Sunday, May 14, 2023

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS @ BOSTON CELTICS

Game Time: 3:30 PM EST

Broadcast: ABC

Game Pick: PHILADELPHIA 76ERS +7 -120

we recommend buying the half point

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

- ➤ We backed the 76ers as a small home dog in Game # 6, and they had a late 4th quarter lead before "MELTING DOWN" in the last couple of minutes in the game, ultimately losing by a final score of 95-86.
 - Despite letting us down in Game # 6, I have absolutely NO HESITATION in backing them one more time on the road in Boston, (where they have already won SU in 2 prior games this series) in this deciding Game # 7 and accepting the generous + 7 points (we recommend buying the half point) that the Las Vegas oddsmakers are offering to us.
- ➤ 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, 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, 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 I think it will again in this game as well !!!
- ➤ This series is tied at 3-3, due to the Celtics winning Game # 6 in Philly as a small road favorite.
- The 76ers franchise & their loyal fans in Philly have been waiting OVER 20 YEARS to play in the Eastern Conference Finals (yes, it's been that long, the last time the 76ers made it that far in the playoffs was in the 2000- 01 season !!!)
 - A win here would put the 76ers in the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since the 2000-01 season.
 - In other words, the 76ers need this game like Dracula needs blood !!!
- The 76ers, led by newly named NBA MVP superstar Joel Embiid, can deliver the long awaited "SIGNATURE WIN" here this afternoon for the long suffering 76ers faithful!!!

- ➤ In regard to my **Dr. Alan psychological handicapping**, this game sets up well for the 76ers. Of course, the Celtics will be motivated to win this game on their home court and advance to the Eastern Conference Finals for the 2nd straight season. However, as previously mentioned, I think this game means just a bit more to the 76ers, and after blowing a chance to close out the series on their home court in Game # 6, I expect that the 76ers will be HIGHLY MOTIVATED to win Game # 7 and FINALLY get that "SIGNATURE WIN" that longsuffering Philly fans have been waiting over 20 years for !!! Thus, I expect to see the 76ers to play with MAXIMUM EFFORT and URGENCY in Game # 7!!!
- Lastly, this is a "DO OR DIE "Game # 7.
 There are 4 possible outcomes to this game, 2 of which are good for us, 1 of which is neutral for us, and only 1 is bad for us:
 - ❖ 76ers win SU, we WIN
 - ❖ 76ers lose by 6 points or less, cover ATS, we WIN
 - ❖ 76ers lose by 7 points , we PUSH
 - Celtics win by 8 points or more, we LOSE
- ➤ In other words, we are making a selection on a "QUALITY DOG" getting a generous amount of points, and that is calculated risk worth taking !!!
- So, this afternoon, we are going to back the road underdog Philadelphia 76ers + 7-120 (we recommend buying the half point) vs. the Boston Celtics in Beantown!!!

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