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Spruce Point Has A Track Record In Sports Betting Markets

Spruce Point has a track record in the sports betting market with an early report on Genius Sports (GENI), a sports data and technology company which is a partner of DraftKings.

| Company: | Genius Sports Ltd |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Ticker Date Enterprise Value | NYSE: GENI <u>August 2021</u> \$3.2 billion |
| Maximum Decline Post Report | -86% |
| Company Positioning | A leading provider of live sports data from its partnerships with sports leagues to sportsbook customers. |
| Spruce Point's Criticisms | A problematic and overhyped SPAC that has overpaid for data rights, lacks a competitive edge, and uses aggressive revenue accounting to project above market revenue growth. The market is anchoring too much weight to its DraftKings partnership . We estimate between 60%-80% downside risk. |
| Successful Outcome | Earnings estimates have failed to achieve lofty investor expectations and the Company's valuation multiple and share price has contracted. GENI revealed a material weakness and conducted a financial restatement. The share price hit a low of \$2.25 in 2022 or -86%. |





Spruce Point Has A Track Record In Early Identification of Market Disruption

Spruce Point has a track record in warning early about technology and consumer-based business going through competitive disruption where margin pressure ultimately significantly impaired the share price.









Spruce Point Issues "Strong Sell" Recommendation On DraftKings Inc. (Nasdaq: DKNG)

After conducting a forensic review of DraftKings Inc. (Nasdaq: DKNG) ("DKNG" or the "Company"), we have serious concerns regarding the impact to DKNG's sportsbook market share given the significant volume, or handle, being generated in the prediction markets for sports betting. Spruce Point has been following the DKNG story closely, and despite the recent share price movement and other <u>prescient short-seller critiques</u>, we believe there is still significantly more downside risk because investors and sell-side analysts are not fully understanding the gravity of the situation and long-term disruptive impact on the Company's business.

Prediction markets are federally regulated exchanges where participants trade contracts based on the outcomes of future events. Unlike a sportsbook, which acts as the house, sets odds, and is taxed heavily by states on gross gaming revenue, a prediction exchange matches buyers and sellers peer-to-peer and charges a small transaction fee. While prediction exchanges have existed for many years in limited form, they exploded in popularity in 2024 thanks to the introduction of contracts that allowed people to bet on elections. There was over \$3.5 billion of trading volume on prediction exchanges during the 2024 U.S. presidential election.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) regulates the prediction exchanges as designated contract markets (DCMs) under the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA). This federal jurisdiction effectively preempts state gaming laws, a critical distinction that allows prediction exchanges to operate nationwide rather than on a state-by-state basis. Spruce Point believes the regulatory landscape has shifted materially in the U.S. especially given KalshiEX LLC and its parent company Kalshi Inc. (Kalshi) listed sports prediction contracts three days after Trump was inaugurated. In May 2025, the CFTC voluntarily dismissed its appeal of a federal court ruling that allowed Kalshi to list certain event contracts, including those for election outcomes, marking a shift in the CFTC's stance toward these types of contracts. In July 2025, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the CFTC formally ended their investigations into Polymarket, the world's largest crypto-based prediction exchange platform, without bringing any new charges. On September 3, 2025, the CFTC issued a no-action letter regarding event contracts. The letter, issued in response to a request from QCX LLC, a DCM and QC Clearing LLC, a derivatives clearing organization, both owned by Polymarket, in essence gives Polymarket a regulatory green light to re-enter the U.S. market. We believe it is important to note that Donald Trump Jr. is an advisor to Kalshi and both an advisor to and investor in Polymarket through 1789 Capital. In February 2025, President Trump nominated former Commissioner Brian Quintenz to be the next CFTC Chairman. It is our understanding that Brian Quintenz is currently an equity holder and on the Board of Kalshi. While Mr. Quintenz's nomination was withdrawn one potential new candidate is a partner at Milbank who represents Kalshi in their state cases.



We acknowledge there is still a lot of uncertainty when it comes to prediction exchanges for sports. The central conflict is whether event contracts are financial derivatives regulated by the federal government or a form of gambling regulated by the states. In other words, does the CEA give the CFTC exclusive jurisdiction over event contracts, or do states have the authority to regulate or ban them as a form of gambling? There exists a litany of articles and debate around this topic, but our concern is not the outcome of the litigation, although we believe it is a major risk for all the online sportsbook betting (OSB) operators. Rather our concern is the amount of time it will take to get to a final decision on whether sports prediction exchanges will be allowed to operate freely in all 50 states.

Spruce Point Believes Kalshi Will Continue To Operate While Litigation Continues

Regulators in states such as Nevada, New Jersey, and Maryland issued cease-and-desist orders to Kalshi, arguing its contracts constitute unlicensed sports gambling. In response, Kalshi sued the state gaming regulators in federal court, arguing that as a DCM regulated by the CFTC, federal law preempts state gaming laws. Kalshi won preliminary injunction in Nevada and New Jersey but was denied in Maryland. Spruce Point engaged a sports gambling attorney to help us assess both the likely outcomes of all the litigation and more importantly the timelines. Ultimately, we believe the market is mispricing the risk of DKNG losing market share during its peak Q4 earnings season given MLB playoffs, start of the NBA season, and the NFL and NCAA football seasons. Furthermore, we believe the markets should be pricing in some Trump risk. With Donald Trump Jr. being an advisor to both Kalshi and Polymarket it is not inconceivable that a simple one sentence amendment to the CEA is put into a larger bill which passes through Congress, instantly codifying federal jurisdiction and rendering all state-level challenges irrelevant. Spruce Point believes there are two more likely scenarios which represent very significant risk to all the OSB operators: 1) The ability for the CFTC to implement a new federal rule making it clear they have jurisdiction and oversight of the sports prediction exchanges. With a Trump-nominated Chair, we believe this risk is real. We acknowledge this will be disputed by the states but we believe this litigation could take minimum of a year but more likely two to be resolved. 2) The oral argument for the NJ case before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit occurred on 9/10/25. Spruce Point believes the non-prevailing party will file a petition by Feb. '26 for a hearing with the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS). We believe SCOTUS has until June '26 to decide if they will hear the case, then oral arguments would happen between Oct. '26 and Apr. '27 with a decision in June '27. Finally, Massachusetts filed a lawsuit against Kalshi and its partner Robinhood on 9/12/25. In response, Kalshi filed a Notice of Removal, in an attempt to shift the lawsuit from state court to federal court but MA responded with a motion to remand its lawsuit against Kalshi back to state court. Spruce Point believes the MA case will end up in the federal court and a petition to SCOTUS.



It is very important to note, when considering injunctions, federal judges are required to apply two key tests: irreparable harm and public interest. We believe Kalshi's sportsbook-level handle on its exchange speaks directly to both. Shutting it down would disrupt a functioning, federally regulated market (irreparable harm), and courts are reluctant to dismantle platforms serving thousands of participants without incident (public interest). Together, these factors make it far more likely that Kalshi continues operating while litigation drags on.

We Believe Prediction Markets Are Unlikely To Expand TAM For OSBs In The Near Future

We believe DKNG and the other OSB operators are stuck between a rock and a hard place. From our understanding, the Ohio Casino Control Commission is one of the more prominent gaming regulators across the country. The commission has <u>warned licensed sportsbooks</u> in the state that offering or associating with prediction exchanges could put their licenses at risk. We also believe that <u>Flutter appeared before the Nevada gaming commission</u> where they addressed questions regarding a potential arrangement with Kalshi. Finally, we believe the nail in the coffin on this topic is the fact that the <u>Arizona Department of Gaming recently warned</u> OSBs that offering prediction markets inside or outside of AZ may jeopardize their licenses.

Our debate is not about what ultimately happens with sports prediction exchanges in the next year or two and who wins/loses the litigation. Our position is we do not believe DKNG or any other OSB operator would risk their gaming licenses by launching sports prediction exchanges in the next 3-6 months or in the next year or two while the CFTC and the states are potentially embroiled in further litigation or a pending SCOTUS decision. Flutter/FanDuel's partnership with CME was very clear to exclude sports. Even if DKNG decides to launch a sports prediction exchange on their own or acquire Railbird, our research indicates it could take 6-18 months for final CFTC approval and launch. With DKNG and the other OSB operators on the sidelines, Kalshi, Polymarket and others can continue to take market share. Individuals in CA, TX, GA, and the other 21 states where DKNG does not operate likely have never heard of Kalshi, Polymarket, etc. as most may assume all betting is prohibited. We believe the individuals who do know the prediction exchanges are those already in online sportsbook states, familiar with betting platforms, and often active across multiple operators to chase promotions or better odds. We do acknowledge Kalshi's partnership with Webull and Robinhood which has 26.5 million funded accounts across the U.S. Spruce Point also believes the impact to DKNG could be more severe given in 2024, 61% of its revenue came from its U.S. sportsbook vs. only 29% for Flutter.



Kalshi Appears to Offer Better Odds Than DKNG

While investors and sell-side analysts continue to debate the long-term TAM question, Spruce Point has been closely monitoring Kalshi's odds and reported handle. There seems to be a lot of debate around the odds offered on prediction exchanges vs. OSBs. While we acknowledge there are going to be variances, we believe the economics favor Kalshi. We believe on average Kalshi charges just 1–2% per trade, while DKNG builds in an 8–10% vig and further adjusts its odds to protect its book. We believe sportsbook customers consistently shop for better odds. We do not think it will take long for the market to recognize this opportunity and in fact we believe it is already happening.

Kalshi Handle For NFL And NCAA Football Should Be Setting Off the Fire Alarm

In 2024, the total handle from the licensed online sportsbooks across 33 reporting markets combined to generate ~\$150 billion (DKNG operates in 26 of the 33 states). The state of NY Gaming Commission reports weekly sports wagering by operator and reports the total combined figure. In 2024, NY generated a total of \$22.7 billion in sports wagering and from Sept.-Dec. 2024, total weekly sports wagering averaged \$513 million per week. We grossed up NY's \$513 million per week by 6.6x (\$150 billion / \$22.7 billion) to get to an estimate for the weekly sports wagering for all 33 reporting markets. During Sept.-Dec. 2024, we estimate \$3.4 billion of weekly sports wagers in the 33 reporting markets. The state of CO publishes the monthly amount of sport wagering by sport. From Sept.-Dec. 2024, the NFL and NCAA football games represented on average 27% and 7% of total sport wagering, respectively (excluding parlays). Based on these figures we estimate the 2024 total weekly NFL and NCAA football handle to be ~\$914 million and ~\$237 million, respectively.

