



# NBA BASKETBALL

SPECIAL RELEASE

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

## **BOSTON CELTICS @ MIAMI HEAT**

**Game Time: 8:30 PM EST**

**Broadcast: TNT**

**Game Pick: MIAMI HEAT -1.5**

Greetings friends !!!

For our Dr. Alan 2023 NBA pro basketball playoff special release, we are going to back the home favorite, the Miami Heat - 1.5 vs. the Boston Celtics in this Game # 4 Eastern Conference Finals 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 Heat points in Game # 4

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- The Miami Heat had a 44-38 SU regular season record are the # 8 seed, and the Boston Celtics had a 57-25 SU regular season record and are the # 2 seed.
- The Heat have had a VERY STRONG home court advantage this post season, where they are a 100 % PERFECT 6-0 SU & ATS !!!
- This series has the Heat up 3-0 due to Heat winning the first 2 games in Boston in comeback fashion, and then wining Game # 3 in Miami in a blowout by a final score of 128-102
- No team in NBA history has ever come back to win a playoff series after being down 0-3.
- The Heat have been underdogs in the first 3 games of this series, and this is the first time they will dress up in the favorite role (albeit a small favorite)
- Sweeps are RARE in the NBA Conference Finals, as there have only been 5 in the prior 20 years. So, history does favor the Celtics to extend this series.  
However, we just saw last night as the Lakers blew a 15-point halftime lead (much to our chagrin, as we backed the Lakers ) get swept.  
(And that was only the second sweep of this year's NBA playoffs)
- The Celtics do fit several handicapping criteria that I look for such as being a " QUALITY DOG " and NBA teams in the playoffs coming off of 20 + point blowout wins (like the Celtics) do have a strong SU & ATS history of " bouncing back ", and the Celtics are in a " must win " game. However, I just can't pull the trigger on them.

The Celtics blew double digit leads in both games in Boston, and in Game # 3, they simply failed to even show up & be competitive.

- I think the Heat have clearly shown themselves through the first 3 games to simply be the overall better team & the hungrier team.  
Additionally, I think the head coaching advantage of veteran NBA Championship winning Heat head coach Erik Spoelstra vs. Celtics rookie head coach Joe Mazzulla has played a role in these games.
- In regard to my **Dr. Alan psychological handicapping**, this game sets up well for the Heat. The Celtics " failed to show up in " in Game # 3 and they are now up against the NBA history that no team has ever comeback being down 0-3 to win a playoff series.  
The Celtics in Game # 3 looked like a team that has " given up ".  
Is it possible that the Celtics dig deep down and " rally " and play hard, and win this game and send the series back to Boston ? Sure, of course it is.  
However, I think it is much likely that the Celtics season will be over tonight when this game goes final.
- On the flip side, the Heat smell blood in the water, and they will be HIGHLY MOTIVATED to win Game # 4 on their home court in front of their most loyal fans, and end the series !!!  
I expect to see the Heat play with MAXIMUM EFFORT and URGENCY in Game # 4 !!!
- Lastly, because it is 1 factor that I do consider in every selection that I make, I must mention that the Heat are a VERY PUBLIC PLAY tonight as approx. 85 % of the general betting public is taking the Heat - 1.5 So, we will be on the general betting public's side on this game tonight vs. THE HOUSE.
- So tonight, we are going to take the small risk, and we are going to lay the - 1.5 points with the small home favorite Miami Heat - 1.5 vs. the Boston Celtics to get a win and cover for us in the Sunshine State !!!

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