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# **Week 8 nfl predictions 2019 bleacher report**

0 through 15Ralph Fresco/Getty ImagesAs the midway point of the 2019 NFL regular season approach, Bleacher Report NFL analyst Gary Davenport, Brad Gagnon and Brent Sobleski offered a mixed bag with their weekly pick against the spread. One hand, those Gagnon or Sobleski all season long could up some money. On the other hand, following the consensus or rolling with Davenport because it was far and far from the top picker last year would have you in the red. Here's exactly how they got tired (last week's record of brackets):1. Brad Gagnon: 57-49 (9-5) 2. Brent Sobleski: 55-51 (8-6)3. Gary Davenport: 47-59 (8-6) Consensus Puck: 53-53 (8-6) Moneyline Focus: 69-36-1 (1 10-4) My Record this year is a PSA for the picks in paris on sportsmanship events -- in which it's legal, of course, Davenport warned. Thank goodness I don't do that, or besides serving up content here, I should serve up burgers and fry in the Hardee to make up for my loss. You can super-sized both for just a dollar more, you know. But this might present an opportunity. Will Gagnon sustain a seemingly endless pace with ATS 28-15 over the last three weeks? If not, you might consider fading him in an attempt to ride the Davenport way back to means. Here are 15 kick off the camp for Week 8. Line from Caesare as of 8 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Oct. 23.Washington Redskins (1-6) at Minnesota Vikings (5-2) 1 at 15Am halip/Getty ImagesWe all a lot of fun Coastal Minnesota Vikings quarters Kirk Cousins to play inconsistent with his issues in prime-time games, but that's not enough for any of our analysts to get behind the dreder The Washington Redskins on the road at short rest Thursday night, though Minnesota will give Washington two touchdowns and a pair of two-point conversions. It helps that Cousins has apparently turned a corner. During minnesota's current three game winning streak, he's thrown 10 touchdown passes at one interception and has a passer rating of 142.6. Two of those performances came in what you might call big games, with Cousins torching the Philadelphia Eagles (back when they had a winning record) and lighting up division rival Detroit Lyons are on the road. Maybe he's destined to come crash on the ground with a hilarious trail, but let's be really real—that's much more likely to come next week in Kansas City or this week in Dallas. There's plenty of potential for drama payback in this one, whether it's Keenum's case with Adrian Peterson against the Vikings or Cousins against the Redskins, Davenport said. The thing is, only one of these players is in position to get revenge against his old team, and it is not Pyeson or Keenum. Cousins was on fire in the late, bad on 325 yards over the past three games. Washington is also 27th in run defense, allowing over 130 yards per game. Dalvin Cook, Cousins and the Vikings roll. Washington's defense issues might have trouble considering 'Minnesota state' as unstoppable on earth. Cook leads the league in diving yards and touches, and the Vikes ranked third in rush as a team. The defense hasn't quite put it together, but this unit has a lot of expensive talent, and this could be the right place and right time against a redskins offense that has averaged only 6.8 points per game over the last four weeks. Fierce teams were destroyed on Thursday night football when the Denver Broncos and The New York Giant went up against their superior opponents the past two weeks, and also this happened to the Jacksonville Jaguars, Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers, Miami Dolphins, Cardinal Arizona and giant TNF games last year. Teams that ended 2018 and lost their record were 1-6-1 ATS on Thursday last season against teams that ended with winning records. Stay away from fierce teams on short rest on the road, especially against red-hot opponents. PredictionDavenport: Minnesota (-16) Gagnon: Minnesota (-16) Sobleski: Minnesota (-16) Consensus: Minnesota (-16) Score Prediction: Vikings 31, Redskins 10 Cardinal Prediction (16) Prediction Score: Vikings 31, Redskins 10Arizona Cardinals (-16) Prediction Score: Vikings 31, Redskins 10C Cardinal (16) 3-1) at New Orleans Saints (6-1) 2 of 15Adam Hunger /Associate PressThe Cardinal Arizona has yet to lose a team that now has a losing record and are yet to win against a team that currently has a winning record. And in the last three weeks all these days are three weeks old and three in those parts. It was not merely not very scheduled. Arizona covered in all three of those victories, and it also covered in a loss of six points in Baltimore, which means four are 3-0 ATS on the road. Our experts don't want to bet that they will upset the 6-1 New Orleans Saints on Sunday at the Superdome, but this 10.5 point spread still feels too high considering