in eleven matches, while Tottenham's own return of twelve is hardly evidence for an attacking rout. The table favours Spurs, but the scoring profile points toward a narrow game. I prefer protection against the draw to an aggressive away-win position.

Match plan: Tottenham must move Sunderland's block sideways before trying the decisive pass. Repeated early crosses could leave the visitors exposed to counters without producing good chances. Sunderland can stay competitive by keeping the centre compact and attacking set pieces; a single lapse could decide the outcome.

Main risk: Confirm Tottenham's travelling squad after the midweek schedule. If Spurs lack their main attacking options, the case for an away advantage weakens sharply.

SOURCES [01] [02]

ONE GOAL MAY BE ENOUGH



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 05-06

PREMIER LEAGUE / LALIGA

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

PREMIER LEAGUE 05

ARSENAL V MANCHESTER CITY

SUN 29 NOV | 16:30 GMT / 17:30 CET / 11:30 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Arsenal, draw no bet	2-1	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Arsenal lead the published table on 28 points, six ahead of Manchester City. They have conceded seven goals in eleven matches, compared with City's fourteen. That defensive contrast, combined with home advantage, gives Arsenal a modest edge. It does not remove the possibility of City controlling long spells of possession.

Match plan: My home lean rests on Arsenal denying central entries and attacking quickly after recoveries. City need to keep the first pass after losing possession under control; otherwise home transitions can become the decisive source of chances. I expect small margins and a contested midfield.

Main risk: Recheck both sides after European fixtures. Rotation in central defence or midfield could matter more than the league position; retain draw protection.

SOURCES [01] [02] THE WEEKEND'S DEFINING CONTEST

LALIGA 06

REAL BETIS V RAYO VALLECANO

SAT 28 NOV | 13:00 GMT / 14:00 CET / 08:00 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Real Betis to win	2-1	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Betis have 27 points from thirteen league matches in the published standings. Rayo's twelve points come from twelve, so the gap needs to be read with the game in hand in mind. Even with that qualification, the home side have built the more persuasive results base for this matchup.

Match plan: Betis can make the difference by moving the ball through midfield before releasing runners beyond Rayo's defensive line. The visitors should look to interrupt that rhythm and attack loose possession. I expect the home side's pressure to produce chances, but would allow for a Rayo goal rather than assume complete control.

Main risk: Rayo's outstanding fixture and any midweek rotation can change the comparison. An early away goal would turn this into a much less comfortable home proposition.

SOURCES [05] [06] BETIS HAVE THE STRONGER PLATFORM



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 07-08

LALIGA 2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

LALIGA 07

ELCHE V ATLETICO MADRID

SAT 28 NOV | 17:30 GMT / 18:30 CET / 12:30 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Atletico Madrid to win	0-2	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Atletico's published return of ten wins in thirteen league matches contrasts with Elche's two wins in twelve. The difference supports an away lean without requiring a high-scoring script. Elche's home setting still gives the underdog a route through territory, restarts and a compact defensive performance.

Match plan: I expect Atletico to value field position and avoid forcing the final pass too early. Elche need an outlet that keeps the ball long enough to let their defence move up. If the hosts spend long spells clearing straight back to the visitors, a second-half away breakthrough becomes more plausible.

Main risk: Check Atletico's European minutes and forward selection. If their attacking intensity is reduced, a goalless first hour could give Elche a genuine chance to hold out.

SOURCES [05] [06] ATLETICO'S CONSISTENCY GETS THE VOTE

LALIGA 08

REAL MADRID V ALAVES

SAT 28 NOV | 20:00 GMT / 21:00 CET / 15:00 ET

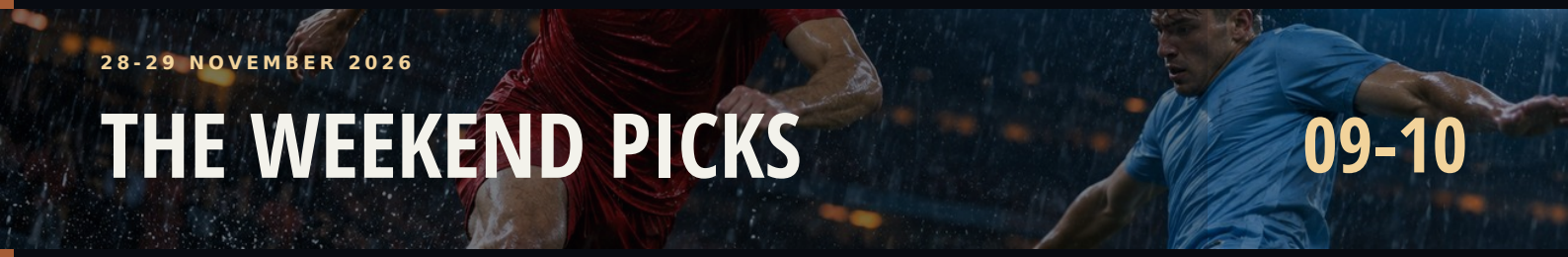
MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Real Madrid to win	3-1	STRONGER

Why this pick: Real Madrid have 33 points from thirteen league games and a +22 goal difference. Alaves sit on sixteen points with an even goal difference. That is a substantial season-to-date gap, and home advantage strengthens it. The main question is the margin, rather than whether the visitors deserve equal billing.

