

Today's LIVE Bets: 08/21/2025

MLB: Houston Astros vs Baltimore Orioles - 1 Unit (-110) - 7:15pm ET

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Astros to win

Analysis:

The Orioles may have taken two of three from the Astros in Houston last week, but now the scene shifts to Baltimore for a four-game series, and Houston looks ready to respond. Veteran right-hander Jason Alexander gets the ball for the Astros, and since being claimed off waivers from Oakland in May, he's been a reliable arm in the back end of the rotation. In seven outings (six starts), Alexander has posted a 3-1 record with a 2.63 ERA and 1.09 WHIP across 37 2/3 innings, allowing just 28 hits while striking out 30. He was also on the mound in Houston's lone win against Baltimore in their previous series, delivering a steady five innings before the bullpen closed out a 12-inning victory. Importantly, Alexander has been at his best on the road, where all three of his wins have come, supported by a 2.86 ERA in six away starts. That consistency gives Houston confidence as they aim to quiet an Orioles lineup that can be dangerous but has also shown streakiness against pitchers who stay around the strike zone. If the Astros can provide Alexander with some early run support, they could tilt the pressure onto Baltimore's bullpen, which has been shaky in late-game situations. Given Alexander's recent form and road success, Houston has a strong chance to open this series on the right foot and counter Baltimore's momentum at Camden Yards. **The public bets are coming in at 60% on Houston and 66% of the money also riding on the Astros.**

MLB: SL Cardinals vs TB Rays - 1 Unit (+100) - 7:35pm ET

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Rays to win

Analysis:

Sonny Gray still carries name value in the betting market, but his recent results have been concerning. He was hit hard in his last outing, giving up six runs on nine hits in five innings against the Yankees, and he has failed to pitch beyond the fifth inning in six of his last eight starts. Even more troubling is the long ball, as he has surrendered home runs in six consecutive appearances, nine in total, and pitching in a hitter-friendly park makes that an even greater risk. Tampa Bay counters with Joe Boyle, who has had ups and downs of his own but still shows promise. His 5.26 FIP suggests some struggles, yet his 1.19 WHIP over 32 2/3 innings points to better underlying control, and the Rays managed to rally for a win in his last start against San Francisco. St. Louis could be a favorable opponent for him since their offense ranks only 23rd in isolated power over the past week, limiting their ability to fully capitalize on his mistakes. The difference may come down to the bullpens, where Tampa Bay has a clear edge. At home, Rays relievers have a 3.56 ERA and 1.18 WHIP, while the Cardinals bullpen has stumbled on the road with a 4.26 ERA and 1.38 WHIP. Taking all of this into account, Tampa Bay looks better positioned to come out on top if Boyle can keep the game in reach and allow the Rays to lean on their stronger relief corps. **Public bets and money are pretty much split down the middle on this one with 52% of the bets and 48% of the money on the Rays.**