the way Arizona did. The Saints are clearly a better team than the cardinal, Sobleski said. Are they 10-plus points better than an upstart squad on a three-game ribbon win? Arizona found its identity by spreading out their defense to the football run. They now sit outside of the top 10 games landing the league with an average of 4.8 yards per carry. At worst, the Cardinal should be able to control the clock to some degree, thus keeping this competition close. The Saints are now 5-0 with Teddy Bridgewater under center, and the well-accomplished backup could start at least one more game in place Drew Brees to injury. Is New Orleans due for a loss without Brees? Can Brees do more harm in a quick-than-expected return? Will a younger Alvin Kamara injury finally catch up with New Orleans? Is cardinal due for a statement win over a team-high-quality? It's just to ask about all of that, which is yet why a double-digit spread seems like overkill. Take those points and hope for a rear cover if all goes wrong. PredictionSDavenport: Arizona (+10.5) Gagnon: Arizona (+10.5) Concerning: Arizona (+10.5) Prediction Score: Saints 24, Cardinal Bengals (0-7) at Los Angeles Rams (4-3) 3 of 15Alex Gallardo/Associated PressA bets on the Cincinnati Bengals these days are essentially a bet on a backdoor cover. And while this is still a risk and a double-digit spread, it is not something our panelist wants to do considering the state of Cincinnati's roste. The Bengals continue without their top wide receiver A.J. Green, the offensive line is in room, and they didn't have defensive players carlos Dunlap, Carl Lawson, William Jackson III and Dre Kirkpatrick last week in a double-digit home loss to the lacking Jacksonville Jacksonugus. Now they have to travel across the Atlantic Ocean to play a talented, experienced and well-trained Los Angeles Rams team that looks to pick up steam after a blowout win in Atlanta. Yes, the Rams were in all places this season, Davenport admitted. Yes, they're putting two touchowns. And the answer is a London game, which means things would get weird. But even taking all that into consideration, I have no problem putting their points against a Squadron Bengals doing their best to give the Miami Dolphins a run for their money as the league's worst team. For the second season in a row, the Bengals sports the worst defense in football, allowing more than 430 yards per game. This is happening by half. The Rams are traveling from Georgia, not California, so Cincinnati's tour advantage is limited to the best. And teams with losing records are 0-4-1 straight and 0-5 against the spread in London dating back three calendar years. The Rams made a habit for their bad team last season. That didn't happen against the Cleveland Browns or Tampa Bay Buccaneers early this year, but the win in Atlanta was 2018-like, and Cincinnati is about as bad as to come. PredictionsSDavenport: Los Angeles (-13.5)Gagnon: Los Angeles (-13.5)Sobleski: Los Angeles (-13.5) Prediction Score: Rams 34, Bengals 10Denver Broncos (2-5) at Indianapolis Colts (4-2) 4 in 15Doug McSchooler / Associated PressBetors need to have extended memories beyond the week prior. And those considering previous results Week 7 could be tempted to jump to Jump over the Denver Broncos as an underdeverome six points against the Indianapolis Colts.Indy's home run, but the Colts lost to the Oakland Raiders at this site four weeks ago. And the Broncos are coming off a home loss against the Kansas City Chiefs, but they were dominant defensively the previous two weeks against the Chargeers' Los Angeles Titans and Tennessee Titans. But our gang is unanimously mounted with the Colts points six points, and Gagnon says there's a lot to do with Denver's potential mentality after trading veteran wide receiver Sanders Emmanuel. I'm not going to pretend I feel great about this one, Gagnon confessed. We probably embarrass the Broncos after a nationally aired home loss, and we'll probably join the Colts because Jakoby Brissett's Week 7 side preferred I want to languish the public with Denver here, but I can't become a team that just trades away its second best receiver and is led by a quarter that seems down distinguished. Six points isn't enough for me to get behind Joe Flacco on the road, even with extra time to prepare. It's certainly fair to wonder what Flacco has left in the tank after the abysmal effort against a soft defense. He hasn't been bad to start the season, but he has a 74.0s passer rating the past two weeks, and Endy's defense is a lot stronger than Kansas City's. Look for the elite offensive line to handle Denver's pass talent, allowing the Colts disciplined to avoid turnovers and win by a touchdown or more. PredictionDavenport: Indianapolis (-6) Gagnon: Indianapolis (-6) Concerning: Indianapolis (-6) Prediction Score: Colts 27, The Broncos 16Los Angeles Chargers (2-5) at