



Saturday, February 24, 2024

USC at UCLA

Game Time: 10:00pm ET

TV: ESPN

Selection: UCLA - 4.5 (- 120)

The USC Trojans will face the UCLA Bruins for the second time this season as the Bruins demolished the Trojans on the road. The Bruins will look to return the favor on their home floor today. Season long data will have you believe these teams are relatively close power ratings wise, but more recent Pac-12 Conference play tells another story as Mick Cronin's UCLA have put together 8 wins from the last 10 games after dropping 4 of 5 to start conference play. The Bruins shot just 35% at USC in the first game and still won comfortably. UCLA's Achilles heel this season has been their shooting which can be inconsistent and at times even poor. They more than compensate for that with exceptional defense, which has been on display the last few weeks. One important and impressive stat to watch is that UCLA is holding opponents to just 53 shots per game. USC can struggle offensively as well.

When these 2 last met, Southern Cal took only 48 shots, hitting just 35 % of them. The Trojans are still looking for their first conference road win as they sit at 0-7, and surely will be dogs in the remaining two vs. the Washington schools. The margin of defeat in those road games is nearly double digits (9.66 pts per game) even if you take out the 31-point loss. The market respect is surprising for teams going in completely opposite directions, making UCLA -4.5 solid value. Look for UCLA to put together an equally smothering defensive performance this evening at Pauley Pavillion.

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