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Monday, May 22, 2023

CAROLINA HURRICANES @ FLORIDA PANTHERS

Game Time: 8:00 PM EST

Broadcast: TNT

Game Pick: TOTAL OVER 5.5 GOALS

Greetings friends !!!

We are pleased to present our second COMBO NHL hockey & NBA basketball playoff " TWIN PACK " !!! A nice BOGO COMBO, as we have the ice & the hard wood to enjoy tonight !!! We are off a nice win yesterday on the UNDER 5.5 total goals in the NHL in the Stars vs. Golden Knights game, 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 !!!

For our Dr. Alan 2023 NHL Stanley Cup hockey playoff special release, we are going to take the total to go OVER 5.5 goals in this matchup between the Carolina Hurricanes vs. the Florida Panthers in this Game # 3 Eastern 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 OVER 5.5 goals

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

- The Carolina Hurricanes Stars finished with 113 points in the regular season, and they are the Eastern Conference # 2 seed. The Florida Panthers finished with 92 points in the regular season, and they are the Eastern Conference # 8 seed.
- The Panthers are up 2-0 in this series due to back-to-back OT wins. Game # 1 produced a final score of 3-2 in a 4 OT marathon with the Panthers coming out on top. Game # 2 produced another OT game, with the Panthers coming out on top by a final score of 2-1
- The goalie match-up tonight features the Hurricanes' Frederick Andersen and the Panthers' Sergei Bobrovsky, both of whom have played well this post season.
- In the regular season, these 2 squads trended in different directions. Throwing out the pushes, approx. 56 % of the Hurricanes games stayed UNDER, and approx. 59 % of the Panthers games went OVER.
- In the post season this year, the Hurricanes have posted more OVERs, than UNDERS. On the flip side, the Panthers have produced more UNDERS than OVERS.

- In 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)
- However, with that being said, we still need to evaluate & handicap EACH GAME INDEPENDENTLY from a total's perspective.
- These 2 squads played 3 times in the regular season and produced 2 UNDERS & 1 OVER
- With the first 2 games both going UNDER 5.5 goals, the **Q.(?)** becomes, why go the other way and wager on Game # 3 to go OVER 5.5 goals ?
- **A. Answer** - the Hurricanes are a DESPERATE TEAM, down 0-2 in this series, and history shows that 0-2 DESPERATE TEAMS (like the Hurricanes) play AGGRESSIVE OFFENSIVELY and usually take ALOT of chances to generate offense.
This usually results in more high-quality scoring chances for themselves which in turn usually leads to more goals being scored.
On the flip side, by being aggressive offensively, this can often times lead to bad turnovers of the puck that go the other way, leading to more high-quality scoring chance for the opposition.
- For example, the defensemen that play the point at the blue line in the offensive zone, may " pinch in " more often i.e. - coming down from the blue line to keep plays alive in the offensive zone.
If they are successful, the offensive play stays alive.
If not, that can sometimes result in a bad turnover, and result in a " rush " or even an " odd man rush " going the other way down the ice creating a scoring chance the other way.
- Another common example of aggressive offense is there won't be as many "dump & chase " plays trying to enter the offensive zone i.e. - instead, the offensive player will try to penetrate the defense by carrying the puck into the offensive zone by himself to try to create a better scoring chance.
Again, if this works, it's great, but if it doesn't, not only can it kill an offensive possession before it gets started, but it can sometimes lead to bad turnovers going the other way.
- After doing my research on this game tonight, I believe it is much more likely than not that we will see a more offensive game tonight then we saw in the first 2 games.
- Historically, Game # 3's where a team is down 0-2 have been higher scoring.
This year the Hurricanes were up 2-0 in the first 2 rounds of the playoffs.
The 2 Game # 3's produced 2 OVERS 6 goals & 12 goals respectively vs. the Islanders & the Devils.
On the flip side, the Panthers were up 2-0 vs. the Maple Leafs and that game did stay UNDER as the final score was 3-2 however, it was an offensively orientated game.
- 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 as a general rule, bets far more OVERS than UNDERS.
The general betting public was all over the OVER (pun intended LOL !!!) in Games # 1 & # 2 and lost both times !!!
However, in this Game # 3, after seeing 2 low scoring games, the general betting public has switched sides, and is POUNDING the UNDER !!!
 - This is extremely RARE for the general betting public, and their track record when betting UNDERS is on par as to when they back underdogs i.e. - NOT GOOD !!!
(With that being said, we will sometimes back a public dog like we did in Game # 1 with the Heat vs. the Celtics, or we will join the public on a total on occasion. And, we will back public favorites & public OVERS under the right circumstances. We independently handicap each wager !!!)
 - The general betting public is POUNDING THE UNDER with approx. 60 % of the wagers !!!
Yet, despite this lopsided HEAVY public betting on the UNDER 5.5 goals, THE HOUSE hasn't adjusted the total line of 5.5 goals to attract some OVER money \$\$\$.
 - In essence, "THE HOUSE" has " TAKEN A POSITION " on this total to go OVER 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 tonight, we are going to take the total to go OVER 5.5 goals in this Game # 3 Eastern Conference Final matchup between the Carolina Hurricanes vs. the Florida Panthers in the Sunshine State !!!
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NBA BASKETBALL

