

Free Picks – December 29th Weekend

Two weeks ago our NFL play with the Redskins as underdogs resulted in an upset win against the home favorite Saints. The NFLTopPicks team is now 8-2-1 in the last ten weeks. As our TopPicks team has just come back from Christmas holidays, we have two big picks this weekend on the NBA and NFL.

The Washington Wizards finished November with a 5-9 record, while the Orlando Magic led the Southeast Division at 12-4. The month of December has been a turnaround for both teams, though, as the Magic are 5-9 while the Wizards have gone 11-3 to move percentage points ahead of Orlando for the division lead. These two teams have been heading in completely different directions.

The biggest reason for the Washington's run has been the outstanding performance of Gilbert Arenas, who has scored 30 or more points in five of the past six games. Arenas is averaging 38.5 points and has made 19-of-35 from 3-point range (54.3%) during the Wizards' four-game win streak. That stretch doesn't even include his franchise-record 60-point effort in a win over the Lakers on Dec. 17.

The Wizards are averaging 118.5 points in their last 12, and are the third-highest scoring team in the league (107.8 PPG) behind Phoenix and Denver. Washington has won six of seven at the Verizon Center, and is 9-2 at home when scoring at least 100 points.

The Magic have lost three straight road games, averaging just 84 points. Orlando fell to the Lakers on Wednesday for its third straight loss and eighth in 11 games. Dwight Howard's slump is the main factor for the Magic's draught. He is averaging 13.1 points on 45.7 percent shooting in his last eight games. Howard averaged 18.1 points on 61% shooting in his first 22 games.

We're predicting a blowout for the Wizards who will be hyped in revenge mode for the loss to Orlando earlier this season.

Play Washington Wizards, ATS

The Green Bay Packers will have more on their minds than the possibility of Brett Favre playing his final NFL game as they visit the Chicago Bears to close the regular season at Soldier Field on Sunday.

The game is essentially meaningless for the Bears, who have already clinched home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs. The Packers are still in the hunt for the conference's final wild-card spot. The Bears are not playing good football right now with an awful defense. During the last 2 years after Thanksgiving, their defense has disappeared. They are allowing an average of 363.0 yards during their last five games, well above their season average of 288.9 allowed per game. Chicago has slipped from having the league's top-ranked defense to fifth in the last four weeks.

Although Favre has struggled throughout the season, the Green Bay defense has allowed the team to remain competitive in the final month of the season. They have allowed only 35 total points in their last three games. We expect Favre to have great game in Chicago which has always been his home away from home (has lost only once in Chicago as a Packer) and play incredibly.

Play Green Bay Packers, ATS

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