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add\_qb\_epa

Compute QB epa

#### **Description**

Compute QB epa

## Usage

add\_qb\_epa(d)

#### **Arguments**

d

is a Data frame of play-by-play data scraped using fast\_scraper.

#### **Details**

Add the variable 'qb\_epa', which gives QB credit for EPA for up to the point where a receiver lost a fumble after a completed catch and makes EPA work more like passing yards on plays with fumbles

 ${\tt calculate\_expected\_points}$ 

Compute expected points

## Description

for provided plays. Returns the data with probabilities of each scoring event and EP added. The following columns must be present: season, home\_team, posteam, roof (coded as 'open', 'closed', or 'retractable'), half\_seconds\_remaining, yardline\_100, ydstogo, posteam\_timeouts\_remaining, defteam\_timeouts\_remaining

## Usage

```
calculate_expected_points(pbp_data)
```

#### **Arguments**

pbp\_data

Play-by-play dataset to estimate expected points for.

#### **Details**

Computes expected points for provided plays. Returns the data with probabilities of each scoring event and EP added. The following columns must be present:

- season
- home\_team
- posteam
- roof (coded as 'outdoors', 'dome', or 'open' / 'closed' / NA (retractable))
- · half seconds remaining
- yardline\_100
- down
- ydstogo
- · posteam\_timeouts\_remaining
- defteam\_timeouts\_remaining

#### Value

The original pbp\_data with the following columns appended to it:

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ep expected points.
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no\_score\_prob probability of no more scoring this half.

opp\_fg\_prob probability next score opponent field goal this half.

opp\_safety\_prob probability next score opponent safety this half.

opp\_td\_prob probability of next score opponent touchdown this half.

**fg\_prob** probability next score field goal this half.

safety\_prob probability next score safety this half.

td\_prob probability text score touchdown this half.

calculate\_win\_probability

Compute win probability

#### **Description**

for provided plays. Returns the data with probabilities of winning the game. The following columns must be present: receive\_h2\_ko (1 if game is in 1st half and possession team will receive 2nd half kickoff, 0 otherwise), ep (expected points), home\_team, posteam, half\_seconds\_remaining, game\_seconds\_remaining, spread\_line (how many points home team was favored by), down, yd-stogo, posteam\_timeouts\_remaining, defteam\_timeouts\_remaining

#### Usage

```
calculate_win_probability(pbp_data)
```

#### **Arguments**

pbp\_data Play-by-play dataset to estimate win probability for.

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#### **Details**

Computes win probability for provided plays. Returns the data with probabilities of each scoring event and EP added. The following columns must be present:

- receive\_2h\_ko (1 if game is in 1st half and possession team will receive 2nd half kickoff, 0 otherwise)
- ep (expected points)
- · score\_differential
- · home team
- posteam
- half\_seconds\_remaining
- game\_seconds\_remaining
- spread\_line (how many points home team was favored by)
- · down
- ydstogo
- · posteam\_timeouts\_remaining
- · defteam\_timeouts\_remaining

#### Value

The original pbp\_data with the following columns appended to it:

wp win probability.

vegas\_wp win probability taking into account pre-game spread.

clean\_pbp

Clean Play by Play Data

#### **Description**

Clean Play by Play Data

## Usage

clean\_pbp(pbp)

## **Arguments**

pbp

is a Data frame of play-by-play data scraped using fast\_scraper.

#### **Details**

Build columns that capture what happens on all plays, including penalties, using string extraction from play description. Loosely based on Ben's nflfastR guide (https://mrcaseb.github.io/nflfastR/articles/beginners\_guide.html) but updated to work with the RS data, which has a different player format in the play description; e.g. 24-M.Lynch instead of M.Lynch. The function also standardizes team abbreviations so that, for example, the Chargers are always represented by 'LAC' regardless of which year it was. The function also standardizes player IDs for players appearing in both the older era (1999-2010) and the new era (2011+).

#### Value

The input Data Frame of the paramter 'pbp' with the following columns added:

**success** Binary indicator wheter epa > 0 in the given play.

passer Name of the dropback player (scrambles included) including plays with penalties.

