



Saturday, January 13, 2024

MIAMI DOLPHINS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Game Time: 8:15pm ET

TV: Peacock

**Selection: KANSAS CITY CHIEFS - 4 OVER
MIAMI DOLPHINS**

The Miami Dolphins are limping into the playoffs both literally and figuratively. Losers of their last two games and three of their last five this team is riddled with injuries. They currently have 19 players listed on their injury report including key players such as Jaylen Waddle (ankle), Raheem Mostert (knee/ankle), Xavien Howard (foot), and Tyreek Hill (ankle). This team has already lost their top five edge rushers for Saturday and are so thin at the position that this past Sunday Melvin Ingram who signed to the practice squad just three weeks ago played the most defensive snaps (58) at outside linebacker. This week they signed vets Justin Houston and Bruce Irvin for depth, but it is hard to imagine they will be able to generate much of a pass rush which is a scary thought when going up against Patrick Mahomes.

This season the Dolphins had one win vs a team with an above .500 record. One! This came at home against the Cowboys in Week 16 22-20 and before that you would have had to go all the way back to Week 3 of the 2022 season when they narrowly beat the 2-1 Bills 21-19. This team appears to be fraudulent. Under head coach Mike McDaniels this team is 1-9 SU and 3-7 ATS vs teams with a winning record. They have struggled on the road this year with a record of 4-4 with their 4 road wins coming vs teams that are a combined 20-48. And to make matters worse they now have to go on the road to play the defending Super Bowl champs on a short week where temperatures at Arrowhead Stadium are forecasted to be -5 degrees Saturday night. The Dolphins have lost 10 straight games when the temperature is 40 degrees or colder by an average of 17 points.

The AFC West Division champs Kansas City Chiefs enter Saturday's contest well rested and healthy. Although the Chiefs are not coming off an actual bye last Sunday was basically a bye week for them as they rested their starters. Head Coach Andy Reid is widely regarded as a master of bye week preparation with a career record of 27-4 after a bye. Led by the best quarterback on the planet Patrick Mahomes who has a career 10-2 record at home in the playoffs, the Chiefs boast both a top 10 total offense (9th overall 351.3 yards per game), and defense (2nd overall 289.8 yards per game. As expected the Chiefs passing attack is good as always at 6th best in passing yards per game (246.4), but one could argue the Chiefs defense has actually been their strength. This is a unit as already mentioned that is 2nd overall in total defense, 2nd overall in opponent points per game (17.3 ppg) 4th overall in opponent passing yards per game (176.5 yds per game), and has the league's top sack percentage rate at 9.30%. They have allowed over 21 points just once this year.

This is by far the best defense that Patrick Mahomes has had in his career. It appears that starting running back Isiah Pacheco is on track to play Saturday as he has been a full participant in practice this week which is welcome news for a solid Chiefs rushing attack that has averaged 4.3 yards per carry this season (tied for

8th best in the league). Previously this year the Chiefs beat the Dolphins 21-14 back in week 9 in Germany. It is also worth noting that Mahomes' top target Travis Kelce has 18 catches for 233 yards and has scored 3 touchdowns in four career games vs the Dolphins. This spot screams for the reigning, defending Super Bowl champs to take care of business at home so it is our selection to lay the -4 with the Kansas City Chiefs at the frigid GEHA field at Arrowhead Stadium.

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