



NCAA BASKETBALL

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Tuesday, January 31, 2023

INDIANA @ MARYLAND

Game Time: 9:00 PM EST

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Game Pick: INDIANA +3.5 (-120)

GAME ANALYSIS

- The # 21 Indiana Hoosiers will try to extend their five-game winning streak when they face the Maryland Terrapins on Tuesday night. Indiana sits in a tie for third place in the Big Ten standings at 6-4, while the Terrapins are just one game back at 5-5.
- Indiana is coming off one of its most dominant performances of the season, cruising to an 86-70 win over Ohio St. on Saturday. Maryland has won three of its last four games, including an 82-63 win against Nebraska over the weekend.
- The best player on the court between these 2 teams is Indiana's Trayce Jackson-Davis who along with Purdue's Zack Eddy, are clearly the 2 best big-men in college basketball. Davis gets everyone else shots. He's a willing passer, an unbelievable rebounder and pushes the ball up in transition. Davis is tough in the mid post area. He's almost impossible if he posts up in the middle of the lane and an unbelievable shot blocker.
- During their recent 5 game winning streak, Indiana has held its opponents to just 61.2 points per game through its ability to protect the rim.
- The Hoosiers have a block percentage of 15.4%, the seventh-highest rate in the country.
- This defense has put Indiana on another level given the consistency it has produced on the offensive end. The Hoosiers rank 16th nationally in Adjusted Offensive Efficiency through their ability to create high-percentage close-range shots.
- These high-percentage shots result in Indiana scoring 58.9% of its points on the interior, the 19th-highest rate in the country.
- This offensive tendency will be crucial against a Maryland team struggling to prevent penetration this season. The Terps are allowing teams to score 56.4% of their points from 2-point range the 26th-highest rate in the country.
- Kevin Willard, head coach of Maryland, has had a respectable 5-5 Big 10 record this season.
- The one consistency for the Terrapins has been their ability to execute on their home floor, as all five of their wins in conference have come in College Park.

- Much of the success Maryland has been able to produce at home has come on the offensive end. Maryland is averaging 74 points per game, three points higher than its season average.
- Maryland does have the players to be successful this evening. The Terrapins rank 64th nationally in average height, rivaling the Hoosiers' ranking of 23rd in the same category.
- This frontcourt size has allowed for Maryland to score 52.3% of its points on the interior, which is above the national average. This paint presence will be crucial against a Hoosiers defense giving up the majority of its points from this range (50.3%).
- Look for Maryland to rely on its offense in this game. It's up to their defense that will likely determine their fate.
- I am willing to take the generous 3.5 points with Indiana who should keep this game close to the very end with a good chance to prevail if they come with their 'A' game which I expect them to do.

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