We believe the scale of the disruption is already evident. During the first four weeks of the NFL season, Kalshi generated on average \$277 million of handle per week. This represents ~30% of the weekly NFL handle that the OSB operators generated during Sept.-Dec. '24. During the first five weeks of the NCAA football season, Kalshi generated on average \$187 million of handle per week. This represents ~79% of the weekly NCAA football handle that the OSB operators generated during Sept.-Dec. '24. In five weeks, Kalshi grew its NCAA football handle by 80% and in four weeks grew its NFL handle by 19%. Spruce Point believes the disruption is clear given DKNG's NY sportsbook handle declined 8.9% from Week 3 to Week 4 of the NFL season in '25 vs 8.1% growth in '24. Kalshi grew its NFL and NCAA football handle by 31% in the same week, a widening divergence that highlights Kalshi's potential share capture at DKNG's expense.



We see more alarm bells from Kalshi filing to self certify for parlays. In fact, Kalshi launched a parlay product during Monday night football on Sept. 29th. We believe parlays are DKNG's most lucrative revenue stream. Kalshi did run an advertisement during the NBA finals but according to our research no ads have been run since. Spruce Point believes the fire alarms should be ringing as DKNG's 2025 consensus revenue estimates seem to be at risk. Furthermore, if the CFTC does step in and implements a new federal rule or the state cases go before SCOTUS, we believe DKNG's 2026 consensus estimates are at risk as well.

We Believe The Market Has Misinterpreted Kalshi's Handle And Hold Rate

We believe the market has attempted to dismiss Kalshi's handle as inflated. Two misconceptions recur. First, some claim each contract is counted as \$2 of handle on Kalshi when only \$1 is staked since a contract involves both a buyer and a seller. Upon review of Kalshi's disclosures and through email confirmation from the company, a buyer at 30 cents and a seller at 70 cents are matched and reported as \$1 of volume, not \$2.

Second, critics argue that resales exaggerate handle. Making this argument conveniently leaves out that the contract is trading hands but it's a separate market participant buying the contract. Kalshi's handle isn't inflated, it reflects real capital allocation decisions. Each trade is a customer transacting with Kalshi. The contract is the same, but each trade is a separate economic decision by a different buyer or seller. The individual buying the "re-sold" contract is brand-new money that could have gone to DKNG or others but didn't. Kalshi's handle is not an artificial inflation, it reflects real competitive diversion of wallet share away from OSB operators. Put another way, every dollar of handle on Kalshi is a dollar decision to use Kalshi over DKNG.

Typically, OSB operators keep \$8–\$10 of revenue on every \$100 wagered through their 8–10% vig or margin. The 8-10% is the built-in margin if bets were perfectly balanced. DKNGs actual sportsbook hold is ~6-8%. Spruce Point believes there is some perception by the market recently that the exchanges hold rate is ~4%. Spruce Point's research indicates the hold rate is closer to ~1.5%. In other words, if DKNG pivots into exchanges in the coming years, the TAM expansion opportunity touted by sell-side equity analysts and others might not live up to expectations. In addition, once all the litigation settles, we believe sports prediction exchanges will either operate in all 50 states or none unless the exchanges pivot to gambling licenses and paying taxes. We believe there is a TAM expansion opportunity for DKNG if the sports exchanges are free to operate in the 50 states but we believe it is also a very significant TAM and EBITDA detractor for DKNG's business in its current 26 state sportsbook presence as a large portion of DKNG's hold rate could fall from 6-8% to the 1.5% to 3% range.



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Spruce Point believes the launch of sports prediction exchanges comes at an unfortunate time in DKNG's history. The Company is finally seeing some operating leverage and is starting to generate cash, however, average monthly unique player growth slowed from 57% YoY in Q3 '24 to just 6% YoY in Q2 '25. Handle grew ~15% YoY in both Q4 '24 and Q1 '25 but is down to just 6.3% YoY growth in Q2 '25. The Company has done a nice job at diversifying away from its core OSB business but we believe further growth in iCasino will be challenging, states will likely continue to increase taxes, and the highly competitive and somewhat mature OSB marketplace will likely curtail handle growth. To our knowledge, Missouri and Alberta, Canada are the only two new markets expected through 2027. It's not a question of are the sports prediction exchanges taking market share but rather a question of how much market share and how long can they seize on this opportunity. We believe DKNG's 2025 and 2026 consensus revenue estimates appear very aggressive and DKNG's revenue multiple will contract well below its historical average.

Spruce Point believes that analysts are downplaying the tectonic shift that we believe is occurring in the sports betting market and its impact on DKNG. Analysts are using emotionally charged language and softening concerns with words like "potentially challenging" to justify buying its shares. However, with some analysts still projecting a price target over \$60, a dozen analysts making no recent price target change at all, and the consensus target at \$53 per share, we still see a wave of downgrades and disappointment as likely to pressure the stock.

Based on our analysis, we estimate approximately 35% to 60% potential downside risk (\$14 to \$22 per share). We expect DKNG's share price to underperform the gaming industry and overall equity market.



Court

Spruce Point Believes The End Game In Kalshi's Litigation Is SCOTUS

While several states and tribes have issued cease-and-desist orders and injunctions against Kalshi, we believe the MA, NJ, MD and NV cases are the most relevant to date. The oral argument for the NJ case before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit occurred on 9/10/25. According to Daniel Wallach, sports gambling attorney, NJ is likely to lose and petition the court for a rehearing en banc, which means the full court, not just the three judges, listens to the argument. Mr. Wallach believes this could happen by year end '25 but it is rare that these rehearings en banc occur. Regardless, the non-prevailing party can file a petition for a hearing with SCOTUS. Spruce Point believes the MA case will get moved to federal court and ultimately a petition to SCOTUS. We believe SCOTUS has until June '26 to decide if they will hear the case, then oral arguments would happen between Oct. '26 and Apr. '27 with a decision in June '27.

| | Commonwealth of MA v. KalshiEX LLC | NJ Case – 3rd Circuit (Kalshi v. Flaherty) | MD Case – 4th Circuit (Kalshi v. Martin) | NV Case (Kalshi v. Hendrick) |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Current Status | Massachusetts sued Kalshi in state court alleging unlicensed sports wagering; Kalshi moved the lawsuit to federal court. MA filed motion to remand back to state. Oral argument on motion to remand may be held on Nov. 12 th , per request of the parties. Remand order is non-appealable. | Judge Kiel granted injunction as he believes the CEA likely preempts NJ law. The state of NJ is appealing. | Judge Abelson denied injunction as he believes the CEA likely does not preempt MD law. Kalshi is appealing. | Judge Gordon granted injunction (Apr 9, 2025), finding CEA preempts NV law. No appeal filed but discovery granted. |
| Impact | We believe the preemption issue on a motion to remand is a closer call than the NJ or NV cases. Kalshi must show 'complete preemption'. Nonetheless, we believe that the case will stay in federal court as it involves the CFTC and CEA. | Determines if Kalshi can legally operate in NJ, PA, DE or face enforcement shutdown. | Determines if Kalshi can legally operate in MD, VA, WV, NC, SC or face enforcement shutdown. | NV elected not to immediately appeal to the 9 th Circuit. Next opportunity to file an appeal mid-'26. |
| Decision Window | Court should decide in Nov. '25 whether the case will proceed in state or federal court. If in state court, ruling on Kalshi could come before end of year. If in federal court, final resolution likely in late '26 or petition to SCOTUS. | Ruling expected Oct— Dec '25. We believe case is petitioned to SCOTUS by the non-prevailing party. | No decision before Dec. '25 Q1 '26 likely. | Q2 or Q3 '26 since discovery process alone could take up to 6 months w/persistent motion practice. |
| Supreme | If circuit courts split, a cert petition could be filed by April 202 | 26, with SCOTUS deciding or | n review in mid 2026. | |

If granted, a final ruling would likely come June 2027.

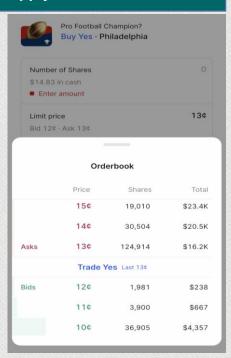


Spruce Point Believes Kalshi Has Structurally Better Odds

We believe sports prediction exchanges have structurally better odds. Prediction exchanges do not set the odds, users do. We believe Kalshi only charges ~1.5% on average to users per trade vs. the 8–10% DKNG margin. If DKNG eventually competes against sport prediction exchanges Spruce Point believes it will pressure DKNG's sportsbook net revenue margin or hold rate.

Kalshi: Supply / Demand

- Kalshi doesn't set odds, users do
- Prices move on supply and demand via the Orderbook
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DKNG: Probability + Vig (Margin) + Book Risk Adjustment = Odds

- **Probability:** DKNG's internal model of how likely the outcome really is (e.g., 60% chance Eagles win).
- Vig (Margin): Built-in markup so the book always profits (usually 8% –10%).
- Book Risk Adjustment: Tweaks up or down depending on how much money is piling onto each side, so DKNG avoids getting crushed if one outcome hits.
- Simple Example:
 - Probability: -150 (60% win probability)
 - Vig (8% margin): -184
 - Book Risk Adjustment (too much money on Eagles): -200
 - Worse Payout: Payout at -150 would have been \$166 at -200 its \$150
- Final hold rate or sportsbook net revenue margin: 6-8%



Kalshi Appears To Have Better Odds In Events That We Reviewed

Spruce Point recently tracked 12 games with 24 possible outcomes and Kalshi had better odds in 21 of the 24 outcomes. We acknowledge this data set is limited but we believe Kalshi will predominantly have better odds due to its structure as an exchange.

| Sport | Matchup and | Kalshi | DraftKings | Kalshi | DraftKings |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Time of Screenshot | Payout on \$100 | Payout on \$100 | Payout on \$100 | Payout on \$100 |
| NFL | Cowboys at Eagles | Eagles Win | Eagles Win | Dallas Win | Dallas Win |
| | Q2, 14:56 | \$153 | \$151.28 | \$264 | \$250 |
| NFL | Chiefs at Chargers | Chargers Win | Chargers Win | Chiefs Win | Chiefs Win |
| | 6 hours before Kickoff | \$251 | \$240 | \$160 | \$160.24 |
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| NFL | Bucs at Falcons | Bucs Win | Bucs Win | Falcons Win | Falcons Win |
| | Q2, 14:07 | \$257 | \$250 | \$155 | \$151.28 |
| NFL | Ravens at Bills | Ravens Win | Ravens Win | Bills Win | Bills Win |
| | End of Q2 | \$126 | \$124.39 | \$423 | \$390 |
| | | | | | |
| NFL | Bears Vikings | Bears Win | Bears Win | Vikings Win | Vikings Win |
| | Q4, 00:16 | \$1,875 | \$1,600 | \$104 | \$102.50 |
| College Football | Texas A&M vs Notre Dame 9/9 | Notre Dame Win \$138 | Notre Dame Win \$135.08 | Texas A&M Win \$321 | Texas A&M Win \$333 |



