



Thursday, March 7, 2024

NORTH ALABAMA LIONS VS. AUSTIN PEAY GOVERNORS

Game Time: 8:00pm ET

Selection: North Alabama + 3.5

North Alabama continues to improve under head coach Tony Pujol since transitioning from Division 2 to Division 1. This season it hit a new high in KenPoms adjusted efficiency metrics.

Austin Peay swept UNA during the regular season, but both games were close, and one went to overtime. It's proven to be very difficult to win 3 straight games in 1 season over a rival in which both defeats were close ones. The Lions have the guard talent with Jacari Lane and KJ Johnson, and the big man Damian Forrest to win Game 3.

Austin Peay's quarterfinal game went to overtime on Tuesday, which is significant considering their lack of depth. Corey Gipson played his three-star guards 45, 44 and 41 minutes, and another guard 39 minutes. Only seven players saw the floor, and the seventh saw under 10 minutes of action. North Alabama is deeper, and they don't have to travel very far to this game.

North Alabama's defense is much better than Austin Peay's, which ranks dead last in the Atlantic Sun in adjusted efficiency. That should spell the difference. Getting points is a plus with North Alabama.

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