Chicago Loars (3-3) 5 at 15Denis Poroy/Getty ImagesThis might not be the Season Los Angeles Chargers', but it sure doesn't look like the Chicago Bears' season, either. With that in mind, our majority analysts are shocked to see Chicago rattled up wearing more than one field goal against a Bolts team that still plays hard on the road. The Chargers have lost no more than one field goal in any of their last nine games outside of Los Angeles, Gagnon said. Why should we expect bears struggling to finish this streak? Chicago was only outraged by the Saints at home, and the offense has scored only 19 total points in its first two home games of the season. Mitchell Trubisky forgot how to play quarters, and all over the world—Chargeers coaches included—knowing Matt Nagy will try to lean heavily on the Sunday match's game. They are still really abandoned, but teams sometimes get acclimate to life in a banged-up state, and Los Angeles has extracted its opponents 37-23 in the past five quarters. I hope a bounced back from that ending room at Tennessean. But this is a rare game this week in which our guys lack unanimity. Davenport wants to put those four points with the Bears, who might be due to get back on track. The offense was bad, but let's not forget that Chicago's defense isn't far from the most talented unit in this particular game. Tread carefully here. PredictionDavenport: Chicago (-4) Gagnon: Los Angeles (+4) Consensus: Los Angeles (+4) Prediction Score: Chargeur 21, Lous 20New York Giants (2-5) at Detroit Lyons (2-3-1) 6 in 15Mike Stobe/Getty ImagesAre Lions already sent off in the 2019 season? They're only a game under .500 entering Week 8, but they've lost three straight games, and it's just to ask about their direction after the stunning decision to trade starter safety Square Dg. With that in mind, two of our three analysts can't justify putting a handle with the Lyons hosting the New York Giant on Sunday. The Lions defense is a disaster, Gagnon said. That shouldn't change Damon Harrison, Darius Slay, Mike Daniel and Dawn Hands all injured and dug away after a Week 7 humility at the hands of the Vikings. Meanwhile, Saquon Barkley had a chance to hit the rusk in return from crash. It's due to a blast against a run defense that was rocked by Dalvin Cook and Jamaal Williams in weeks behind the back-to-backs Mr. Daniel Jones also quietly had a decent performance in Week 7, and the bad New York defense will at least have an easier go with Keryon Johnson from the line for Detroit. The giant could've won this thing well, especially if Lions players respond negatively to the Dig trade. When considering the lack of consistency and stability with the Giants, the Lions still might be the safest pick right-up. But it's worth noting that Detroit has won no more than a home field goal in more than a calendar year, with the Lions losing six of their last eight home games out. It's not surprising that our gang lacks a concerning unanimity in such a volatile matchup, but if you have to bet here, the Giants are their preferred option. PredictionDavenport: New York (+7)Gagnon: New York (+7) Sobleski: Detroit (-7) Prediction Score: Lions 26, Jets 23New York (1-5) of the Jacksonville Jaguars are coming off a double-digit road victory, while New York Jets are coming off a home sweep on national television, Gagnon said Sunday's matchup between the Jets and the Jags is in Florida. That's on the only way to explain why a Jaguars team with a losing record, a now-struggling rookie sixth round pick in quarters with a high missing Jalen Ramsey is putting almost a toudown touch on Gang Green. In other words, Gagnon is suggesting that recently bias has inflated this line. They might not be as good as this performance, but they're a lot better talent-wise than what we saw Monday night against the New England Patriots. The majority of our analysts feel something between that should hang with the Jags. The Bengals are one of the worst teams in the NFL, Gagnon added, but Jacksonville finished off Cincinnati in the fourth last week. Jets are a scary pick because of what happened Monday night, but Darnold is still the better quarter, and the backdoor cover is still on the table, too. Gagnon warned of the latest insecurity from Interim Jags starting signal-calling Gardner Minshew II, which completed only 47.5 percent in the past two weeks. Opposing defenses can calculate it. That favor the Jets, as do the star advances back Le'Veon Bell appears to be done. The free-agent acquisition is coming off his best game yet on the ground as a Jet, with Jacksonville's defensive chain running back 27th in Andway football in terms of DVOA (defensive-adjusted average value). PredictionDavenport: (-6) Gagnon: New York (+6)Sobleski: New York (+6) Consensus: New York (+6) Prediction Score: Jaguars 23, Alabama Jets 20Philadelphia Eagles (3-4) of Buffalo Bills (5-1) 8 in 15Michael