Kalshi Appears To Have Better Odds In Events That We Reviewed (Cont'd)

| Sport | Matchup and | Kalshi | DraftKings | Kalshi | DraftKings |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Time of Screenshot | Payout on \$100 | Payout on \$100 | Payout on \$100 | Payout on \$100 |
| College Football | South Florida at Miami | Miami Win | Miami Win | South Florida Win | South Florida Win |
| | 9/9 | \$113 | \$111.76 | \$636 | \$675 |
| College Football | Georgia at Tennessee | Georgia Win | Georgia Win | Tennessee Win | Tennessee Win |
| | 9/9 | \$162 | \$161.72 | \$239 | \$236 |
| | | | | | |
| MLB | Red Sox at Yankees | RedSox Win | RedSox Win | Yankees Win | Yankees Win |
| | 8/24 | \$1,062 | \$950 | \$105 | \$103.44 |
| Tennis | Tsitsipas vs Muller | Tsitsipas Win | Tsitsipas Win | Muller | Muller |
| | 8/24 | \$152 | \$150 | \$258 | \$240 |
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| Tennis | Humbert vs Walton | Humbert Win | Humbert Win | Walton Win | Walton Win |
| | 8/24 | \$140 | \$136.36 | \$305 | \$295 |
| WNBA | Aces at Sky | Aces Win \$118 | Aces Win \$117.39 | Sky Win \$538 | Sky Win \$525 |



Kalshi Appear To Have Better Odds Than DKNG In 12 of 16 Games, Both Pregame And In-Play (NFL Week 4)

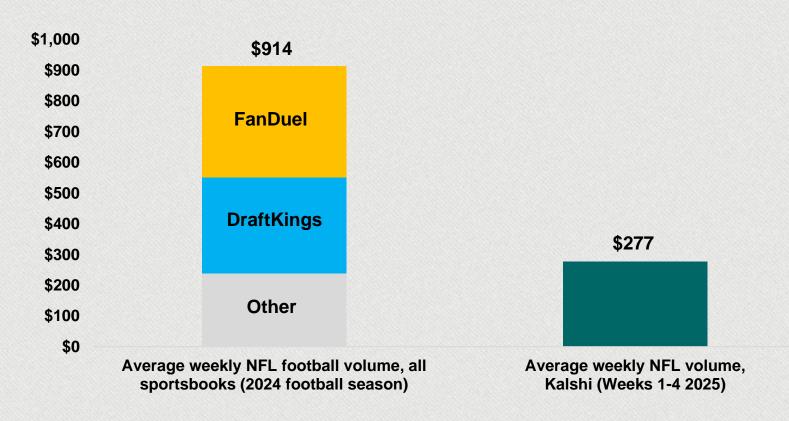
| Sport | Matchup and | Kalshi | DraftKings | Kalshi | DraftKings |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Time of Screenshot | Payout on \$100 | Payout on \$100 | Payout on \$100 | Payout on \$100 |
| College Football | LSU vs Ole Miss | LSU win | LSU win | Ole Miss win | Ole Miss win |
| | 4 hours before Kickoff | \$210 | \$205 | \$180 | \$180 |
| College Football | LSU v Ole Miss | LSU win | LSU win | Ole Miss win | Ole Miss win |
| | Q2 5:04 | \$223 | \$220 | \$170 | \$164.93 |
| | | | | | |
| NFL Football | CHI v LV | CHI win | CHI win | LV win | LV win |
| | 4 hours before Kickoff | \$210 | \$200 | \$183 | \$183.33 |
| NFL Football | CHI v LV | CHI win | CHI win | LV win | LV win |
| | Q4: 11:26 | \$392 | \$380 | \$129 | \$125.31 |
| | | | | | |
| NFL Football | GB v DAL | GB win | GB win | DAL win | DAL win |
| | 45 minutes before Kickoff | \$132 | \$128.98 | \$365 | \$375 |
| NFL Football | GB v Dal | GB win | GB win | DAL win | DAL win |
| | Overtime 3:57 | \$311 | \$300 | \$146 | \$137.03 |
| | | | | | |
| NFL Football | IND v LA | IND win | IND win | LA win | LA win |
| | 4 hours before Kickoff | \$257 | \$260 | \$157 | \$152.08 |
| NFL Football | IND v LA | IND win | IND win | LA win | LA win |
| | Q3 12:33 | \$286 | \$285 | \$148 | \$140.81 |



Kalshi Week 1 – 4 NFL Football Handle Should Set Off The Fire Alarm

In 2024, we estimate U.S. OSB operators averaged \$3.4 billion in weekly handle across all sports during the football season. We estimate NFL football, excluding parlays, accounted for \$914 million per week (27% of total). On average, Kalshi generated \$277 million of handle per week in the first four weeks of the 2025 NFL season. This represents ~30% of the weekly NFL handle that the OSB operators generated during Sept.-Dec. '24.

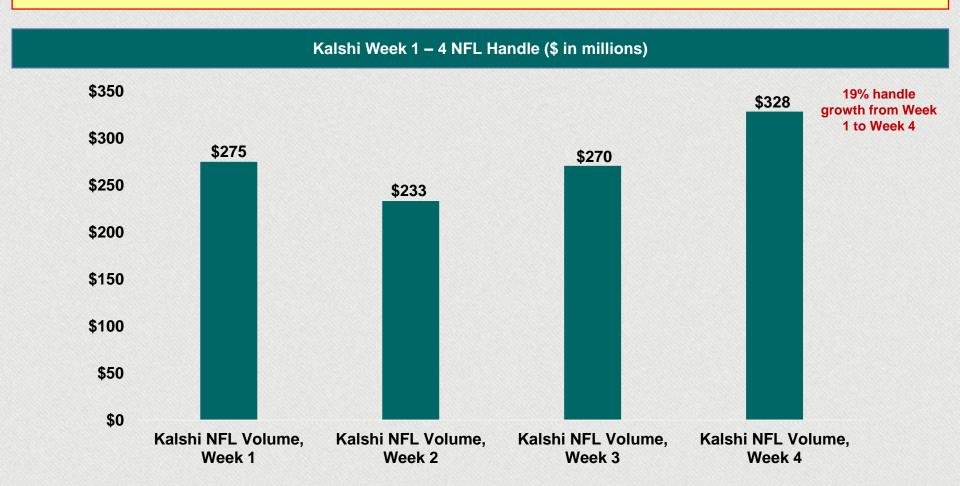






Kalshi Week 1 – 4 NFL Football Handle Should Set Off The Fire Alarm (Cont'd)

We estimate DKNG averaged \$307 million (excluding parlays) in weekly NFL handle during the first four weeks of the 2025 season. Kalshi has already topped this benchmark in Week 4. Kalshi has grown its NFL handle by 19% from Week 1 to Week 4. Momentum is accelerating organically, without material ad spend, highlighting Kalshi's disruptive risk to DKNG.

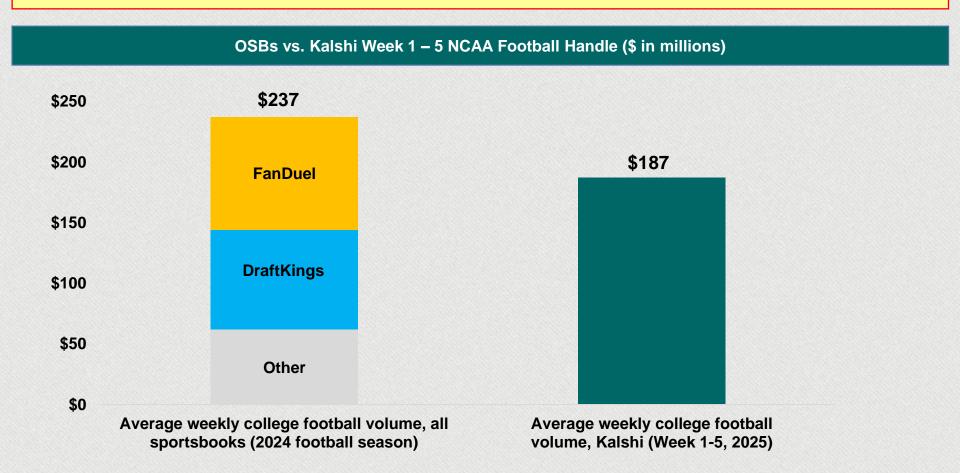


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Kalshi Week 1 – 5 NCAA Football Handle Should Set Off The Fire Alarm

In 2024, we estimate U.S. OSB operators averaged \$3.4 billion in weekly handle across all sports during the football season. We estimate NCAA football, excluding parlays, accounted for \$237 million per week (7% of total). On average Kalshi generated \$187 million of handle per week in the first five weeks of the 2025 NCAA football season. This represents ~79% of the weekly NCAA football handle that the OSB operators generated during Sept.-Dec. '24.

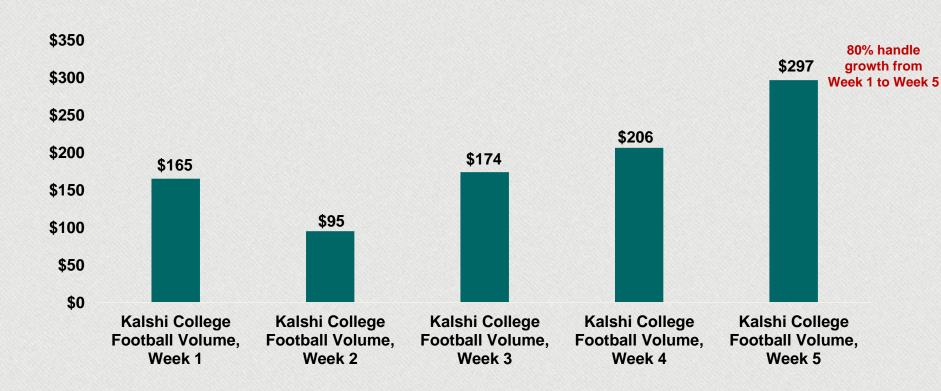




Kalshi Week 1 – 5 NCAA Football Handle Should Set Off The Fire Alarm (Cont'd)

We estimate DKNG averaged \$77 million (excluding parlays) in NCAA football handle during the first five weeks of the 2025 season. By contrast, Kalshi alone posted \$297 million in Week 5. We believe a meaningful share of NCAA handle is driven by college students, since Kalshi is 18+ versus OSBs at 21+. The result: Kalshi is capturing would-be DKNG users three years before they can legally bet on sportsbooks, potentially hurting DKNG's future pipeline of users. In four weeks, Kalshi grew its NCAA football handle by 80%.