**rusher** Name of the rusher (no scrambles) including plays with penalties.

receiver Name of the receiver including plays with penalties.

pass Binary indicator if the play was a pass play (sacks and scrambles included).

rush Binary indicator if the play was a rushing play.

special Binary indicator if the play was a special teams play.

first\_down Binary indicator if the play ended in a first down.

aborted\_play Binary indicator if the play description indicates "Aborted".

play Binary indicator: 1 if the play was a 'normal' play (including penalties), 0 otherwise.

passer\_id ID of the player in the 'passer' column (NOTE: ids vary pre and post 2011)

rusher\_id ID of the player in the 'rusher' column (NOTE: ids vary pre and post 2011)

receiver\_id ID of the player in the 'receiver' column (NOTE: ids vary pre and post 2011)

name Name of the 'passer' if it is not 'NA', or name of the 'rusher' otherwise.

id ID of the player in the 'name' column.

**qb\_epa** Gives QB credit for EPA for up to the point where a receiver lost a fumble after a completed catch and makes EPA work more like passing yards on plays with fumbles.

fast\_scraper

Get NFL Play by Play Data

#### **Description**

Get NFL Play by Play Data

## Usage

```
fast_scraper(game_ids, source = "nfl", pp = FALSE, ...)
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## **Arguments**

game_ids	Vector of character ids (see details for further information)
source	Character - must now be nfl or unspecified (see details for further information)
рр	Logical - either TRUE or FALSE (see details for further information)
	Additional arguments passed to the scraping functions (for internal use)

#### **Details**

To load valid game\_ids please use the package function fast\_scraper\_schedules.

The source parameter controls from which source the data is being scraped. The old parameters rs as well as gc are not valid anymore. Please use nfl or leave unspecified. The pp parameter controls if the scraper should use parallel processing. Please note that the initiating process takes a few seconds which means it may be better to set pp = FALSE if you are scraping just a few games.

#### Value

Data frame where each individual row represents a single play for all passed game\_ids containing the following detailed information (description partly extracted from nflscrapR):

**play\_id** Numeric play id that when used with game\_id and drive provides the unique identifier for a single play.

game\_id Ten digit identifier for NFL game.

old\_game\_id Legacy NFL game ID.

**home\_team** String abbreviation for the home team.

away\_team String abbreviation for the away team.

season\_type 'REG' or 'POST' indicating if the game belongs to regular or post season.

week Season week.

posteam String abbreviation for the team with possession.

**posteam\_type** String indicating whether the posteam team is home or away.

**defteam** String abbreviation for the team on defense.

**side\_of\_field** String abbreviation for which team's side of the field the team with possession is currently on.

yardline\_100 Numeric distance in the number of yards from the opponent's endzone for the posteam.

game\_date Date of the game.

quarter\_seconds\_remaining Numeric seconds remaining in the quarter.

half\_seconds\_remaining Numeric seconds remaining in the half.

game\_seconds\_remaining Numeric seconds remaining in the game.

game half String indicating which half the play is in, either Half1, Half2, or Overtime.

quarter\_end Binary indicator for whether or not the row of the data is marking the end of a quarter.

drive Numeric drive number in the game.

sp Binary indicator for whether or not a score occurred on the play.

qtr Quarter of the game (5 is overtime).

down The down for the given play.

goal\_to\_go Binary indicator for whether or not the posteam is in a goal down situation.

time Time at start of play provided in string format as minutes: seconds remaining in the quarter.

**yrdln** String indicating the current field position for a given play.

ydstogo Numeric yards in distance from either the first down marker or the endzone in goal down situations.

ydsnet Numeric value for total yards gained on the given drive.

**desc** Detailed string description for the given play.

play\_type String indicating the type of play: pass (includes sacks), run (includes scrambles), punt, field\_goal, kickoff, extra\_point, qb\_kneel, qb\_spike, no\_play (timeouts and penalties), and missing for rows indicating end of play.

**yards\_gained** Numeric yards gained (or lost) by the possessing team, excluding yards gained via fumble recoveries and laterals.

**shotgun** Binary indicator for whether or not the play was in shotgun formation.

**no\_huddle** Binary indicator for whether or not the play was in no\_huddle formation.

**qb\_dropback** Binary indicator for whether or not the QB dropped back on the play (pass attempt, sack, or scrambled).

**qb\_kneel** Binary indicator for whether or not the QB took a knee.

qb\_spike Binary indicator for whether or not the QB spiked the ball.

