



Sunday, March 24, 2024

HOUSTON COUGARS VS. TEXAS A & M AGGIES

Game Time: 08:40 pm ET

Watch: TNT

Selection: Texas A & M + 11

You cannot minimize the accomplishments of the Houston Cougars in their first season in the Big 12 which I feel is the best conference in the country. They are worthy of a number one seeding in the NCAA Tournament, even though they got blown out by Iowa State and their elite defense in the conference final.

The Cougars identity under head coach Kelvin Sampson has been defense and offensive rebounding. Every practice he puts an orange bubble on the rim, and he has his players go to war for the ball. On Sunday the Cougars go up against a team who is number 1 in offensive rebounding in the country. Texas A & M's Anderson Garcias is an elite offensive rebounder as well as Henry Coleman.

These teams played once on a neutral site early in the season. Houston won by 5 in a hard-fought game. The 2 factors that have changed since then is Houston's depth has become an issue. Jo Jo Tugler was one of their best front court players. He's been lost for the season. J'Wan Roberts is not 100 %. Ramon Woods just returned from injury. All these dudes played against A & M. They also lost Terrance Arcenau for the season to an Achilles injury 6 minutes into that game. Nevertheless, the Cougars have a great team, spearheaded by the best point guard in the country in Jamal Shead.

The second thing that's changed since they last met is Texas A & M has changed their line up around and have gone small. They now go with a 3 headed monster attack with Wade Taylor IV, Tyrese Radford and Manny Obeski and the results speak for themselves.

After losing to South Carolina by 2 on Feb 28 at home, Buzz Williams inserted Obeski into the lineup. Since then, the Aggies have reeled off 5 straight wins, 6 of the last 7 and an SEC Championship game appearance where they were defeated.

Today they have an opportunity to punch their ticket into the Sweet Sixteen. If you know anything about the Aggies head coach Buzz Williams, you know he finds any motivational factor to get his guys fired up.

With that being said, give me the Aggies to keep this game close and give Wade Taylor – the best shot maker in this game - the opportunity for some late game heroics to possibly pull off this monumental upset. I will gladly take the 11 points and throw a few dollars on this huge money line.

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