Ainsworth/Associate PressThis could be another case in which the public is overreacting an extreme result on national television. The Philadelphia Eagles laid an egg in Dalas on Sunday night, and while that might not be a complete aberration considering their poor performance 6 weeks against the Minnesota Vikings, it might be crazy to write an accomplished veteran team that had to be desperate right now. The Basin eagles-up haven't been right this year, but this is a well-trained team that hasn't lost three consecutive games since Doug Pederson was a rookie head coach in 2016. They'll look to avoid that jump Sunday on the road against the Buffalo Bills, who our peers are buying as a favorite home. I can't shake the feeling that either the eagles aren't as bad as the records, the Bills aren't as good as their record or both, Davenport said. The Eagles are desperately needed to get Desean Jackson back, and the pass defense has been the fight. But I don't know that the Bills can take advantage of what the Cowboys way they did. Pederson circles the wagon, Bills are back to earth a little, and Filman win a squeaker out. You might not want to spend all this money you've stashed away for a Halloween rager on this game. Philadelphia is still calculated by injuries, while only the Bills losing this year came against the 7-0 Patriots. But that was still a loss at home, and Buffalo hasn't played another half decent team this season. From the Week 6 weeks, the Bills finished off tank Miami Dolphins in the fourth week. It wouldn't make a lot of sense to take them into a puck boundary pick against a desperate, mentally difficult team that many consider to be far superior. PredictionDavenport: Philadelphia (+1.5) Gagnon: Philadelphia (+1.5) Sobleski: Philadelphia (+1.5) Consens: Philadelphia (+1.5) Prediction Score: Eagles 23, 23, Bills 20Tampa Bay B (2-4) of the Tennessee Titans (3-4) 9 in 15Alastair Grant/Associate PressBut Bills are not the only non-elite team lying at home against an opponent who isn't likely to lose a third consecutive game. The Tennessee Titans are giving up 2.5 points to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Nashville, despite the fact Tennessee has encountered in three 2019 home games and Bruce Arians has never lost three regular-season games in his season as an NFL head coach. The Ariane had two weeks to tailored for a Titans team that had likely beat the Chargers at home last week and now ranked 26th in Football Outsiders in terms of DVOA. Our analysts agree the Bucs will be covered with win. Because all intents and goals, Sobleski said, the Titans would be lost to the Chargers last weekend until Los Angeles found an average boost to dip the end of the game. Tennessee isn't exactly playing after making the move from Marcus Mariota to Ryan Tannehill. Neither are the Buccaneers after being embarrassed by the Carolina Panthers in London. However, the Bucs have had time to snatch their injuries during the week by week, and Jameis Winston won't throw out five more interceptions. i think. Winston is not confident, but the English disaster was an outer for a maligned quarter that had quietly forced together four triple-digit games that were consecutive-rated. Use his inconsistency to your advantage here, because there's a decent chance he bounced under Arians' tutelaj against a defense that hasn't had a multi-pranaway game since Week 2. PredictionSDavenport: Tampa Bay (+2.5) Gagnon: Tampa Bay (+2.5) Sobleski: Tampa Bay (+2.5) Consensus: Buccaneers 23, Titans 21Seattle Seahawks (5-2) at Atlanta Falcons (1-6) 10 of 15Ron Schwane/Associate PressWith Matt Ryan statue up in the air, most sports did not post a line here in press time. But the Seattle Seahawks are more likely to be fostered by between a field goal and a touch Sunday against the Atlanta Falcons, and our gang is up with Seattle regardless. Though Falcons quarter end Matt Ryan was healthy, our analysts essentially imposed an embargo on the Falcons puck. This is a team that has covered the spread just three times in the last 15 games dating back nearly a calendar year. And while his current five game losing streak (right and ATS) will eventually end, our writers aren't siding with Atlanta until they regain confidence from the team. It's hard to have a lot of that when the Falcons look lifeless in their last outing, especially with Ryan less than 100 percent and Seattle is likely hungry after a tough home loss. I'm not sure how much bigger the spread would be for me handling the Falcons, but it should be... Davenport said. The best case for the Falcons one-win is Ryan playing on one leg. The worst case is Matt Schaub, who has never seen a prick-six he didn't like, under center. Never mind that the Seahawks are seeing after getting the danger of being happy they were kicked into the house by their Ravens. Seahawks in a road to Dan Quinn's last