**qb\_scramble** Binary indicator for whether or not the QB scrambled.

pass\_length String indicator for pass length: short or deep.

pass\_location String indicator for pass location: left, middle, or right.

**air\_yards** Numeric value for distance in yards perpendicular to the line of scrimmage at where the targeted receiver either caught or didn't catch the ball.

yards\_after\_catch Numeric value for distance in yards perpendicular to the yard line where the receiver made the reception to where the play ended.

run\_location String indicator for location of run: left, middle, or right.

run\_gap String indicator for line gap of run: end, guard, or tackle

field\_goal\_result String indicator for result of field goal attempt: made, missed, or blocked.

**kick distance** Numeric distance in yards for kickoffs, field goals, and punts.

**extra\_point\_result** String indicator for the result of the extra point attempt: good, failed, blocked, safety (touchback in defensive endzone is 1 point apparently), or aborted.

**two\_point\_conv\_result** String indicator for result of two point conversion attempt: success, failure, safety (touchback in defensive endzone is 1 point apparently), or return.

home\_timeouts\_remaining Numeric timeouts remaining in the half for the home team.

away\_timeouts\_remaining Numeric timeouts remaining in the half for the away team.

timeout Binary indicator for whether or not a timeout was called by either team.

timeout\_team String abbreviation for which team called the timeout.

td\_team String abbreviation for which team scored the touchdown.

posteam\_timeouts\_remaining Number of timeouts remaining for the possession team.

defteam\_timeouts\_remaining Number of timeouts remaining for the team on defense.

total\_home\_score Score for the home team at the start of the play.

**total away score** Score for the away team at the start of the play.

**posteam\_score** Score the posteam at the start of the play.

**defteam\_score** Score the defteam at the start of the play.

score differential Score differential between the posteam and defteam at the start of the play.

**posteam\_score\_post** Score for the posteam at the end of the play.

**defteam\_score\_post** Score for the defteam at the end of the play.

score\_differential\_post Score differential between the posteam and defteam at the end of the play.

**no\_score\_prob** Predicted probability of no score occurring for the rest of the half based on the expected points model.

**opp\_fg\_prob** Predicted probability of the defteam scoring a FG next.

opp\_safety\_prob Predicted probability of the defteam scoring a safety next.

opp\_td\_prob Predicted probability of the defteam scoring a TD next.

fg\_prob Predicted probability of the posteam scoring a FG next.

safety\_prob Predicted probability of the posteam scoring a safety next.

td\_prob Predicted probability of the posteam scoring a TD next.

**extra\_point\_prob** Predicted probability of the posteam scoring an extra point.

two\_point\_conversion\_prob Predicted probability of the posteam scoring the two point conversion.

**ep** Using the scoring event probabilities, the estimated expected points with respect to the possession team for the given play.

epa Expected points added (EPA) by the posteam for the given play.

total home epa Cumulative total EPA for the home team in the game so far.

total\_away\_epa Cumulative total EPA for the away team in the game so far.

total\_home\_rush\_epa Cumulative total rushing EPA for the home team in the game so far.

total\_away\_rush\_epa Cumulative total rushing EPA for the away team in the game so far.

total\_home\_pass\_epa Cumulative total passing EPA for the home team in the game so far.

total\_away\_pass\_epa Cumulative total passing EPA for the away team in the game so far.

**air\_epa** EPA from the air yards alone. For completions this represents the actual value provided through the air. For incompletions this represents the hypothetical value that could've been added through the air if the pass was completed.

yac\_epa EPA from the yards after catch alone. For completions this represents the actual value provided after the catch. For incompletions this represents the difference between the hypothetical air\_epa and the play's raw observed EPA (how much the incomplete pass cost the posteam).

comp\_air\_epa EPA from the air yards alone only for completions.

comp\_yac\_epa EPA from the yards after catch alone only for completions.

**total\_home\_comp\_air\_epa** Cumulative total completions air EPA for the home team in the game so far.

**total\_away\_comp\_air\_epa** Cumulative total completions air EPA for the away team in the game so far.

**total\_home\_comp\_yac\_epa** Cumulative total completions yac EPA for the home team in the game so far

**total\_away\_comp\_yac\_epa** Cumulative total completions yac EPA for the away team in the game so far.

total\_home\_raw\_air\_epa Cumulative total raw air EPA for the home team in the game so far.

