



Wednesday, January 17, 2024

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS @ RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

Game Time: 7:00pm ET

TV: Big Ten Network

Selection: Nebraska Huskers +3

Nebraska has high ambitions to make the NCAA tournament for the first time under coach Hoiberg and win a game in March for the first time in program history. The Huskers' resume is set on a solid foundation after some quality wins, including a recent upset over #1 Purdue, but now they seek the consistency they've lacked over the past six weeks. They can do that by winning at Rutgers, a team that is very average this season. The Scarlet Knights' shooting percentages from 2-point range, outside the arc and the free throw line are all outside the top 300 in the country. This has the makings of a slow, grind-it-out game, the type that Nebraska has won several times this season, notably against Kansas State and Indiana.

After upsetting Purdue, Nebraska went into Iowa on Friday night as 4 1/2 point dogs and laid an egg. They have a scheduling advantage coming into this game, as Rutgers played on Sunday. The Huskers have had an extra two days of rest and an extra two days to stew over that ugly loss, which was a classic 'let down' loss off their huge upset over the #1 team in the country.

This is the best team coach Fred Hoiberg has had since he was at Iowa State. From 2012 to 2015, Hoiberg won 23 or more games there (99 in total), and each team had an adjusted Offensive Efficiency in the top 25 in the nation. After the past four tough years in Nebraska, he has finally put together a similar type of winning team led by Junior star guard Brice Williams. We feel they have the wrong favorite in this game with the home team, Rutgers. Take the points.

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