



NBA BASKETBALL

SPECIAL RELEASE

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

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DENVER NUGGETS @ LOS ANGELES LAKERS

Game Time: 8:30 PM EST

Broadcast: ABC

Game Pick: LAKERS -5.5 -112

Greetings friends !!!

For our Dr. Alan 2023 NBA pro basketball playoff special release, we are going to back the home favorite, the Los Angeles Lakers - 5.5 vs. the Denver Nuggets in this Game # 3 Western Conference Final 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 Lakers - 5.5 - 112

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- The Los Angeles Lakers are the Western Conference's # 7 seed, and the Denver Nuggets are the Western Conference's # 1 seed. This is a " pivotal " Game # 3
- The Nuggets lead the series 2-0 winning both games SU in Denver (but not covering ATS either one of them)
The Lakers have had a chance to win both games SU, and they blew their chances in both games. In Game # 1 they were behind by 18 points at halftime and mounted a furious 2nd half comeback only to fall short in the end.
In Game # 2, the Lakers led by 5 points at halftime, and they had the lead late in the 4th quarter before " MELTING DOWN ", as the Nuggets mounted a furious late 4th quarter comeback to overtake the Lakers.
- No team in NBA history has ever comeback from an 0-3 series deficit to win a playoff series. Thus, for the Lakers, this is a " DO OR DIE GAME " !!!
- Historically, NBA home teams such as the Lakers down 0-2 in a playoff series, have covered the spread ATS at an approx. 60 % clip !!!
- Additionally, historically, in the NBA Conference Championship playoff round over the last 3 years, teams coming off a SU loss (the Lakers) have covered at an approx. 65 % ATS clip in the very next game !!!
- The Lakers have had a VERY STRONG home court advantage this post season, as they have posted a 100 % PERFECT 6-0 SU & ATS record !!! That is VERY IMPRESSIVE !!!

- The Lakers have responded well this post season off a SU loss. The Lakers have lost SU 5 prior times this postseason, and in the next game, they have "BOUNCED BACK STRONG" going a STELLAR 4-1 SU & a 100 % PERFECT 5-0 ATS !!!
- Yes, the Nuggets as a winning team with a winning head coach with a winning record in Michael Malone do fit my handicapping criteria for being a "QUALITY DOG". However, because of the "DO OR DIE" situation the Lakers find themselves in tonight, I feel that they will "RISE TO THE OCCASION" and get their first W in this series, and that they will cover ATS in the process !!!
- In regard to my **Dr. Alan psychological handicapping**, this game sets up well for the Lakers. Of course, the Nuggets will be motivated to win this game and take a 3-0 series lead, effectively ending the series. However, if the Nuggets don't win, they are still in good shape, they'll still be up 2-1 in the series. Thus, there could be a little bit of a letdown for the Nuggets.
- On the flip side, the Lakers are in DESPERATION MODE "they know they "HAVE TO WIN" tonight or the series (and their season) is OVER !!! The Lakers as previously mentioned, had a chance to win both games in Denver, but came up empty both times. Thus, I expect that the Lakers will be HIGHLY MOTIVATED to win Game # 3 and in effect "SAVE THEIR SEASON" !!! I expect to see the Lakers play with "MAXIMUM URGENCY" !!!
- In this "DO OR DIE" GAME # 3 (for the Lakers) BATTLE between the # 1 seeded Nuggets led by 2 time NBA MVP Nikola Jokic a/k/a "THE JOKER" vs. # 7 seeded Lakers led by LeBron James a/k/a "KING JAMES" I expect that the Lakers will make the necessary game to game adjustments to get off to a FAST START like they did in Game # 2, and that they will perform MUCH BETTER in the 4th quarter than they did in Game # 2, and this time, "CLOSE OUT" the game with a W !!! (and we expect an ATS cover as well !!!)
- We will take the risk, and we will lay the -5.5 points with the Lakers - 5.5 in this NBA Western Conference Game # 3 battle between the Los Angeles Lakers vs. the Denver Nuggets in the City of Angels !!!

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