Thursday, May 11, 2023

NEW JERSEY DEVILS @ CAROLINA HURRICANES

Game Time: 7:00 PM EST

Broadcast: TNT

Game Pick: CAROLINA HURRICANES -142

MONEY LINE

Greetings friends !!!

We are pleased to present our first COMBO NHL hockey & NBA basketball playoff "TWIN PACK"!!!

A nice COMBO, as we have the ice & the hard wood to enjoy tonight !!!

We are off a couple of nice back-to-back blowout wins, so let's keep the + positive momentum going and get 2 more W's tonight !!!

Without further ado, let's "open up "our TWIN PACK!!!

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

- > The Carolina Hurricanes finished with 113 points in the regular season, and they are the Eastern Conference # 2 seed.
 - The New Jersey Devils finished with 112 points in the regular season, and they are the Eastern Conference # 3 seed.
- ➤ The Hurricanes are up 3-1 in this series.
 - The Hurricanes took care of business in Games # 1 & # 2 in back-to-back blowout wins on their home ice, and the Devils responded with an 8-4 blowout win in Game # 3, and the Hurricanes responded in kind with a 6-1 blowout win in Game # 4!!!
 - (Much to our delight, as we backed the Hurricanes as a + 133 underdog)
- ➤ Off of that dominating Game # 4 win, and with the way that the Hurricanes have dominated 3 out of the 4 games these 2 squads have played, I have absolutely NO HESITATION in backing the Hurricanes to bring that + positive momentum into this game and close out this series on home ice tonight !!!
- As of this writing, **the goalie match up** tonight is expected to be the Devils Vitek Vancek who took over the net the last 2 games due to the poor play of the Devils young 22 year old goaltender Akira Schmid in the first 2 games.
 - The Hurricanes' starting goalie is expected Frederick Andersen who played fantastic in Game # 4, allowing only 1 goal.
 - The Hurricanes clearly have the goalie advantage.
- ➤ Game # 5 feeds right into my **Dr. Alan psychological handicapping**, as this game sets up well for Hurricanes.
 - The Devils are down 3-1 in this series, and thru the 4 games played thus far, they have been dominated & outplayed in 3 of them.
 - I think the wind has been taken out of the Devils sails, they see the writing on the wall, and they won't be arriving in Carolina with a good mind set.

- ➤ On the flip side, Hurricanes smell blood in the water and they will be HIGHLY MOTIVATED to win Game # 5 on their home ice and END THIS SERIES tonight in front of their most loyal fans!!!
- ➤ I expect to see the Hurricanes play with MAXIMUM EFFORT and URGENCY in Game # 5!!!
- ➤ I expect that when this game goes to the final, we'll see the traditional NHL " HANDSHAKE LINE " !!!
- So tonight, we are going to back the small home favorite Carolina Hurricanes 142 MONEY LINE vs. the New Jersey Devils to get a win for us tonight in the Tar Heel State !!!

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BOSTON CELTICS @ PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

Game Time: 7:30 PM EST

Broadcast: ESPN

Game Pick: PHILADELPHIA 76ERS +3 -120

we recommend buying the half point

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

- ➤ The Philadelphia 76ers had a 54-28 SU regular season record are the # 3 seed, and the Boston Celtics had a 57-25 SU regular season record and are the # 2 seed.
- ➤ The 76ers have a VERY STRONG home court advantage, where they had a STELLAR 29-12 SU regular season record (approx. 71 %) at home !!!

 And even though it's a small sample size, the 76ers are a 3-1 SU & ATS at home this post season !!!
- ➤ The 76ers lead the series 3-2.

 The 76ers took Game 1 in Boston, winning SU as a + 10.5 point road dog playing without MVP superstar Joel Embiid.
- The Celtics then "BOUNCED BACK" In Game # 2 and blew out the 76ers in Game # 2 by a final score of 121-87.

 The Celtics then won Game # 3, to take a 2-1 series lead, but then the 76ers "BOUNCED BACK" with back-to-back underdog wins in Philly in Game # 4 as a small home dog & in Boston in Game # 5 as a + 7.5 point road dog.
- ➤ The 76ers bring all the + positive momentum into this game, and with a win tonight in front of their most loyal fans, they can end this series and avoid a trip back to Boston. We'll look for the 76ers to get the job done.
- ➤ The 76ers newly named NBA MVP superstar Joel Embiid scored 33 points in Game # 5, Tyrese Maxey had 30 points, and much criticized (often justified) James Harden chipped in 17 points, and had 8 rebounds, 10 assists and a couple of steals.

 In other words, the 76ers "BIG THREE " came through on the road in Boston on the BIG STAGE, and I expect a similar effort here tonight on their home court in Philly in front of their most loyal fans !!!
- ➤ The 76ers, as a winning team with a head coach in Doc Rivers with a winning head coaching career record do fit the handicapping criteria of being a " quality dog ".
- In regard to **the head coaching matchup**, much criticized (often justified, as his squads have blown 3-1 series leads 3 TIMES in his NBA head coaching career) 76ers head coach Doc

Rivers, has a chance to lead his squad to comeback series win vs. the defending Eastern Conference Champion Celtics on their home court tonight in Philly !!!

Doc Rivers with all of his head coaching playoff experience, clearly has the head coaching advantage over his counterpart, Celtics rookie head coach Joe Mazzulla.

I think that this head coaching advantage has already played a role in this series in the 76ers favor, and it will again in this game as well !!!

- ➤ In regard to my **Dr. Alan psychological handicapping**, this game sets up well for the 76ers. The Celtics no doubt will be motivated in this game to avoid elimination. However, they have lost the last 2 games, and I do not think that the Celtics will be in good mind set entering this game. On the flip side, the 76ers smell blood in the water, and I expect that the 76ers on their home court, will be HIGHLY MOTIVATED to win Game # 6 and END THIS SERIES TONIGHT !!! I expect to see the 76ers to play with MAXIMUM EFFORT and URGENCY in Game # 6 !!!
- Lastly, this line opened up with the Celtics as a -2.5 point favorite.

 The general betting public which has backed in the Celtics in the last 2 games,(and lost both times) is still on the Celtics bandwagon, and they are POUNDING the Celtics as approx. 66 % of the public bets are on the Celtics laying the points.

 To the general public, they just can't see the Celtics losing 3 games in a row, and to the general betting public, this looks like easy money \$\$\$ money, like taking candy from a baby.

 To which I will quote ESPN's Lee Corso " not so fast my friend "!!!
- ➤ However, despite receiving only 34 % of the bets, the line hasn't moved from 76ers + 2.5 Thus, a "LINE FREEZE" (we recommend buying the half point 76ers + 3)
- ➤ The sportsbook's line on this game has been set by the SHARPEST oddsmakers in the world, and the sportsbooks a/k/a THE HOUSE have NOT adjusted the line to attract more 76ERS \$\$\$ money.
 - In essence, they have "TAKEN A POSITION" on this game, and it is on the 76ers to cover. Does this guarantee us a 76ers cover tonight? No, of course not.
- ➤ However, we DO KNOW that FIRMLY puts us on the SAME SIDE AS THE HOUSE in this game, and that is where we want to be the majority of the time, because as all know, THE HOUSE NEVER LOSES LONG TERM !!!
- > So tonight, we are going to back the contrarian home underdog Philadelphia 76ers + 3 -120 (we recommend buying the half point) vs. the Boston Celtics in the in City of Brotherly Love !!!

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