

# NFL Season Report 2020/21



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## Welcome to the latest edition of Kambi's annual NFL Report

It is a report that Kambi publishes every year, highlighting key betting activity trends and data gathered from across the industry's premium sports betting network.

The Covid-19 pandemic has left few areas of life untouched, and elite-level football was no exception. In this third edition of our NFL Report we examine key data and insights from the Kambi network across a season unlike any which have come before. Read on for an in-depth look at betting and player behaviour trends, the most popular teams, markets and how upgrades across our offering such as instant betting drove enhanced levels of engagement.

It comes as no surprise that football remained the most popular sport across Kambi's US network, with the Super Bowl showdown between the Kansas City Chiefs and Tampa Bay Buccaneers seeing Kambi process the highest bet volumes in its history, three times that of the 2019/20 incarnation. Here you will find a detailed overview of how players engaged will the full breadth of the Kambi offer during a game which saw Tom Brady add a seventh Super Bowl ring to his collection.

The in-game offer is increasingly the key battleground for sportsbooks in the US, and the principal differentiator between an excellent sports betting offer and a

merely good one. Having invested in the development of our instant markets, Kambi experienced a 65% increase in engagement with those markets – such as 'result of current drive' and 'to gain first down' – throughout the previous season, accounting for 40% of all live bets. Within this NFL Report you will find a detailed breakdown of these developments and how this progression is driving growth for our partners. The data also showed a similar increase in player props, which made up more than 50% of pre-match handle.

The report also offers a look at 'stand alone' games – those fixtures that have no other games taking place at the same

time or shortly before and after. Nine out of the top ten games for handle during the 2020/21 season were stand alone, which on average generated three times the handle of non-stand alone games.

With more US states putting regulatory frameworks into place, engagement with NFL betting will only continue to grow. In this Kambi NFL Season Review we aim to inform and offer actionable analytics on what is fast becoming a sports betting juggernaut.





## Top 10 US sports by handle - 2019 vs 2020

2019	vs	2020
Football		Football
Basketball		Basketball
Baseball		Baseball
Tennis		Soccer
Soccer		Tennis
Ice Hockey		Table Tennis
Golf		Ice Hockey
UFC/MMA		Golf
Boxing		UFC/MMA
Cricket		Motorsports

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## Top Instant Bet Offers

- Result of Drive
- To Gain First Down
- First Play
- Next Scoring Play

# 390%

## Increase in live wagers

New Jersey in-game handle doubled from the last NFL Season.

In-game stake size on mobile is **50% bigger** than pre-game

**30,000** Unique special bet offers created



## Top 5 Games by Handle

- Tampa Bay Buccaneers - Kansas City Chiefs 02/07/2021
- Kansas City Chiefs - Buffalo Bills 01/24/2021
- Green Bay Packers - Tampa Bay Buccaneers 01/24/2021
- Kansas City Chiefs - Cleveland Browns 01/17/2021
- New Orleans Saints - Tampa Bay Buccaneers 01/17/2021

## Biggest Regular Season Game by Handle

- New York Giants - Tampa Bay Buccaneers 11/03/2020

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## Top 5 Players by Handle

- Patrick Mahomes
- Travis Kelce
- Alvin Kamara
- Tom Brady
- Davante Adams

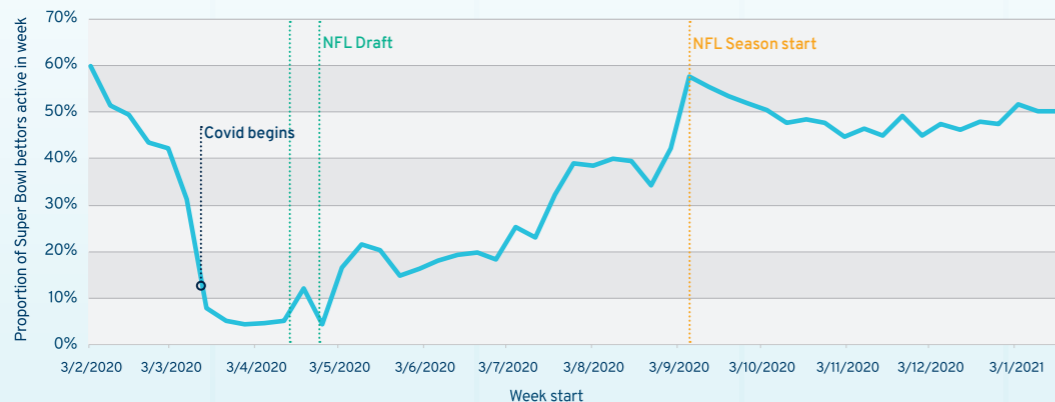


## Top 5 Teams by Handle

- Kansas City Chiefs
- Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Green Bay Packers
- Buffalo Bills
- Pittsburgh Steelers

