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DUKE AT WAKE FOREST

Game Time: 2:00pm ET

TV: ESPN

Selection: Wake Forest – 125 on money line

Wake Forest sits on the outside looking in for a berth in this year's NCAA tournament. Taking down an ACC contender like Duke would provide a significant boost and would likely be the difference maker in the Demon Deacons postseason hopes and provide head coach Steve Forbes his first tourney appearance during a successful career.

Wake Forest kept it close with Duke on the road 2 weeks ago, despite shooting 23% from deep and several players in foul trouble. Efton Reid only played 15 minutes before fouling out. Andrew Carr got 28 minutes before heading to the bench. Hildreth, a very physical guard, had four of his own and couldn't get into a good rhythm for a good part of the game, losing by 8 points.

Wake's strength is on the perimeter where Hunter Sallis, Kevin Miller and Cameron Hildreth are a tough trio.

Gonzaga transfer Sallis has been a major revelation, putting up 18.3 ppg. Miller is getting 15.5 and Hildreth 13.5. The trio averages a shade under nine assists and they're also pulling down 11.8 rebounds collectively. The bigs are solid as well. Andrew Carr is getting 13.5 ppg and 6.9 boards while Efton Reid is getting 9.0 ppg and 8.2 rebounds. He's a big dude and in that Duke game, Reid showed he knows how to maneuver inside to get buckets and rebound. Duke really had trouble countering him. The Demon Deacons have the size to combat Kyle Filipowski and company, limiting second-chance opportunities and covering the perimeter efficiently. Wake is not an easy defense to beat, specifically at home where their record stands at a perfect 14-0.

I'm expecting this Wake offense to find a lot more success in this revenge opportunity and gain a much-needed Quadrant I win. They need this win far more than Duke and with several winnable games left in the season, this game is theirs for the taking in front of a rare sell out crowd. Wake Forest is our selection at – 125 on the money line.

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