total\_away\_raw\_air\_epa Cumulative total raw air EPA for the away team in the game so far.

total\_home\_raw\_yac\_epa Cumulative total raw yac EPA for the home team in the game so far.

total\_away\_raw\_yac\_epa Cumulative total raw yac EPA for the away team in the game so far.

**wp** Estimated win probability for the posteam given the current situation at the start of the given play.

def\_wp Estimated win probability for the defteam.

**home\_wp** Estimated win probability for the home team.

away\_wp Estimated win probability for the away team.

wpa Win probability added (WPA) for the posteam.

home\_wp\_post Estimated win probability for the home team at the end of the play.

away\_wp\_post Estimated win probability for the away team at the end of the play.

**vegas\_wp** Estimated win probability for the posteam given the current situation at the start of the given play, incorporating pre-game Vegas line.

vegas\_home\_wp Estimated win probability for the home team incorporating pre-game Vegas line.

total\_home\_rush\_wpa 
Cumulative total rushing WPA for the home team in the game so far.

total\_away\_rush\_wpa Cumulative total rushing WPA for the away team in the game so far.

total\_home\_pass\_wpa Cumulative total passing WPA for the home team in the game so far.

total\_away\_pass\_wpa Cumulative total passing WPA for the away team in the game so far.

air\_wpa WPA through the air (same logic as air\_epa).

yac\_wpa WPA from yards after the catch (same logic as yac\_epa).

**comp air wpa** The air wpa for completions only.

comp\_yac\_wpa The yac\_wpa for completions only.

**total\_home\_comp\_air\_wpa** Cumulative total completions air WPA for the home team in the game so far.

**total\_away\_comp\_air\_wpa** Cumulative total completions air WPA for the away team in the game so far.

**total\_home\_comp\_yac\_wpa** Cumulative total completions yac WPA for the home team in the game so far.

**total\_away\_comp\_yac\_wpa** Cumulative total completions yac WPA for the away team in the game so far.

total\_home\_raw\_air\_wpa Cumulative total raw air WPA for the home team in the game so far.

total\_away\_raw\_air\_wpa Cumulative total raw air WPA for the away team in the game so far.

total\_home\_raw\_yac\_wpa Cumulative total raw yac WPA for the home team in the game so far.

total\_away\_raw\_yac\_wpa 
Cumulative total raw yac WPA for the away team in the game so far.

punt\_blocked Binary indicator for if the punt was blocked.

first\_down\_rush Binary indicator for if a running play converted the first down.

**first down pass** Binary indicator for if a passing play converted the first down.

**first\_down\_penalty** Binary indicator for if a penalty converted the first down.

third\_down\_converted Binary indicator for if the first down was converted on third down.

third\_down\_failed Binary indicator for if the posteam failed to convert first down on third down.

fourth\_down\_converted Binary indicator for if the first down was converted on fourth down.

**fourth\_down\_failed** Binary indicator for if the posteam failed to convert first down on fourth down.

**incomplete\_pass** Binary indicator for if the pass was incomplete.

touchback Binary indicator for if a touchback occurred on the play.

interception Binary indicator for if the pass was intercepted.

punt\_inside\_twenty Binary indicator for if the punt ended inside the twenty yard line.

punt\_in\_endzone Binary indicator for if the punt was in the endzone.

punt\_out\_of\_bounds Binary indicator for if the punt went out of bounds.

punt\_downed Binary indicator for if the punt was downed.

punt\_fair\_catch Binary indicator for if the punt was caught with a fair catch.

kickoff\_inside\_twenty Binary indicator for if the kickoff ended inside the twenty yard line.

kickoff\_in\_endzone Binary indicator for if the kickoff was in the endzone.

kickoff\_out\_of\_bounds Binary indicator for if the kickoff went out of bounds.

**kickoff\_downed** Binary indicator for if the kickoff was downed.

**kickoff\_fair\_catch** Binary indicator for if the kickoff was caught with a fair catch.

fumble forced Binary indicator for if the fumble was forced.

fumble\_not\_forced Binary indicator for if the fumble was not forced.

fumble\_out\_of\_bounds Binary indicator for if the fumble went out of bounds.

solo\_tackle Binary indicator if the play had a solo tackle (could be multiple due to fumbles).

safety Binary indicator for whether or not a safety occurred.

**penalty** Binary indicator for whether or not a penalty occurred.

tackled\_for\_loss Binary indicator for whether or not a tackle for loss occurred.

fumble lost Binary indicator for if the fumble was lost.

own\_kickoff\_recovery Binary indicator for if the kicking team recovered the kickoff.

own\_kickoff\_recovery\_td Binary indicator for if the kicking team recovered the kickoff and scored a TD.

