

FRIDAY FOOTBALL SHOWDOWN 2017

Presented by the Golden Nugget Sports Book

Hosted by The Las Vegas Sportsline, airing on ESPN Radio (1100 AM, 100.9 FM)

Each Friday throughout the football season, entrants compete in a college football and NFL handicapping contest. The radio broadcast is 2 to 3 p.m. from the ESPN Radio studio.

(Entry fee, bracket draw and play selection rules)

An unlimited number of contestants are allowed to enter for \$2,000 each.

One entry per person.

The deadline to register at the Golden Nugget sports book is Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 10:00 p.m.

The field of contestants will be announced on radio Wednesday, Sept. 6.

For the first twelve weeks (Weeks 1- 12) of the NFL schedule, each contestant makes seven (7) selections against the spread, from all NFL sides and totals and college sides and totals - excluding first-half lines - posted on Golden Nugget contest sheets at 3 p.m. on Thursdays.

The deadline to submit selections each week is 2 p.m. Fridays – this deadline is FIRM. If a contestant does not submit their picks in advance of the deadline, they will receive no points for the week.

Each winning selection will be worth one point, with a tied selection being worth half a point.

After 12 weeks, the top sixteen (16) contestants overall according to total points will advance to the second round and a head-to-head bracket portion of the contest, which begins with Week 13 of the NFL schedule.

If there is a tie, the first tiebreaker will be the contestants' total points for Week 12. If there is still a tie, the second tiebreaker will be the contestants' total points for Week 11, with ties being broken further week-by-week in reverse chronological order, all the way back to Week 1.

All games selected must be played within one (1) day of original game date. If not played within one (1) day, contestant will get zero (0) points for that

selection.

Contestants are not permitted to play both sides of any one game, and may not play both sides of any one total.

(Winners and tiebreakers)

The sixteen contestants (16) with the top scores from the first 12 weeks advance to the head-to-head bracket.

At that point, the winner of the head-to-head matchup advances, and that remains true for the rest of the contest.

In the bracket contest, each contestant makes seven (7) selections per week.

In the event of a tie after seven selections, these tiebreaking rules will apply: The seventh selection - designated as the Best Bet - is the first tiebreaker. (For example, if each contestant finishes 4-3, the one who wins the seventh play advances.) The sixth selection will be used as the second tiebreaker, and that tiebreaking process continues in reverse order to the first selection.

If the contestants remain tied after seven tiebreakers, the contestant who cleared the point spread or total by the most points with his seventh selection advances as the winner. (For example, if Contestant A picked a 21-point favorite that won by 35 points, he cleared the spread by 14 points. If Contestant B picked a 14-point favorite that won by 24, he cleared the spread by 10 points. In that case, Contestant A would advance as the matchup winner.) That tiebreaking process also would continue in reverse order to the first selection.

If the seventh selections are both losing selections, then the contestant losing by the smallest margin against the spread would advance. The tiebreaking process continues in reverse order to the first selection.

(Contest registration)

Registration opens at the Golden Nugget sports book at 12 p.m. on July 19, 2017.

Contestants are allowed to designate up to two (2) proxies who have the authority to enter weekly plays. Each contestant may designate their proxies, if they so choose, either upon registering for the contest, or at any time thereafter.

The contestants agree to participate, or name a replacement, in the media

portion of the contest for ESPN Radio (1100 AM, 100.9 FM).

The Golden Nugget will record the contestants' plays, with lines posted as of 3 p.m. on Thursdays, on an official contest form.

(Schedule)

The preliminary round consists of 12 weeks: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17, and 24.

The first round of the bracket contest is Week 13 (December 1). Eight (8) contestants compete. (seeds 9-16).

The second round of the bracket contest is Week 14 (December 8). Eight (8) contestants compete. (four winners from week 13 plus seeds 5-8).

The third round of the bracket contest is Week 15 (December 15). Eight (8) contestants compete. (four winners from week 14 plus seeds 1-4).

The semifinals of the bracket contest are Week 16 (December 22). Four (4) contestants compete. (four winners from week 15).

The Finals of the bracket contest are Week 17 (December 29). Two (2) contestants compete. (Two winners from week 16).

Selected college football bowl games posted on the board are eligible contest plays in Week 15, 16 and 17. As a consistent rule, first -half lines are excluded.

In the Week 15 semifinal on Dec. 15, contestants are allowed to choose from all college and NFL games on the board played on or before Wednesday, Dec. 20.

