



Saturday, March 9, 2024

NEW MEXICO LOBOS @ UTAH STATE AGGIES

Game Time: 8:30pm ET

Selection: Utah State -1.5 (-120)

The Dee Glen Smith Spectrum will be buzzing tonight as a Utah State victory would clinch the first outright Mountain West Regular season title in school history. Not only that it is Senior Night and a revenge game, it's a good betting spot to back the Aggies. The 22nd ranked Aggies are currently 25-5 overall and 13-4 in conference. They have been spectacular at home with a 13-1 record and are 27-3 over the last 2 years. According to KenPom, Utah State has the 14th best home court advantage in the country. Utah State ranks in the top 50 in the nation in several categories including defensive 3 point field goal percentage (.279 2nd), field goal percentage (.497 8th), assists per game (16.57 23rd), scoring margin (+10.53 28th), assist to turnover ratio (1.46 38th), rebounding margin (+4.70 45th), and scoring offense (79.63 49th). They are 22-1 when they score at least 70 points. Their opponent New Mexico gives up an average of 71.2 points per game. The Aggies are also 8-0 in games this season decided by 5 points or less.

When these two teams last met New Mexico snapped Utah State's 15 game win streak at home 99-86. Utah State was uncharacteristically sloppy with the ball as they had 14 turnovers and had 10 shots blocked. New Mexico had an incredible shooting night on their home floor registering an almost 60% field goal percentage and was 94% from the free throw line. This is not likely to happen on the Aggies home court. In the all time series between these two teams, Utah State leads 33-13. The Aggies have won 8 of the last 10 meetings and 6 straight home games. The last time New Mexico won at Utah State was January 10, 2015. Utah State is 13-2 at home vs New Mexico since 1957. At home Utah State is 8-4 ATS. New Mexico has struggled on the road as they are 5-5 overall and are 1-4 ATS as a road underdog.

This spot simply screams Utah State when you look at the elements involved in this game. Utah State has a superior home court advantage on Senior Night, in a revenge game, with a chance to clinch their first Mountain West Conference regular season title. We expect the Utah State Aggies to cover the -1.5 spread in this game.

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