

## Free Picks – December 8th Weekend

Last week our NFL play on the Seattle Seahawks as underdogs hit. The NFLTopPicks team is now 6-2-1 in the last eight weeks. This week we keep it simple with the two strongest plays on the menu, in NFL and NBA action.

It seems that many people are on the Patriots' bandwagon after watching their comeback victory over Detroit and Miami's home loss to Jacksonville last Sunday. It is almost certain for Miami to miss the playoffs for the fifth straight season but their season is not done yet. They always give the Patriots fits in their home field and it seems that somehow end up beating them once a year. The Patriots have only lost two regular season games in December and January over the last four seasons, but both defeats came to the Dolphins. Miami's six wins over the Patriots since Belichick's arrival in 2000 are the most of any opponent during that span. Also, the Dolphins have won six of their last eight home meetings with New England.

Turnovers have become a nagging problem for the Patriots, who have 18 giveaways over their last six games - tied with Chicago and Minnesota for the most in the NFL over that span. New England has also been penalized for 153 yards over the past two contests, with defensive penalties resulting in seven first downs for opponents.

This is going to be a close game, and it's entirely possible that Miami could score another underdog win over New England. We just don't see the Patriots winning by more than a field goal.

**Play Miami Dolphins, ATS.**

In NBA action, it's a very simple play here on Friday night as we're exploiting the red-hot Chicago Bulls over a poor defensive Toronto Raptors team.

The Bulls are looking to extend both their overall winning streak, as well as their long history of dominance against the Raptors. Chicago has won both ATS and SU in their last 13 meetings against Toronto since 2002. The Bulls have really dominated the series over the past two seasons, winning the seven meetings by an average of 12.2 points while outrebounding the Raptors by an 11.9 average. The addition of Big Ben Wallace will only help in that department. Chicago has been showing the same efficiency during its current six-game win streak, defeating opponents by an average of 15.7 points. They also have a 138-104 rebounding edge over the past three games.

We expect a comfortable, double-digit victory for the Bulls.

**Play Chicago Bulls, ATS.**

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