Match plan: Madrid should aim to create cutbacks and close-range finishes instead of relying on hopeful shots against a crowded box. Alaves can threaten if they escape the first pressure and attack before Madrid recover their shape. I project a home win while leaving room for an away goal.

Main risk: European rotation could reduce Madrid's fluency. The result lean is stronger than the exact-score call; avoid treating a three-goal performance as a requirement.

SOURCES [05] [06] MADRID CARRY THE CLEAREST EDGE



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 09-10

LALIGA 2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

LALIGA 09

DEPORTIVO LA CORUNA V BARCELONA

SUN 29 NOV | 15:15 GMT / 16:15 CET / 10:15 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Barcelona to win	1-3	STRONGER

Why this pick: Barcelona's published record is twelve wins from thirteen league matches, with 51 goals scored. Deportivo have six draws in thirteen, which warns against assuming an effortless away afternoon. The visitors' scoring output gives them the stronger route to victory even if the opening stages are awkward.

Match plan: Barcelona need width and quick circulation to pull the home block apart. Deportivo's best chance is to survive the first wave and use direct outlets behind the visitors' advanced positions. I expect the leaders to create enough opportunities to win, but this is not a clean-sheet prediction.

Main risk: Recheck Barcelona's midweek minutes and starting attack. If Deportivo remain level late, the crowd and the hosts' draw-heavy record could make the closing stages uncomfortable.

SOURCES [05] [06] LEADERS FACE A STUBBORN HOST

LALIGA 10

REAL SOCIEDAD V SEVILLA

SUN 29 NOV | 20:00 GMT / 21:00 CET / 15:00 ET

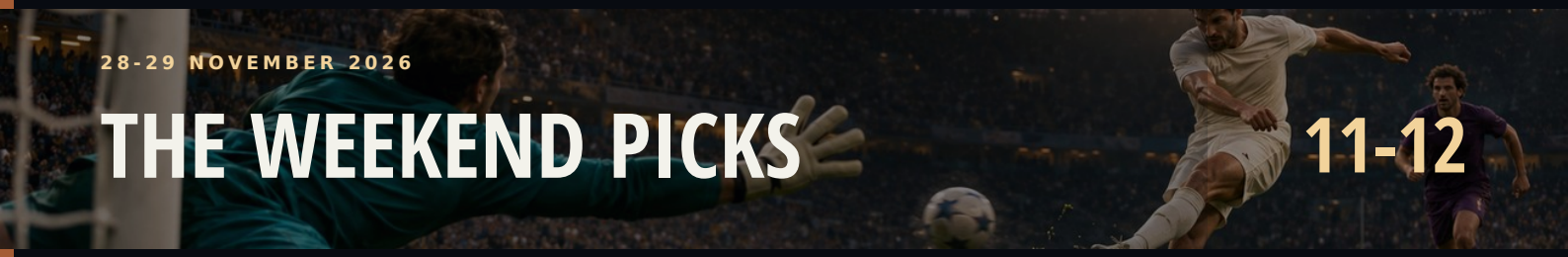
MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Real Sociedad, draw no bet	2-1	LOW

Why this pick: Sociedad's 22 points and Sevilla's nineteen are separated by only one league win. Their published goal differences, zero and minus two, also suggest a closer contest than the club names alone might imply. Home advantage is the main reason to prefer Sociedad, with the draw kept firmly in view.

Match plan: Sociedad need to turn possession into touches inside the box and avoid exposing both flanks at once. Sevilla can challenge the home lean by drawing the first pressure and releasing an early forward pass. The decisive moments may arrive after a turnover rather than through sustained domination.

Main risk: Neither statistical profile justifies a strong rating. If Sociedad's attack is heavily rotated, the draw becomes more attractive than the home result.