# 60% of 2019/20 Super Bowl bettors returned the following week to place another wager

Weekly activity for Super Bowl 2020 bettors graph



Of those players who placed a bet on the 2020 Super Bowl:

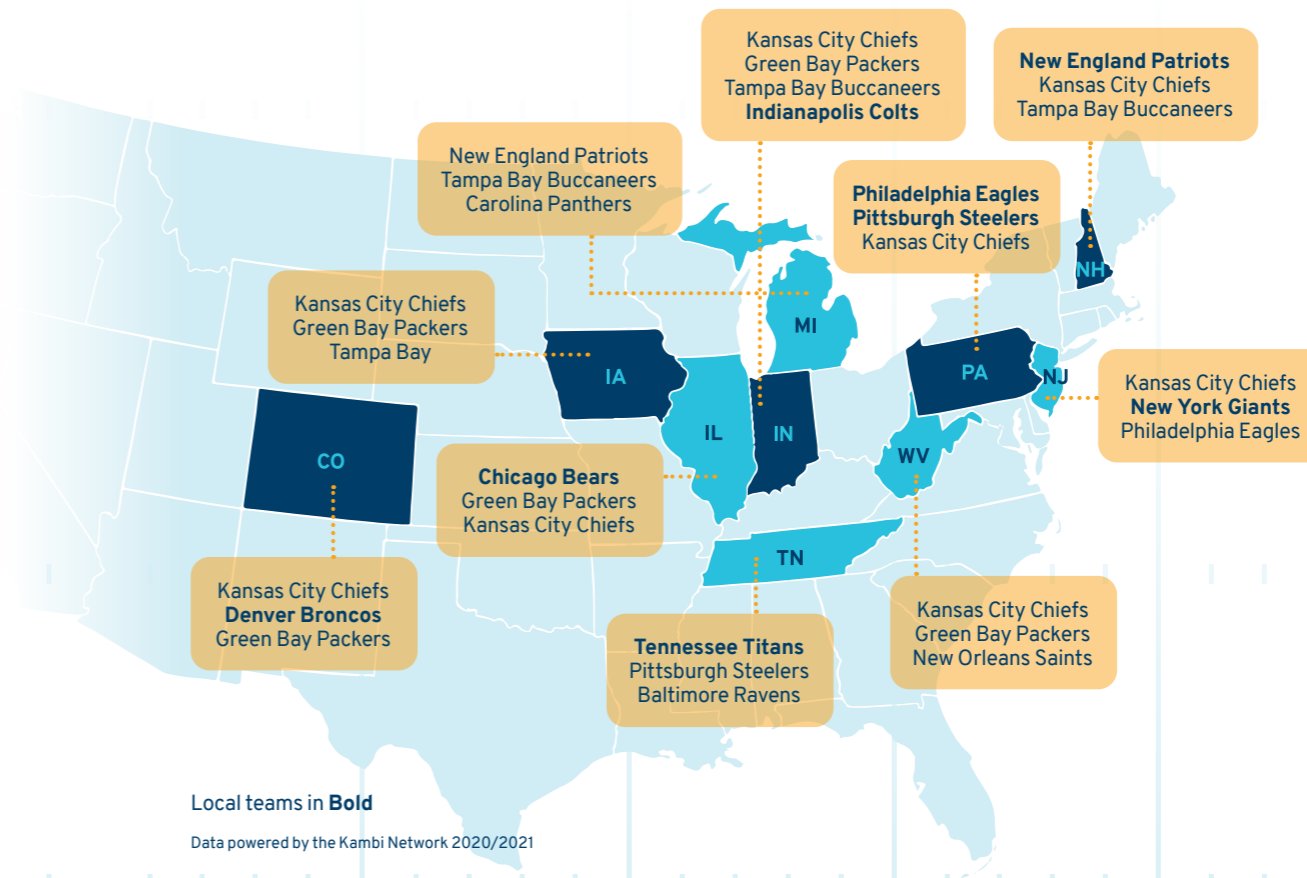
**91%**  
placed at least one bet during the following 48 weeks