OSBs vs. Kalshi Week 1 – 5 NCAA Football Handle (\$ in millions)



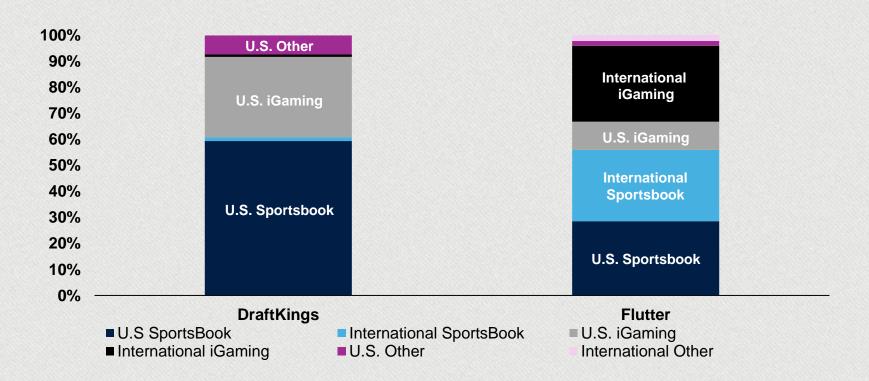
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DKNG Business Is Concentrated In U.S. Sportsbook, FLUT (Flutter) Is Diversified

Spruce believes Kalshi and other prediction market entrants (e.g., Polymarket) represent a much larger threat to DKNG than to Flutter (FLUT). DKNG is almost entirely U.S.-dependent, with ~61% of its total revenue coming from its U.S. sportsbook, compared to just 29% for FLUT. FLUT offsets this risk with 27% of revenue from international sportsbooks, while DKNG has virtually no international presence.

2024 Revenue by Segment for DKNG and FLUT





According To State Of NY Data, Kalshi Appears To Be Taking Share

Spruce Point analyzed NY sportsbook handle growth excluding DKNG. Through September 29th, the combined handle of FanDuel, BetMGM, Fanatics, ESPN Bet, and others grew 18.4% YoY. Over the same period, DKNG grew only 13.1%. It appears Kalshi is having a disproportionate effect on DKNG relative to other sportsbooks. The 18.4% OSB growth vs the 13.1% growth for DKNG points to evidence that Kalshi siphoned off volume from DKNG during March Madness, NBA playoffs, MLB, Tennis, and now CFB and NFL. If we focus on the first four weeks of NFL football, DKNG's handle growth has slowed to 11.3% versus 13.1% for the rest of the year. Even worse, DKNG's handle dropped 8.9% from Week 3 to Week 4, while Kalshi's NFL and NCAA football handle surged 31% in the same week, a widening divergence that highlights Kalshi's potential share capture at DKNG's expense.

| DKNG in NY | | | | | | | |
|------------|------|------------------|----|---------------|----|-------------|--|
| 2024 Dates | | 2024 Handle | | 2025 Dates | | 2025 Handle | |
| 01/28/24 | \$ | 143,997,840 | | 01/26/25 | \$ | 189,915,839 | |
| 02/04/24 | \$ | 126,201,056 | | 02/02/25 | \$ | 177,513,737 | |
| 02/11/24 | \$ | 167,309,535 | | 02/09/25 | \$ | 193,961,420 | |
| 02/18/24 | \$ | 155,691,619 | | 02/16/25 | \$ | 160,770,354 | |
| 02/25/24 | \$ | 130,039,010 | | 02/23/25 | \$ | 144,321,872 | |
| 03/03/24 | \$ | 155,205,021 | | 03/02/25 | \$ | 229,462,333 | |
| 03/10/24 | \$ | 146,538,194 | | 03/09/25 | \$ | 239,424,196 | |
| 03/17/24 | \$ | 147,970,778 | | 03/16/25 | \$ | 211,927,368 | |
| 03/24/24 | \$ | 174,377,327 | | 03/23/25 | \$ | 189,046,954 | |
| 03/31/24 | \$ | 153,852,827 | | 03/30/25 | \$ | 177,814,590 | |
| 04/07/24 | \$ | 163,456,468 | | 04/06/25 | \$ | 189,008,182 | |
| 04/14/24 | \$ | 193,232,471 | | 04/13/25 | \$ | 163,514,962 | |
| 04/21/24 | \$ | 187,129,088 | | 04/20/25 | \$ | 150,472,293 | |
| 04/28/24 | \$ | 152,809,081 | | 04/27/25 | \$ | 181,268,409 | |
| 05/05/24 | \$ | 217,230,356 | | 05/04/25 | \$ | 163,907,213 | |
| 05/12/24 | \$ | 231,480,985 | | 05/11/25 | \$ | 172,955,865 | |
| 05/19/24 | \$ | 167,614,361 | | 05/18/25 | \$ | 176,164,717 | |
| 05/26/24 | \$ | 155,730,752 | | 05/25/25 | \$ | 179,179,440 | |
| 06/02/24 | \$ | 121,291,970 | | 06/01/25 | \$ | 187,561,645 | |
| 06/09/24 | \$ | 123,736,469 | | 06/08/25 | \$ | 146,286,815 | |
| 06/16/24 | \$ | 125,653,267 | | 06/15/25 | \$ | 142,598,474 | |
| 06/23/24 | \$ | 118,021,954 | | 06/22/25 | \$ | 145,538,449 | |
| 06/30/24 | \$ | 113,507,625 | | 06/29/25 | \$ | 129,157,985 | |
| 07/07/24 | \$ | 118,012,754 | | 07/06/25 | \$ | 133,733,446 | |
| 07/14/24 | \$ | 110,224,049 | | 07/13/25 | \$ | 122,657,721 | |
| 07/21/24 | \$ | 81,544,841 | | 07/20/25 | \$ | 100,489,018 | |
| 07/28/24 | \$ | 97,010,134 | | 07/27/25 | \$ | 114,221,927 | |
| 08/04/24 | \$ | 125,768,346 | | 08/03/25 | \$ | 110,289,409 | |
| 08/11/24 | \$ | 116,388,685 | | 08/10/25 | \$ | 105,277,539 | |
| 08/18/24 | \$ | 103,743,269 | | 08/17/25 | \$ | 122,438,986 | |
| 08/25/24 | \$ | 105,138,977 | | 08/24/25 | \$ | 132,593,559 | |
| 09/01/24 | \$ | 150,365,004 | | 08/31/25 | \$ | 166,340,671 | |
| 09/08/24 | \$ | 181,128,402 | | 09/07/25 | \$ | 205,254,443 | |
| 09/15/24 | \$ | 184,345,077 | | 09/14/25 | \$ | 202,367,321 | |
| 09/22/24 | \$ | 181,648,143 | | 09/21/25 | \$ | 219,813,406 | |
| 09/29/24 | \$ | 196,317,297 | | 09/28/25 | \$ | 200,288,092 | |
| 2024 Hand | le J | an 23 to Sept 28 | \$ | 5,796,947,454 | | | |
| | | an 23 to Sept 28 | \$ | 6.554,419,613 | | | |

YoY Growth Jan 23 to Sept 28

| Spoi | rts | book in N | ۱,۱ | Excluding | D | KNG |
|------------|------|------------------|-----|----------------|----|-------------|
| 2024 Dates | | 2024 Handle | | 2025 Dates | 2 | 025 Handle |
| 01/28/24 | \$ | 278,334,601 | | 01/26/25 | \$ | 351,201,944 |
| 02/04/24 | \$ | 260,357,488 | | 02/02/25 | \$ | 341,477,188 |
| 02/11/24 | \$ | 307,275,724 | | 02/09/25 | \$ | 363,917,860 |
| 02/18/24 | \$ | 251,113,339 | | 02/16/25 | \$ | 273,306,752 |
| 02/25/24 | \$ | 283,839,754 | | 02/23/25 | \$ | 283,920,504 |
| 03/03/24 | \$ | 300,883,571 | | 03/02/25 | \$ | 320,402,505 |
| 03/10/24 | \$ | 290,602,463 | | 03/09/25 | \$ | 322,758,584 |
| 03/17/24 | \$ | 297,303,358 | | 03/16/25 | \$ | 338,904,436 |
| 03/24/24 | \$ | 365,234,765 | | 03/23/25 | \$ | 366,296,496 |
| 03/31/24 | \$ | 302,534,102 | | 03/30/25 | \$ | 344,556,04 |
| 04/07/24 | \$ | 302,518,233 | | 04/06/25 | \$ | 373,476,583 |
| 04/14/24 | \$ | 293,776,583 | | 04/13/25 | \$ | 310,915,145 |
| 04/21/24 | \$ | 268,644,288 | | 04/20/25 | \$ | 311,643,152 |
| 04/28/24 | \$ | 288,119,448 | | 04/27/25 | \$ | 344,898,734 |
| 05/05/24 | \$ | 266,887,253 | | 05/04/25 | \$ | 316,344,589 |
| 05/12/24 | \$ | 300,795,942 | | 05/11/25 | \$ | 348,127,236 |
| 05/19/24 | \$ | 278,274,707 | | 05/18/25 | \$ | 324,668,78 |
| 05/26/24 | \$ | 233,957,029 | | 05/25/25 | \$ | 299,052,09 |
| 06/02/24 | \$ | 223,182,081 | | 06/01/25 | \$ | 305,752,349 |
| 06/09/24 | \$ | 221,686,041 | | 06/08/25 | \$ | 253,892,03 |
| 06/16/24 | \$ | 237,109,156 | | 06/15/25 | \$ | 248,232,68 |
| 06/23/24 | \$ | 215,097,943 | | 06/22/25 | \$ | 252,801,309 |
| 06/30/24 | \$ | 209,133,642 | | 06/29/25 | \$ | 220,518,340 |
| 07/07/24 | \$ | 205,937,125 | | 07/06/25 | \$ | 220,711,204 |
| 07/14/24 | \$ | 193,514,187 | | 07/13/25 | \$ | 206,037,19 |
| 07/21/24 | \$ | 143,036,174 | | 07/20/25 | \$ | 166,102,62 |
| 07/28/24 | \$ | 174,668,368 | | 07/27/25 | \$ | 213,500,96 |
| 08/04/24 | \$ | 204,830,860 | | 08/03/25 | \$ | 228,677,84 |
| 08/11/24 | \$ | 191,391,823 | | 08/10/25 | \$ | 211,337,823 |
| 08/18/24 | \$ | 196,412,577 | | 08/17/25 | \$ | 335,760,204 |
| 08/25/24 | \$ | 193,704,842 | | 08/24/25 | \$ | 411,475,59 |
| 09/01/24 | \$ | 251,055,343 | | 08/31/25 | \$ | 391,768,167 |
| 09/08/24 | \$ | 295,174,150 | | 09/07/25 | \$ | 322,327,538 |
| 09/15/24 | \$ | 293,902,286 | | 09/14/25 | \$ | 331,419,039 |
| 09/22/24 | \$ | 298,422,275 | | 09/21/25 | \$ | 336,027,475 |
| 09/29/24 | \$ | 320,503,453 | | 09/28/25 | \$ | 350,118,77 |
| 2024 Hand | le J | an 23 to Sept 28 | \$ | 9,239,214,976 | | |
| | | an 23 to Sept 28 | \$ | 10,942,329,788 | | |

18.4%

| DKNG NY Handle WoW Growth | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|-------------|----|-------------|--|--|
| DKNG Handle in NY | | | | | | |
| | | <u>2024</u> | | <u>2025</u> | | |
| NFL W1 | \$ | 181,128,402 | \$ | 205,254,443 | | |
| NFL W2 | \$ | 184,345,077 | \$ | 202,367,321 | | |
| NFL W3 | \$ | 181,648,143 | \$ | 219,813,406 | | |
| NFL W4 | \$ | 196,317,297 | \$ | 200,288,092 | | |
| W3 Over W4 Growth | | 8.1% | | -8.9% | | |

YoY Growth Jan 23 to Sept 28



Spruce Point Believes Sports Prediction Exchanges Will Take Significant Market Share

Spruce Point adjusted DKNG's Q3 '25 and Q4 '25 handle based upon Kalshi's handle for the first few weeks of the 2025 NFL and NCAA football seasons. We assume all of DKNG's sportsbook handle is affected except the parlay book of business. Conservatively we estimate DKNG could potentially miss full year '25 consensus revenue estimates by 6.2%. We also illustrate a sensitivity analysis on the next page.

