



MLS Playoff Thrillers Take the Top Spots in the Thuuz Sports Most Exciting Rankings for October

NBA Season is off to a Bang with an Appearance on the List

PALO ALTO, Calif. - Nov. 6, 2019 - Thuuz Sports, the most powerful automated video highlights production platform for worldwide sports, today announced the October Top 10 most exciting games. With the MLS postseason in full-swing and playoff baseball heating up, this month's list will not disappoint.

Using custom-designed algorithms to measure real-time event excitement, Thuuz provides a unique look into what games have gotten fans the most excited and engaged.

Game excitement ratings are measured on a 0 to 100 scale and take into consideration game pace, team parity, play novelty, momentum shifts, social buzz, and historical context. The algorithms behind the excitement ratings are statistically calibrated to ensure the appropriate distribution of ratings across the duration of a season or course of a tournament.

1. Seattle Sounders 4, FC Dallas 3 (MLS): 10/19

Tied at two apiece, Jordan Morris scored his second goal in the 74th minute to give the Sounders a 3-2 advantage. Seattle looked to have a fourth goal, but two brilliant saves, one by the keeper and one by midfielder, Ryan Hollingshead, kept it at a one-goal game. FC Dallas took advantage of this and tied the game. The game went to extra time where FC Dallas had all the momentum in the first half, but were unable to find the go-ahead goal. Jordan Morris did find it, completing his hat trick and giving the Sounders a 4-3 lead. Seattle goalkeeper, Stefan Frei, then put the game away by making a remarkable save in the 120th minute to see the Sounders through to the next round.

2. Philadelphia Union 4, New York Red Bulls 3 (MLS): 10/20

One day after the Seattle - Dallas instant classic, two Eastern Conference rivals delivered one of their own. New York got out to a well-deserved 3-1 lead behind three different goal scorers. Not willing to go down quietly, the Union grabbed a second goal from Jack Elliott. A 78th minute game-tying goal from substitute Fafa Picault then tied the game at 3-3. The game headed to extra time, when Philly struck just before the end of the first half to take a lead they would not relinquish.

3. Cardinals 7, Braves 6 (MLB): 10/3

The NLDS opener had a little bit of everything. There was solid starting pitching - the game was 1-1 after five innings. There was an electric seventh inning that started with Ronald Acuña Jr. hitting a ball out to the right field wall. Due to his lack of hustle, what should have been an extra base hit became a single. Two batters later, Acuña got doubled off of second base to cap a disastrous individual inning. The Cardinals would capitalize, scoring two runs in the eighth to tie the game at three, and four in the ninth to take a 7-3 lead. Not to be outdone, in his next at-bat, Acuña hit a two-run homerun and Freeman followed it with a solo shot to narrow the lead to one, but that's all they would get as the Cardinals took a 1-0 series lead.

4. Oklahoma 41, Kansas St 48 (NCAAF): 10/26

For the first 48 minutes of the game, Kansas State dominated Oklahoma physically on their way to six rushing touchdowns and a 48-23 lead. Wildcats quarterback, Skylar Thompson, threw for 213 yards and rushed for four of those touchdowns. Running back, James Gilbert, ran for 105 yards and a touchdown. Kansas State looked to be cruising to a victory over then #5 Oklahoma. Just over 10 minutes and 18 points later, led by 395 passing yards and four total touchdowns from quarterback, Jalen Hurts, Oklahoma lined up to attempt an onside kick. Improbably, they recovered it, but after a lengthy replay review, it was determined that Oklahoma touched the ball before it went the required 10 yards, ending a dramatic comeback attempt from the Sooners.

5. Braves 4, Cardinals 5 (MLB): 10/7

The second game from the NLDS to make the list, Game 4 was an elimination game for the Cardinals. It was a back-and-forth affair that saw the Cardinals strike first behind back-to-back homeruns from Paul Goldschmidt and Marcel Ozuna. The Braves would eventually climb in front in the sixth inning behind a two-run homerun from Ozzie Albies to take a 4-3 lead. However, Cardinals icon, Yadier Molina, tied the game in the eighth with an RBI single before delivering the walk-off sacrifice fly in the 10th to send the series to a deciding Game 5 that the Cardinals would eventually win.

6. South Carolina 20, Georgia 17 (NCAAF): 10/12

The second major college football upset to make the list was a shocker nobody saw coming. Georgia hadn't lost a home game since 2016, and was welcoming a South Carolina squad that entered Sanford Stadium with a 2-3 record. Yet, for the entirety of the game, South Carolina outplayed Georgia. South Carolina wasn't deterred when Georgia scored a late touchdown to tie the game, nor did it deter them when South Carolina kicker missed a field goal in the first overtime to win the game. The SC kicker stepped up and made a field goal in the second overtime, the Gamecock defense held strong and watched as Georgia kicker, Rodrigo Blankenship, missed a field goal to seal the major upset for South Carolina.

7. Rams 29, Seahawks 30 (NFL): 10/3

A Thursday night primetime matchup between two NFC West foes provided the stage for a thrilling NFL game. Russell Wilson continued his MVP-worthy season with a dominating performance. His fourth touchdown pass of the game, on fourth down to Chris Carson with just

over two minutes to go after leading Seattle on a seven-minute march down the field, put Seattle ahead. Rams quarterback, Jared Goff, led his team down the field to give their kicker a chance to win the game, but Greg Zuerlein missed the potential game-winning 44-yard field goal with 11 seconds left.

8. Heat 131, Bucks 126 (NBA): 10/26

In the first NBA game of the season to make a Top Ten list, Miami traveled to Milwaukee and came away with a high-scoring overtime victory over an Eastern Conference favorite. Without Jimmy Butler, all nine players that stepped on the court for Miami scored at least eight points. Miami's leading scorer was Goran Dragic with 25 points, he also registered eight of the Heat's 33 assists. In defeat, Milwaukee's superstar, Giannis Antetokounmpo, tallied 29 points, 17 rebounds, and nine assists, leading his team in all three categories.

9. Kansas 48, Texas 50 (NCAAF): 10/19

A Big 12 college football game tends to produce lots of scoring and this one did not disappoint. Both quarterbacks threw for over 300 yards and four touchdowns, both teams ran for over 200 yards, and in explosive fashion, 50 of the 98 total points in the game were scored in the fourth quarter alone. Down 48-47, Texas' star quarterback, Sam Ehlinger, led his team down the field, before giving way to Cameron Dicker (or as Texas fans know him, Dicker the Kicker) as he stepped up and nailed a 33-yard field goal.

10. Texas Tech 30, Baylor 33 (NCAAF): 10/12

Unlike the game directly above it on the list, this Big 12 game was more of a defensive battle with the game entering overtime tied at 20-all. After Baylor scored a touchdown on their first possession in overtime, Texas Tech wide receiver, T.J. Vasher, came down with a nice one-handed grab to help the Red Raiders tie the game up with a touchdown of their own. A field goal gave Texas Tech a three-point lead in the second overtime, but Baylor was able to march down the field and score the game-winning touchdown in three plays. JaMychal Hasty was the hero for Baylor, scoring the winner on a 5-yard rush.