The week after the Super Bowl, **60% of players** went on to place another bet

By the start of the new season, **9/10 players** had made another NFL bet

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# For the most part bettors are loyal to their state, though the Packers and Chiefs are popular everywhere



Local teams in **Bold**

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## We've seen big changes with team game handle

Kansas City Chiefs and Tampa Bay Buccaneers saw game handle significantly rise from the previous year

2020 Rank	Team	2019 Rank	Change	Comment
1	Kansas City Chiefs	6	+5	The 2019/20 Champions were favorites throughout the season.
2	Philadelphia Eagles	3	+1	
3	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	25	+22	Much of this change is seen once Tom Brady moves from the Patriots
4	New York Giants	13	+9	
5	Seattle Seahawks	7	+2	Came close to winning the division after a rough few seasons
6	Dallas Cowboys	2	-4	
7	New Orleans Saints	11	+4	The Cowboys lost their star Quarterback Dak Prescott
8	Baltimore Ravens	15	+7	
9	Pittsburgh Steelers	9	0	New AFC East champs. Josh Allen in MVP contention
10	Green Bay Packers	4	-6	
11	Buffalo Bills	17	+6	Previous season's number 1. Tom Brady joined the Buccaneers.
12	New England Patriots	1	-11	
13	Arizona Cardinals	28	+15	Kyler Murray emerging as a superstar. Added top wideout Hopkins
14	Las Vegas Raiders	24	+10	
15	Los Angeles Rams	5	-10	
16	New York Jets	12	-4	

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2020 Rank	Team	2019 Rank	Change	Comment
17	San Francisco 49ers	8	-9	Injury hit year following SB trip last season
18	Tennessee Titans	31	+13	
19	Denver Broncos	26	+7	Online betting in Tennessee went live mid-season
20	Cleveland Browns	14	-6	
21	Miami Dolphins	27	+6	
22	Washington Football Team	21	-1	
23	Los Angeles Chargers	20	-3	
24	Cincinnati Bengals	30	+6	
25	Chicago Bears	10	-15	6 game losing streak impacted interest in the Bears mid-season
26	Minnesota Vikings	16	-10	
27	Indianapolis Colts	19	-8	
28	Jacksonville Jaguars	32	+4	
29	Atlanta Falcons	23	-6	
30	Houston Texans	18	-12	Traded away star WR Hopkins amongst other sweeping changes across the season
31	Detroit Lions	22	-9	
32	Carolina Panthers	29	-3	

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## Approximately one in five games were 'stand alone'

No other games at the same time or just before / after

Stand alone games take  
**3x**  
the handle of other games on average



Instant betting volumes doubled during stand alone games



9/10

9 of the top 10 teams for game handle, also had the most stand alone games



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## A word on College

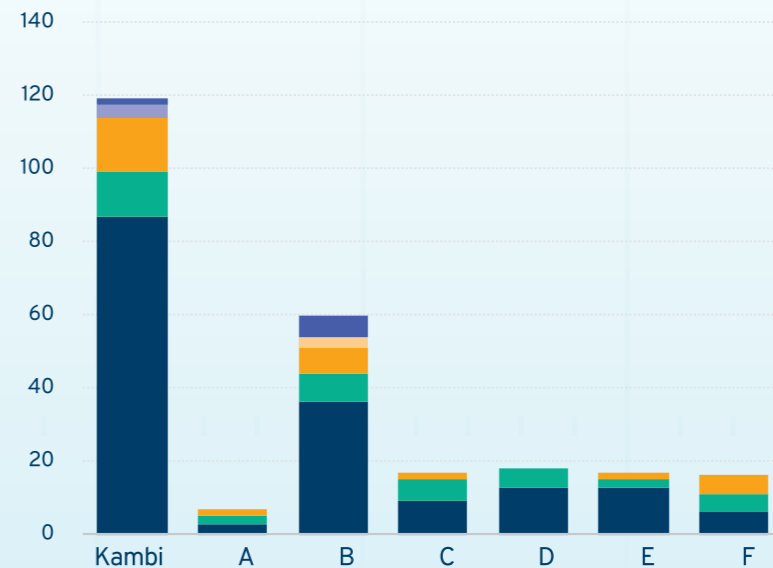
Creating seven days of football entertainment with the NCAAAF

College football is played 4-5 days a week from September to December and often on opposite days to the NFL.

