

Free Picks – January 27th Weekend

Not a bad start to the year – two winning weeks in a row, ALL our NFL Playoff Picks have hit, and we're back for more this week. Last week, as you'll know, we picked the Steelers as road underdogs to upset the Broncos at home, and they did, in a big way, just as we predicted. The Dallas Mavericks knocked off the sinking Los Angeles Clippers, and as we foretold, Dirk Nowitzki had a big night in the victory.

We've got a bit of a smaller card than usual this week with no NFL games, but we'll make up for it by offering a tasty two-pack of NBA plays, one fave we expect to lay down a blowout, and one dog we expect to bite hard.

The Phoenix Suns are listed as just 6.5 point favourites against the lowly Atlanta Hawks, and for this one, it's a no-brainer. Phoenix is coming off a huge road win against the Miami Heat, and while some might expect a let down, that won't be the case tonight in Atlanta. The Suns need to finish this road trip strong, and with last night's big win, they're going to be emotionally charged. The Suns had four players with 19 or more points last night, meaning no single player had to carry the load, which leads us to think that the Suns will be ready for another strong team effort. Atlanta's played poorly at home, and looked unmotivated in a loss to Cleveland on Wednesday. **Play Phoenix, -6.5.**

The Indiana Pacers are down, but they are in no way out. They take on a Cleveland team that has been inconsistent at best this season, beating some big name teams, but losing some shockers to poor clubs as well. At 16-8-1 ATS in their last 25 games, the Pacers play to a few trends you'll want to consider. Cleveland is just 4-25 SU against winning teams in its last 29. We're confident Rick Carlisle will get the most out of this beaten up team, and we're predicting Indiana comes out on top. **Play Indiana, +4.5.**

With just two games on the NHL schedule, we're going to give you major underdog value and take the Minnesota Wild to beat the Columbus Blue Jackets by at least two in our weekly PUCKLINE POUNDING. The Wild impressed us with their 5-1 dismantling of the Nashville Predators, and we predict they'll come out hot and ready to play. The Blue Jackets have had a long layoff after they played the Vancouver Canucks, and before that, they lost 7-2 to the same Nashville team Minnesota just destroyed. Take the road favorite here, and **Play Minnesota on the Puckline.**

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