game as Atlanta's head coach. PredictionDavenport: SeattleGagnon: SeattleConsensus: SeattleScore Prediction: Seahawks 34, Falcons 17Carolina Panthers (4-2) to the San Francisco 49ers (6-0) 11 of 15Grant Halverson/Getty ImagesInjuries key offending players Kyle Juszczyk, Joe Staley and Mike McGlinchey weren't enough to slow the San Francisco 49ers against the Rams' Los Angeles Redskins or Washington Redskins. But now the sorthanded offense will run into a defense the Carolina Panthers leading the league with 27 sacks and coming off his week. Our experts agree that even though the Niners remain perfect Sunday against Carolina, they're unlikely to cover a 5.5 percentage point spread under these circumstances. The 49ers deserve a ton of credit for their 6-0 start after going 4-12 in 2018, Davenport The run game and defense of San Francisco are top-notch, and the Niners are the rightful Super Bowl skill set. The thing is, with the possible exception of this last part, everything I said applied to the Panthers, too. Carolina's pass is just as good as San Francisco's, and Christian McCaffrey is perhaps the only most dangerous player in the NFL with a football in his hands. Plus, are we really sure Jimmy Garoppolo is a better quarter than Kyle Allen? Don't be surprised if Carolina goes to Santa Clara and wins outright. Indeed, both teams are exceptional up front on D, both teams run the ball pretty well on offense, and both teams have question marks at the quarter position. And while on the surface, you'd think highly paid San Francisco franchise quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo has a significant advantage over interim starter Carolina kyle Allen, the letter enjoyed a season better. Allen, who has yet to lose as a starter, has thrown as much touchdown passes in four games (seven) as Garoppolo has in six, but Allen has yet to throw a pick while Jimmy G has six intercepts. Karterback's lesser-known Carolina also has substantially higher rates based on numbers, and it's worth mentioning that Garoppolo's numbers suffered dramatically the past two weeks to sense Juszczyk, Staley and McGlinchey. Is it all finally catch up to San Francisco? Though it's not, the 49ers seem to cover that number against a team that again lost no more than six points this season. PredictionSDavenport: Carolina (+5.5) Gagnon: Carolina (+5.5) Sobleski: Carolina (+5.5) Concerning: Carolina (+5.5) Prediction Score: 49ers 21, The Pante 20Cleveland Browns (2-4) of the New England Patriots (7-0) 12 of 15Bille Feature/Getty ImagesFor fifth time in eight games, the New England Patriots are putting up more than 12 points. Specifically, they're giving the Cleveland Browns 13. And while Cleveland is better than most, if not all, of the teams New England has played so far, the majority of our panelist doesn't want to take below. I was really tempted to take the Browns out here," Gagnon said. That number is awful considering the talent on the Browns' roster, as well as the fact Cleveland has had eight extra days to prepare. In New England's lone match with a decent team this season, he beat the Bills by just six. But Cleveland's defense was not good like the Buffalo neighborhood, the Kleveland neighborhood was remarkable, New England held on quarters like this, and patriots are home. I'm also not sure the week will do much the same balance in what appears to be a lopped lopsided match between the two head coaches. yes, let's remember this is Bill Belichick against Freddie Kitchens. And it's Foxborough, where the Pats are 19-0 straight-up and 15-4 against the spread in their last 19 regular seasons and playoff games dating back more than two calendar years. Fourteen of those 19 wins came by 13 points or more. it's not unusual there is no unanimous consensus here. The Browns look a lot healthier than they were before the beer, and they'll be desperate to at least put up a fight against a team that remains somewhat mysterious despite its perfect start. The Browns are getting benefit of the doubt despite players up-and-down for two reasons, Sobleski said of opponents. First, they're coming off a beer, while the Patriots are on a short week. Granted, New England will probably still be more prepared, but Cleveland will put a lot of proving it's far better than it's shown this season. As a result, an almost two-touch spread provides numerous punters to leeway for a squad to reinvige Cleveland to cover. At -13, this could be the one to avoid entirely. PredictionDavenport: New England (-13) Gagnon: Cleveland (+13) Sobleski: Cleveland (+13) Prediction Score: Patriots 28, Browns 20Oakland Raiders (3-3) at Houston Texans (4-3) 13 at 15AJ Mast/Associate PressThe Oakland Raiders and Houston Texans have three losses each this season, but Houston is putting a touch of touch of wrecking at home to match them on Sunday. And while that might fear people who don't