

Rutgers favored in opener over Buffalo

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Opening night in college football, Thursday, delivers a match up between Buffalo and Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights of Rutgers are favored by 32 points, the kind of number they used to see their opponents favored by not too long ago. The total in the Rutgers vs Buffalo game is 50 1/2 at SportsBetting.com. They have been a moneymaker over the years in their home openers, posting a 4-1 mark against the spread the last four times this game has had a line put up on it – needless to say they've never been asked to lay more than four TDs though.

“There is a small chance that Rutgers could play down to their opponents level of competition here but Buffalo shouldn't even be playing in Division 1-A and they probably won't win a game all year,” stated Point-Spreads.com Football Handicapper Brad Marchetti. “Rutgers has no chance of losing this game but this is the equivalent of trying to handicap an NFL preseason game. I advised my clients to pass on this game."

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Michigan State is in familiar territory as a big favorite in their first home game of the season. They've been heavy chalk (asked to lay at least two touchdowns) in this situation in each of the last six years. This season, they host UAB as a 21.5-point favorite. Worth noting is the Spartans are only 1-3 against the spread the last four years in this home opener.

BYU is coming off a 2006 campaign in which they were undefeated at home, and boasted a 10-game winning streak. Over the years, the Cougars have proven to be worth a long look in their first home game of the year. Recent form has them with a 5-1 mark against the spread in their home opener. This weekend they open hosting Arizona as a 4-point favorite.

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