**qb\_hit** Binary indicator if the QB was hit on the play.

rush\_attempt Binary indicator for if the play was a run.

pass\_attempt Binary indicator for if the play was a pass attempt (includes sacks).

sack Binary indicator for if the play ended in a sack.

touchdown Binary indicator for if the play resulted in a TD.

pass\_touchdown Binary indicator for if the play resulted in a passing TD.

rush\_touchdown Binary indicator for if the play resulted in a rushing TD.

**return touchdown** Binary indicator for if the play resulted in a return TD.

extra\_point\_attempt Binary indicator for extra point attempt.

two\_point\_attempt Binary indicator for two point conversion attempt.

field\_goal\_attempt Binary indicator for field goal attempt.

kickoff\_attempt Binary indicator for kickoff.

punt\_attempt Binary indicator for punts.

fumble Binary indicator for if a fumble occurred.

complete\_pass Binary indicator for if the pass was completed.

assist tackle Binary indicator for if an assist tackle occurred.

lateral\_reception Binary indicator for if a lateral occurred on the reception.

lateral\_rush Binary indicator for if a lateral occurred on a run.

lateral\_return Binary indicator for if a lateral occurred on a return.

lateral\_recovery Binary indicator for if a lateral occurred on a fumble recovery.

passer\_player\_id Unique identifier for the player that attempted the pass.

passer\_player\_name String name for the player that attempted the pass.

receiver\_player\_id Unique identifier for the receiver that was targeted on the pass.

receiver\_player\_name String name for the targeted receiver.

rusher\_player\_id Unique identifier for the player that attempted the run.

rusher\_player\_name String name for the player that attempted the run.

lateral\_receiver\_player\_id Unique identifier for the player that received the lateral on a reception.

lateral\_receiver\_player\_name String name for the player that received the lateral on a reception.

lateral\_rusher\_player\_id Unique identifier for the player that received the lateral on a run.

lateral\_rusher\_player\_name String name for the player that received the lateral on a run.

lateral\_sack\_player\_id Unique identifier for the player that received the lateral on a sack.

lateral\_sack\_player\_name String name for the player that received the lateral on a sack.

interception\_player\_id Unique identifier for the player that intercepted the pass.

interception\_player\_name String name for the player that intercepted the pass.

**lateral\_interception\_player\_id** Unique indentifier for the player that received the lateral on an interception.

**lateral\_interception\_player\_name** String name for the player that received the lateral on an interception.

punt\_returner\_player\_id Unique identifier for the punt returner.

punt\_returner\_player\_name String name for the punt returner.

**lateral\_punt\_returner\_player\_id** Unique identifier for the player that received the lateral on a punt return.

**lateral\_punt\_returner\_player\_name** String name for the player that received the lateral on a punt return.

**kickoff\_returner\_player\_name** String name for the kickoff returner.

kickoff\_returner\_player\_id Unique identifier for the kickoff returner.

**lateral\_kickoff\_returner\_player\_id** Unique identifier for the player that received the lateral on a kickoff return.

**lateral\_kickoff\_returner\_player\_name** String name for the player that received the lateral on a kickoff return.

punter\_player\_id Unique identifier for the punter.

punter\_player\_name String name for the punter.

kicker\_player\_name String name for the kicker on FG or kickoff.

kicker\_player\_id Unique identifier for the kicker on FG or kickoff.

**own\_kickoff\_recovery\_player\_id** Unique identifier for the player that recovered their own kick-off.

own\_kickoff\_recovery\_player\_name String name for the player that recovered their own kickoff.

blocked\_player\_id Unique identifier for the player that blocked the punt or FG.

blocked\_player\_name String name for the player that blocked the punt or FG.

**tackle\_for\_loss\_1\_player\_id** Unique identifier for one of the potential players with the tackle for loss.

**tackle\_for\_loss\_1\_player\_name** String name for one of the potential players with the tackle for loss.

**tackle\_for\_loss\_2\_player\_id** Unique identifier for one of the potential players with the tackle for loss.

**tackle\_for\_loss\_2\_player\_name** String name for one of the potential players with the tackle for loss.

qb\_hit\_1\_player\_id Unique identifier for one of the potential players that hit the QB.

**qb\_hit\_1\_player\_name** String name for one of the potential players that hit the QB.

qb\_hit\_2\_player\_id Unique identifier for one of the potential players that hit the QB.

