College Football Picks: Army vs Navy

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Army and Navy will compete Saturday at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore in the 108th meeting of the service academy rivalry. Kickoff is set for 12:16 p.m., and the game will be televised live by CBS. Navy leads the all-time series 51-49-7 and has won the last five meetings. The last Army win was in 2001, 26-17 in Philadelphia.

Oddsmakers at online sportsbook BetUS.com installed Navy a two touchdown (-14) favorite with a game total of 65. College Football Picks expert Reno Goldberg provides winning College Football Picks in single guaranteed selections and subscription packages.

Navy enters the game with a 7-4 record while Army stands at 3-8. Navy opened the season with a 30-19 win against Temple and then lost to Rutgers, (41-24) and Ball State in overtime (34-31). Wins against Duke (46-43), Air Force (31-20) and Pittsburgh (48-45 in double overtime) were followed by losses to Wake Forest (44-24) and Delaware (59-52). A three game-winning streak against Notre Dame (46-44 in three overtimes), North Texas (74-62) and Northern Illinois (35-24) earned the Midshipmen a spot in the Poinsettia Bowl.

Army will try to snap a five-game losing streak and improve its 3-8 mark. The Black Knights are coming off a 49-39 loss to Tulsa in their final game of the season at Michie Stadium.

The Midshipmen, who run a triple option offense, are among the nation’s leaders in total offense and scoring. They lead the nation in rushing offense at 357.4 per game and are 11th in scoring offense, averaging 40 points per contest.

Junior quarterback Kalpo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada leads the team in rushing and passing. The 5-11, 194-pounder has rushed 148 times for 755 yards and 11 touchdowns. He has completed 46-of-79 passes for 823 yards and six touchdowns. He averages 82 yards passing and 76 yards rushing per contest. Junior Eric Kettani (6-1, 233) is listed as the second-string fullback but is second on the team in rushing with 130 carries for 710 yards and nine touchdowns. Senior Adam Ballard (6-1, 236) is the starting fullback and has 588 yards rushing on 122 carries. The Army defense is allowing 29 points per game and 206 yards passing per contest. Senior captain and safety Caleb Campbell (6-2, 224) leads the team with 94 tackles, including 67 solo stops. He has forced three fumbles and broken up a pair of passes. Fellow senior and safety Jordan Murray (6-0, 204) is second with 87 stops and has recovered two fumbles.

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