



NHL HOCKEY

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Sunday, May 21, 2023

DALLAS STARS @ VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS

Game Time: 3:00 PM EST

Broadcast: ABC

Game Pick: TOTAL UNDER 5.5 GOALS -107

Greetings friends !!!

For our Dr. Alan 2023 NHL Stanley Cup hockey playoff special release, we are going to take the total to go UNDER 5.5 goals in this matchup between the Dallas Stars vs. the Vegas Golden Knights in this Game # 2 Western Conference Final Stanley Cup playoff game.

With the NHL playoffs, it's a brand-new season. However, we'll still look for VALUE in the money line, puck line 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 total to go UNDER 5.5 goals

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

- The Dallas Stars finished with 108 points in the regular season, and they are the Western Conference # 4 seed.
The Vegas Golden Knights finished with 111 points in the regular season, and they are the Western Conference # 1 seed.
- The Golden Knights are up 1-0 in this series.
Game # 1 produced a final score of 4-3 in OT with the Golden Knights coming out on top.
The score was tied 1-1 entering the third period.
The Golden Knights led 3-2 late in the third period, until the Stars pulled goalie Jake Oettinger and scored with less than 2 minutes remaining to tie the game at 3-3 sending the game into OT.
- The goalie match-up tonight features the Stars Jake Oettinger .919 save % 2.83 GAA and the Golden Knights Adin Hill .930 save % 2.34 GAA
- In the regular season, both of these squads trended UNDER.
Throwing out the pushes, approx. 57 % of the Stars games stayed UNDER, and approx. 54 % of the Golden Knights games stayed UNDER.
- In the post season this year, both squads have posted more OVERS, than UNDERS.
As a general rule, that is not uncommon in the first 2 rounds of playoffs.
- However, with the Conference Finals & the Stanley Cup Finals, as a general rule, we will usually see more UNDERS than OVERS in the 2 later rounds of playoffs.
- This is usually due to more stout defensive play & better game to game defensive adjustments being made, the goalies performing at a higher level, and in some cases the referees calling fewer penalties (producing less power plays)

- These 2 squads played 3 times in the regular season and produced 3 Stars wins by the final scores of 4-0, 3-2, & 2-1, with all 3 of these games finishing UNDER, and the Stars' Jake Ottinger was in goal for all 3 of those wins.
In fact, going further back in the series history between these 2 squads, 5 goals or less in have been scored 8 out their last 10 head to head match ups !!!
- In Game # 1 from a total's perspective, that game was trending UNDER until late in the third period, and OVER bettors were extremely fortunate to cash their tickets.
The feeling here is that the stout defensive play we saw for majority of Game # 1 will repeat itself here this afternoon, and even most likely improve due to game-to-game adjustments.
Also, I expect to see both goalies shine by " STANDING ON THEIR HEADS " in this pivotal Game # 2 !!!
- Lastly, we will NEVER make a wager based solely on what the general public is betting on (or not betting on) The general betting public does win, it's just that we all know for a 100 % documented certain FACT, that THE HOUSE wins more OVER THE LONG TERM then the general betting public does (obviously, otherwise the sportsbooks would all be out of business)
It's just 1 factor that I do look at in my handicapping process, and we can use that to our advantage in certain situations.
- The general betting public got a fortunate win in Game # 1 betting the OVER, and they are back at it again today, POUNDING THE OVER with approx. 85 % of the wagers !!!
Yet, despite losing to the public on Game # 1's total, and HEAVY public betting on the Game # 2 total to once again go OVER 5.5 goals, THE HOUSE hasn't adjusted the total line of 5.5 goals to attract some UNDER \$\$\$.
- In essence, "THE HOUSE" has " TAKEN A POSITION " on this total to UNDER 5.5 goals.
Does this guarantee us a win ? No, of course not.
- However, what it does is to put us FIRMLY ON THE SAME SIDE AS THE HOUSE, which is where we want to be most of the time !!!
Because as we all know, THE HOUSE NEVER LOSES LONG TERM !!!
- So this afternoon, we are going to take the total to go UNDER 5.5 goals in this Game # 2 Western Conference Final matchup between the Dallas Stars vs. the Vegas Golden Knights in Sin City !!!

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