SOURCES [05] [06] A HOME EDGE, WITH RESERVATIONS



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 11-12

BUNDESLIGA

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

BUNDESLIGA 11

HAMBURGER SV V BAYERN MUNICH

SAT 28 NOV | 14:30 GMT / 15:30 CET / 09:30 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Bayern Munich to win	1-3	STRONGER

Why this pick: Bayern are unbeaten after ten league matches, scoring thirty and conceding ten. Hamburg have conceded 24 in the same number of games. The gap in defensive outcomes supports an away win, although four Bayern draws show that control has not always turned into three points.

Match plan: The visitors should try to pin Hamburg back and create repeated passes across the penalty area. Hamburg need a reliable release pass and runners who can carry the ball away from pressure; otherwise the home defence may face one attack after another. I expect Bayern's sustained chance creation to tell.

Main risk: A rotated Bayern attack could make the first goal harder to find. An early Hamburg breakthrough would raise the difficulty, particularly if Bayern begin chasing too quickly.

SOURCES [07] [08]

HAMBURG NEED MORE THAN NOISE

BUNDESLIGA 12

STUTTGART V EINTRACHT FRANKFURT

SAT 28 NOV | 17:30 GMT / 18:30 CET / 12:30 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Both teams to score	2-1	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Frankfurt have fifteen league points to Stuttgart's thirteen, but have conceded twenty goals in ten matches. Stuttgart's fifteen scored and fifteen conceded point to a less explosive profile. The small points gap offers little separation; Frankfurt's defensive record is the clearer reason to expect chances for the hosts.

Match plan: Stuttgart can attack the spaces around the visitors' midfield, while Frankfurt should look for quick forward runs when the home full-backs advance. My primary lean is a goal for each team, with a narrow home win only the illustrative score forecast.

Main risk: This goals angle weakens if both teams select conservative midfield units or show fatigue after midweek. A slow opening would make the winner even harder to separate.

SOURCES [07] [08]

MORE OPEN THAN THE TABLE GAP



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 13-14

BUNDESLIGA

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

BUNDESLIGA 13

FREIBURG V RB LEIPZIG

SUN 29 NOV | 14:30 GMT / 15:30 CET / 09:30 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Both teams to score	2-2	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Freiburg's 22 points place them one ahead of Leipzig after ten league matches. Leipzig have scored 32 times; Freiburg have conceded only ten. It is a direct test of a productive attack against a strong defensive record, rather than a fixture where the away badge should automatically decide the pick.

Match plan: Leipzig will want fast vertical attacks before the home shape settles. Freiburg need to turn recoveries into sustained possession and make their own pressure count. I see enough quality on both sides to favour each team scoring, while keeping the match result open.

Main risk: A disciplined Freiburg block could make this lower scoring than projected. The 2-2 is a scenario, not evidence that four goals are the most likely total.

SOURCES [07] [08] A GENUINE CONTEST NEAR THE TOP

BUNDESLIGA 14

HOFFENHEIM V AUGSBURG

SUN 29 NOV | 16:30 GMT / 17:30 CET / 11:30 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Both teams to score	2-2	LOW

Why this pick: Both clubs have twelve league points from ten games. Hoffenheim's sixteen goals scored and eighteen conceded meet an Augsburg side with 23 scored and 21 allowed. Those season totals suggest routes to chances at each end, but do not establish a reliable winner.

Match plan: I expect the most dangerous moments to follow failed attacks and loose second balls. Hoffenheim can use home territory to build pressure; Augsburg need to threaten the spaces that pressure leaves behind. The goals angle is more appealing than selecting a side from such a narrow points comparison.

Main risk: Aggregate scoring can exaggerate openness if a few unusual matches dominate it. Confirm the starting forwards and avoid increasing confidence simply because the 2-2 score looks attractive.

SOURCES [07] [08] THE DEFENSIVE TRADE-OFF



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 15-16

BUNDESLIGA / SERIE A

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

BUNDESLIGA 15

BORUSSIA DORTMUND V BAYER LEVERKUSEN

SUN 29 NOV | 18:30 GMT / 19:30 CET / 13:30 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Dortmund, draw no bet	2-1	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Dortmund lead on 24 points after ten league games, with seven wins, three draws and only seven conceded. Leverkusen's 24 goals make them a serious attacking test, although seventeen conceded leave a clearer route for the hosts. I lean toward Dortmund's more balanced record and home advantage.

Match plan: The hosts need to keep enough players behind the ball to protect against quick Leverkusen combinations. The visitors can change the game by escaping the first press and attacking the next line immediately. A narrow Dortmund win fits the comparison better than a dominant home performance.

Main risk: Both teams' midweek workload matters. If Dortmund cannot maintain their defensive spacing, Leverkusen have the scoring record to expose the weakness; draw protection remains worthwhile.

