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TEXAS LONGHORNS AT BAYLOR BEARS

Game Time: 9:00pm ET

TV: ESPN

Selection: Texas + 7

Rodney Terry's Texas Longhorns can be a dangerous team in March because of their elite backcourt. Guards Max Abmas and Tyrese Hunter are one of the best in the entire country who I feel are underrated.

Just like the first matchup between these two teams when Texas beat Baylor at home, it's once again a good matchup for the Longhorns. They have the offensive ability to exploit weaknesses on the Bears' defensive side of the floor. Texas enters the matchup ranked in the top 40 in offensive and defensive efficiency.

Texas should generate plenty of open looks from deep and also be able to attack Baylor inside. The Bears have recently implemented a 1-3-1 zone on defense that has given their opponents fits. They didn't play much zone in the first matchup between these two, but I don't think it will make a difference against the Longhorns. Texas is a terrific passing team and can penetrate into the paint and shoot the mid range. They are also capable of shooting over the zone successfully.

Defensively, Texas can withstand Baylor's very good shooting, but they must minimize their very good 3-point shooting. The Bears went 11-of-22 from deep against Texas last time.

The one area of concern for the Longhorns is their defensive rebounding ability. Baylor is one of the best teams in the country in crashing the offensive glass, and Texas does not box out enough consistently.

It's not easy to win in Waco, but Texas is the more desperate team as Baylor has basically clinched a double bye in the Big 12 tournament. Texas is 8-8 in conference play, and there's several teams with similar records going into the last 2 games. Finishing up strong is the Longhorn's mantra this week. An upset win tonight would go a long way to their better seeding therefore, I'm going to take the generous 7 points the linemakers are offering.

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