Friday, June 2, 2023

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES @ WASHINGTON NATIONALS

Game Time: 7:05 PM EST
Broadcast: DIRECT TV EXTRA INNINGS
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Game Pick: WASHINGTON NATIONALS
+1.5 RUNS -104 RUN LINE
LISTED PITCHERS

Greetings friends !!!
For our Dr. Alan MLB baseball special release for Friday 6-2-23, we are going to make our selection on the home underdog Washington Nationals + 1.5 runs RUN LINE - 104 vs. the Philadelphia Phillies ***LISTED PITCHERS*** Philadelphia Phillies' Zack Wheeler vs. Washington Nationals' Josiah Gray

I give great weight to the starting pitchers for each team in my MLB baseball handicapping. We will always specify ***LISTED PITCHERS *** on all our selections, so if there is a last minute pitching change, the wager will be a NO PLAY, and the sportsbook will give everyone a refund.

When we look to play a money line. run line, or total in MLB baseball, we will be looking for edges & advantages in our favor, such as fundamentals in regard to a particular team's stats / recent play / particular team's style of play & pitcher stats / pitcher matchups. And we will be looking for VALUE and where our handicap takes us, and we will be looking for a Dr. Alan psychological advantage.

The VALUE in this afternoon's matchup is clearly on the home dog Washington Nationals + 1.5 runs -104 RUN LINE. Here we have 2 squads with almost identical records, and even thou the starting pitcher for the Phillies is coming a very good start in his last outing, the Phillies have been playing TERRIBLE BALL as of late, making the Phillies OVER VALUED in this spot !!! And, on the flip side, there is VALUE on the home dog Washington Nationals !!!

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

- The Phillies are 25-31 SU, they are 3-7 SU in their 10 games, and only 5-12 SU in their last 17 games !!!
  Additionally, the Phillies have an AWFUL LOSING 11-21 SU road record, and they are on a 4 game losing streak !!!
  The Phillies are clearly NOT playing their best ball right now !!!

- Adding to the Phillies' woes, their staring 3rd baseman Alec Bohm, who is their team leader in RBI's with 37, will not play in this game due to injury

- On the flip side, the Nationals are 29-26 SU, and they are 5-5 SU in their last 10 games, and they are coming off a confidence building 10-6 road dog win on Wednesday 5-31-23 vs. a VERY GOOD Dodgers squad in L.A. !!!

- The Nationals have a scheduling advantage in this game, as they had the day off yesterday.
  On the flip side, the Phillies had to play in New York yesterday vs. the Mets, where they lost 4-2 getting swept by the Mets.
  This rest advantage could play a role in this game, especially when it comes to the bullpens.

- This is the first game of a 3-game series between these 2 N.L. East division rivals.

- The Phillies' starting pitcher is Zack Wheeler, who has a 4-4 SU record, he has a 3.60 ERA, and he has 76 strikeouts.
  He is coming off his best outing of the year in last start, pitching 8 shutout innings vs. a VERY GOOD Braves squad.
  However, in his 2 prior starts he gave up 3 runs & 4 runs respectively vs. the Diamondbacks & Giants.
  The start vs. the Giants was on the road, and Zack Wheeler in 2 prior road starts this year vs. the Rangers & White Sox, he also gave up 4 earned runs in each of those starts !!!

- On the flip side, the Nationals' starting pitcher is Josiah Gray, and he has a 4-5 SU record, he has posted a. 2.77 ERA, and he has 51 strikeouts.
  In his last 4 starts, he has only given up 4 earned runs in 16 innings of work !!!
  In his last 3 HOME STARTS, Josiah Gray has only given up 1 earned run in each of those 3 HOME STARTS, while going 5 innings in 2 of those starts, and 6 innings in the other start !!!

- The stats clearly show that the Nationals have the starting pitching advantage with Josiah Gray AT HOME where he has shown his BEST FORM vs. Phillies Zack Wheeler, who despite his have an excellent last start, is clearly OVER VALUED (along with the Phillies as ream) in this spot !!!

- Taking the Nationals as a home dog with the + 1.5 runs on the RUN LINE with one their BEST pitchers on the mound tonight vs. a struggling Phillies squad who is playing TERRIBLE BALL right now, makes it worth taking a shot with on the Nationals + 1.5 runs on the RUN LINE !!!

- In regard to my **Dr. Alan psychological handicapping**, the edge and advantage clearly goes to the Nationals.
  The Phillies have been playing TERRIBLE BALL recently and they will be without their RBI leader in Alec Bohm, and they are coming off a sweep at the hands of the Mets, they won't be playing with much confidence tonight.

- On the flip side, the Nationals will be motivated to win tonight, they are off a confidence building road dog win 2 days ago vs. the Dodgers, and they will have one of their BEST starting pitchers on the mound tonight in Josiah Gray, and they will want to win the first game of this series at home in front of their most loyal fans !!!

- We'll look for the Nationals to either win this game SU or keep it close within 1 run !!!

- Lastly, when it comes to 1 run MLB games, over the course of any MLB season, it may fluctuate a little bit from season to season.
  However, the stats have born themselves out decade after decade, that approx. 27 % to 30 % of all MLB games during a season end up being 1 run games.

- So, instead of taking the + plus money odds on the money line on the underdog Nationals tonight, under certain circumstances if the price is reasonable, (like it is tonight) I'll take the + 1.5 runs on the RUN LINE to give ourselves an extra chance to win !!!

- There are 3 possible outcomes to this game, 2 of which are good for us:
  - Nationals win SU, we win
  - Nationals lose by 1 run, we win
  - Phillies win by 2 runs or more, then unfortunately, we will lose
- **Please remember to specify ***LISTED PITCHERS *** on your wager !!!**
- So tonight, we will be making our selection on the home underdog Washington Nationals + 1.5 runs, on the RUN LINE -104 vs. the Philadelphia Phillies in D.C. !!!

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