

## Free Picks – April 27th

Two unlucky losses last week have us thankful that this week's card presents some strong rebound opportunities and a high potential for successful investments this weekend. We're back this week with strong NHL and MLB plays.

We're banking the under as the Vancouver Canucks look to lock down on D against Anaheim Ducks tonight. We were shocked to see the Ducks put up 5 goals in their first win of the series, and we're looking for a more subdued performance tonight. The Canucks will play much better than in the opener, having their best all-around defender, Sami Salo back in the lineups. However, their offense still looks sagged. In the seven games against Dallas, Vancouver scored just eight total goals. They were shut out three times in round one! The Canucks offense will continue to struggle mightily tonight.

Both teams played great defense in the opening round (1.7 per game allowed by Vancouver vs. 1.8 per game by Anaheim) and both goalies have been hot in the playoffs - 94.1% for Luongo and 96.6% for Giguere. We expect to see a defensive battle in Game 2.

### **Play Under 5 (Vancouver Canucks vs Anaheim Ducks).**

Heading now to the diamond, we'll take the Chicago Cubs against the St. Louis Cardinals on Friday. Anthony Reyes, the Cardinals' starter, is off to a poor start, with a 5.63 ERA in 3 outings. Not the kind of player we want to back. He is 0-3 lifetime with a 5.14 ERA in two starts and a relief appearance against the Cubs.

Jason Marquis, on the other hand, looked good in his last two starts, allowing just a run in 13 innings. We love that he is 2-0 with a admirable 1.20 ERA against St. Louis for his career. This is the same pitching match-up as last Saturday and the Marquis' Cubs beat the Cardinals outright. Although this time is the home game for St. Louis, we expect their offense will struggle against former Cardinal, Marquis, who should feel like pitching in his home field back in St. Louis.

### **Play Chicago Cubs, Moneyline.**

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