**qb** hit 2 player name String name for one of the potential players that hit the QB. **forced\_fumble\_player\_1\_team** Team of one of the players with a forced fumble. forced fumble player 1 player id Unique identifier of one of the players with a forced fumble. **forced\_fumble\_player\_1\_player\_name** String name of one of the players with a forced fumble. forced\_fumble\_player\_2\_team Team of one of the players with a forced fumble. forced fumble player 2 player id Unique identifier of one of the players with a forced fumble. forced\_fumble\_player\_2\_player\_name String name of one of the players with a forced fumble. solo\_tackle\_1\_team Team of one of the players with a solo tackle. solo\_tackle\_2\_team Team of one of the players with a solo tackle. solo\_tackle\_1\_player\_id Unique identifier of one of the players with a solo tackle. solo\_tackle\_2\_player\_id Unique identifier of one of the players with a solo tackle. solo tackle 1 player name String name of one of the players with a solo tackle. solo\_tackle\_2\_player\_name String name of one of the players with a solo tackle. assist\_tackle\_1\_player\_id Unique identifier of one of the players with a tackle assist. assist\_tackle\_1\_player\_name String name of one of the players with a tackle assist. assist\_tackle\_1\_team Team of one of the players with a tackle assist. assist\_tackle\_2\_player\_id Unique identifier of one of the players with a tackle assist. assist\_tackle\_2\_player\_name String name of one of the players with a tackle assist. assist\_tackle\_2\_team Team of one of the players with a tackle assist. assist\_tackle\_3\_player\_id Unique identifier of one of the players with a tackle assist. assist tackle 3 player name String name of one of the players with a tackle assist. assist\_tackle\_3\_team Team of one of the players with a tackle assist. assist tackle 4 player id Unique identifier of one of the players with a tackle assist. assist\_tackle\_4\_player\_name String name of one of the players with a tackle assist. assist\_tackle\_4\_team Team of one of the players with a tackle assist. pass\_defense\_1\_player\_id Unique identifier of one of the players with a pass defense. pass\_defense\_1\_player\_name String name of one of the players with a pass defense. pass\_defense\_2\_player\_id Unique identifier of one of the players with a pass defense. pass\_defense\_2\_player\_name String name of one of the players with a pass defense. **fumbled\_1\_team** Team of one of the players with a fumble. **fumbled\_1\_player\_id** Unique identifier of one of the players with a fumble. fumbled\_1\_player\_name String name of one of the players with a fumble. **fumbled\_2\_player\_id** Unique identifier of one of the players with a fumble. fumbled\_2\_player\_name String name of one of the players with a fumble. fumbled\_2\_team Team of one of the players with a fumble. **fumble recovery 1 team** Team of one of the players with a fumble recovery. fumble\_recovery\_1\_yards Yards gained by one of the players with a fumble recovery. fumble\_recovery\_1\_player\_id Unique identifier of one of the players with a fumble recovery. **fumble\_recovery\_1\_player\_name** String name of one of the players with a fumble recovery. fumble\_recovery\_2\_team Team of one of the players with a fumble recovery.

fumble\_recovery\_2\_yards Yards gained by one of the players with a fumble recovery.

fumble\_recovery\_2\_player\_id Unique identifier of one of the players with a fumble recovery.

fumble\_recovery\_2\_player\_name String name of one of the players with a fumble recovery.

**return\_team** String abbreviation of the return team.

return\_yards Yards gained by the return team.

**penalty\_team** String abbreviation of the team with the penalty.

**penalty\_player\_id** Unique identifier for the player with the penalty.

penalty\_player\_name String name for the player with the penalty.

penalty yards Yards gained (or lost) by the posteam from the penalty.

replay\_or\_challenge Binary indicator for whether or not a replay or challenge.

replay\_or\_challenge\_result String indicating the result of the replay or challenge.

penalty\_type String indicating the penalty type.

**defensive\_two\_point\_attempt** Binary indicator whether or not the defense was able to have an attempt on a two point conversion, this results following a turnover.

**defensive\_two\_point\_conv** Binary indicator whether or not the defense successfully scored on the two point conversion.

**defensive\_extra\_point\_attempt** Binary indicator whether or not the defense was able to have an attempt on an extra point attempt, this results following a blocked attempt that the defense recovers the ball.

**defensive\_extra\_point\_conv** Binary indicator whether or not the defense successfully scored on an extra point attempt.

season 4 digit number indicating to which season the game belongs to.

cp Numeric value indicating the probability for a complete pass based on comparable game situations.

