



NCAA BASKETBALL

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Saturday, January 28, 2023

TEXAS @ TENNESSEE

Game Time: 6:00 PM EST

Watch: ESPN

Game Pick: TEXAS +6

GAME ANALYSIS

Texas travels to Knoxville to take on Tennessee in what is one of the more anticipated matchups of the SEC/Big 12 Challenge. Both teams have had success this year, with their only losses coming to teams ranked inside the top 55.

For Texas their success comes from their high-powered offense led by guard Marcus Carr. In his second year with Texas, Carr is averaging a team-high 17.6 points per game. Their offensive prowess does not stop with Carr, though, as the Longhorns rank 13th nationally in adjusted efficiency, scoring 80.5 points per game.

What makes this matchup so intriguing is the battle between Carr and the Longhorns' offense against Tennessee's No. 1-rated defense. Defensively, the Volunteers rank No. 1 in the nation in adjusted efficiency, effective field-goal percentage and 3-point percentage.

However impressive these numbers appear, and to a great extent rightfully so, Tennessee has shown some vulnerability, particularly against Arizona and Kentucky, who both rank inside the top 20 in Adjusted Offensive Efficiency. Explosive offensive teams like Texas and their quick pace of game, can hurt Tennessee as they are not as good against teams that like to push the tempo rather than teams who prefer to slow it down in the half court.

Additionally, Texas has defeated TCU and Oklahoma State on two separate occasions, both of whom rank inside the top 10 in Adjusted Defensive Efficiency.

Tonight's game between Texas and Tennessee in Knoxville is a "full circle moment" for Rodney Terry who took over the head coaching duties when Chris Beard was fired a couple months ago. The Longhorns' acting head coach worked as an assistant for Vols coach Rick Barnes at Texas from 2001-11 prior to becoming the head coach of Fresno State. He is greatly aware of Barnes tendencies which should play a part in Texas keeping this game close throughout.

Tonight's matchup is one of the marquee games in this weekend's Big 12/SEC Challenge. We will gladly accept the generous 6 points we get with the Longhorns.

This is a game where I think the Big 12 makes a statement through Texas' high-powered offense.

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