SOURCES [07] [08]

UNBEATEN LEADERS FACE A SHARP TEST

SERIE A 16

TORINO V LAZIO

SAT 28 NOV | 17:00 GMT / 18:00 CET / 12:00 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Lazio to win	0-1	MEDIUM

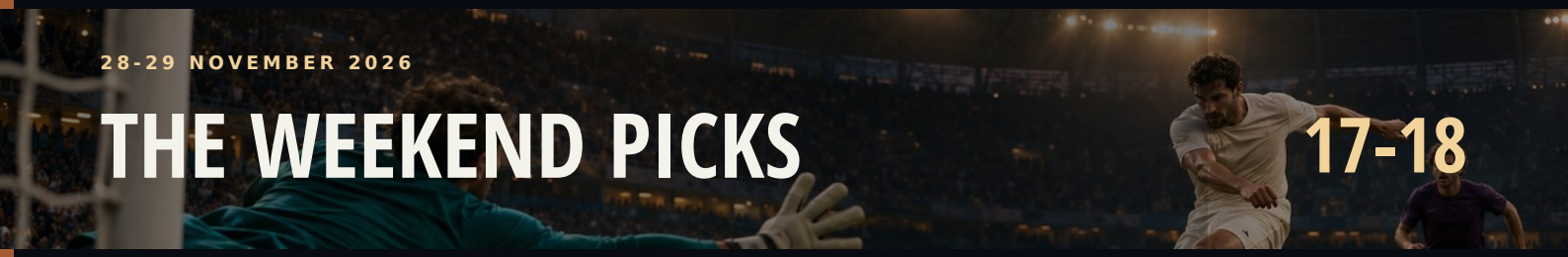
Why this pick: Lazio are unbeaten through twelve league games, collecting 32 points and conceding nine goals. Torino have fourteen points and a negative goal difference. That gap supports the visitors, but an away match still requires patience: a strong overall record does not guarantee an early breakthrough.

Match plan: Lazio should seek controlled entries into the box while keeping a stable shape behind the attack. Torino's clearest route is to break the rhythm, win territory and make the game revolve around isolated duels. I project a narrow away win rather than a large margin.

Main risk: A heavily rotated visiting midfield could reduce Lazio's control. If Torino can prevent central combinations and keep the score level deep into the game, the draw risk rises.

SOURCES [09] [10]

THE LEADERS' CONTROL EARNS THE LEAN



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 17-18

SERIE A

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

SERIE A 17

INTER MILAN V GENOA

SAT 28 NOV | 19:45 GMT / 20:45 CET / 14:45 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Inter Milan to win	2-1	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Inter's 4-4 draw at Atalanta combined attacking firepower with a late loss of control. Genoa arrive from a 2-0 away win at Sassuolo, so treating them as a passive visitor would be a mistake. Inter remain the preferred side at home, with less confidence in a shutout.

Match plan: The home team need to attack with cover behind the ball and avoid conceding cheap breaks after losing possession. Genoa's latest win showed a route through quick forward play and opponent errors. I expect Inter to create the larger volume of chances, but a disciplined Genoa counterattack can keep the score close.

Main risk: Check the European minutes and Inter's defensive selection. Another stretched game would give Genoa a better opportunity than the league gap implies.

SOURCES [09] [11] [12]

A REACTION AFTER EIGHT-GOAL DRAMA

SERIE A 18

SASSUOLO V NAPOLI

SUN 29 NOV | 14:00 GMT / 15:00 CET / 09:00 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Napoli to win	1-2	MEDIUM

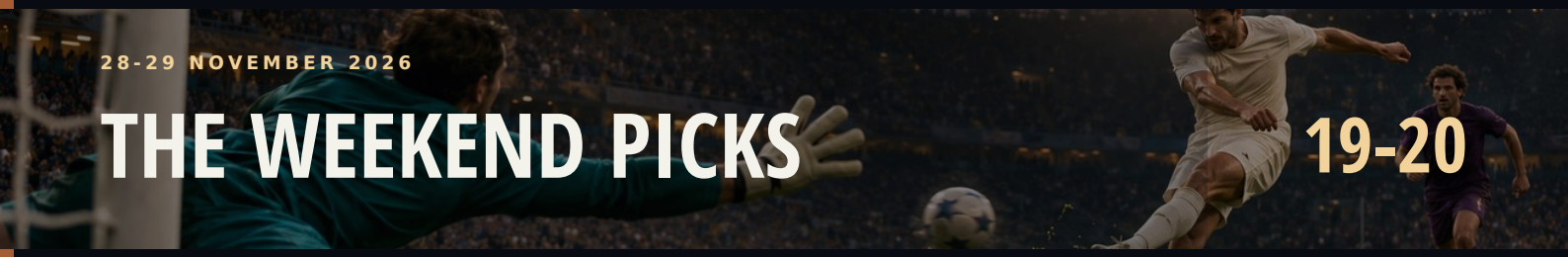
Why this pick: Sassuolo's 0-2 loss to Genoa was their sixth straight league defeat. The published table has them on eight points, with 31 conceded in twelve games. Napoli's eighteen-point return is hardly dominant, but it offers a stronger base against a host still searching for defensive stability.