SPECIAL RELEASE

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

Monday, May 22, 2023

DENVER NUGGETS @ LOS ANGELES LAKERS

Game Time: 8:30 PM EST

Broadcast: ESPN

Game Pick: LOS ANGELES LAKERS -3

For our Dr. Alan 2023 NBA pro basketball playoff special release, we are going to back the home favorite, the Los Angeles Lakers - 3 vs. the Denver Nuggets in this Game # 4 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 - 3

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

- 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 3-0 winning both games SU in Denver (but not covering ATS either one of them) and pulling the outright SU underdog upset win in Game # 3 here in L.A. (much to our chagrin, as we backed the Lakers in that game)
- The Lakers are now " on the brink of elimination " tonight, and no team in NBA history has ever comeback from an 0-3 series deficit to win a playoff series.
- With the Lakers letting us down in Game # 3, and that historical record staring the Lakers in their faces, it is reasonable to ask the Question (?) Why back the Lakers again tonight ?
- There are several reasons starting with another historical record in the Lakers' favor i.e. - sweeps in the NBA Conference Finals are RARE !!!
It's HARD to beat an opponent 4 times in a row !!!
In the last 5 years, there has been only 1 sweep in the NBA Conference Finals.
Going further back for a larger sample size shows that in the last 20 years, there have been ONLY 5 sweeps in the NBA Conference Finals !!!
A 5-15 sweep record equals = 25 % !!!
- Also, in the NBA this post season in ALL playoff rounds, there was only 1 playoff series that ended in a sweep i.e. - in the 1st round, the 76ers swept the Nets.
- 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 !!!

(a little less % now that both the Lakers & the Celtics lost their respective Game # 3's)

- The Lakers have had a VERY STRONG home court advantage this post season, as they have posted a 6-1 SU & ATS record !!!
That is VERY IMPRESSIVE !!!
(The loss on Saturday to the Nuggets was their 1st loss at home this post season)
- The Lakers have responded well this post season off a SU loss.
The Lakers have lost SU 5 prior times this postseason (prior to Saturday night's loss vs. the Nuggets), and in the next game, they have " BOUNCED BACK STRONG " going a STELLAR 4-1 SU & a 100 % PERFECT 5-0 ATS !!!
(Update, the Lakers are now 4-2 SU & 5-1 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 end the series.
However, if the Nuggets don't win, they are still in good shape, they'll still have 3 more games to win 1 more game with more 2 home games on tap !!!
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 !!!
Thus, I expect that the Lakers will be HIGHLY MOTIVATED to win Game # 4 and NOT be humiliated & embarrassed by being SWEPT AT HOME !!!
I expect to see the Lakers play with " MAXIMUM URGENCY " !!!
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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 as a general rule, bets far more FAVORITES than UNDERDOGS.
The general betting public backing an underdog is extremely RARE for the general betting public, and their track record when betting underdogs is abysmal i.e. - NOT GOOD !!!
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- The general betting public is POUNDING THE Nuggets with approx. 60 % of the wagers !!!
Yet, despite this lopsided HEAVY public betting on the Nuggets + 3, THE HOUSE hasn't adjusted the line of Lakers - 3 to attract some Lakers money \$\$\$.
- In essence, "THE HOUSE" has " TAKEN A POSITION " on the side of the Lakers - 3. 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 !!!

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- 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, and FINALLY 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 -3 points with the Lakers - 3 in this NBA Western Conference Game # 4 battle between the Los Angeles Lakers vs. the Denver Nuggets in the City of Angels !!!

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