

NCAA Tournament Round 2 — Daily Edge Report

Today's Mesh Highlights

Top edges + scenario-level analysis using the most likely simulation worlds

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Kentucky Wildcats (+11.7%)

(2) Iowa State Cyclones vs (7) Kentucky Wildcats | 2:45 PM ET | CBS | Midwest

Win Prediction (Mesh)



UK Edge = Mesh 45% – Market 33.3% = **+11.7%**

The verdict: In the most likely scenario — "Iowa State survives fragility in a coin-flip grinder" (34%) — ISU wins by ~2. The simulation gives UK **45%** to win (market: 33.3%). **Best play: UK +5.5 (Medium confidence).**

Utah State Aggies (+10.2%)

(1) Arizona Wildcats vs (9) Utah State Aggies | 7:50 PM ET | truTV | West

Win Prediction (Mesh)



USU Edge = Mesh 25% – Market 14.8% = **+10.2%**

The verdict: In the most likely scenario — "Arizona survives a competitive version" (45%) — ZONA wins by ~4 points. That doesn't cover 11.5. In the second most likely — "Arizona structural control" (25%) — same story: ZONA by ~10. Together those two worlds are **70%** of all simulations and neither covers the spread. **Best play: USU +11.5 (High confidence).**

FLIP ALERT Mesh predicts a different winner than the market

Alabama Crimson Tide (+30.2%)

(4) Alabama Crimson Tide vs (5) Texas Tech Red Raiders | 9:45 PM ET | TBS | Midwest

Win Prediction (Mesh)



BAMA Edge = Mesh 73% – Market 42.8% = **+30.2%**

The verdict: The market has TTU winning. The mesh disagrees, giving BAMA a 73% chance to win outright. In the most likely scenario — "Alabama survives a close game on small structural edges" (36%) — BAMA wins by ~3. **Best play: BAMA ML (Medium confidence).**

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Game Predictions

All 8 games | Sorted by tip-off | Bidirectional bars: left = favorite, right = upset

Time	Matchup	Market	Mesh	Market vs Mesh	Edge
12:10 PM	(2) PUR vs (7) MIA	74/26	76/24		-2% MIA
2:45 PM	(2) ISU vs (7) UK	67/33	55/45		+12% UK
5:15 PM	(4) KU vs (5) SJU	40/60	46/54		+6% KU
6:10 PM	(3) UVA vs (6) TENN	48/52	46/54		-2% UVA
7:10 PM	(1) UF vs (9) IOWA	82/18	77/23		+5% IOWA
7:50 PM	(1) ZONA vs (9) USU	85/15	75/25		+10% USU
8:45 PM	(2) UCON vs (7) UCLA	64/36	61/39		+3% UCLA
9:45 PM	(4) BAMA vs (5) TTU	43/57	73/27		+30% BAMA

Recommended Bets

Scenario-level analysis: bets recommended only when the top simulation worlds support the play.

Utah State +11.5 -110

+33pp · 85% probability · High confidence

1.5u

Arizona is an 11.5-point favourite. In the most likely scenario — Arizona survives a competitive game (45% of simulations) — Arizona wins by around 4 points. In the second most likely — Arizona structural control (25%) — Arizona wins by around 10. Neither covers. Those two scenarios together account for 70% of outcomes.

Alabama ML (+124) +124

+30pp

1.5u

The only game today where the simulation and the market disagree on who wins. Market has Texas Tech -1.5. Simulation gives Alabama 73% to win against a market implying 43%. In the most likely scenario (35% of games), Alabama wins by around 3 points. In the second most likely (18%), Alabama wins by around 6. Together those two scenarios account for 53% of outcomes and Alabama wins both.

Iowa +10.5 -110

+29pp · 81% probability · High confidence

1.5u

Florida is a 10.5-point favourite. In the most likely scenario — Florida wins without full control (46% of simulations) — Florida wins by around 4 points. In the second most likely — Iowa drags it to a live finish (17%) — the margin is under 1. Those two scenarios cover 63% of outcomes and neither covers 10.5.

