

DR. ALAN NCAA COLLEGE FOOTBALL SPECIAL RELEASE Saturday, December 23, 2023

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS VS. UTAH UTES

Game Time: 7:30 PM EST

TV: NATIONAL BROADCAST ABC

Game Pick: NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS + 6.5

Greetings friends!!! For our Dr. Alan NCAA college football special release for Saturday 12-23-23, we are going to back the Northwestern Wildcats + 6.5 vs. the Utah Utes in the Las Vegas Bowl. There are several advantages & edges in our favor, as well as a Dr. Alan psychological handicapping advantage.

DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS & DIAGNOSIS

Utah has an 8-4 SU record, and Northwestern has a 7-5 SU record. Utah has been one of the better PAC-12 teams the last couple of years, as they have played in back-to-back to back PAC-12 Championship games and back-to-back Rose Bowls. The Utes had high expectations coming into this season, and they expected to achieve at least the same level of success if not even better success. Thus, playing in the Las Vegas bowl is big disappointment for Utah, and as such, motivation maybe lacking. On the flip side, Northwestern hasn't made a bowl appearance since the 2020 season, and the expectations were heading into this season that this was going to be another down year for the Wildcats. However, under first year head coach David Braun, the Wildcats far exceed expectations, and they are ecstatic to be playing in the Las Vegas, so they will be HIGHLY motivated for this game!!!

Both squads finished the regular season in opposite ways. Utah went 2-3 SU in their final 5 games with their defense giving up 35 points or more in 3 of those games!!! On the flip side, Northwestern went 4-1 SU and their defense gave up 15 points or less in 3 of those games!!! Also, these teams enter this game in regard to player continuity. Utah has been beset by " opt outs " & transfer portals, where many of their "key" players from the regular season on both sides of the ball will not be playing in this game, most notably their # 1 WR Devaughn Vele and both starting safeties Cole Bishop & Sione Vaki. On the flip side, for the Northwestern Wildcats, they have no such major problem with "opt outs" & the transfer portal, it's "all hands on deck"!!!

Yes, Utah has the more experienced & more accomplished head coach in Kyle Whitingham vs. Northwestern rookie head coach David Bruan, and Utah has "the pedigree" vs. a Northwestern Wildcats football program that hasn't seen much success, but we've seen a rerun of this movie many times in NCAA college football Bowl season i.e. - a disinterested favorite with lacking motivation with a lot of "opt outs" of key players vs. a less talented, but HIGHLY motivated underdog squad, and more times than not, the underdog will cover the inflated point spread and occasionally pull the SU outright underdog upset win!!!

Lastly, the general betting public is pounding the Utah Utes as approx. 66 % of the public bets are on Utah laying the points. However, despite receiving only 34 % of the bets, the Northwestern Wildcats are receiving 48 % of the handle. This "low bets higher dollars" discrepancy is a clear sign of "sharp \$\$\$ money" taking the points with the Wildcats.

When we add up the way these 2 squads finished the regular season, the motivation angle in Northwestern's favor, the key player "opt outs" for Utah, and our low bets & higher dollar "sharp \$\$\$ money" discrepancy, all of these factors make it worth taking a hot with the Northwestern Wildcats + 6.5 points vs. the Utah Utes in the Las Vegas Bowl!!!

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