## Monday, May 8, 2023

## GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS @ LOS ANGELES LAKERS

Game Time: 10:00 PM EST

Broadcast: TNT

Game Pick: GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS +3

(we recommend buying the half point)

Greetings friends !!!

For our Dr. Alan 2023 NBA pro basketball playoff special release, we are going to back the small road underdog, the Golden State Warriors + 3 vs. the Los Angeles Lakers in this Game # 4 Western Conference 2nd round playoff game.

With the NBA playoffs, it's a brand-new season. However, we'll still look for VALUE in the point spread or the total line, and we'll still take into account & factor into our handicapping how a team played during the regular season, and at how the teams are playing in the post season. And of course, we'll look for elements of our 5 main criteria - fundamental match ups / head coaching match ups, schedule, historical / situational, public betting splits / line movement & Dr. Alan psychological motivation.

Let's take a look below at some of the "key points" that support a wager on the Warriors + 3 points in Game # 4

## DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

- > The Los Angeles Lakers had a 43-39 SU regular season record are the # 7 seed, and the Golden State Warriors had a 44-38 SU regular season record and are the # 6 seed
- > The Lakers are leading the series 2-1.
  - The Lakers won Game # 1 at Golden State coming away with a hard fought 117-112 victory, pulling off the SU underdog upset win.
  - These 2 squads then exchanged blowouts, with the Warriors coming away with a 27-point blowout win in Game # 2 (much to our delight as we backed the Warriors) and the Lakers responded with a 30-point blowout win in Game # 3 (much to our delight as we cashed our ticket on total on the UNDER)
- ➤ The Warriors, as a beaten NBA playoff team off a 20 + point blowout loss are in a "SITUATIONAL SWEET SPOT" !!!

  Historically, these squads have "BOUNCED BACK STRONG" in in the next game covering approx. 60 % of the time !!!
- ➤ Also, the Warriors have a recent history in this situation under head coach Steve Kerr, as they have been blown out in the NBA playoffs by 20 + points 6 prior times.

  The Warriors have responded by "BOUNCING BACK STRONG" going 5-1 SU!!!
- ➤ On the subject of head coaching, the advantage CLEARLY goes to the experienced 4time Championship winning Warriors head coach Steve Kerr vs. the Lakers rookie head coach Darvin Ham.

In this situation, I simply trust Warriors head coach Steve Kerr more than I do the Lakers rookie head coach Darvin Ham to have his squad ready to come to play, and to make the proper adjustments from Game # 3 to Game # 4 here tonight.

- ➤ The Warriors, as the NBA's defending Champions with a head coach in Steve Kerr with a 4-time NBA Championship winning head coaching career record, dressing up tonight in the underdog role, are the "TEXTBOOK" handicapping definition of being a "QUALITY DOG".
- ➤ In Game # 3 EVERYTHING went right for the Lakers.
  On the flip side, EVERYTHING that could go wrong, did in fact go wrong for the Warriors, which led to the 30-point Lakers blowout win.
  Historically, regression to the mean happens more times than not.
  Thus, the Lakers are due to "COME DOWN" and the Warriors are due to "COME UP"
- ➤ In regard to my Dr. Alan psychological handicapping, this game sets up well for the Warriors. The Lakers off an easy 30-point blowout win, could be a little overconfident, and they could have a slight let down.
- ➤ On the flip side, the Warriors have been "STEWING" for 2 days about their Game # 3 humiliating & embarrassing 30-point blowout loss, and they will be HIGHLY MOTIVATED to win Game # 4 to make amends for their poor play in Game # 3, and to avoid falling into an 3-1 series hole heading home.

  Thus, this is a "MUST WIN" game the Warriors!!!
  - I expect to see the Warriors play with MAXIMUM EFFORT and URGENCY in Game # 4!!!
- So tonight, we will back small home underdog Golden State Warriors + 3 points vs. the Los Angeles Lakers to get a cover for us tonight in the City of Angeles!!!

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