Saturday, February 10, 2024 EDMONTON OILERS VS LOS ANGELES KINGS

Game Time: 10:07pm ET

Pick: Oilers ML -122 Money Line

The Edmonton Oilers have been one of the best stories in the NHL so far this season and have been playing great hockey. Their 16-game win streak was snapped this past Tuesday vs the Las Vegas Golden Knights when they lost 3-1, but they bounced back nicely last night in Anaheim when they beat the Ducks 5-3 to notch their 30th win of the season. Backup goalie Calvin Pickard played last night so number 1 goalie Stuart Skinner will start between the pipes tonight. On the season he is 23-10-1 with a 2.43 goals against average to go along with a .910 save percentage in 35 games. Since November 11th, 2023, he has been even better going 22-5-0 with a 2.02 GAA and a .926 save percentage in 27 games. He played very well in the Oilers only meeting with the Kings in LA on 12/30/23 only giving up 2 goals on 28 shots en route to a 3-2 shootout win for the Oilers. The Oilers have a very potent offense that is currently 4th in the league with 3.49 goals per game led by the best player on the planet Connor McDavid. McDavid having another tremendous season already has a team high 71 points to go along with another team high 50 assists. He plays alongside teammate Leon Draisaitl, another stud who currently has 60 points on the season with 24 goals and 36 assists making them the most lethal tandem in the league.

The Oilers opponent tonight the Kings have been trending in the opposite direction. They are 3-8-6 in their last 17 games in which time they are 30th offensively with 2.35 goals per game and tied for 20th defensively giving up 3.24 goals per game. On the season the Kings have a 8-9-6 record at home and have lost 3 of their last 4 games at home. The Oilers have beaten the Kings 4 games in a row and 7 of their last 9 meetings. In fact, the Oilers are 4-0-1 in their last 5 games in LA so home ice is not much of a factor here. I think we are getting good value on the moneyline tonight because the Oilers are on the road in a back-to-back situation after playing last night in Anaheim. However, the Oilers have already had two back-to-back road sets this season and won the second game each time and all 4 in total. Furthermore, being that they just came off the All-Star break this is an easier spot than usual to have a back to back. Not to mention the Oilers have won each of their last 12-night games following a road win. I'd actually be more concerned with the rust the Kings will have to knock off being that they have not played since 1/31/23 and are playing an Oilers team with momentum following a nice win last night not far away in Anaheim. This is a bargain on the money line tonight, so our pick is for the Oilers to win.