Match plan: Napoli should test the spaces created when Sassuolo try to build out, while avoiding the temptation to send too many players forward at once. The home side need cleaner possession and a dependable outlet to reduce repeated defensive pressure. I favour a close away victory, with both teams capable of scoring.

Main risk: A coaching reset can alter the home approach quickly. If Sassuolo defend deeper and eliminate the errors from their last match, Napoli may need patience and late changes.

SOURCES [09] [10] [12]

NAPOLI FACE A VULNERABLE DEFENCE



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 19-20

SERIE A

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

SERIE A 19

ROMA V MONZA

SUN 29 NOV | 17:00 GMT / 18:00 CET / 12:00 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Roma to win	3-1	STRONGER

Why this pick: Roma have thirty points from twelve league matches, remain unbeaten and have scored 36 goals. Monza's seven points come from eleven matches before Monday's Fiorentina fixture. The difference is substantial, although Monza's extra game still needs to be incorporated before publication-day updates.

Match plan: Roma can create the advantage by sustaining pressure and attacking the second phase after the first cross or blocked shot. Monza need an outlet that prevents the match becoming a sequence of home attacks. My forecast allows the visitors a goal, but expects Roma to generate more decisive chances.

Main risk: Recheck Monza after Monday and Roma after the midweek schedule. Major rotation in the home attack could narrow the projected margin without removing the home lean.

SOURCES [09] [10]

ROMA'S SCORING POWER STANDS OUT

SERIE A 20

COMO V JUVENTUS

SUN 29 NOV | 19:45 GMT / 20:45 CET / 14:45 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Como or draw	1-1	LOW

Why this pick: Como have 26 points from twelve league games, five more than Juventus, and have conceded only ten. Juventus's nineteen goals do not justify assuming they will overwhelm this opponent. The home side deserve to be evaluated on this season's results rather than the historical size of the two clubs.

Match plan: Como need to maintain a secure midfield shape and move the ball away from pressure before committing runners. Juventus can overturn the home-positive lean by forcing errors high up the pitch. I expect a tight contest in which a point for Como is a credible central scenario.

Main risk: This is a low-confidence result call. A strong Juventus starting side after midweek, or an early away goal, could force Como into a less comfortable attacking game.

SOURCES [09] [10]

RESPECT COMO'S ACTUAL RECORD



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 21-22

LIGUE 1 2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

LIGUE 1 21

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN V LORIENT

SAT 28 NOV | 19:45 GMT / 20:45 CET / 14:45 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Paris Saint-Germain to win	2-0	STRONGER

Why this pick: PSG lead the published table with 26 points from eleven games. Lorient have conceded only nine in eleven, fewer than PSG, despite their lower position. That defensive record matters: the home side are preferred, but the evidence does not require a wide-margin win or an early flood of goals.

Match plan: PSG should move Lorient across the pitch and use repeated runs into the penalty area to create better shooting positions. The visitors need to keep a counterattacking outlet alive so their block is not permanently pinned back. I expect home pressure to tell over the full match.

Main risk: If PSG rotate heavily after Europe, the first breakthrough could take time. A compact Lorient performance would make aggressive goal handicaps much less appealing.

SOURCES [13] [14] PSG MUST EARN THE OPENING

LIGUE 1 22

LE MANS V LILLE

SAT 28 NOV | 19:45 GMT / 20:45 CET / 14:45 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Lille, draw no bet	0-1	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Lille have 21 points from eleven league games and only eight goals conceded. Le Mans have eleven points, with five draws indicating they can keep matches competitive. The visitors' defensive record is the main reason to lean their way, rather than an expectation of a high-scoring away display.

Match plan: Lille need to stop Le Mans building momentum through second balls and home territory. Patient possession, followed by a well-timed run beyond the defence, can be more useful than forcing the game. I project a single-goal away win, with the draw protected in the main angle.

Main risk: Lille have scored only fourteen league goals, so a stubborn home block could hold out. Confirm their attacking selection before treating the away edge as convincing.

SOURCES [13] [14] LILLE'S DEFENCE OFFERS SEPARATION



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 23-24

LIGUE 1 2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

LIGUE 1 23

AUXERRE V MARSEILLE

SUN 29 NOV | 14:00 GMT / 15:00 CET / 09:00 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Marseille to win	1-2	LOW

Why this pick: Marseille's league record contains six wins and five defeats with no draws. Auxerre have conceded 25 goals in eleven games. Those numbers support the visitors' attacking case, while warning that Marseille have not been a dependable low-risk favourite. The away win is a lean, not a high-confidence selection.