trust such an inconsistent team, two of our three analysts figure this could be a great texture of victory. In the case of the Raiders, Gagnon said, we've probably massively found a winning open home on the Fierce Broncos, a Week 4 win over their crash-calamity colts and a win over London gas star London Bear. Despite his .500 record, this team has been saving by 38 points in six games. Nine teams with losing records -- include the Chargeurs' 2-5 and 2-5 Broncos - have better margin margin. Now the Raiders are playing a fifth consecutive ridiculous game outside of Oakland, and it's against a talented Texans team that should be bound to bounced back from a tough loss to Endy. The Houston Texans offensive line has been vulnerable as usual, but the Raiders are one of six teams with 10 or fewer sack sack this season. And now that unit has traded a department corner in Gareon Conley, who will play for the opposition team on Sunday.Houston should have a field day on offense, as green Bay Packers did against the Raiders last week. And it might be tough for Oakland to ride Josh Jacob against his third league run D. It's just not a good spot for Oakland. But seven points are a lot and neither team has been consistent, so you can't fault Sobleski for missing. And for what it's worth, those picking against the majority as The Red's lone are 99-92 since the start of the past season. PredictionDavenport: Houston (-7) Gagnon: Houston (-7) Sobleski: Oakland (+7) Consensus: Oakland (+7) Prediction Score: Houston 27, Raiders 24Green Bay Package (6-1) of Kansas City Chiefs (5-2) 14 of 15Michael Ainsworth/ Associate PressThis all could change if MVP reign Patrick Mahomes shocked the football world by playing Sunday night against the Green Bay Packers. But while Mahomes has yet to be ruled out of press The reality is the Kansas City Chiefs are more likely to roll with backup Matt Moore while starting to tend to crash his knee in Week 8. And frankly, considering how much Mahomes would fight while playing at less than 100 percent before injuring his knee in Denver, the Packers could be a pet safety as a favorite even if the neighborhood's supersension chief somehow misses on the field. What a difference a week on the NFL calendar does, Sobleski said. Before the start of Week 7, Mahomes was in the MVP race, while Aaron Rodgers couldn't seem to find a groove. Unfortunately, Mahomes suffers a releasing knee and likely won't play at this weekend. Meanwhile, Rodgers has played as well as he has in a long time with six touches against the Raiders. Now, the packages look outraged together as the Chiefs live up to Sunday's meeting. Pardon pun it if Mahomes somehow plays. Our guys are on Kansas City either way, with the opposition that if they could, they would wait to get a better line in the event of a Mahomes return. This line is not likely to climb much from Green Bay -4, but you might find a lot of value on their package if Suit Mahomes up but is seriously limited. The revised Green Bay defense has the 13 and eighth best adjusted sack rates in the league of football outside football. Meanwhile, the chief defense has played way higher than itself statically in Denver, and the packs have begun to withdraw. Rodgers is rolling now, and it's easy to be bet on those circumstances. PredictionDavenport: Green Bay (-4) Gagnon: Green Bay (-4) Sobleski: Green Bay (-4) Consensus: Green Bay (-4) Score Prediction: Pack 28, Chiefs 20Miami Dolphins (0-6) at Pittsburgh Steelers (2-4) 15 of 15Joe Sargent/Getty ImagesSay what you're going on the Pittsburgh Steelers offended without Ronethlisberger, Le'Veon Bell and Antonio Brown, but the defense picked up plenty of slack. The high-flying unit has forced a ridiculous 13 turnovers in the last four games, and now Pittsburgh is at home coming off a toe with Mason Rudolph at least hoping to open up the offense a bit from his return to injury. With that in mind, our analyst figures the Steelers can spot wireless Dolphins 14.5 points and is still covered in Monday Night Football. Rudolph's return to the line should help, but the Steelers' favor on the Dolphins wonderful thing is all about Pittsburgh's defense and its peak to create ravages, Sobleski said. It doesn't matter who starts in quarters for Miami. Dan Marino could come out of retirement and not be effective because the Dolphins won't be able to protect anyone with the way ahead of the Steelers' seven, sans Stephan Tuitt, is playing. A Bills team with a strong defense failed to cover a high offensive line the same week against Miami, but Buffalo's defense doesn't generate pressure or pranaway like the Steelers do. Pittsburgh seems to send a message now, and the Dolphins seem to be victimized by that PredictionDavenport: Pittsburgh (-14.5) Gagnon: Pittsburgh (-14.5) Sobleski: Pittsburgh (-14.5) Consensus: Pittsburgh (-14.5) Prediction Score: Steelers 20, Defens 12-10