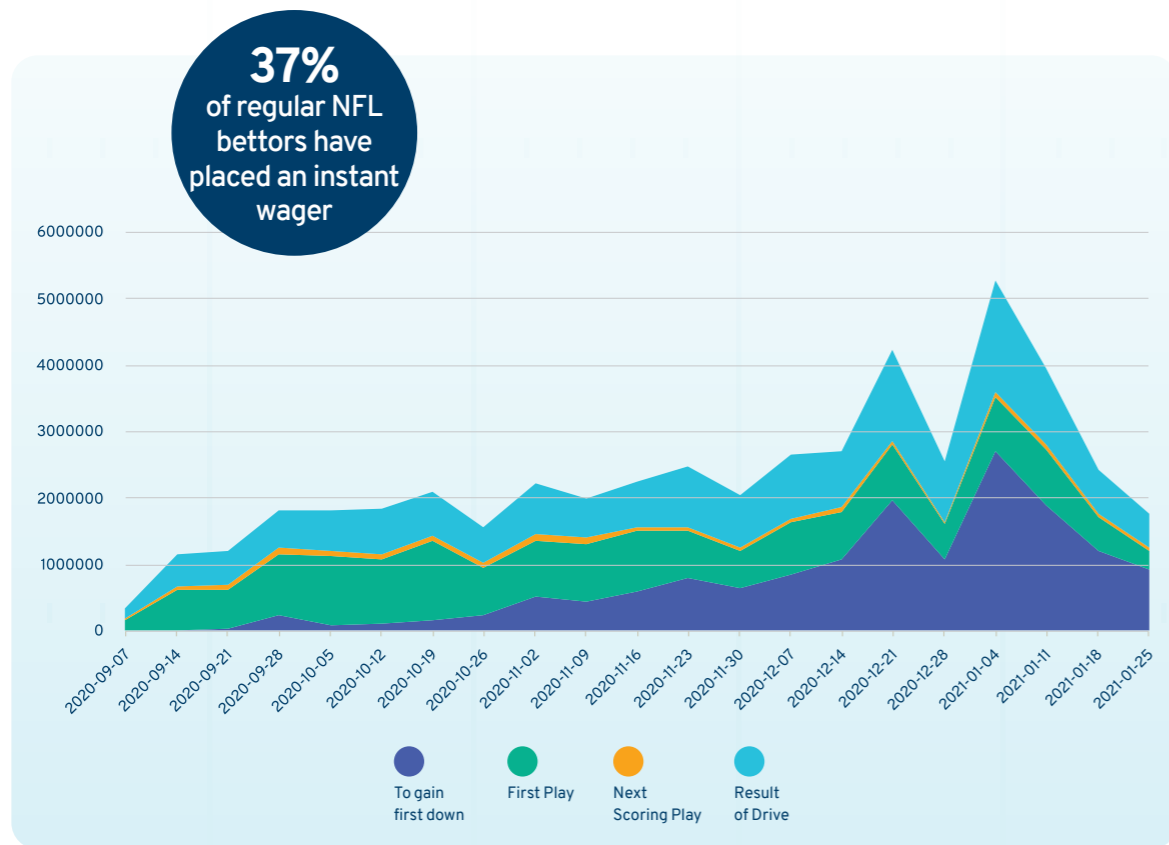
This provides operators and bettors alike, the opportunity with a full week of football action to wager on.

Kambi's leading offer contains over 120 markets and key games attain the same handle as a regular NFL game.

NCAAF Finals - Live bet offer distribution



## Instant betting makes up 40% of live NFL wagers



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## Instant Markets

A Kambi differentiator

**400%**

Handle generated on instant markets grew 400% from the previous season. Accounting for 20% of all wagers.

