



Sunday, March 24, 2024

UConn Huskies vs Northwestern Wildcats

Game Time: 07:45 pm ET

Watch: truTV

Selection: unconn -13

You may remember when we said the matchup between Northwestern and Florida Atlantic would be fun to watch for those who liked offensively efficient teams. We'd like to retract that statement, please. It was not at all pretty, but Northwestern advanced out of an overtime rock fight.

Their reward? The defending national champions, who steamrolled Stetson 91-52 Friday and never broke a sweat. UConn is as complete a team as there is in the country. They have depth at the guard spots, they rebound like crazy, and they can win playing any tempo they'd like while making shots from all over the floor.

Northwestern was able to drag Florida Atlantic into the type of slow-paced game the Wildcats are programmed to love. Even so, they almost blew it. Up nine with less than seven minutes to go, Northwestern scored just four points the rest of regulation. A buzzer-beater gave the Wildcats necessary momentum, and they did play well in overtime, but the luck they needed to get to that point was substantial, and it's going to take a lot more than luck to threaten the Huskies on Sunday.

Yes, the spread is a significant one, and yes, Northwestern isn't without its strengths. However, the Wildcats simply don't have the offensive firepower to stick with the 32-3 Huskies, especially if UConn turns on the jets and turns it into a higher-tempo, free-flowing game. Remember that in last year's tournament run by the Huskies, they steamrolled every opponent in their way. The reason is that their coach Dan Hurley, and the best coach in the country, plays every possession like it UConn's last one from start to finish. They never let their foot off the pedal. Expect the same on Sunday. Northwestern will stick around for a while as they are well coached and have a pair of very good players in Boo Buie and Ryan Langborg, but the Wildcat's do have some injuries. UConn will likely wear them down in the second half and draw off to a convincing victory covering the 13 point spread.

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