

Free Picks – March 24th Weekend

After a tough weekend last week, where many plays just barely missed, we're coming out swinging, and giving you one of our strongest cards in a while. This year's NCAA tourney has been stock full of craziness, including Duke falling last night to LSU and Gonzaga getting bounced by UCLA in the dying seconds of the game. We're back to our winning ways this weekend, and we hope you'll join us.

The George Mason Patriots have a variety of edges in their Sweet Sixteen game against Wichita State tonight, but the main one is location. George Mason is within easy driving distance of the site, which means you can expect a pro-Patriot crowd. Guess what, though... *the linesmakers forgot to factor this in!* The crowd will make this one essentially a home game for the Patriots, GM is just a 2.5 point fave at most books, including GoSportsBet, which is WELL under what a normal home team advantage would be! Let's not forget that GM already beat the Shockers this season **in Wichita**. Did you see the zone Mason used to shut down North Carolina? All five starters average double figures, demonstrating that they share the ball well, and finally, the team has shot a tasty 48.4 percent, which tells us that they wait for good shots and don't tend to waste possessions. **Play George Mason.**

We love the situational matchup for the LA Lakers tonight against the Bucks. The Bucks have played three straight road games, and are coming off a 114-105 pasting at the hands of Seattle. Injuries could make a difference here too – Bucks guard Mo Williams is in Indianapolis seeing a doctor for his sprained left ankle, and even with Williams, the Bucks are just 6-11 ATS in their last 17. That's not a record I want to bet on. The Lakers, on the other hand, are on a 10-6-1 ATS run, having defeated the Kings by seven points, and currently have seventh place in the West in their grasp. Kwame Brown finally seems to be shaking the rust off, nearly putting up a triple double on Monday, and then going for 21 and 12 against the Kings! Kobe Bryant continues to amaze, having scored over 20 points in his last 50 games! Finally, history is on our side here: The Lakers have taken down the Bucks 3-0 SU and 2-1 ATS the last three times these teams have faced. **Play Los Angeles**

It's hard to ignore the Dallas Stars for this week's **Puckline Pounding**. The Stars play the Central division very well (23-4-2 in their last 29) and the Blackhawks play the Pacific division very poorly (5-24-3 in their last 32). Dallas has historically been great at home (83-30-15 at home in their last 128 home games), and Chicago has won only twice in the last 16 times they've played in Dallas. In their last ten meetings, Dallas hasn't lost. Most recently, on the 5th of March, Dallas hung a 7-2 smackdown on the 'Hawks. Look for something similar tonight. **Play Dallas, on the Puckline.**

This we're offering another two-team parlay, and let's not forget that our two team plays have gone a stellar **2-1** this season! We're employing one of our favourite tactics this week, parlaying a side and a total in the same game. We're taking the **Memphis Grizzlies** against the New York Knicks, and predicting that this one goes **over**.

If anyone is even *considering* betting on the New York Knicks in this price range (five point dogs), they need to have their heads checked. New York games should come with an automatic 10-point cushion from now on, because this is a team in distress, folks! Their top prospect, Channing Frye, is out for the season with a knee injury. Malik Rose is out too, leaving their front court dangerously thin. The team is griping, with guard Steve Francis feuding with Coach Brown after Stephon Marbury did the same last week. Look for Pau Gasol to have a big game as well, against the depleted New York front court.

The Knicks have been giving up points like they're going out of style. They have given up over 100 points in their last SEVEN games in a row, including the 111-87 blowout in Orlando on Wednesday. Before that, the Toronto Raptors laid 114 on them, and on Sunday, Miami hung 111 on the Knicks as well. However, the Knicks have rarely had problems scoring either. Before their 87 points against Orlando, the Knicks had broken the century mark in eight of their previous nine, although they lost a majority of those games. The Over shouldn't have any problems cashing here. We're predicting a total of between 190 and 195, which seals the deal with no trouble.

Play Memphis, and Play the Over.

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