Saturday, June 3, 2023

FLORIDA PANTHERS @ VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS

Game Time: 8:00 PM EST

Broadcast: TNT

Game Pick: TOTAL OVER 5.5 GOALS -112

Greetings friends!!!

For our Dr. Alan 2023 NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final Game # 1 special release, we are going to take the total to go OVER 5.5 goals in this matchup between the Florida Panthers vs. the Vegas Golden Knights.

With the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final, 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 goal

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

- > The Florida Panthers are the Eastern Conference Champion & the Vegas Golden Knights are the Western Conference Champion.
- ➤ These 2 squads played twice in the regular season. The first game in Vegas produced a 4-2 Golden Knights win, and the second game in Florida produced a 2-1 Panthers win. Thus, they split the season series 1-1 SU, and the total record was 1-1 O/U
- ➤ The Panthers last played on 5-24-23 when they clinched vs. the Hurricanes. The Golden Knights last played on 5-29-23 when they clinched vs. the Stars.
- > Thus, both squads will have "FRESH LEGS" which is good for our purposes, as that should help with a "FASTER PACE" to this game.
- ➤ This game is being played in Vegas which is "KEY" for our selection, as AT HOME, Vegas plays a more "WIDE OPEN" offensive style of hockey, and they have been an OVER MACHINE AT HOME!!!
 - The Vegas Golden Knights have played 9 HOME PLAYOFF GAMES, and 7 of those 9 games have produced 6 goals or more !!!
- And, in 3 of those HOME games, 7 goals were scored, and in the fourth game 10 goals were scored!!!
 - So, if Vegas is successful in dictating the faster pace & offensive "WIDE OPEN" style of play on their HOME ICE, (which I of course think they will be) we should see more of the same tonight i.e.- goals, and ALOT OF THEM!!!

- ➤ The starting goalies tonight will be Sergei Bobrovsky for the Panthers & for the Golden Knights it will be Adin Hill.
 - While both goalies have played exceptionally well this post season, I expect that they both will be seeing a lot of "HIGH QUALITY SCORING CHANCES" which will make their jobs a lot more challenging tonight!!!
- This is Game # 1, and both squads have each played 6 Game # 1's up to this point. The Panthers produced a 1-2 O/U total record, and the Golden Knights produced a 100 % PERFECT 3-0 O/U total record, for a cumulative Game # 1 total record of 4-2 O/U !!! (with at least 6 goals being produced in all 4 of those OVERS !!!)
- ➤ Recently, NHL Stanley Cup Finals Game # 1 has produced goals, and ALOT OF THEM !!!

 There are a variety of reasons for this, such as "FRESH LEGS" (applies to both squads) and the lack of familiarity defensively as these 2 squads are from different conferences and only play each other twice a year, and the lack of "GAME TO GAME" defensive adjustments (obviously, because this is Game # 1 !!! LOL !!!)
- Also, the willingness of both squads to play Game # 1 at a "FASTER PACE" and they will be more aggressive offensively by taking more chances early in the series, as opposed to playing at a slower pace and playing a more defensive style of hockey & taking less chances, which is more common in the later games of a playoff series.
- Additionally, early in a playoff series, the referees are more likely to call more penalties producing more power plays, (which of course will produce more prime scoring chances) as opposed to later in the playoff series where the referees are more likely to "let the players play, and keep the whistle in their pocket"
- ➤ Lastly, RECENT HISTORY shows that Stanley Cup Game # 1's have produced goals, and A LOT OF THEM !!!

Here the final scores of the last 6 years' worth of NHL Stanley Cup Game # 1's

- ❖ 2022 AVALANCHE 4 LIGHTNING 3 = 7 GOALS
- ❖ 2021 LIGHTNING 5 CANADIENS 1 = 6 GOALS
- ❖ 2020 STARS 4 LIGHTNING 1 = 5 GOALS
- ❖ 2019 BRUINS 4 BLUES 2 = 6 GOALS
- ❖ 2018 GOLDEN KNIGHTS 6 CAPITALS 4 = 10 GOALS
- ❖ 2017 PENGUINS 5 PREDATORS 3 = 8 GOALS
- As you can clearly see, there has been a noticeable pattern. 5 out of the last 6 NHL Stanley Cup Finals Game # 1's have produced 6 goals or more, producing an OVER WHELMING 5-1 O/U TOTAL RECORD !!!
- So tonight, we are going to take the total to go OVER 5.5 goals in this Game # 1 Stanley Cup Final matchup between the Florida Panthers vs. the Vegas Golden Knights in Sin City!!!

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