Match plan: Marseille should look to create chances around the sides of Auxerre's defensive block. The hosts can respond by attacking the space left behind and turning the contest into repeated transitions. I expect the visitors to score more than once, but see a realistic home route to a goal.

Main risk: A scrappy match or an early Auxerre breakthrough could expose Marseille's inconsistent results. Reassess after midweek minutes and the confirmed defensive lineup.

SOURCES [13] [14] ATTACK FAVOURED, CONTROL UNCERTAIN

LIGUE 1 24

TOULOUSE V RENNES

SUN 29 NOV | 16:15 GMT / 17:15 CET / 11:15 ET

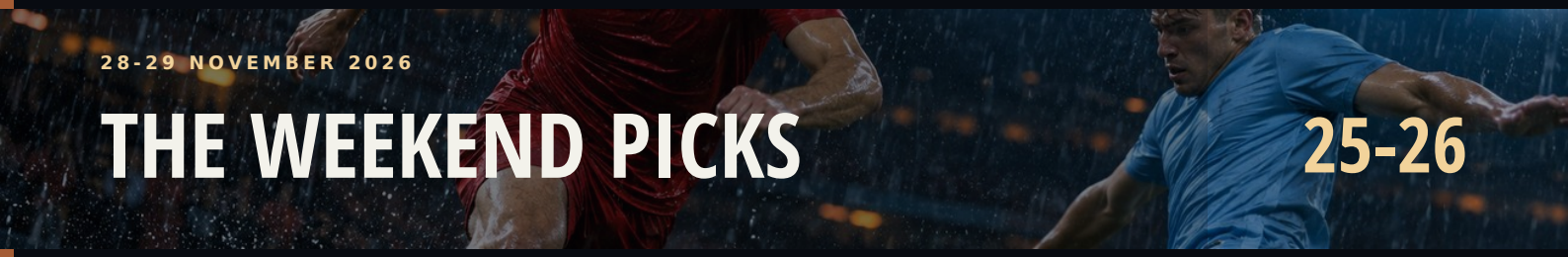
MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Draw	1-1	LOW

Why this pick: Toulouse have five draws in eleven league games. Rennes are three points ahead but have scored and conceded 22 goals. Home advantage closes some of that points gap, while Rennes' scoring profile leaves room for both sides to create chances. There is no strong reason to force a confident winner.

Match plan: Toulouse can make the game competitive by controlling the space in front of their centre-backs and choosing when to press. Rennes need quick support around the first forward pass to keep attacks alive. My 1-1 lean reflects balance rather than an expectation that neither team will take risks.

Main risk: The draw is sensitive to the first goal and late substitutions. If either side selects a much stronger attack than expected, the game could open up.

SOURCES [13] [14] A POINT EACH FITS THE MATCHUP



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 25-26

LIGUE 1 / CHAMPIONSHIP

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

LIGUE 1 25

LYON V MONACO

SUN 29 NOV | 19:45 GMT / 20:45 CET / 14:45 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Lyon, draw no bet	2-1	LOW

Why this pick: Lyon have twenty league points to Monaco's seventeen. Their published goal differences are +7 and +2, while Monaco have drawn five of eleven games. The comparison gives Lyon a modest home edge, with enough evidence of Monaco's resilience to keep draw protection in the main selection.

Match plan: Lyon need to turn recoveries into direct attacks before Monaco's midfield resets. The visitors should aim to take the pace out of those moments and create their own controlled possessions. I expect a close game where timing in the box matters more than territorial dominance.

Main risk: Midweek rotation could alter the balance substantially. Monaco's ability to keep matches level is the main reason to avoid presenting the home win as a strong pick.

SOURCES [13] [14]

LYON'S HOME ADVANTAGE BREAKS THE TIE

CHAMPIONSHIP 26

WEST HAM UNITED V STOKE CITY

SAT 28 NOV | 15:00 GMT / 16:00 CET / 10:00 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Both teams to score	2-2	MEDIUM

Why this pick: The current Championship table has Stoke on 32 points and West Ham on 24 after sixteen games. West Ham's 38 goals are the division's highest total, yet they have also conceded 24. That combination makes a goals angle more convincing than treating home advantage as a reason to dismiss Stoke.

Match plan: West Ham need sustained support around the box, but must cover the spaces behind those attacks. Stoke can punish an unbalanced home shape and should have opportunities if they play forward accurately. I favour goals for each team, with a draw as the score scenario.

