



NBA BASKETBALL

SPECIAL RELEASE

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

LOS ANGELES LAKERS @ GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS

Game Time: 10:00 PM EST

Broadcast: TNT

**Game Pick: GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS -7 -120
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 home favorite, the Golden State Warriors - 7 -120 (we recommend buying the half point) vs. the Los Angeles Lakers in this Game # 5 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 - 7 points in Game # 5

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 Warriors have a VERY STRONG home court advantage, where they had a STELLAR 33-8 SU regular season record (approx. 80 %) at home !!!
- Additionally, including the post season, the Warriors are an OUTSTANDING 29-17 ATS record (approx. 63 %) at home !!!
- There is an old saying " Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it "
The Lakers are up 3-1 and with a win tonight on the road as an underdog, the series will come to a conclusion.
The Lakers were in this EXACT SAME SITUATION in the 1st round vs. the Grizzlies, and EVERYONE (like tonight) was predicting & wagering that the Lakers would win Game # 5 on the road as an underdog vs. the Grizzlies and bring that series to an end.
The result was a 116-99 Lakers blowout loss to the Grizzlies !!!
I think that same history will repeat itself here tonight !!!
- The Warriors, as an NBA playoff home favorite off a loss, are in a " SITUATIONAL SWEET SPOT " !!!
Historically, these squads have " BOUNCED BACK STRONG " as in the last 3 years
They have gone 56-35 ATS (approx. 62 %) !!!
And, so far this year, these squads are now a STELLAR 16-7 ATS (approx. 70 %) !!!

- The Lakers, as a winning team with a rookie head coach in Darvin Ham with a winning head coaching career record (albeit a 1 year record) do fit the handicapping criteria of being a " quality dog ".
However, I feel that will be overcome by the fundamental, situational & psychological aspects in this game that favor the Warriors.
- This series very easily could be tied 2-2, as the Warriors lead Game # 4 the entire way until later in the 4th quarter when they " MELTED DOWN " in " CRUNCH TIME " with costly turnovers and horrible shot selections.
We backed the Warriors in Game # 4, and we came away with a PUSH, and I have no hesitation to back them once again tonight here AT HOME (where they have simply been a different team all year), as their " BACKS ARE AGAINST THE WALL " in this " MUST WIN ELIMINATION GAME" Game # 5 !!!
- In regard to my **Dr. Alan psychological handicapping**, this game sets up well for the Warriors.
The Lakers as the road team are up 3-1 in the series.
They have 3 games to win 1 game.
Even though this is the playoffs & they have a chance to close out the series, there could be some complacency / a slight let down for the Lakers.
- On the flip side, the Warriors have been " STEWING " for 2 days about their Game # 4 loss that could have evened the series at 2-2.
This is an ELIMINATION GAME ON THEIR HOME COURT, thus, the Warriors will be HIGHLY MOTIVATED to win Game # 5 to make amends for their " MELT DOWN" in Game # 4, and to " STAY ALIVE " in the series !!!
This is a " MUST WIN " game the Warriors !!!
I expect to see the Warriors play with MAXIMUM EFFORT and URGENCY in Game # 5 !!!
- Lastly, this line opened up with the Warriors as a -5.5 point favorite.
The general betting public which won with the Lakers in Game # 4, (if they laid - 2.5 with the Lakers, we PUSHED at Warriors + 3 because we bought the half point) has once again jumped on the Lakers bandwagon, and they are POUNDING the Lakers as approx. 58 % of the public bets are on the Lakers taking the points.
To the general public this looks like easy money \$\$\$ money, like taking candy from a baby.
The Lakers who did come thru in this role in Game # 1, are still the dreaded " PUBLIC DOG " (I say dreaded, because the general betting public's record when backing underdogs in the long term is far worse than when they back the favorites which is what occurs the overwhelming majority of the time)
- However, despite receiving only 42 % of the bets, the line moved a FULL 2 points to Warriors - 7.5 !!!
(we recommend buying the half point -120 to Warriors - 7) This is a classic " REVERSE LINE MOVEMENT "
That's because approx. 65 % of the \$\$\$ money wagered / the handle is on the Warriors !!!
This is a classic sign of " SHARP MONEY " laying the points with the Warriors !!!
- Thus, we will be wagering " AGAINST THE PUBLIC " and " WITH THE SHARPS " !!!
- So tonight, we are going to take the risk, and we are going to lay the - 7 points with the home favorite Golden State Warriors - 7 points vs. the Los Angeles Lakers to get a win and cover for us tonight in the City by the Bay !!!

GUARANTEE If a game does not win based on the point spread, you will receive next week's equivalent game by email FREE OF CHARGE

NON-GUARANTEE Charge is applied regardless of the game outcome.

NOTE: The point spread is dependent on the wagering site used and when the game is bet. We wager on EVERY game given out and those tickets will be posted on the web site at the beginning of each week. Each ticket bought will be either \$500 or \$1000.

NO other sports handicapping service does this. We at wizardraceandsports.com believe in transparency and integrity. We back our selections with REAL MONEY.

Late injuries and/or illnesses ruling out players can result in big swings in the line and could be announced at any time - even as close as minutes before the start of the game. We at wizardraceandsports.com have no control over these line changes.

The line which we get when our wager is placed is what we use to grade our selections on wins and losses.

This is the criteria we adhere to, which shows transparency in our weekly records.

Any questions or comments can be sent to: wiz@wizardraceandsports.com

Follow me on Twitter at: The Wizard@WizardPicks

THE WIZARD® and THE WIZARD Design are registered service marks of Wizard Race and Sports, INC. © 2021 Wizard Race and Sports, INC. Republication, retransmission or dissemination of the contents