



THE RIDGE SYSTEM™



**PRO
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CONFIGURATION

The following is the minimum configuration for running this program :

TI99/4A VERSION

Cassette Version

One program cassette
TI99/4A Home Computer *
One cassette recorder *
TI Interface Cable *

Diskette Version

One program diskette
TI99/4A Home Computer *
One disk drive *
Disk Drive Controller *
An Expansion Box *
(for card peripherals)

OPTIONS

Printer interface *
Compatible printer *
XBasic Command Module *
(for faster execution)

IBM VERSION

Cassette Version

N/A

Diskette Version

One program diskette
* IBM or Compatible PC
w/ single disk drive
w/ at least 64K RAM
* 80-Column Monitor

OPTIONS

* Printer interface
* Compatible printer

* Sold separately

HOW TO LOAD THE PROGRAM

TI99/4A

CASSETTE VERSION

1. Plug in your Extended Basic Command Module (Optional)
2. Turn your TI99/4A console on and make sure the cassette recorder is attached.
3. When the Title screen appears hit any key.
4. Choose option #1 - TI BASIC.

-OR-

Choose option #2 - TI EXTENDED BASIC.

5. Load the program into your cassette recorder.
6. Type ==> OLD "CS1" then hit ==> ENTER.
7. Follow screen prompts.
8. Type ==> RUN then hit ==> ENTER.

NOTE: If you have any trouble loading this program tape it may be the result of incorrect VOLUME and/or TONE settings on your cassette recorder. Try various levels of these settings while repeating the above procedures.

DISKETTE VERSION

1. Turn on your Peripheral Expansion System.
2. Turn on your printer and monitor.

HOW TO LOAD THE PROGRAM

3. Plug in your Extended Basic Module (optional).
 4. Turn on your TI99/4A console.
 5. When the Title screen appears hit any key.
 6. Load your program diskette into Disk Drive #1.
 7. Choose option #2 - TI EXTENDED BASIC. Program will boot automatically. Go to step #10.
- OR-
- Choose option #1 - TI BASIC.
8. Type ==> OLD "DSK1.LOAD" then hit ==> ENTER.
 9. Type ==> RUN then hit ==> ENTER.
 10. Follow screen prompts.

IBM-PC VERSION

FIRST USE ONLY

1. Insert your PC-DOS diskette in Drive A.
2. Insert Program diskette in Drive B.
3. At A> prompt type SYS b:
4. System should now be transferred.

NOTE: For single drive and/or hard disk systems refer to the DOS manual for instructions on System transfers.

PROGRAM START-UP

- 1A. With System transferred, place program diskette in Drive A. Any cold-start or re-boot using the CTRL-ALT-DEL key combination will then start the program.

-OR-

- 1B. From any DOS A> prompt insert the program diskette in Drive A and type NFL to begin.

OVERVIEW

Choosing professional football winners against the spread can be one of the most intense, most scientific, most artful, most frustrating, and yet most exciting endeavors known to true sports fans like yourself.

There are thousands of systems available out there to aid the serious handicapper. Some of these systems probably have some merit to them. Others may require that tons of statistics to be fed into it. Still others just DO NOT WORK!

Pro Football Analyst is the exception to the rule. It WORKS!! And it works without a ton of statistics being fed into it. Indeed, it is so simple to use that the sports section of ANY newspaper in this country has the necessary information in it to make this program run!

Pro Football Analyst is being offered for sale only after years of "fine-tuning" to produce the present algorithm which consistently picks professional football winners against the point spread.

Pro Football Analyst will determine its selections against the point spread for all games being analyzed. It will also determine the amount of Total Points it estimates will be produced by both teams during each game. Finally, it will indicate whether a game is an "OVERLAY", or another way of putting it, "Preferred Play".

OVERVIEW

SPECIFICALLY, WHAT IS AN OVERLAY?

An OVERLAY is the term the author has designated for use when the system finds a team it classifies as a favorite (one for which it would be willing to give up points) that the oddsmakers have made an underdog (one which will receive points). Finding overlays are the main objective and strength of the **Pro Football Analyst**.

WHAT STATISTICS DO I NEED?

Open any newspaper to the Sports section and you have your statistics source for the **Pro Football Analyst**.

You will be required to spend only 5 minutes a week entering the following :

- 1) The names of the teams playing.
- 2) Each teams won-loss record.
- 3) How many points each team has scored and given up.
- 4) Which team is the betting favorite.
- 5) The betting line.

That's it. Finite. Quick. Simple.

Pro Football Analyst does all the rest!

