Saturday, January 13, 2024

UTAH STATE AGGIES @ UNLV RUNNIN' REBELS

Game Time: 3:00pm ET

Selection: Utah State 1.5

The Utah State Aggies are on an absolute tear to start the season. They currently own the nation's longest win streak at 14 games in a row and have won all three of their conference games so far and have covered all three. They have had good success against their opponent tonight UNLV who they have beaten in 5 straight contests most recently on 1/3/2023 when they defeated UNLV 91 to 66 at home. Utah State ranks top 50 in the nation in several categories including defensive 3 point field goal percentage (11 th .274), field goal percentage (12 th .502), scoring margin (17 th +16.25), assists per game (20 th 17.56), assist to turnover ratio (21 st 1.56), rebounding margin (31 st +7.13), and points per game (44 th 81.56).

In this matchup I expect Utah State to dominate on the boards where they hold a significant advantage over UNLV. Utah State is averaging 37.5 rebounds per game while their opponents are only averaging 34.2. Utah State also has an elite offense that ranks 52 nd in the country in Adjusted Offensive Efficiency that is going up against a suspect UNLV defense that ranks 137 th in the country in Adjusted Defensive Efficiency according to KenPom. Utah State star Junior forward Great Osobor should have another strong night as he leads the team with 18.6 ppg and 9.4 rebounds pg. Four of the Aggies five starters average over 10 ppg making for a well-balanced attack. Look for the Aggies to continue their win streak and cover the -1.5 on the road at UNLV.