



Friday, March 15, 2024

AKRON ZIPS VS. OHIO BOBCATS

Game Time: 7:30pm ET

Selection: Ohio +3 (-120)

We really liked the Bobcats in last week's regular-season finale against Miami (OH). Our thinking was that they were playing their best basketball at the right time, they guarded very well on the defensive, and they shot a bunch of threes (making a fair amount). Ohio won and covered that night, and the Bobcats proceeded to crush Western Michigan 82-55 Thursday in their first MAC tournament matchup. That game allowed a few starters to rest for a few extra minutes in the second half, which is an absolute luxury at this time of the year.

Up next are the Akron Zips, with whom they split two regular-season contests. Akron is no pushover, having won 22 games this season. However, they generally don't blow teams out, and it can be argued they played some of their best basketball very early in the year against some tough non-league opposition. Their 75-63 win over Miami (OH) Thursday was solid, but unspectacular. Alarmingly, the Zips shot just 3-for-23 from beyond the arc, and may have been bailed out by the Redhawks going even colder overall in the final 20 minutes.

Ohio has shown it can beat Akron, and their style of play matches up very well with the higher-seeded Zips. If Akron had trouble making shots against Miami (OH), it stands to reason the in-form Bobcats will provide an even tougher test. Will that be enough to see Ohio through to the MAC title game this weekend? Maybe, maybe not, but we like the Bobcats getting a few points in what seems like a game they can absolutely win outright.

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