



Monday, March 11, 2024

ARKANSAS STATE RED WOLVES VS. JAMES MADISON DUKES

Game Time: 7:00pm ET

Selection: James Madison -5

The winner of tonight's Sun Belt Conference tournament final punches a ticket to the NCAA tournament. This bracket got hit with a monkey wrench when Arkansas State knocked out top-seeded Appalachian State Sunday night, and the Red Wolves are an underdog once again.

James Madison got a bit of a scare Sunday, when #11 seed Texas State (playing its fourth game in as many days) made a ferocious second-half rally and lost by just five points. However, those looking to bet the Dukes have reason to believe the last 20 minutes were an outlier. James Madison shot just 35.5% in the second half, which is out-of-character for a squad making more than 47% of its shots this season.

Arkansas State, meanwhile, may come back to Earth in a big way. They were significant underdogs Sunday and won that game on a buzzer-beater. The stats, however, show a team that has struggled defensively for most of the season. They allow nearly 77 points per game, one of the highest such totals in the country, and that's not ideal considering the efficient offense they'll be going up against this evening.

Credit to the Red Wolves for making it this far and pulling off a memorable upset. However, the deck is stacked against them in the tournament final. James Madison appears to have too much firepower, and a return to their usual form means a significant margin of victory seems likely.

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