**cpoe** For a single pass play this is 1 - cp when the pass was completed or 0 - cp when the pass was incomplete. Analyzed for a whole game or season an indicator for the passer how much over or under expectation his completion percentage was.

**series** Starts at 1, each new first down increments, numbers shared across both teams NA: kickoffs, extra point/two point conversion attempts, non-plays, no posteam

series\_success 1: scored touchdown, gained enough yards for first down 0: punt, interception, fumble lost, turnover on downs, FG attempt NA: series is NA, series contains QB spike/kneel

**start\_time** Kickoff time in eastern time zone.

order\_sequence Column provided by NFL to fix out-of-order plays. Available 2011 and beyond.

time\_of\_day Time of day of play in UTC "HH:MM:SS" format. Available 2011 and beyond.

stadium Game site name.

weather String describing the weather including temperature, humidity and wind (direction and speed). Doesn't change during the game!

nfl\_api\_id UUID of the game in the new NFL API.

play\_clock Time on the playclock when the ball was snapped.

play\_deleted Binary indicator for deleted plays.

**play\_type\_nfl** Play type as listed in the NFL source. Slightly different to the regular play\_type variable.

**special\_teams\_play** Binary indicator for whether play is special teams play from NFL source. Available 2011 and beyond.

st\_play\_type Type of special teams play from NFL source. Available 2011 and beyond.

end\_clock\_time Game time at the end of a given play.

end\_yard\_line String indicating the yardline at the end of the given play consisting of team half and yard line number.

**drive\_real\_start\_time** Local day time when the drive started (currently not used by the NFL and therefore mostly 'NA').

drive\_play\_count Numeric value of how many regular plays happened in a given drive.

drive\_time\_of\_possession Time of possession in a given drive.

drive\_first\_downs Number of forst downs in a given drive.

drive inside 20 Binary indicator if the offense was able to get inside the opponents 20 yard line.

drive\_ended\_with\_score Binary indicator the drive ended with a score.

drive\_quarter\_start Numeric value indicating in which quarter the given drive has started.

drive\_quarter\_end Numeric value indicating in which quarter the given drive has ended.

**drive\_yards\_penalized** Numeric value of how many yards the offense gained or lost through penalties in the given drive.

drive\_start\_transition String indicating how the offense got the ball.

drive\_end\_transition String indicating how the offense lost the ball.

drive\_game\_clock\_start Game time at the beginning of a given drive.

drive\_game\_clock\_end Game time at the end of a given drive.

**drive\_start\_yard\_line** String indicating where a given drive started consisting of team half and yard line number.

**drive\_end\_yard\_line** String indicating where a given drive ended consisting of team half and yard line number.

drive\_play\_id\_started Play\_id of the first play in the given drive.

drive\_play\_id\_ended Play\_id of the last play in the given drive.

away score Total points scored by the away team.

home\_score Total points scored by the home team.

location Either 'Home' o 'Neutral' indicating if the home team played at home or at a neutral site.

**result** Equals home\_score - away\_score and means the game outcome from the perspective of the home team.

total Equals home\_score + away\_score and means the total points scored in the given game.

**spread\_line** The closing spread line for the game. A positive number means the home team was favored by that many points, a negative number means the away team was favored by that many points. (Source: Pro-Football-Reference)

total\_line The closing total line for the game. (Source: Pro-Football-Reference)

div\_game Binary indicator for if the given game was a division game.

**roof** One of 'dome', 'outdoors', 'closed', 'open' indicating indicating the roof status of the stadium the game was played in. (Source: Pro-Football-Reference)

surface What type of ground the game was played on. (Source: Pro-Football-Reference)

**temp** The temperature at the stadium only for 'roof' = 'outdoors' or 'open'.(Source: Pro-Football-Reference)

wind The speed of the wind in miles/hour only for 'roof' = 'outdoors' or 'open'. (Source: Pro-Football-Reference)

**home coach** First and last name of the home team coach. (Source: Pro-Football-Reference)

away\_coach First and last name of the away team coach. (Source: Pro-Football-Reference)

**stadium\_id** ID of the stadium the game was played in. (Source: Pro-Football-Reference)

game\_stadium Name of the stadium the game was played in. (Source: Pro-Football-Reference)

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Get pbp data for two games using parallel processing
game_ids <- c("2019_01_GB_CHI", "2013_21_SEA_DEN")
pbp <- fast_scraper(game_ids, pp = TRUE)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

fast\_scraper\_schedules

Get NFL Season Schedules

## **Description**

Get NFL Season Schedules

#### Usage