In the Week 16 semifinal on Dec. 22, contestants are allowed to choose from all college and NFL games on the board played on or before Wednesday, Dec. 27.

In the Week 17 championship match on Dec. 29, all NFL and college football bowl games posted on the board are eligible contest plays.

(Seeding the bracket)

The bracket will be seeded after the preliminary round. The contestant with the highest preliminary-round score gets the No. 1 seed; lowest score to advance from the regular contest is the No. 16 seed.

First-round format:

Matchup #1: No. 9 Seed vs No. 16 Seed
Matchup #2: No. 12 Seed vs No. 13 Seed
Matchup #3: No. 10 Seed vs No. 15 Seed
Matchup #4: No. 11 Seed vs No. 14 Seed

Second-round format:

Matchup #5: Matchup #1 winner vs No. 8 Seed
Matchup #6: Matchup #2 winner vs No. 5 Seed
Matchup #7: Matchup #3 winner vs No. 7 Seed
Matchup #8: Matchup #4 winner vs No. 6 Seed

Quarterfinal format:

Matchup #9: Matchup #5 winner vs No. 1 Seed
Matchup #10: Matchup #6 winner vs No. 4 Seed
Matchup #11: Matchup #7 winner vs No. 2 Seed
Matchup #12: Matchup #8 winner vs No. 3 Seed

Semifinal format:

Semifinal #1: Matchup #9 winner vs Matchup #10 winner
Semifinal #2: Matchup #11 winner vs Matchup #12 winner

If first-round scores match for two or more contestants, aforementioned tiebreaking rules will be used to seed the bracket, beginning with the contestants' selections in the previous week.

The bracket is NOT reseeded at any point.

(Bracket)

See Final Page for visual display of the Bracket

(Mini-Contest)

Weeks 10 through 12 of the contest will also include a Mini-Contest, open to all entrants, with no additional entry fee.

The Mini-Contest will consist of seven (7) selections from each week's wagering card, from all NFL sides and totals and college sides - excluding first-half lines - posted on the Golden Nugget contest sheets at 3 p.m. on Thursdays.

Contestants will receive one point for a winning selection, and half a point for a tied selection.

The highest scoring contestant will be the Mini-Contest winner.

If there is a tie for the highest scoring contestant, the Mini-Contest prize will be split equally among all tied contestants.

(Summary and prize money distribution)

The Golden Nugget is returning 100 percent of the entry fees to the contestants, but only the contestants who survive the first round and the Mini-Contest winner(s) will receive any prize money.

All sixteen (16) contestants who advance to the elimination round will receive \$3,000.

The four top-seeded contestants will receive an additional \$3,000, for a total of \$6,000 each to seeds 2-4. The top-seeded contestant will receive an additional \$2,000, for a total of \$8,000.

The winner of each head-to-head matchup in the first and second elimination rounds will receive \$1,000, totaling \$8,000.

(After two completed rounds, a total of \$70,000 will be returned to contestants, and at this point, eight (8) contestants will remain in the quarterfinal round.)

The remaining money in the prize pool will be distributed to the contest champion (50 percent), runner-up (25 percent), (2) semifinal losers (5 percent each), (4) quarterfinal winners (2½ percent each), and Mini-Contest winner (5 percent).

(Media participation)

By signing the registration form, contestants agree to participate, or name a replacement, in the media portion of the contest for ESPN Radio (1100 AM, 100.9 FM). The weekly contest show will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. Fridays at the ESPN Radio studio, 8755 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas.

For the first 12 weeks of the contest - prior to the head-to-head bracket matchups - selected contestants will be picked to do weekly radio spots to announce their contest plays.

(Declarations)

If any ties exist and cannot be broken after the scheduled conclusion of the contest, the surviving contestants will divide the prize pool equally.

Contestants are prohibited from submitting opposing sides or totals of any one football game as contest plays.

Any contestant whose actions threaten the integrity of the contest, as ruled by Golden Nugget sports book director Tony Miller, can be eliminated from the contest without a refund.

The contest schedule and weekly plays will be posted at the Golden Nugget sports book and GoldenNugget.com/lasvegas/ with the weekly schedule also posted at LVsportsnetwork.com and TheLasVegasSportsline.com.

Contest Bracket of Head to Head Portion of Contest (Weeks 13 - 17)

See the next page for a visual representation of the bracket, noting that there will not be any reseeding of the Bracket at any point in the Head to Head competition.