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| Q1 '25 | | Q2 '25 | |
|----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Sportsbook Revenue | \$882 | Sportsbook Revenue | \$998 |
| Sportsbook Handle | 13,880 | Sportsbook Handle | 11,475 |
| Hold Rate | 6.4% | Hold Rate | 8.7% |
| iGaming Revenue | \$423 | iGaming Revenue | \$430 |
| Other Revenue | \$103 | Other Revenue | \$85 |
| Total Revenue for Q1 | \$1,409 | Total Revenue for Q2 | \$1,513 |

| Q3 '25E | | Q4 '25E | |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Sportsbook Handle (Consensus) | 11,705 | Sportsbook Handle (Consensus) | 17,201 |
| Kalshi Handle Impact (1) | 7.3% | Kalshi Handle Impact (2) | 22.2% |
| New Sportsbook Volume | 10,846 | New Sportsbook Volume | 13,377 |
| Hold Rate (Consensus) | 6.9% | Hold Rate (Consensus) | 8.0% |
| Sportsbook Revenue | \$748 | Sportsbook Revenue | \$1,070 |
| iGaming Revenue (Consensus) | \$440 | iGaming Revenue (Consensus) | \$513 |
| Other Revenue Consensus) | \$94 | Other Revenue Consensus) | \$155 |
| Total Revenue for Q3 | \$1,282 | Total Revenue for Q4 | \$1,739 |
| | | | |

| Total 2025 Revenue | \$5,942 | |
|------------------------|---------|--|
| 2025 Consensus Revenue | \$6,333 | |
| Miss as Dollars | \$391 | |
| Miss as Percentage | 6.2% | |



Spruce Point Believes DKNG's Full Year 2025 Consensus Is At Risk

Consensus hold rates for Q3 '25 and Q4 '25 are 6.9% and 8.0%, respectively. We acknowledge the uplift in recent quarters from parlays and promotional mix but the average hold rate for the past six quarters is 6.6%. Kalshi continues to grow its weekly handle and we believe is taking direct share from DKNG. Spruce Point believes Kalshi will continue to operate while in litigation and DKNG's full year '25 revenue consensus is likely at risk.

| Spruce Point Case | Kalshi Sports Handle Growth | Percent of Kalshi Handle Coming from OSB States | Hold Rate, Blended for Q3 & Q4 '25 | Miss Over Full Year '25 Consensus |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Most Conservative | 0% | 20% | 7.5% Consensus Blended | -3.6% |
| Semi- Conservative | 2.5% per month | 25% | 7.5% Consensus Blended | -4.5% |
| Base | 5% per month | 35% | 7.5% Consensus Blended | -6.2% |
| Semi-Aggressive | 7.5% per month | 40% | 7.0% | -9.1% |
| Most Aggressive | 10% per month | 45% | 6.5% | -11.9% |



Spruce Point Believes DKNG's 2026 Consensus Revenue Estimates Are Extremely Aggressive

Spruce Point believes our assumptions are conservative given there is a good chance the state litigation ends up at SCOTUS, allowing Kalshi to operate at least through 2026. In our base case, we estimate DraftKings risks missing 2026 revenue by ~15.0%. A sensitivity analysis is shown on the next page.

| Step | Description | Math | Result |
|--|--|-----------------------------|--|
| 1A. Consensus 2026 Sportsbook Handle | Start with Bloomberg consensus 2026 sportsbook handle | \$61.2B | \$61.2B sportsbook handle (before Kalshi impact) |
| 1B. Adjust for Kalshi Impact | Assume Kalshi takes 20% of DKNG sportsbook volume, excluding parlays Context: This assumes 20% blended across all sports but excludes parlays. We believe Kalshi already took ~11% of DKNG NFL volume and ~27% of DKNG CFB volume during Week 1 of play. Numbers are based on Kalshi's W1 NFL and NCAA FB volume, DKNG 35% market share, and assumes 40% of its users are in OSB states. | \$61.2B × (1 – 0.20) | \$48.9B sportsbook handle (after Kalshi impact) |
| 1C. Convert Handle to Revenue | Apply a 7.6% hold rate Avg: 6.4% Q1 '25, 8.7% Q2 '25, 7.3% Q3 '25E and 8.0% Q4 '25E | \$48.9B × 7.6% | \$3.7B Sportsbook Revenue |
| 2. Add iGaming | Assume iGaming revenue grows 20% YoY from 2025 consensus | \$1.8B × 1.2 | \$2.2B iGaming Revenue |
| 3. Add Other Revenue | Assume Other revenue grows 15% YoY from 2025 | \$0.43B × 1.15 | \$0.5B Other Revenue |
| 4. Total 2026 Revenue | Add sportsbook revenue, iGaming revenue, and other revenue | \$3.7B + \$2.2B + \$0.5B | \$6.4B Total Revenue |
| 5. Compare to Street Consensus | Consensus revenue for 2026 is \$7.5B, at \$6.4B, DKNG is \$1.1B short | \$6.4B ÷ \$7.5B | ~15.0% Miss |



Spruce Point Believes DKNG's 2026 Consensus Revenue Estimates Are Extremely Aggressive (Cont'd)

DKNG's hold rate is the big driver for these assumptions. Over the last six quarters DNKG's hold rate averaged 6.6%. We acknowledge parlays and promotional mix drove the hold rate to 8.7% in Q2' '25 but we do not expect that to be the norm. We believe we have been very conservate by only taking the hold rate down to 7.2% in our most aggressive case.

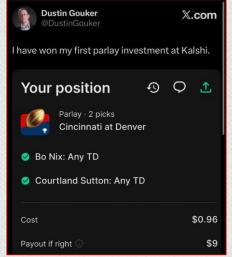
| Spruce Point Case | Net Handle Kalshi Takes Away from DKNG Sportsbook | DKNG iGaming Growth YoY | DKNG Other Growth YoY | Hold Rate | Miss Over Consensus |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Most Conservative | 10% | 25% | 20% | 8.0% | -4.4% |
| Semi- Conservative | 15% | 22% | 17% | 7.8% | -9.9% |
| Base | 20% | 20% | 15% | 7.6% | -15.0% |
| Semi-Aggressive | 30% | 15% | 10% | 7.4% | -23.8% |
| Most Aggressive | 40% | 10% | 8% | 7.2% | -32.2% |

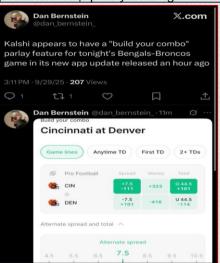


Our Analysis Of DKNG Losing Volume Did Not Factor In Parlays, Which Kalshi Is Now Offering

Kalshi already offered most of the products available on DKNG. We estimate parlays account for ~25% of DKNG's betting mix and represent its most profitable product. Our 2025 and 2026 impact analysis did not assume any pressure on DKNG's parlay business. However, as of Monday Night Football on September 29, 2025, Kalshi has enabled users to build their own parlays, a direct threat to DKNG's most lucrative segment.

| Bet Type DraftKir | | Kalshi | Notes |
|--|----------|----------|---|
| Moneyline: Picking a team or player to win outright. | ∠ | <u> </u> | Kalshi offers binary "Will Team X win?" contracts |
| Spread: Covering or failing to cover the handicap. | ✓ | | Kalshi added point-spread contracts on August 18, 2025 |
| Prop: Player props (TDs, yards, points, rebounds, etc.) | ∠ | | Kalshi added prop bets contracts on August 18, 2025; still building out prop offering |
| Futures: Long-term outcomes (Super Bowl champ, Rookie of the Year, MVP). | ∠ | | Kalshi offers binary "Will X player or team win Y" contracts |
| In game / live betting: Bets placed as the game unfolds. | ✓ | ✓ | Kalshi offers live trades on games in progress, odds update in real time |
| Parlays: Multiple picks tied together; all must win. | | | First NFL parlay offered on September 29, 2025; still building out parlay offering |







Market Misperceptions: Handle

Spruce Point believe the market has two misinterpretations regarding Kalshi's handle. 1) Kalshi updated its volume or handle calculation back in 2021. Originally, they did count each Yes and No position as a separate contract but that is no longer the case. 2) Critics argue that resales exaggerate handle. This argument conveniently leaves out that the contract is trading hands but it's a separate market participant buying the contract. The contract is the same, but each trade is a separate economic decision by a different buyer or seller. We believe it reflects real competitive diversion of wallet share away from OSB operators' handle. Spruce Point believes the sports handle disclosed by Kalshi is comparable and consistent with the OSB operators' handle.

Kalshi Updates Handle Calculation

KalshiEX LLC

Announcement of Updated Calculation of Open Interest and Volume 12.24.21

As of Friday, December 24, 2021, the Exchange has updated the way that it calculates open interest and volume. The Exchange will now count each pair of Yes and No positions as a single contract. The Exchange originally counted each Yes and each No position as a separate contract. However, representing a Yes and No pair as a single contract is more helpful and consistent with standard industry and regulatory terminology. You'll see the effects of this change in our calculations of volume and open interest, including historical data.

Should you have any question or require further information, please contact us through our support email: support@kalshi.com

Kalshi Response To Handle Question 9/9/25



Joe (Kalshi)

Sep 9, 2025, 10:11 PM EDT

Hi thanks for the note. On Kalshi, trading volume equals dollars traded counted once at \$1 notional per contract. In your example you put up \$38 and your counterparty puts up \$62, so we report \$100 in trading volume. I hope this is helpful!



Sell-Side Misperception?