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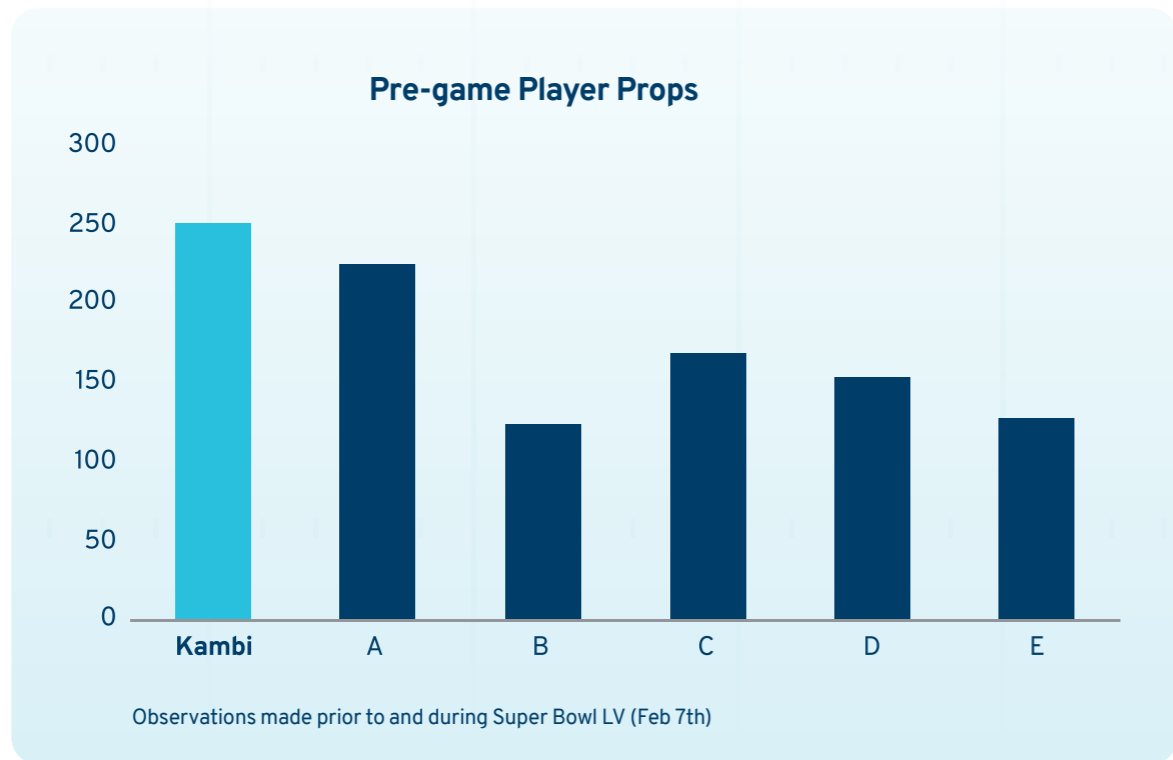
The popularity of instant markets increased during the course of the season, peaking in the first week of the playoffs where there were only 6 games.

Kambi's newest offer, to gain first down, quickly grew once availability increased.



## Unique action

For the Super Bowl, Kambi partners offered more player prop markets than any other competitor



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## Player Props – bet the player not the team

US bettors are placing more wagers on the player instead of the team

Player props offer bettors the chance to wager on the performance of their favourite players.

NFL player props include markets on the amount of touchdowns, interceptions, rushing and receiving yards a player achieves.

