

Saturday, February 3, 2024 CONNECTICUT VS. ST. JOHNS

Game Time: 12:00pm ET Where: Madison Square Garden Watch: Fox Selection: Uconn – 3

The UCONN Huskies travel to MSG to take on the St. John Red Storm in what will be a very entertaining matchup. Earlier this season UCONN defeated St. John's at home 69-65 without their best player Donovan Clingan. MSG does not present as any real home court advantage in the Big East as it is known as "Storrs South". Even St. John's head coach Rick Pitino has mentioned that he would prefer to play on campus as opposed to MSG for this very reason.

In conference play UCONN has been elite as they rank top 5 in every major category outside of free throw shooting percentage according to KenPom and as a result out rank St.John's in every major category heading into this game. UCONN has won 4 of the last 5 meetings between these two teams and 9 straight overall which is the nation's 4th longest active winning streak.

St. John's is not playing well at all heading into this game as they have lost 4 of their last 5 and only covered in 1 of their last 4. When we look at some of the teams both of these squads have played recently St. John's lost to Xavier by 11, UCONN beat Xavier by 43. There are no real advantages for St. John's to rely on in this game and there are mismatches all over the court for the defending national champions to exploit. Not to mention with the bad blood that has developed between Coach Hurley and Coach Pitino we don't have to worry about UCONN not being up for this game vs a lesser opponent. Somehow the line for this game is -3 which is more than fair to lay considering how elite of a UCONN team this is currently ranked number 1 in the country, 1st in the Big East and 3rd overall in KenPom. This line seems like a bargain, take the Huskies to cover today.

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