



Thursday, February 8, 2024

ARIZONA WILDCATS @ UTAH UTES

Game Time: 8:00pm ET

TV: Pac-12 Network

Pick: Utah + 6

Arizona, ranked # 8 in the nation, come into Utah with another, even bigger game on tap on Saturday versus Colorado. However, Arizona should not take the Utes lightly as this is a very talented team that is fighting for a spot in the NCAA Tournament. They are led by 5th year senior and 7 foot center Branden Carlson, who opted out of the NBA draft last season to return for one more year at his beloved school. Carlson is a force under the net but also an outstanding perimeter shooter, and Arizona does not do well defending big men that can shoot the three.

Utah is one of the best home teams in the country, sporting an outstanding 12-0 record on the year. Although they lost to Arizona earlier this year, they easily defeated the Wildcats in Salt Lake City last season. Arizona is not the same team on the road that they are at home. In fact, they have lost 3 of their last 5 games outside of Arizona, including a loss to #163 Oregon State and an 18 point blowout loss to #93 Stanford.

Utah's head coach is Craig Smith, an underrated coach who has the Utes playing extremely well. In the span of four years between 2018 and 2021, Smith won a total of 100 games while at the helm of Utah State and South Dakota. We look for Smith to have a great game plan to tackle the Wildcats this evening. Take the Utes and the 6 points.

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