**50%**

**Player props grew 50% during the 2020 regular season**

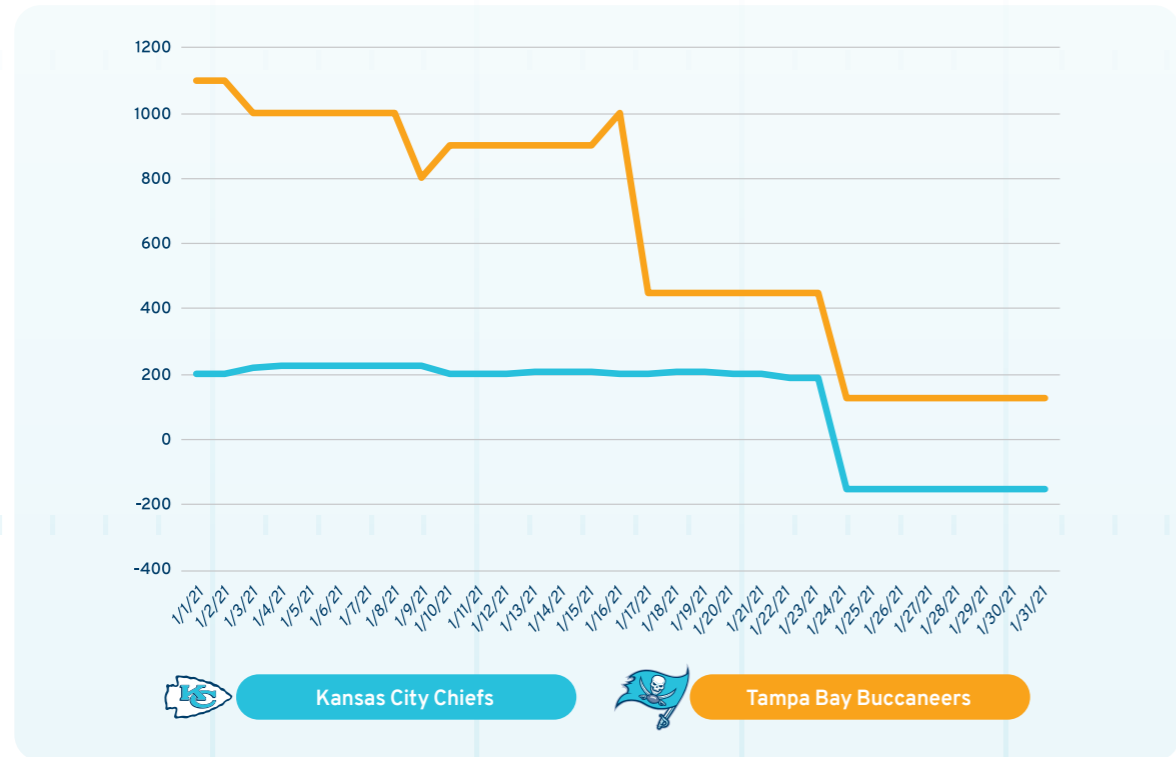
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### Top 5 Player Props by Handle

- Touchdown Scorer
- Total Receiving Yards by the Player
- Total Rushing Yards by the Player
- Total Receptions by the Player
- Total Touchdown Passes Thrown by the Player

## Daily odds to win NFL Championship by team from January 1, 2021



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## Super Bowls LV – Bet Offers, Outcomes, Prices