Spruce Point believes two key sell-side assumptions are flawed. First, JP Morgan's claim that 70% of handle comes from the NFL is inconsistent with state data: Colorado data shows that NFL averaged just 27% of sportsbook handle from Sept.–Dec. 2024 (including MNF, since data is weekly). Second, we believe that JP Morgan's model incorrectly divides by two on contract size, assuming each matched contract is \$2. In reality, we believe, it is \$1; Kalshi changed this methodology in 2021, which we confirmed directly with the company via email and in the Notice Regarding Volume Calculation by Kalshi in 2021.

JP Morgan Analysis Figure 6: Week 1 Math: Kalshi Trading Volumes vs Legal OSB Handle Kalshi Week 1 vs. Legal OSB Week 1 Math in \$ millions NY OSB Week 1 Handle 528 Assume 50% NFL 264 Add 20% for MNF 20% NY OSB NFL Week 1 est. Handle 317 NY Handle ~ 15% as % of US 15% Implied Week 1 NFL Handle (OSB) 2,112 Kalshi NFL Week 1 Trading Volume 260 Two way trading (ie divide by two) 130 Assume avg. \$0.50 notiona/contract 0.50 Kashi NFL equiv OSB handle 65 2,112 NFL OSB Volume (est.)

| Spruce Point Analysis | |
|--|-------|
| NY OSB Week 1-4 Avg. Handle | \$541 |
| Assume NFL share, based on CO data (1) | 27% |
| NY OSB Weekly NFL Handle | \$146 |
| | |
| NFL Handle ~15% as % of US | 6.6x |
| Implied Avg NFL Handle (OSB) | \$965 |
| | |
| Kalshi NFL Week 1-4 Avg. Handle | \$277 |
| | |
| NFL OSB Volume (est.) | \$965 |
| Kalshi NFL as % OSB NFL Handle | 29% |

Source: Kalshi, New York Gaming Commission, J.P. Morgan estimates.

Kalshi NFL as % of US OSB NFL Handle

3.1%



Market Misperceptions: Hold Rate

Typically, OSB operators keep \$8–\$10 of revenue on every \$100 wagered through their 8–10% vig or margin. The 8-10% is the built-in margin if bets were perfectly balanced. DKNG's actual sportsbook hold is ~6-8%. Spruce Point believes there is some perception by the market recently that the exchanges hold rate is ~4%. Spruce Point's research indicates the hold rate is closer to ~1.5%. In other words, if DKNG pivots into exchanges in the coming years, the TAM expansion opportunity touted by sell-side equity analysts and others might not meet expectations. In addition, once all the litigation settles, we believe sports prediction exchanges will either operate in all 50 states or none unless the exchanges pivot to gambling licenses and paying taxes. We believe there is a TAM expansion opportunity for DKNG if the sports exchanges are free to operate in the 50 states but we believe it is also a very significant TAM and EBITDA detractor for DKNG's business in its current 26 state sportsbook presence as a large portion of DKNG's hold rate could fall from 6-8% down to the 1.5% to 3% range.

Statistically Significant Analysis = 1.5%

• <u>InGame reviewed millions of Kalshi trades</u> from February to 2025 (over \$1B in reported volume) and applied Kalshi's published fee schedule to every contract, estimating \$15.2M in fees or ~1.5% hold rate.

\$2.6 / \$196 = 1.3%

Kalshi Former Employee

 Adhi Rajaprabhakaran, known as 50¢ Dollars on Substack, a former Kalshi employee, and prediction market expert estimates revenue to be ~1.3% of volume or handle.



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Source: Kalshi fee schedule.

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Sell-Side Misperception?

Spruce Point believes Barclays may have misinterpreted how Kalshi's fees work. Remember, contracts with Kalshi have two sides. We believe Barclays treated each bet or contract as just the buyer's spend but every contract also has a seller counterparty. Both sides together form the true notional volume of the contract. For example, at 10¢, Barclays showed only the \$100 buyer side (1,000 Yes @ \$0.10 = \$100). What they missed: the seller side puts up \$900 (1,000 No @ \$0.90 = \$900). Together, the real trade size is \$1,000 notional, not \$100, with a total fee of 1.1% not 6.3%. We believe Barclays' chart makes Kalshi's hold rate look much higher when measured against true notional traded (both sides).

Barclays Analysis

FIGURE 4. Prediction Trading Fee More Expensive for Long-shots/Underdogs Than Favorites

| Contract Price/% Likelihood of Occuring | \$100 Bet/Trade Size | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|---|-------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| | Fee per Contract | # of Contracts (Rounded to Nearest Whole) | Trading Fee | Trading Fee % of Trading Size | | |
| \$0.10 | \$0.006 | 1,000 | \$6.30 | 6.3% | | |
| \$0.20 | \$0.011 | 500 | \$5.60 | 5.6% | | |
| \$0.30 | \$0.015 | 333 | \$4.90 | 4.9% | | |
| \$0.40 | \$0.017 | 250 | \$4.20 | 4.2% | | |
| \$0.50 | \$0.018 | 200 | \$3.50 | 3.5% | | |
| \$0.60 | \$0.017 | 167 | \$2.80 | 2.8% | | |
| \$0.70 | \$0.015 | 143 | \$2.10 | 2.1% | | |
| \$0.80 | \$0.011 | 125 | \$1.40 | 1.4% | | |
| \$0.90 | \$0.006 | 111 | \$0.70 | 0.7% | | |

Spruce Point Analysis

| Matched Contract | Shares bought by each side | Buyer Stake | Seller Stake | Total Notional | Total Fee (\$) | Fee % of Notional |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| \$0.10 + \$0.90 | 100 | \$10 | \$90 | \$100 | \$0.58 + \$0.52 = \$1.10 | 1.10% |
| \$0.20 + \$0.80 | 100 | \$20 | \$80 | \$100 | \$1.08 + \$1.04 = \$2.12 | 2.12% |
| \$0.30 + \$0.70 | 100 | \$30 | \$70 | \$100 | \$1.38 + \$1.42 = \$2.80 | 2.80% |
| \$0.40 + \$0.60 | 100 | \$40 | \$60 | \$100 | \$1.70 + 1.68 = \$3.38 | 3.38% |
| \$0.50 + \$0.50 | 100 | \$50 | \$50 | \$100 | \$1.75 + \$1.75 = \$3.50 | 3.50% |



We Believe In-Game Betting Drives Down Kalshi's Hold Rate

Spruce Point believes a significant portion of Kalshi's handle is generated in-game and typically late in the game when probabilities skew toward 10%/90% or 20%/80%, not 50%/50%. The distribution of contracts across odds bands drives fee yield, in-game skewed bets dominate, pulling down the average fee %. Kalshi's realized hold rate could be closer to ~1.5%, not the higher mid-point rates.

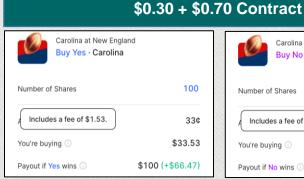
New Orleans at Buffalo Buy Yes · New Orleans Number of Shares Includes a fee of \$0.58. You're buying \$0.10 + \$0.90 Contract New Orle Buy No Number of Shares Includes a fee of \$1.58. You're buying You're buying You're buying

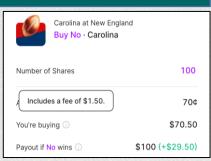
Payout if Yes wins (i)



Total fee = \$1.10 out of \$100 volume

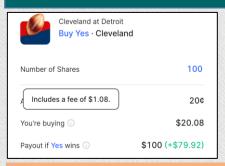
\$100 (+\$90.42)





Total fee = \$3.03 out of \$100 volume

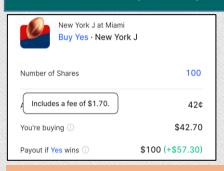
\$0.20 + \$0.80 Contract

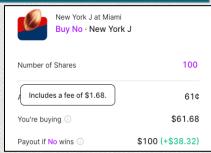




Total fee = \$2.12 out of \$100 volume

\$0.40 + \$0.60 Contract





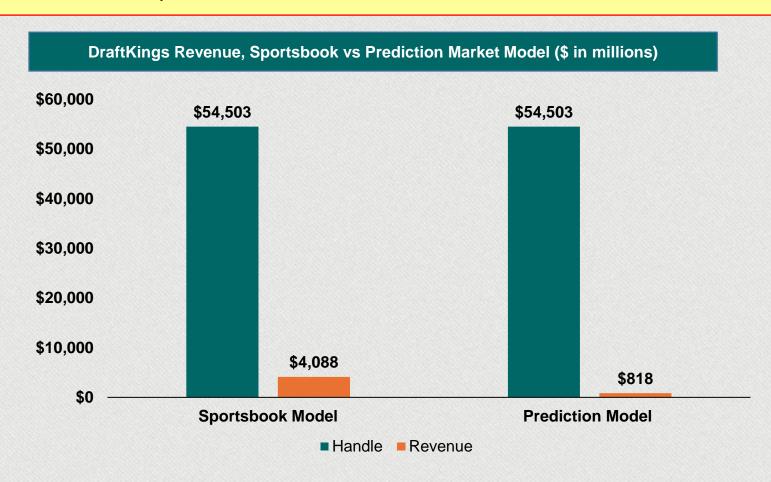
Total fee = \$3.38 out of \$100 volume

Source Kalshi screen shots.



We Believe Revenue Would Decline Significantly If DKNG Moved To A Prediction Market Model

Some analysts suggest that DKNG could pivot to a prediction market model, but we believe doing so would likely devastate its economics. Consensus estimates project \$54.5 billion in handle and \$4.1 billion in revenue from DKNG's sportsbook for 2025. If DKNG processed the same handle, avoided state GGR taxes, and instead collected a 1.5% fee, the rate experts estimate Kalshi captures, its revenue would fall to just \$818 million, an 80% decline.





We Believe Analysts Are Not Fully Coming To Grips With DKNG's Challenges

Spruce Point believes that analysts are downplaying the tectonic shift that we believe is occurring in the sports betting market and its impact on DKNG. Analysts are using emotionally charged language and softening concerns with words like "potentially challenging" to justify buying its shares. However, with some analysts still projecting a price target over \$60, a dozen analysts making no price change target at all, and the consensus target at \$53 per share, we still see a wave of downgrades and disappointment as likely to pressure the stock.

Morgan Stanley (Overweight, No Price Change)

"Morgan Stanley provided an update for investors Wednesday and advised them to buy into the weakness on both as they still detect "multiple avenues for both operators to benefit regardless of where this outcome ends." Morgan Stanley observes more than 40% upside on both DraftKings and Flutter to its respective price targets of \$52 and \$352. For Morgan Stanley, the sudden tumble in share prices looks like a knee-jerk overreaction."

BMO (Outperform, No Price Change)

"BMO Capital keeps an Outperform rating and \$65 price target on DraftKings while also maintaining the firm's Top Pick designation on the stock. The 11.5% decline on competitive concerns regarding the launch of sports parlays on Kalshi creates a "back-up-the-truck" opportunity, as DraftKings remains a leading online sports betting platform that is well-positioned to scale up a leading prediction market over the long term, the analyst tells investors in a research note."