```
fast_scraper_schedules(seasons, pp = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

seasons Vector of numeric or character 4 digit seasons

pp Logical - either TRUE or FALSE (see details for further information)

#### **Details**

This functions now incorporates the games file provided and maintained by Lee Sharpe.

The pp parameter controls if the scraper should use parallel processing. Please note that the initiating process takes a few seconds which means it may be better to set pp = FALSE if you are scraping less than 10 seasons.

#### Value

Data frame containing the following detailed game information:

game\_id Character identifier including season, week, away team and home team

season 4 digit season year.

**game\_type** One of 'REG', 'WC', 'DIV', 'CON', 'SB' indicating if a game was a regular season game or one of the playoff rounds.

week Numeric week number.

gameday Game date in format yyyy/mm/dd.

weekday The day of the week on which the game occcured.

**gametime** The kickoff time of the game. This is represented in 24-hour time and the Eastern time zone, regardless of what time zone the game was being played in.

away\_team Away team abbreviation.

home team Home team abbreviation.

**away\_score** The number of points the away team scored. Is 'NA' for games which haven't yet been played.

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**home\_score** The number of points the home team scored. Is 'NA' for games which haven't yet been played.

**home\_result** Equals home\_score - away\_score and means the game outcome from the perspective of the home team.

stadium Name of the stadium the game was or will be played in. (Source: Pro-Football-Reference)

location Either 'Home' o 'Neutral' indicating if the home team played at home or at a neutral site.

**roof** One of 'dome', 'outdoors', 'closed', 'open' indicating indicating the roof status of the stadium the game was played in. (Source: Pro-Football-Reference)

**surface** What type of ground the game was played on. (Source: Pro-Football-Reference) **old\_game\_id** Unique game identifier of the old NFL API.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Get schedules for the whole 2015 - 2018 seasons
seasons <- 2015:2018
schedules <- fast_scraper_schedules(seasons)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

teams\_colors\_logos

NFL Team names, colors and logo urls.

#### **Description**

NFL Team names, colors and logo urls.

## Usage

```
teams_colors_logos
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 36 rows and 10 variables containing NFL team level information, including franchises in multiple cities:

team\_abbr Team abbreviation

team\_name Complete Team name

**team\_id** Team id used in the roster function

team\_nick Nickname

team\_color Primary color

team\_color2 Secondary color

team\_color3 Tertiary color

team\_color4 Quaternary color

team\_logo\_wikipedia Url to Team logo on wikipedia

team\_logo\_espn Url to higher quality logo on espn

The colors are taken from Lee Sharpe's teamcolors.csv who has taken them from the 'teamcolors' package created by Ben Baumer and Gregory Matthews. The Wikipeadia logo urls are taken from Lee Sharpe's logos.csv

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update_db	Update or create a nflfastR play by play database

## **Description**

update\_db updates or creates a SQLite database with nflfastR play by play data of all completed games since 1999.

### Usage

```
update_db(
  dbdir = ".",
  dbname = "pbp_db",
  tblname = "nflfastR_pbp",
  force_rebuild = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

dbdir Directory in which the database is or shall be located

dbname File name of an existing or desired SQLite database within dbdir

tblname The name of the play by play data table within the database

force\_rebuild Logical parameter to rebuild the play by play data table within the database from

scratch in case the cleaned data were updated

## **Details**

This function creates and updates a data table with the name tblname within a SQLite database located in dbdir and named dbname. The data table combines all play by play data for every available game back to the 1999 season and adds the most recent completed games as soon as they are available for nflfastR. The force\_rebuild parameter controls if the data table within the database (not the database itself because there might be other data in it) should be removed and rebuilt from scratch (mostly because of bugfixes in nflfastR or its underlying data)

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