**1,515**  
Number of bet offers

**3,352**  
Number of outcomes

**233,205**  
Number of prices

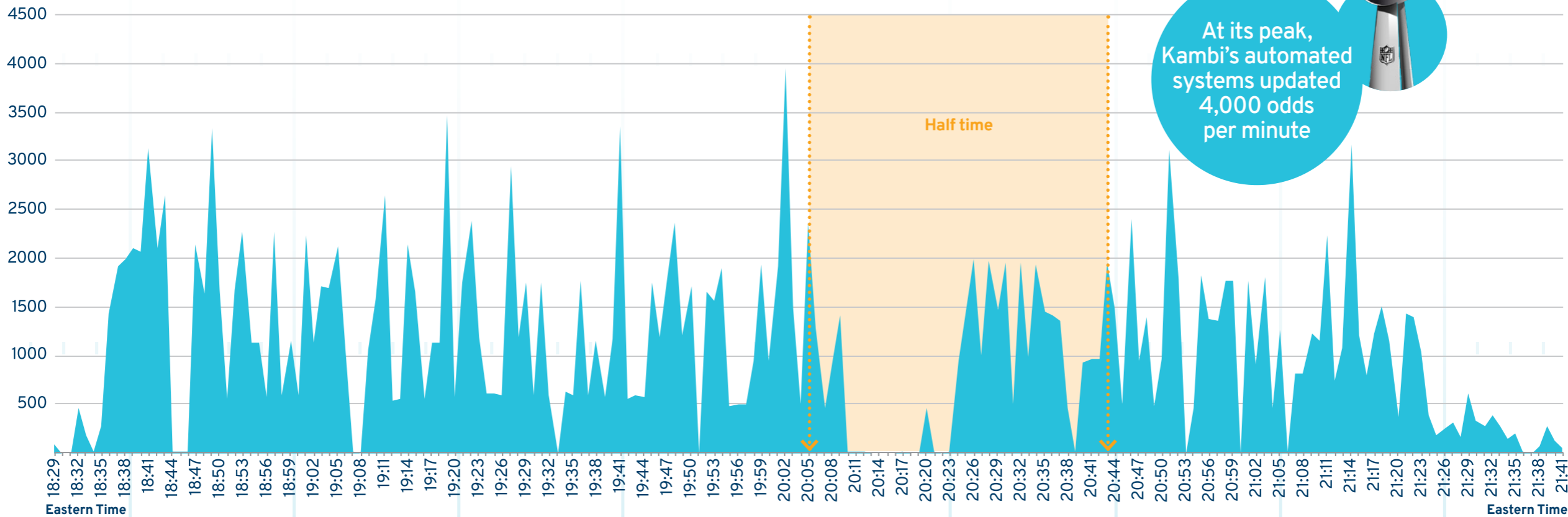


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# Offering Engagement

Prices Changed Per Minute

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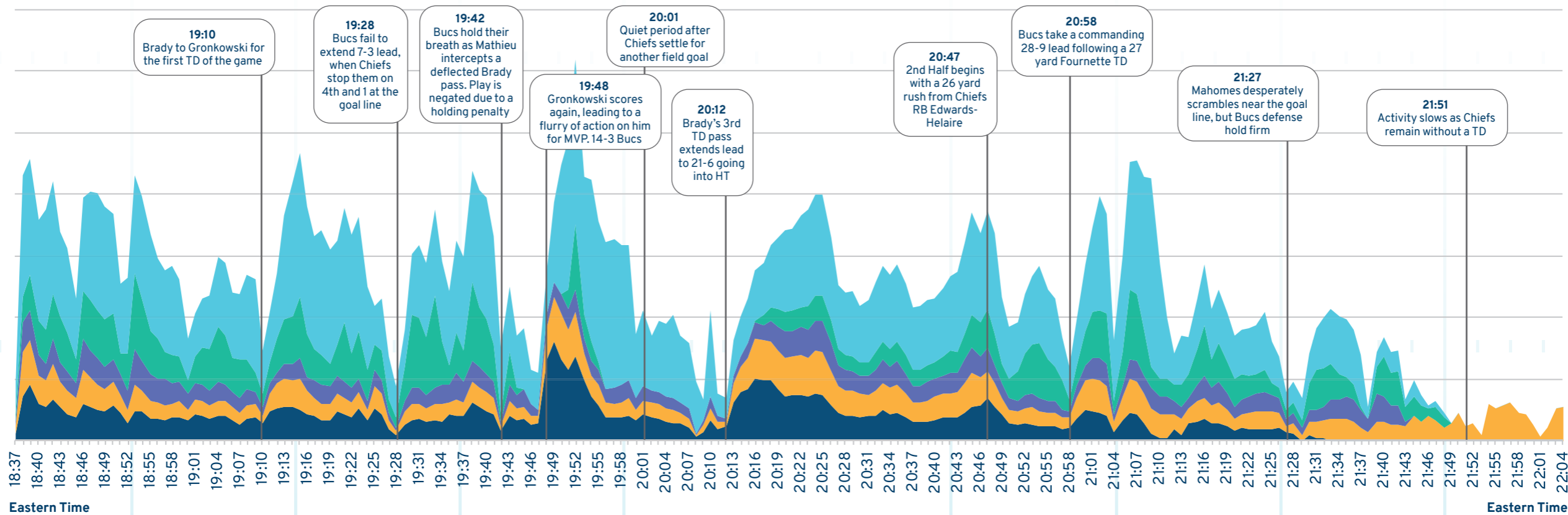
At its peak, Kambi's automated systems updated 4,000 odds per minute

Half time

# Live Action Super Bowl

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Moneyline Spread Points Instants Other







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Trader one

**Best game and why?**  
 Week 10 Buffalo Bills @ Arizona Cardinals, The Hail Murray:

Josh Allen hit Stefon Diggs for a 21-yard touchdown pass in what looked to be a game winner leaving the Cardinals only 34 seconds down four points. With two seconds left on the clock, Kyle Murray scrambled out of trouble to his left and heaved up a prayer from just inside the 50-yard line. Somehow 15 feet in the air, DeAndre Hopkins rose above three defenders for a miraculous touchdown leaving the Bills stunned.

