



Thursday, April 4, 2024

INDIANA SYCAMORES VS. SETON HALL PIRATES

Game Time: 07:00 pm ET

Watch: ESPN

Selection: TOTAL (Over 160)

We loved the Indiana State Sycamores on Tuesday as they faced the Utah Runnin' Rebels, a team that has struggled mightily on the road this season. Utah played well, scoring 90 points but they were no match for Robbie Avila and the Sycamores who shot lights out. As we witnessed on Tuesday, Indiana State has players who can score in multiple ways, dynamic guards, efficient 3-point shooting, and the result has been an outstanding season, going 32-6. Indiana State's big man is Avila, who scores over 17 points per game, shoots nearly 39% from the 3-point line, and averages four assists per game. But Avila isn't even Indiana State's best 3-point shooter. Ryan Conwell, Julian Larry and Masen Miller all shoot above 40%.

This is a strong offensive team that is ranked in the top 20 on KenPom for Adjusted Offensive Efficiency. For Effective FG Percentage, they are ranked 1st in the nation at just shy of 60%!!! The Sycamores have scored 90 or more points in 3 of their last 6 games, and they love playing in front of their home crowd in downtown Indianapolis. [Seton Hall is listed as the home team but this game is played 1 hour from Indiana State's campus]

Like Indiana State, Seton Hall is a team that could have made an impact in the NCAA Tournament but failed to make the field. Instead, their team led by 5 seniors and outstanding coach Shaheen Holloway (of 2022 St. Peter's fame) is playing great ball and they come into this Finals on a roll. A team that shot only 33.9% from the perimeter this season, the Pirates have shot over 40% in each of their last three games in this NIT tournament. They come into this game brimming with confidence and facing a team that is #115 overall in defense and a dreadful #240 against the three-point shot.

The Pirates allowed both UNLV (#193 in three-pointing shooting) and a dismal Georgia team (on offense) to score in the high 60s in this tournament despite both teams shooting poorly from the perimeter. Seton Hall is a solid defensive team (#35 overall on KenPom) but their weakness is on the perimeter as they are ranked #112 in the nation. That is a concern for them facing the Sycamores, but

just another factor that points to a 'shoot out' tonight. Look for Indiana State to dictate the pace in this game and for both teams to put on an offensive performance, each scoring in the 80s. Take the Over.

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