Main risk: Both sides play in midweek. Recheck those games and the starting forwards; fatigue or a cautious selection would weaken the goals case.

SOURCES [16] [17]

LEAGUE-LEADING ATTACK MEETS THE CHASE



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 27-28

CHAMPIONSHIP

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

CHAMPIONSHIP 27

LINCOLN CITY V WOLVES

SAT 28 NOV | 12:30 GMT / 13:30 CET / 07:30 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Wolves to win	1-2	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Wolves have 31 points from sixteen league games, against Lincoln's fifteen. Lincoln have conceded 27 goals, while Wolves have scored 28. The comparison offers a clear reason to prefer the visitors, although the early kick-off and home setting argue against assuming an easy afternoon.

Match plan: Wolves should try to force Lincoln back through reliable possession and well-timed runs beyond midfield. Lincoln need to compete for second balls and make their attacking restarts count. I expect the away side to create enough opportunities for a narrow win, with one home goal a plausible complication.

Main risk: The midweek round comes first. A depleted or tired visiting attack could reduce the gap, particularly if Lincoln keep the match level through the opening hour.

SOURCES [15] [17]

WOLVES HAVE THE STRONGER FOUNDATION

CHAMPIONSHIP 28

SWANSEA CITY V CARDIFF CITY

SUN 29 NOV | 12:00 GMT / 13:00 CET / 07:00 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Swansea, draw no bet	2-1	LOW

Why this pick: Swansea's 27 points put them nine ahead of Cardiff after sixteen league matches. Cardiff's 28 goals scored and 29 conceded show that they can threaten opponents while leaving openings of their own. The standings favour Swansea, but derby intensity makes a lower-confidence home lean appropriate.

Match plan: Swansea need to control the ball without becoming slow in front of Cardiff's block. Cardiff can change the game by attacking loose passes and committing runners quickly. I expect chances at both ends, with home advantage just enough to support the narrow score lean.

Main risk: Both clubs have midweek fixtures before this match. Discipline, set pieces and late lineup news can outweigh the table gap; retain protection against the draw.

SOURCES [15] [17]

HOME EDGE IN A VOLATILE DERBY



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 29-30

SEGUNDA DIVISION

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

SEGUNDA DIVISION 29

EIBAR V BURGOS

SAT 28 NOV | 17:30 GMT / 18:30 CET / 12:30 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Draw	1-1	LOW

Why this pick: Eibar lost 2-1 at Girona on 22 November. The return to Ipurua offers a chance to respond, but that result does not justify assuming the home side will immediately dominate Burgos. I expect a competitive promotion-chase fixture and prefer a close score to an aggressive home-win position.

Match plan: Eibar need to make sustained pressure count through better final passes and second-phase attacks. Burgos can stay in the game by protecting the centre and giving their forwards an outlet after clearances. A home spell of pressure followed by a visiting response is a plausible route to a shared point.

Main risk: This is a low-confidence forecast. The first goal and the quality of each side's attacking selection could shift the balance more than the venue.

SOURCES [18] [21]

A RESPONSE, BUT NO EASY RECOVERY

SEGUNDA DIVISION 30

ALMERIA V SPORTING GIJON

SUN 29 NOV | 20:00 GMT / 21:00 CET / 15:00 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Almeria to win	2-1	MEDIUM

Why this pick: The published table gives Almeria 32 points from fourteen games before Monday's trip to Ceuta. Sporting have 23 from fifteen, with sixteen goals scored. The home side have the stronger season-to-date platform, although the comparison must be updated after the outstanding match rather than treated as a final weekend snapshot.

Match plan: Almeria should aim for repeat entries into the penalty area and keep enough cover to stop Sporting breaking into space. The visitors can remain competitive by defending narrowly and making their limited forward possessions count. I project a home win with a close margin.

Main risk: Check the Ceuta result and any resulting absences before publishing an update. A flat home start could allow Sporting to turn the game into a patient defensive contest.

SOURCES [19] [20]

ALMERIA HAVE EARNED FAVOURITE STATUS



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 31-32

2. BUNDESLIGA

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

2. BUNDESLIGA 31

HERTHA BERLIN V KARLSRUHE

SAT 28 NOV | 12:00 GMT / 13:00 CET / 07:00 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Hertha Berlin to win	2-0	STRONGER

Why this pick: Hertha lead the second division with eleven wins and one draw from twelve games. Karlsruhe have twelve points and 24 goals conceded over the same number of matches. The undefeated home side therefore carry one of the clearest result edges in this guide, without needing an extravagant scoreline.

Match plan: Hertha need to use patient circulation to move Karlsruhe's block and create close-range chances. The visitors must keep an outlet available to avoid defending continuously. If the home side protect against the first counterattack, their stronger results base should become decisive over the full match.