Benchmark (Buy, \$10 Point Cut)

"Benchmark lowered the firm's price target on DraftKings to \$43 from \$53 and keeps a Buy rating on the shares. With business pressured by the "usual suspects," including unfavorable sports outcomes and elevated promotional expense, as well as a difficult macro backdrop and the rise of prediction markets having shaken investor confidence, the firm thinks Q3 looks "potentially challenging," the analyst tells investors in a preview. However, the firm remains constructive on DraftKings' long-term growth opportunity, the analyst added."



We Believe DKNG Trades At A Rich Valuation Despite The Mounting Headwinds

Spruce Point believes Kalshi, Polymarket, and others will continue to take handle into 2026 and the sell-side will eventually have to adjust their assumptions regarding sports prediction exchanges. Spruce Point finds it shocking that consensus revenue estimates for 2026 have barely declined with the new year only three months away.

DKNG Public Market Overview

| Valuation | | | | |
|---|----------|--|--|--|
| (\$ millions, except per share figures) | | | | |
| Stock Price (as of 10/2/25) | \$34.89 | | | |
| Shares Outstanding | 496 | | | |
| Dilutive Shares (1) | 46 | | | |
| Fully Diluted Shares Out. | 542 | | | |
| Market Capitalization | \$18,919 | | | |
| Less: Cash | (1,262) | | | |
| Plus: Debt (2) | 1,910 | | | |
| Enterprise Value \$19,567 | | | | |

| Historical and Consensus Financials and Multiples | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (FYE Dec; \$ millions) | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025E | 2026E |
| Revenue | \$1,296 | \$2,240 | \$3,665 | \$4,768 | \$6,333 | \$7,521 |
| YoY Growth | 111% | 73% | 64% | 30% | 33% | 19% |
| Adj. EBITDA | (\$676) | (\$722) | (\$151) | \$181 | \$828 | \$1,351 |
| Margin | (52%) | (32%) | (4%) | 4% | 13% | 18% |
| GAAP Net Income | (\$1,523) | (\$1,378) | (\$802) | (\$507) | \$196 | \$642 |
| Margin | (118%) | (62%) | (22%) | (11%) | 3% | 9% |
| | | | | | | |
| EV / Revenue Multiple | | | | 4.1x | 3.1x | 2.6x |



2026E revenue
estimates have only
modestly declined,
with significant room
for contraction and
disappointment

Source: Bloomberg

(2) Includes \$73.7 million of operating leases, \$1,257.8 million of convertible debt and \$578.5 million of Term Loan B

⁽¹⁾ Includes 19.0 million stock options with an average \$9.28 exercise price and 31.9 million RSUs, PSUs and warrants



We See Approximately 35% To 60% Downside In DKNG Shares

Spruce Point believes the launch of sports prediction exchanges comes at an unfortunate time in DKNG's history. The Company is finally seeing some operating leverage but growth appears to be slowing. Spruce Point believes further growth in iCasino will be challenging, states will continue to increase taxes, and the highly competitive and somewhat mature OSB marketplace will curtail handle growth. To our knowledge, Missouri and Alberta are the only two new markets expected through 2027. It's not a question of are the sports prediction exchanges taking market share but rather a question of how much market share and how long can they seize on this opportunity. We believe DKNG's 2025 and 2026 consensus revenue estimates appear very aggressive and DKNG's revenue multiple will contract well below its historical average. Based on our analysis, we estimate approximately 35% to 60% potential downside risk (\$14 to \$22 per share).

| \$ in mm, | EV / Revenue Multiple | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| except per share figures Calendar Year | Low Case: 25% Rev. Cut | Base Case: 15% Rev. Cut | |
| Multiple | 1.5x | 2.0x 🛨 | |
| 2026E Revenue | \$5,640 | \$6,393 | |
| Enterprise Value | \$8,461 | \$12,785 | |
| Less: Debt | (\$1,910) | (\$1,910) | |
| Plus: Cash & Equivalents | \$1,262 | \$1,262 | |
| = Equity Value | \$7,813 | \$12,137 | |
| / Diluted Shares | 542 | 542 | |
| Estimated Share Price | \$14.41 | \$22.38 | |
| % Downside | -59% | -36% | |

We believe a multiple re-rating is warranted given the tectonic shift in the competitive landscape. DKNG has previously traded as low as 1.7x revenues in late 2022 / early 2023



Appendix



Kalshi Market Share Capture Assumptions

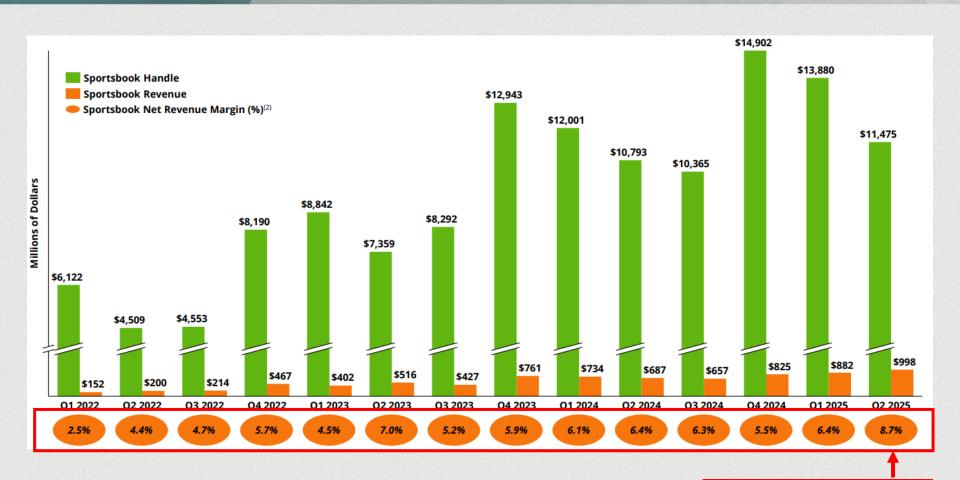
| Kalshi Market Share Capture | |
|---|---------|
| | Amount |
| DKNG Weekly Handle (A) | \$1,119 |
| NFL % of Handle (B) | \$345 |
| NCAA FB % of Handle (C) | \$84 |
| | |
| Kalshi Weekly NFL Handle (D) | \$353 |
| Kalshi Weekly NCAA FB Handle (E) | \$320 |
| Kalshi Total NFL and NCAA FB Handle (F) | \$673 |
| | |
| Kalshi Users in Sportsbook States (G) | 35% |
| DKNG Market Share (H) | 35% |
| | |
| Kalshi Mkt. Share Cap. as Total % of All DKNG Handle: (F/A)*G*H | 7.4% |
| Kalshi Mkt. Share Cap. as Total % of NFL DKNG Handle: (D/B)*G*H | 12.6% |
| Kalshi Mkt. Share Cap. as Total % of NCAA FB DKNG Handle: (E/C)*G*H | 46.7% |
| Kalshi Average Mkt. Share Cap. per Sport from DKNG (I) | 29.6% |
| Kalshi Mkt. Share Cap. from DKNG, Exluding Parlays (J) | 22.2% |

Notes:

- (A) Estimate takes the average of the 2024 DKNG NY Week 1-17 of the NFL season and adds 12.3% consensus '25 to '26 DKNG handle growth and then multiply by 5.5x to get the total U.S. weekly handle. 5.5x multiple is based on grossing up DKNG's NY handle to DKNG actual 1H '25 handle.
- (B) DKNG weekly volume * 30.8% (CO Department of Rev.).
- (C) DKNG weekly volume * 7.5% (CO Department of Rev.).
- (D) Spruce Point used actual Kalshi NFL handle from Week 4 and then grew handle by 5% each following month.
- (E) Spruce Point used actual Kalshi CFB handle from Week 5 and then grew handle by 5% each following month.
- (F) Total Kalshi NFL & NCAA football.
- (G) Spruce Point estimates 35% of Kalshi handle comes from the OSB regulated states.
- (H) DKNG market share.
- (I) Average of Kalshi market share capture (12.6% & 46.7%).
- (J) Parlays are 25% of total handle (29.6%*75%)



DKNG Historical Hold Rate Or Sportsbook Net Revenue Margin



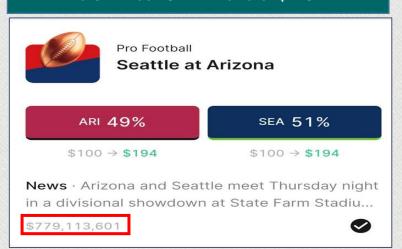
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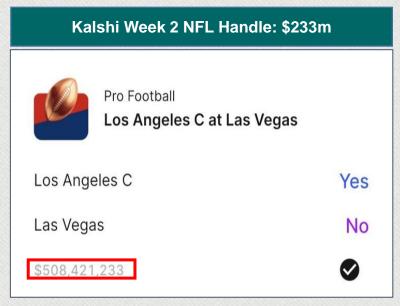


Kalshi NFL Handle (Red Box Is Cumulative Handle)



Kalshi Week 3 NFL Handle: \$270m

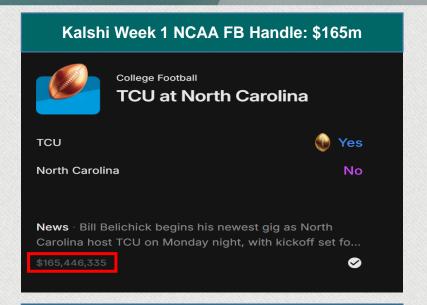




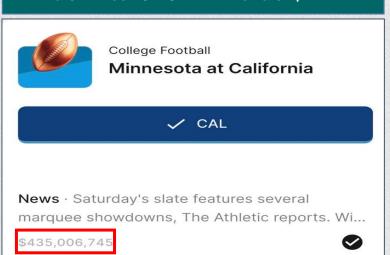


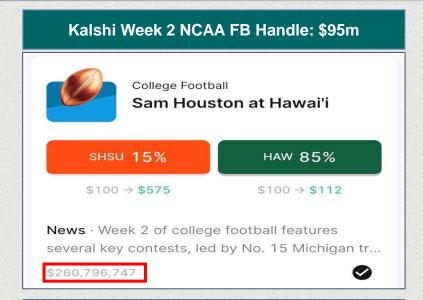


Kalshi NCAA Football Handle (Red Box Is Cumulative Handle)



