



Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Kansas State Wildcats @ West Virginia Mountaineers

Game Time: 7:00pm ET

TV: ESPN+

Selection: Kansas State Wildcats -2

West Virginia returns to the WVU Coliseum to face Kansas State in a Big 12 clash tonight.

K-State (11-3, 1-0) is coming off a 77-52 victory over UCF in their conference opener last Saturday. In that game, the Wildcats used a stifling defense to limit UCF to just 21% shooting and 19 points in the first half to build a commanding 35-19 halftime lead. They never looked back. The Wildcats are a gusty and talented team as evidenced by an amazing three-game stretch of OT wins over Providence, Oral Roberts, North Alabama and Villanova.

Coach Jerome Tang, in his first year, led K-State to 26 wins and an NCAA Tournament Elite Eight appearance last year, and has continued to build upon that this season winning 11 games already. West Virginia's first year coach, Josh Eilert (5-9), has not enjoyed the same success and is off to a rough start to his career.

West Virginia is looking to erase last Saturday's ugly 89-55 loss at Houston and that will not be easy facing a quality opponent in K-State. West Virginia continues to struggle shooting from behind the 3-point arc at 29.3% and is being outscored by an average of nearly 4 points per game. Lack of chemistry is a big reason. WVU has had 10 different players start multiple games so far this season. WVU is once again expected to be without 6-foot-11 center Jesse Edwards, who suffered a wrist injury in the Massachusetts loss and has missed the last four games, three of which resulted in losses.

The Mountaineers simply do not match up well with the Wildcats, who will be hungry to continue their winning ways. Lay the small number on the road favorite.

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