**Your personal MVP?**  
 Deshaun Watson.

Despite having almost no offensive weapons around, he managed to be Pro Football Focus' third ranked quarterback in 2020 and it's not an exaggeration to say the Houston Texans might not have won a single game without him.

**Most unexpected result?**  
 Week 13 New York Giants @ Seattle Seahawks.

Coming into Seattle as an underdog and Colt McCoy playing quarterback, no one expected the Giants to cause

any problems for Russell Wilson and the Seahawks. The Giants were able to sack Wilson five times, turn the ball over twice, not to mention a fumble and an interception. The Giants running game totaled 194 yards on the ground to upset the Seahawks 17-12.

**Defining moments?**  
 Week 12 New Orleans Saints @ Denver Broncos

Nothing could define the COVID struck season like a team having to play a professional football game without a quarterback. All of Denver's quarterback room was disqualified from the event due to a positive test, leaving practice squad wide receiver Kendall Hinton to line up. It was as ugly as expected. Having last played quarterback in 2018 for Wake Forest, Hinton threw the ball just nine times in the game for one completion of 13 yards and two interceptions. Needless to say, the Saints walked away with an easy win of 31-3.

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Trader two

**Best game and why?**  
 Tampa Bay Buccaneers 31-9 Kansas City Chiefs

The game will be long remembered for the QB matchup between the ageless Brady and mercurial Mahomes. However, no amount of QB brilliance could overcome the defensive scheme of dropping 8 whilst still getting pressure rushing three. This was an excellent game of elite strategy by the Bucs, completely dismantling the Chiefs offensive line, rendering Mahomes ineffective and dethroning the former champions in cutthroat fashion.

**Your personal MVP?**  
 Aaron Rodgers.

He had the official award locked up long before the playoffs and rightly so. When you consider how the Bucs destroyed Brees and Mahomes in the post season, it only further strengthens Rodgers' case for greatness.

**Most unexpected result?**  
 Jets 23-20 Rams

Jets were winless at the time, late into the season and set to win the race for Trevor Lawrence with the #1 overall pick. They were available at +1300 to win the match and whilst they were written off, the Jets pulled off one of the largest upsets in recent NFL memory, taking down the Rams who got behind early and were kept there.

**Defining moments?**  
 They should rename the comeback player of the year award to the Alex Smith award.

A former #1 overall pick, often maligned throughout his early playing career, Smith fought through adversity before overcoming his greatest hurdle. Not only was it miraculous Smith was even on the field after returning from a near career and life ending injury - the fact he managed to take Washington from the foot of the NFC East standings mid-season and lead them to a division title made for a sporting fairytale.

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Trader three

**Best game and why?**  
 Amongst a number odd moments this season, one game that stands out is Rams at Bills in week 3.

Josh Allen was under the microscope, yet to prove he could take the next step to be an elite level QB. Being able lead a game winning TD drive against a top defensive team like the Rams gave plenty of hope to Bills fans. Allen completed a touchdown pass to Tyler Kroft with 15 seconds left in the game to seal the deal. This seemed to just be the beginning for the magical season Josh Allen and the Bills had, ending up in the AFC Championship game.

**Your personal MVP?**  
 Aaron Rodgers.

Green Bay did him no favors when potentially drafting his replacement in the first round, rather than giving him more offensive options. Rodgers however gave a clear response, leading the Packers to the top seed in a very tough NFC with a 13-3 record.


**Most unexpected result?**  
 Week 14, Pittsburgh Steelers visiting the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Bengals came into the game with a 2-10-1 record, the Steelers on the other hand were 11-2. On top of that, the Bengals lost their number one draft pick Joe Burrow to injury, leaving Ryan Finley to lead them against the powerhouse that were the Steelers. Despite the Bengals being a +670 underdog on the money line, they end up beating the Steelers 27-17 - not bad for a backup QB.

**Defining moments?**  
 Players, coaches, refs and fans all made sacrifices.

They ensured the NFL went ahead this season despite all the positive tests, restrictions and uncertainty.

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