Main risk: A heavily rotated attack or an early away goal would make the task harder. The confidence rating concerns the result direction; it does not guarantee a clean sheet.

SOURCES [22] [23]

HERTHA'S RECORD COMMANDS RESPECT

2. BUNDESLIGA 32

OSNABRUCK V HANNOVER 96

SAT 28 NOV | 19:30 GMT / 20:30 CET / 14:30 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Draw	1-1	LOW

Why this pick: Osnabruck have twelve points to Hannover's fifteen after twelve league games. Both have scored fourteen goals, while conceding eighteen and nineteen respectively. Those close totals offer little basis for a strong away favourite. Home advantage makes a shared point a reasonable central forecast.

Match plan: Osnabruck should try to use early territory and the crowd to build pressure without leaving the midfield open. Hannover need to play through that first surge and create controlled attacks of their own. I expect the quality of the first forward pass after a recovery to shape the better chances.

Main risk: A set-piece goal could change the entire rhythm. This low-confidence draw lean should be reconsidered if one side's attacking lineup is substantially stronger on matchday.

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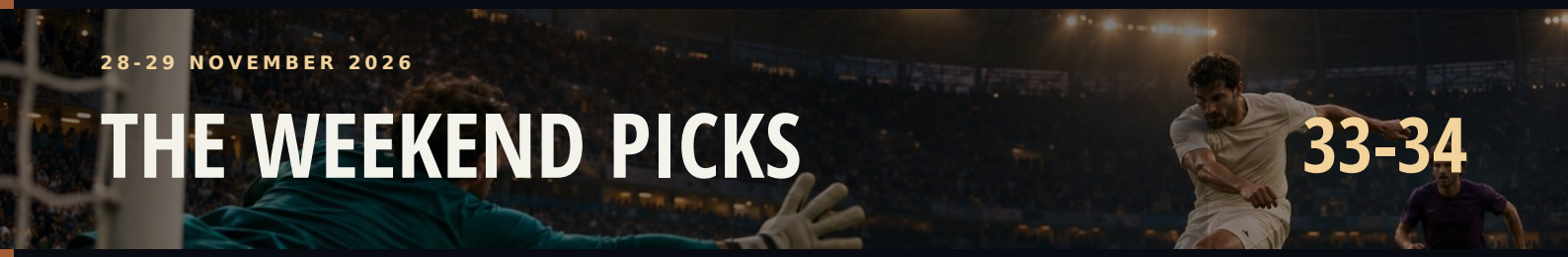
LITTLE SEPARATION UNDER THE LIGHTS



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THE WEEKEND PICKS 33-34

SERIE B

2 MATCHES / 2 ANALYSES

SERIE B 33

EMPOLI V HELLAS VERONA

SAT 28 NOV | 14:00 GMT / 15:00 CET / 09:00 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Verona, draw no bet	0-1	LOW

Why this pick: Empoli have nine points from twelve league games, while Verona have sixteen. Empoli's twelve goals scored and twenty conceded suggest a difficult balance at both ends. Verona's positive goal difference supports an away lean, but their four defeats keep this well below a high-confidence selection.

Match plan: Verona need to avoid giving Empoli easy territory and attack selectively when the hosts lose their midfield shape. Empoli's route is to keep the first hour compact and make the visitors work for every clear chance. A narrow away win is the score lean, with the draw protected.

Main risk: Both teams face a midweek round before this fixture. Recheck the results and forward selections; a stronger home defensive response could make the draw the better outcome.

SOURCES [24] [26]

VERONA PREFERRED, WITH PROTECTION

SERIE B 34

SAMPDORIA V CREMONESE

SUN 29 NOV | 16:15 GMT / 17:15 CET / 11:15 ET

MAIN LEAN	SCORE LEAN	CONFIDENCE
Draw	1-1	LOW

Why this pick: Sampdoria have fourteen points and Cremonese fifteen after twelve league matches. Both have scored fourteen goals; Cremonese have conceded thirteen to Sampdoria's nineteen. That gives the visitors a defensive argument, while Sampdoria's home setting balances the result forecast. There is no compelling reason to force a winner.

Match plan: Sampdoria need enough support around their attack to sustain pressure without losing central cover. Cremonese can stay patient, resist the first wave and seek chances after recoveries. I expect neither side to gain lasting control, making 1-1 a credible score scenario.

Main risk: Midweek results and lineup changes may shift the balance. If Sampdoria leave large spaces while chasing the game, Cremonese's route to an away win becomes stronger.

SOURCES [25] [26]

FERRARIS ATMOSPHERE MEETS A TIGHT TABLE

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