Kalshi Week 3 NCAA FB Handle: \$174m



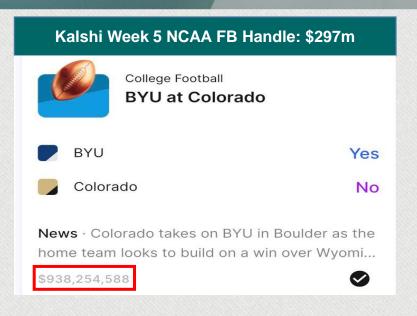


Kalshi Week 4 NCAA FB Handle: \$206m

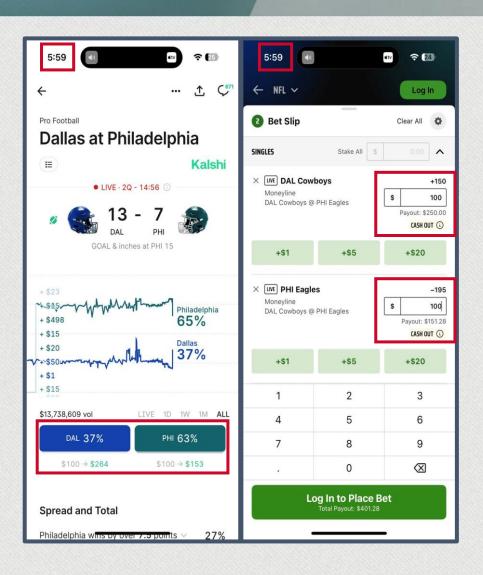


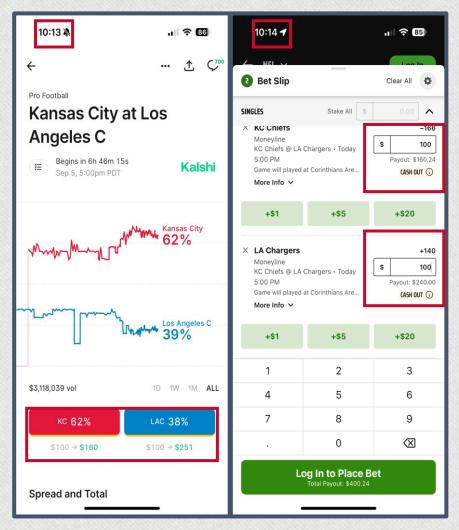


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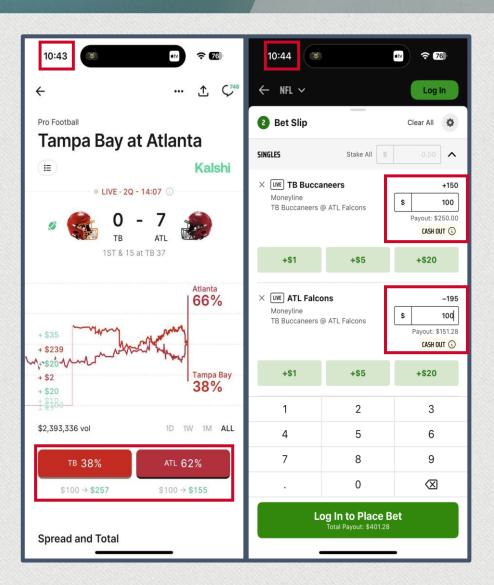


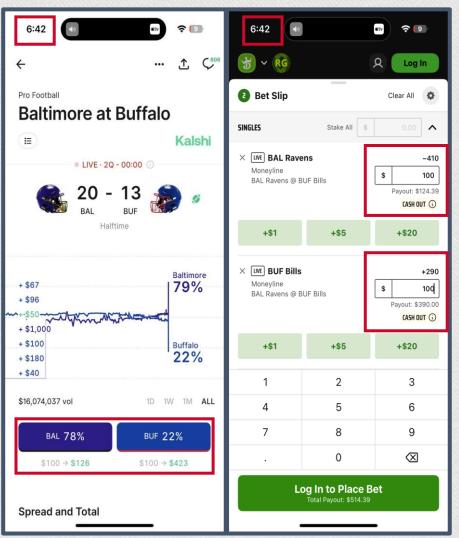




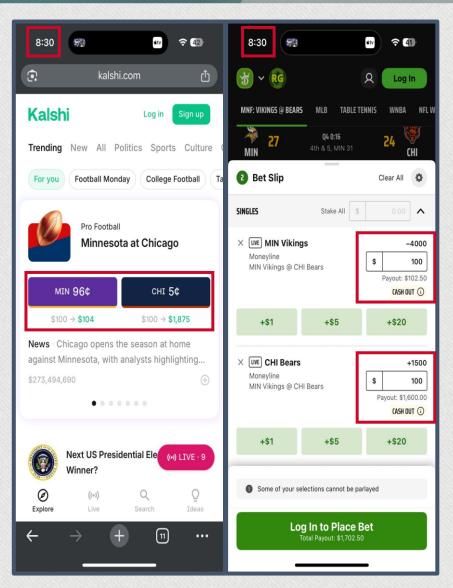


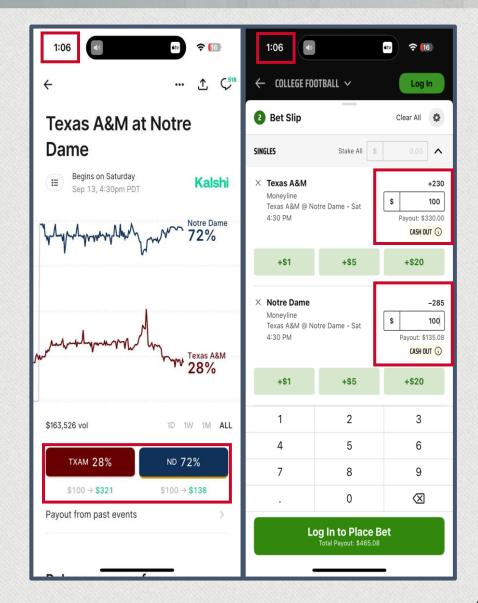




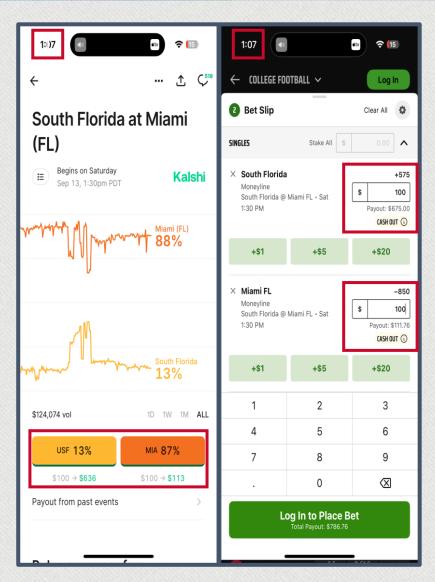


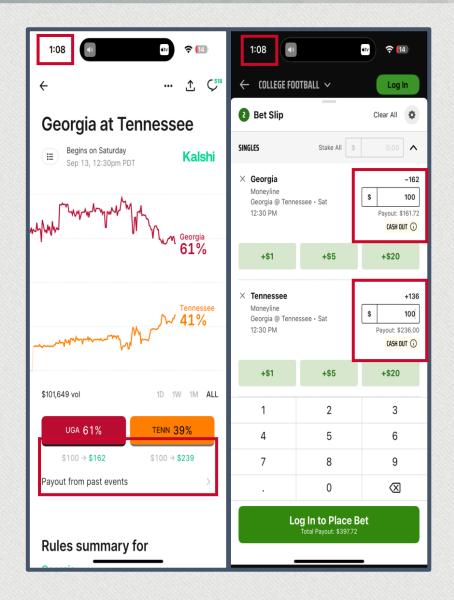








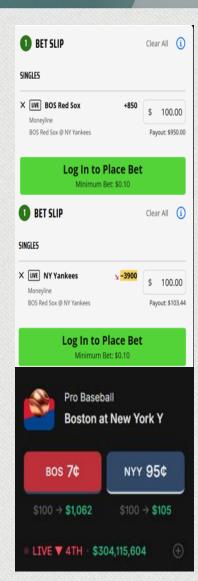


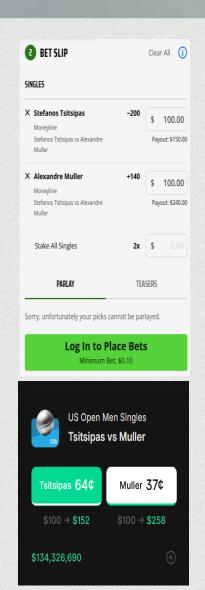


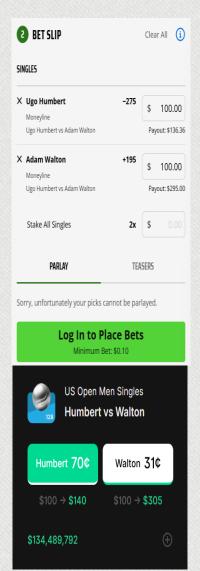


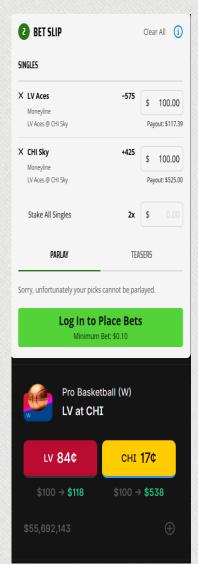
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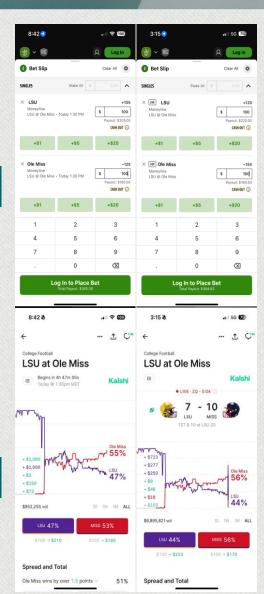


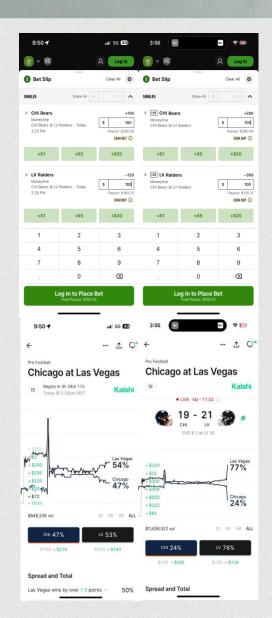


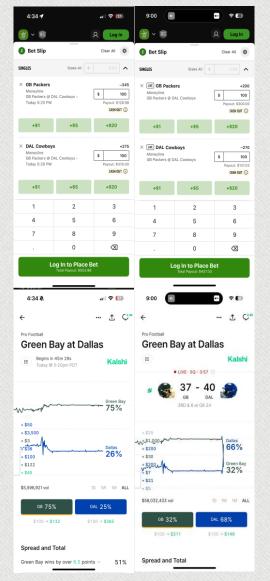












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