



Thursday, March 14, 2024

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS VS BYU COUGARS

Game Time: 12:30pm ET

Selection: BYU -1

The BYU Cougars cruised to a convincing 87-73 victory over UCF in the 2nd Round of the Big 12 Championship. Scoring 87 points, hitting 14 three's, with a 47.20% Field Goal Percentage and a 46.67% 3 Point Percentage vs a legit UCF defense is impressive. Coming into the game UCF was ranked 13th in the nation in Adjusted Defensive Efficiency according to KenPom. Texas Tech plays nowhere near as good of defense as UCF does as they rank 53rd in the nation in Adjusted Defensive Efficiency. This was the 2nd straight game that BYU scored over 85 points so the offense is really clicking as it has all year ranked 9th in the nation in Adjusted Offensive Efficiency according to KenPom.

BYU comes into this matchup confident and with revenge on their minds. Earlier this season they squandered a 16 point halftime lead at Texas Tech losing in the final minutes 85-78 on 1/20/2024. The Red Raiders shot a ridiculous 63% on their home floor in the 2nd half while the Cougars went ice cold. Texas Tech scored 22 points off BYU turnovers as well. This is very unlikely to happen again at a neutral site. A big factor coming into this game is the health of Texas Tech starting center Warren Washington who has missed the last 4 games with a foot injury and is questionable to play in this game. He was seen in a boot as recently as last week so even if he does play it won't be at 100% as he has only played a total of 13 minutes since mid February. This is a big problem because without him Texas Tech's starting center is 6'7" and they bring a 6'8" freshman off the bench. BYU now fully healthy on the interior unlike the first time they played Texas Tech will now have the size advantage down low and continue to dominate the boards as they are ranked 11th in the nation in rebounding. Texas Tech on the other hand is ranked 171st in rebounding. Getting second chance scoring and drawing attention in the post will create plenty of open looks for a great shooting BYU squad.

Being that this is BYU's first year competing in the Big12 they are playing with a chip on their shoulders to prove they belong and they have shown that throughout the year maintaining a top 25 ranking for the majority of the season and with big wins vs Iowa State, Baylor, Texas, and at Kansas. Overall they are 20-12 ATS and have covered in 6 of their last 7 games. The spot is right for BYU to cover this spread. Back the BYU Cougars at -1.

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