Kentucky +5.5 -110

1u

+22pp · 74% probability · Medium confidence

Iowa State expected to win by 0.4 points. Spread is 5.5 — 5.1 points of breathing room. In the most likely scenario Iowa State wins by 1.5 (Kentucky covers). In the second most likely Kentucky wins outright by 4.5 (also covers). Both dominant scenarios land inside the number — 61% of simulations combined.

Miami FL +7.5 -110

1u

+21pp · 73% probability · Medium confidence

Purdue is a 7.5-point favourite. In the most likely scenario — Purdue survives the variance (49% of simulations) — Purdue wins by roughly 3 points, well short of 7.5. In the second most likely — Purdue structural control (14%) — Purdue wins by around 8, just barely covering. The dominant outcome alone gives Miami the value.

UCLA +4.5 -110

1u

+15pp · 67% probability · Medium confidence

UConn is a 4.5-point favourite, but the most likely scenario — UConn survives a close tactical battle (32% of games) — has UConn winning by roughly 3 points. Doesn't cover. The second most likely has UCLA winning outright by 8. Together those two scenarios account for 48% of outcomes and both favour UCLA covering.

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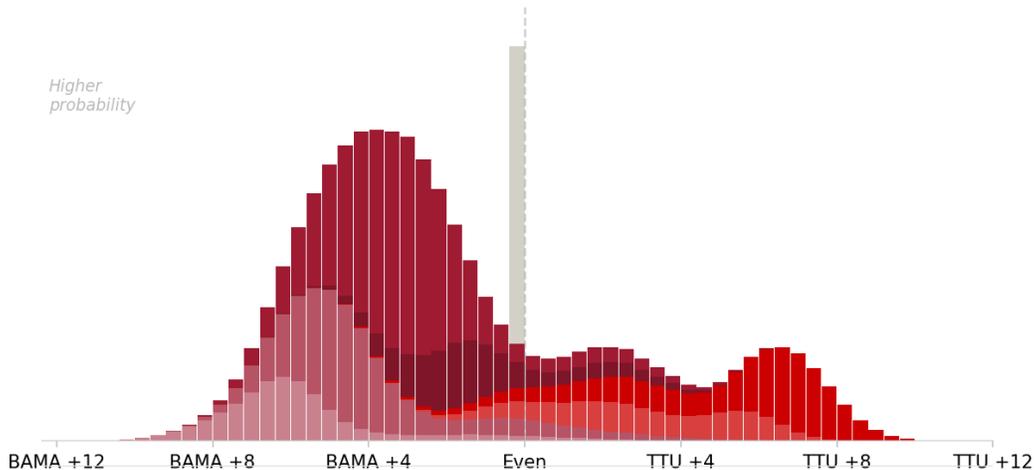
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Win prediction



Toss-up scenarios: 13%

Distribution of simulated outcomes



World Distribution — 6 Scenarios

50,000 Monte Carlo runs

W6 Alabama survives a close game on small structural edges	Favors BAMA
35.00%	
W2 Alabama wins through Tech interior fragility and foul pressure	Favors BAMA
18.30%	
W4 Texas Tech perimeter shotmaking and Anderson control	Favors TTU
14.30%	
W5 Coin-flip tactical grinder	Favors BAMA
10.40%	
W1 Alabama pace-and-shot-volume breakthrough	Favors BAMA
9.00%	
W3 Texas Tech drag-game upset path	Favors TTU
7.90%	

Analysis

BAMA moneyline (+124). Pass on the spread.

The market has TTU winning. The simulation disagrees: it gives BAMA **73%** to win outright, while the betting line implies just **42.8%** — a **+30.2 percentage-point** gap. In the most common scenario — "Alabama survives a close game on small structural edges" (**36%**) — BAMA wins by **~3** points. BAMA wins outright. In the second most common — "Alabama wins through Tech interior fragility and foul pressure" (**18%**) — BAMA by **~6**. BAMA wins outright. Together those two worlds account for **53%** of all simulations.

*The market has this backwards — BAMA isn't the underdog, they're the side the simulation picks to win **73%** of the time.*