Thursday, January 18, 2024 MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD @ OLD DOMINION MONARCHS

Game Time: 7:00pm ET Selection: Marshall +1

The Marshall Thundering Herd are off to strong start in Sun Belt Conference play with a 4-1 record, 9-9 overall. The same cannot be said for their opponent tonight the Old Dominion Monarchs who are dead last in the conference with an 0-5 record, 4-13 overall and have lost 6 straight games, 9 of their last 10. Marshall has won 4 of their last 5, 7 of their last 10, and 2 consecutive road games. ODU has lost 6 of their last 10 to Marshall.

There are a number of metric advantages in this matchup that point towards a Marshall win particularly when we look at Offensive Efficiency, Defensive Efficiency, Offensive Rebounding, and Free Throw shooting. Marshall holds a significant advantage in all of these categories on KenPom and then when we look at these same statistics within conference play ODU ranks towards the bottom in each one. ODU is 12th in Offensive Efficiency, 10th in Defensive Efficiency, 12th in rebounding, and 14th in Free Throw Shooting while Marshall is 5th, 4th, 8th, and 6th in those same categories. There are 14 teams in this conference. Statistically ODU is just dreadful. Marshall is going to absolutely dominate this game on the boards as they rank 24th in the nation with 39.8 rebounds per game compared to ODU who ranks 225th in the nation with 34 rebounds per game. It is also worth noting ODU is 1-5 ATS when favored by 1 point. Marshall averages 76.7 ppg while ODU averages 71 ppg and Marshall is the superior defensive team. All five of Marshalls starters average over 10 points per game with 6'8" 222lb Senior Obinna Anochili-Killen leading the way averaging 17 points and 6.4 rebounds per game. We expect Marshall to cover tonight.

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