HOW TO BEST USE THE RESULTS

To maximize your use of the **Pro Football Analyst** it is recommended that the following items be observed:

- 1) You should read and fully understand the disclaimer on pages i and ii of this booklet before using the program.
- 2) **Pro Football Analyst** cannot be used during the first week of the football season due to the lack of available statistics (pre-season statistics do not produce valid results!).
- 3) **Pro Football Analyst** has not been statistically tested during playoff games and should not be used for any selections other than the regular season.
- 4) **OVERLAY** selections outperform all other selections, in essence overlays are the programs **BEST BETS** (note: an average of 3 overlays are usually available each week, but this will vary).
- 5) Remember, no system is foolproof and there will be losers as well as winners.

HOW TO BEST USE THE RESULTS

- 6) Never wager what you cannot afford to lose. Assume every wager you make is a loser and write the price of making these wagers off to its entertainment value and therefore non-recoverable (much like the admission price to the movies). If a winner happens then consider it found money, or the icing on the cake.
- 7) Persistent gambling may be a symptom of a serious disorder. It is strongly recommended that a qualified counselor or physician be contacted if it persists.
- 8) Have fun and good luck!!!!

A NOTE ABOUT PRINTERS

You may find it useful to have a hard-copy print-out of the **Pro Football Analyst** selections. The output will almost always fit on a single computer screen therefore a printout is not necessary to obtain full utilization of the program results.

For the IBM-PC simply activate the print screen mechanism at the prompt in the program. To do this you will need to have a printer attached to your PC. If you have a serial printer, or more than one parallel port you might have to "redirect" your printers output to LPT1. The IBM DOS guide explains this procedure under the 'MODE' function. To activate the print screen mechanism simply press the SHIFT and PRTSC keys simultaneously.

For the TI99/4A you will need to have a TI or third party printer interface and a compatible printer to do this. After the Title screen appears the program will display the following prompt:

IS PRINTER ATTACHED ? (Y OR N)

By pressing ==> Y you have told the program that indeed a compatible printer is attached and that all printing options are to be enabled. The screen will then show the the following prompt:

ENTER PRINTER CHARACTERISTICS: ---

A NOTE ABOUT PRINTERS

The following are some suitable responses:

TP	TI Thermal Printer
PIO	for Centronics-compatible parallel port printers
RS232.BA=---- (baud rate)	for printers connected via the serial port

Incorrect responses will cause the program to crash when attempting to print. At this point all data will be lost so please be careful.

A TOUR THROUGH THE PROGRAM

After making it through the printer prompts (TI) the system will greet you and begin to ask for input as follows:

ENTER THE NFL/USFL WEEK # ?

The appropriate responses for the NFL are 2 through 16. To find the correct upcoming week # you can simply look at any team in the standings on Tuesday and sum up its wins, losses, and ties and add 1 to this number.

OF GAMES TO BE ANALYZED ?

To analyze all games for an NFL week enter ==> 14 .

ENTER HOME TEAM FOR GAME 1 ?

The name of the home team for this game is the correct response.

ENTER (the home team)
WON/LOSS RECORD (W,L) ?

Find the wins and losses for this team and enter them separated by a comma.

A TOUR THROUGH THE PROGRAM

ENTER (the home team)
POINTS FOR/AGAINST ?

Find the Points For and Points Against columns in the football standings and enter them separated by a comma.

ENTER VISITING TEAM FOR GAME 1 ?

The name of the visiting team for this game is the correct response.

ENTER (the visiting team)
WON/LOSS RECORD (W,L) ?

Find the wins and losses for this team and enter them separated by a comma.

ENTER (the visiting team)
POINTS FOR/AGAINST ?

Find the Points For and Points Against columns in the football standings and enter them separated by a comma.

A TOUR THROUGH THE PROGRAM

ENTER BETTING FAVORITE

(H) Home team (V) Visiting team

(H) or (V) or (P)ick'em --- ?

The favorite is the team which the oddsmakers have determined should "give up" points to its opponent. Usually betting odds are presented as follows:

<u>FAVORITE</u>	<u>LINE</u>	<u>UNDERDOG</u>
Washington	10.5	Giants

In this example Washington is the favorite. Pick'em games are ones in which the oddsmakers have not chosen a favorite, or in other words, the line is = to 0.

ENTER THE BETTING LINE ?

In our above example ==> 10.5 is the appropriate response.

A TOUR THROUGH THE PROGRAM

O.K. (Y or N) ?

An ==> N response starts the input process for this game over again.

A ==> Y response either moves the input process forward to the next game, or after the last input displays the **Pro Football Analyst** choices.

PICK	LINE	TOT PTS	OVERLAY
1	WASH	-10.5	54
2	L A	+ 3	45
3	K C	+ 0.5	47 ***<==

Above is an example of the typical output results of the program.

In game #1 Washington minus 10.5 points is the selection. In addition, this game is estimated to produce a total of 54 points.

Note that game #3 has produced an indicated OVERLAY.

Good luck!