THE SEC CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, March 17, 2024 FLORIDA GATORS VS. AUBURN TIGERS

Game Time: 1:00pm ET Selection: Florida + 6

I have been high on Florida since mid-way through SEC conference play. Head coach Todd Golden did a masterful job in the transfer portal. Tyrese Samuel (Seton Hall) has been a huge addition around the rim, while the duo of Clayton (Iona) and Pullin (San Francisco) make up one of the most dynamic backcourts in the conference. They are quick in transition leading to points, but they also give up points on the defensive end. Their D has improved in recent weeks, especially in the paint and around the rim where they are solid shot blockers.

Auburn is a very physical team, but their guard play can be a bit inconsistent, especially on the road. That's not the case with their big man Johni Broome who is a beast down low. He scores, defends, and blocks shots. Behind Zack Eddy (Purdue) and Donavan Clingan (UConn), Broome is the other dominant center in the country. The Tigers go deep in their lineup, using 10 players in most games which wears teams down.

Auburn should be the favorite in this game, but not by 6 points, especially with a team as hot and aggressive like the Gators. Florida looked dead in the water in the first half of Saturday's game to Texas A & M but overcame that deficit in the second half and won by 5. Auburn is a far better team at home, so I look for this to be a battle throughout on a neutral court. I bet 2 futures on the SEC tournament. I took 50-1 on Texas A & M which is a ticket I can tear up, but not my ticket on the Gators at 17-1. I'll also take the 6 points the linesman is giving us.

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