Today's LIVE Bets: 2/22/2025

NCAAB: Oregon vs. Wisconsin - 12:00pm ET

Against the spread- Click to get more info on tonights match up
Wisconsin -8.5

Analysis:

The recent momentum for the Oregon team has pushed them comfortably above the NCAA Tournament cut-line, riding a three-game winning streak. However, it's worth noting that they previously dropped four consecutive games on the road before narrowly escaping with a two-point win against a lackluster lowa squad on Wednesday. On the other hand, Wisconsin appears to be in a completely different league, having won five straight games and 13 of their last 15. Their impressive record against the spread is equally notable, with an 11-2 mark in their last 13 games. One of the standout players has been guard John Tonje, a transfer from Colorado State and Missouri, who is currently on fire, with back-to-back 30-point performances. This Wisconsin team is not the same as those from the Dick Bennett or Bo Ryan eras; instead, they're scoring at an average of 82 points per game and have put up over 94 points in their last two victories, both double-digit wins against NCAA Tournament-bound opponents like Purdue and Illinois. Given their current form and scoring prowess, I like Wisconsin to cover here. The public bets are coming in slightly favoring the Ducks so we are against the public on this one.

NHL: Minnesota Wild vs. Detroit Red Wings - 12:30pm ET

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Detroit to win

Analysis:

The Red Wings have been on an impressive run that dates back three weeks, highlighted by a seven-game winning streak that was only snapped by a loss to Tampa Bay in their final game before the break. Notably, Detroit has enjoyed significant success at home, winning 8 of their last 9 games at Little Caesars Arena before that defeat. A key factor in their resurgence has been goaltender Cam Talbot, who has been nearly unbeatable since January, boasting a remarkable 9-1-0 record in the games he's started. His consistent performances have provided the team with the stability it needs to compete effectively. In contrast, the Minnesota Wild have

managed to stay competitive but have experienced a downturn in offensive production since the injury to their top scorer, Kirill Kaprizov. This offensive slump has been evident in their recent struggles, including three shutout losses in their last nine games. This lack of scoring is a significant concern, as it places additional pressure on their goaltenders to deliver standout performances. Given these circumstances, the Red Wings appear to be in a much stronger position moving forward, especially if they can continue leveraging Talbot's play and maintain their home-ice advantage.

NHL: Edmonton Oilers vs. Philadelphia Flyers - 1:00pm ET

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Philadelphia +1.5

Analysis:

As the NHL gears up to resume play on Saturday, I anticipate some surprising outcomes, particularly from teams that had several players participating in the 4 Nations tournament. The combination of emotional highs and physical exhaustion from such a competitive event can significantly impact players' performances. For example, it wouldn't be surprising if Connor McDavid receives a day off from the Edmonton Oilers after his crucial contributions to Canada's overtime win in the final, especially with an early 11 a.m. local time game looming. This decision could be strategic, allowing him to recover and maintain his peak performance for future games. Furthermore, Flyers goalie Samuel Ersson's standout performance in Sweden's unexpected upset over the Americans highlights the unpredictable nature of international competitions and the emergence of new talent. His ability to perform under pressure not only adds depth to his team's roster but also illustrates how international tournaments can reveal players who may become game-changers in the NHL. Overall, the aftereffects of the 4 Nations tournament will likely create a dynamic and unpredictable atmosphere in the league this weekend. We are against the public here big time. 89% of the bets are on Edmonton on the puck line.

NCAAB: Mississippi St. vs. Oklahoma - 1:00pm ET

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Analysis:

The Sooners are currently on a troubling five-game losing streak, with four of those defeats coming by a significant margin of at least 18 points. The fifth loss, which occurred on their home

court, was particularly disheartening against a struggling LSU team. In contrast, Mississippi State is beginning to find their rhythm, having won three out of their last four games, with their only setback coming against Florida—although they held a lead at halftime in that encounter, suggesting they are competitive and improving. Additionally, Mississippi State has demonstrated resilience on the road in the SEC, securing four victories in true away games. While backing the Bulldogs might seem like a conventional choice, it appears that the Sooners are grappling with a multitude of issues right now, both in terms of performance and team dynamics, which could further hinder their ability to bounce back. This dichotomy in momentum between the two teams makes for an intriguing matchup, as the Sooners desperately need to regain their footing, while the Bulldogs are capitalizing on their recent success. We are with the public as 81% of the bets are in favor of Miss. St. to win this one.

NCAAB: Evansville vs. U. of Illinois at Chicago - 3:00pm ET

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Evansville +7.5

Analysis:

Since UIC's 78-67 victory over the Flames on January 22, the Flames have faced significant challenges, losing six of their last eight games and five of their most recent six. Their offense has struggled, with a concerning shooting percentage of just 38.3% from the floor in their last three outings, while top scorer Javon Jackson has been held to fewer than ten points in three of the last four games. This decline in offensive production raises doubts about the team's confidence and ability to perform effectively. In contrast, the Purple Aces are on the rise, winning three of their last four games in the Missouri Valley Conference, including important victories against Valparaiso and Indiana State. The resurgence can be largely attributed to the hot play of guard Tayshawn Comer, who has been averaging over 21 points per game during his last seven performances, providing an essential offensive spark. Given these contrasting trajectories, the Purple Aces appear well-positioned to continue their momentum, while the Flames must quickly address their issues to reclaim their competitive edge in upcoming matchups. The public bets are BIG on UIC on this one holding 99% of the early bets. However, as you know the public often gets it wrong. Lets win!

NCAAB: South Carolina St. vs. Delaware St. - 4:00pm ET

Over/Under - Click to get more info on tonights match up

Over 150.5

Analysis:

South Carolina State (SCST) has proven they can score against anyone in the MEAC, often putting up impressive totals, as evidenced by their ability to reach 90 points. In fact, they have hit the over in seven of their last ten games, reflecting their high-octane offensive style. Their conference games are averaging 151 points, and this statistic underscores their capacity for scoring while playing at a relentless pace. Similarly, Delaware State has also been trending upward, going over in their last four consecutive games, with their MEAC contests averaging a staggering 157.5 points. This trend highlights not only their offensive capabilities but also exposes the considerable defensive struggles within the conference. Given that teams across the MEAC have had significant challenges with defensive consistency, it's no surprise that recent matchups have often resulted in high-scoring affairs, while the statistical trends strongly support betting on the over for upcoming games. Both teams' ability to generate points combined with the conference's defensive weaknesses suggests that viewers can expect another exciting, high-scoring contest. We are with the public on this one where 61% of the early bets are on the over.

NCAAB: Missouri vs. Arkansas - 6:00pm ET

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Missouri -1.5

Analysis:

The Tigers are headed on the road to face an Arkansas team that, while improving over the past month, has been inconsistent in their recent performances. Arkansas has managed a 3-3 record in their last six games, with losses against Alabama, Texas A&M, and Auburn coming by an average margin of just 6.3 points. However, Missouri clearly stands out as the stronger team in this matchup. Their depth and talent give them an edge that is hard to overlook, especially at this time of year. In late February, although timing and momentum play a role, it often takes a superior skill set to consistently cover the spread in tough conference games. Missouri's ability to navigate pressure situations gives them a significant advantage, and I expect them to rise to the occasion against an Arkansas squad that may struggle to match their intensity and execution. I'm confident that Missouri will not only assert their dominance but also cover the spread convincingly in this contest. The early public bets are very heavy on the tigers in this match up with 98% of the bets for them to cover.