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**CATCHING UP ON CFB**

**WEEK 7 COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD**

Coastal Carolina - 30, #21 ULL - 27
Arkansas State - 59, Georgia State - 52
#14 BYU - 43, Houston - 26
#17 SMU - 37, Tulane - 34
#1 Miami - 31, Pittsburgh - 19
Wake Forest - 40, Virginia - 23
#11 Texas A&M - 28, Mississippi State - 14
Georgia Southern - 41, UMass - 0
Florida State - 31, #5 North Carolina - 28
Troy - 31, Eastern Kentucky - 29
#4 Notre Dame - 12, Louisville - 7
Arkansas - 28, UTSA - 16
#14 BYU - 43, Houston - 26
Arkansas State - 59, Georgia State - 52
Liberty - 38, Syracuse - 17
Marshall - 35, Louisiana Tech - 17
Memphis - 50, UCF - 49
Temple - 39, South Florida - 27
Liberty - 38, Syracuse - 21
West Virginia - 38, Kansas - 17
Army - 28, UTSA - 16
NC State - 31, Duke - 20
Memphis - 50, UCF - 49
Arkansas - 33, Ole Miss - 21
Troy - 31, Eastern Kentucky - 29
Georgia Southern - 41, UMass - 0
Wake Forest - 40, Virginia - 23
North Texas - 52, Middle Tennessee - 35
Marshall - 35, Louisiana Tech - 17
South Alabama - 30, Texas State - 20
Navy - 27, East Carolina - 23

**AP TOP 25 - WEEK 7**

1. Clemson (54)
2. Navy (48)
3. Notre Dame (16)
4. Georgia (17)
5. Ohio State (18)
6. Oklahoma St. (19)
7. Texas A&M (20)
8. Penn State (21)
9. Cincinnati (22)
10. Florida (23)
11. Miami (24)
12. BYU (25)
13. Oregon

**GAME OF THE WEEK**

Cincinnati vs. SMU

Fast Facts:
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- The matchup in this game is of contrasting styles, as SMU - led by HC Sonny Dykes and QB Shane Buechele - love to air it out. The Mustangs are averaging 359.2 yards per game through the air, 563.2 total yards per game and 42.6 points per game. Cincinnati is built on defense, as they are allowing just 12.3 points per game and just over 300 total yards per contest.
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- The Cincinnati defense is allowing just 218 passing yards per game, and they will need to slow down the Mustangs, as they are not built to get into a shootout - the game of choice for the home team in this contest.
WHAT TO WATCH FOR

WEEK 8 MATCHUPS TO WATCH THIS WEEKEND

LOUISIANA TECH (3-2) @ UTA (3-3) | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 @ 7 PM CT | ESPNU

FAST FACTS (via C-USA):
• BYU has remained unbeaten through the first five weeks, with one of their two toughest games past them.
• This one could be a mismatch, as No. 12 BYU are 28.5-point favorites over the one-win Bobcats. Texas State is allowing 271.4 total yards per game. The Bobcats offense has scored just seven touchdowns through six games.

FULL MATCHUP DETAILS:

TEXAS STATE (5-0) @ 12 BYU (5-0) | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 @ 9:15 PM CT | ESPN

FAST FACTS:
• Army's offense got back on track on Saturday against UTSA. Despite being with their top three QB's due to injury, the Black Knights averaged just 2.9 yards per rush against a stingy BYU defense.
• Navy's triple option attack is averaging just 190.4 yards rushing per game and 271.4 total yards per game. The Midshipmen have averaged just 273.8 rushing yards per game the last two weeks.

FULL MATCHUP DETAILS:

HOU (1-1) @ NAVY (3-2) | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 @ 2:30 PM CT | CBS

FAST FACTS:
• Houston played No. 14 BYU tough last Friday, as they led the Cougars 26-21 entering the fourth quarter. BYU hit their stride in the second half, scoring 45 unanswered points to win 71-29.
• Clayton Tune played well once again, posting an efficient 310 yards and 2 TD's. The offense runs through him, as the Cougars averaged just 2.9 yards per rush against a stingy BYU defense.

FULL MATCHUP DETAILS:

TREMENDOUS EDMUNDS (L.B., BUCCO BILLS)

Tremaine Edmunds – Buffalo Bills, MLB (Virginia Tech, 2015): 8 solo tackles, 12 combined tackles vs. Chiefs

Jimmy Smith – Baltimore Ravens, CB (Colorado, 2007): 1 solo tackle, 1 pass deflection, 1 fumble recovery vs. Eagles

Giovanni Bernard – Cincinnati Bengals, RB (North Carolina, 2011): 8 carries for 15 yards and 1 TD; 3 receptions for 13 yards vs. Colts

A.J. Green – Cincinnati Bengals, WR (Georgia, 2009): 8 receptions for 96 yards (both season-highs) vs. Colts

Sheldon Richardson – Cleveland Browns, DT (Missouri, 2011): 1 solo tackle, 4 total tackles vs. Steelers

Josh Jones – Jacksonville Jaguars, S (NC State, 2016): 8 solo tackles, 9 total tackles vs. Lions (33 solo tackles, 47 total tackles this season)

Ryan Tannehill – Tennessee Titans, QB (Texas A&M, 2009): 30/41, 364 yards, 4 TD, 1 INT vs. Texans (69.9% completion percentage, 1368 yards, 13 TD, 2 INT this season)

Bradley Chubb – Denver Broncos, OLB (NC State, 2016): 1 solo tackle, 4 total tackles, 1 QB hit, 1 forced fumble vs. Panthers


Daniel Jones – New York Giants, QB (Duke, 2018): 12/19, 112 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT; 7 rushes for 74 yards vs. Washington Football Team

Mike Davis – Carolina Panthers, RB (South Carolina, 2014): 18 rushes for 52 yards and 1 TD vs. Bears

Brian Burns – Carolina Panthers, LB (Florida State, 2017): 7 solo tackles, 3 combined tackles, 3 QB hits vs. Bears
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