

NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 — Daily Edge Report

Friday, March 27, 2026 | 4 games | 2,000,000 simulations per game

Four games. Two regions. The Sweet 16 gets real tonight.

Of the 1 double-digit spread on the board, 1 looks soft — the simulation's most likely outcome falls well short of the number. There is 1 actionable play tonight.

© **Game of the Day: BAMA +10.5** — In the most likely scenario (Balanced close-game Michigan edge, **35.4%** of simulations), MICH wins by ~6 — well short of 10.5. In the second most likely, Michigan shell-and-adjustment suppression (23.6%), BAMA is in the mix. Those two scenarios together account for **59.0%** of all outcomes.

■ **Trap — TENN (+154)** — The market prices TENN at **37.8%** to win. The simulation gives them **30.7%**. In the most likely scenario — Iowa State balanced control through guard play (24.5% of games) — ISU wins. Backing TENN here means paying a premium for an outcome the simulation thinks is less likely than the market does.

The best bets tonight are not about picking winners — they are about recognising that the big favourites probably win but not by as much as the line requires.

Today's Mesh Highlights

Top edges + the flip game where Mesh disagrees with market on the winner

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Winner: MICH (75.9%) | Mesh Edge: BAMA (+3.7%)

(1) Michigan vs (4) Alabama | 7:35 PM ET | TBS | Midwest Region

Win Prediction (Mesh)



BAMA Edge = Mesh 24.1% – Market 20.4% = **+3.7%**

The verdict: In the most likely scenario — Balanced close-game Michigan edge (35.4%) — MICH wins by ~6 points, well short of 10.5. The simulation gives Alabama 24.1% to win outright (market: 20.4%). **Best play: BAMA +10.5 (High confidence).**

Winner: UCON (59.1%) | Mesh Edge: MSU (-4.8%)

(2) UConn vs (3) Michigan State | 9:45 PM ET | CBS | East Region

Win Prediction (Mesh)



MSU Edge = Mesh 40.9% – Market 45.7% = **-4.8%**

The verdict: In the most likely scenario — Knife-edge baseline UConn edge (30.2%) — UCON wins by ~4, which covers 1.5. But the simulation still gives Michigan State 40.9% to win outright (market: 45.7%). **Best play: MSU +1.5 (Low confidence).**

Winner: DUKE (77.9%) | Mesh Edge: SJU (-6.9%)

(1) Duke vs (5) St. John's | 7:10 PM ET | CBS | East Region

Win Prediction (Mesh)

DUKE 77.9%**22.1% SJU**Toss-up:
7.0%SJU Edge = Mesh 22.1% – Market 29.0% = **-6.9%**

The verdict: In the most likely scenario — Duke structural control through solved pressure (25.0%) — DUKE wins by ~14, which covers 6.5. But the simulation still gives St. John's 22.1% to win outright (market: 29.0%). **Best play: SJU +6.5 (Medium confidence).**

Game Predictions

Sweet 16 | 4 games | Bidirectional bars: left = favourite, right = underdog

Time	Matchup	Market	Mesh	Market vs Mesh	Edge
7:10 PM ET	(1) DUKE vs (5) SJU	71/29	77.9/22.1		-7% SJU
7:35 PM ET	(1) MICH vs (4) BAMA	80/20	75.9/24.1		+4% BAMA
9:45 PM ET	(2) UCON vs (3) MSU	54/46	59.1/40.9		-5% MSU
10:10 PM ET	(2) ISU vs (6) TENN	62/38	69.3/30.7		-7% TENN

Recommended Bets

Spread bets where the likely margin falls well short of the line. Win/loss plays where the simulation significantly disagrees with the market.

Alabama +10.5 -102

+30.2pp · 82.6% probability · High confidence

Michigan is a 10.5-point favourite. In the most likely scenario — a balanced close-game Michigan edge (35.4% of simulations) — Michigan wins by around 6 points. In the second most likely — Michigan shell-and-adjustment suppression (23.6%) — Michigan wins by around 11. The most common script falls well short of covering, and even the second is borderline.

1.5u

St. John's +6.5 -110

+10.0pp · 62.4% probability · Medium confidence

Duke is a 6.5-point favourite. The most likely scenario — Duke structural control (25.0%) — has Duke winning by 14, which covers. But the second most likely — competitive game (22.1%) — has Duke by 4, which does not. The two most common outcomes split on the cover.

1u

Alabama ML (+370) +370

+3.7pp

Simulation gives Alabama 24.1% to win outright; market implies 20.4%. Plus-money on a team that can explode from three — the shooting-avalanche world gives Alabama a real upset path. Size down.

0.5u

Win% from Many-Worlds perturbation histogram bins split at tilt=0 (always sums to 100%). Edge = Mesh Win% – Market no-vig implied. Not financial advice.

MESH EDGE REPORT

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(1) Duke vs (5) St. John's | Sweet 16 | East Region

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2,000,000 mesh simulations | Prior SD: 0.073 | Unmapped: 1.8%

Win Prediction (Mesh)

Duke

77.9%

Mesh Win%

St. John's

22.1%

Win prediction

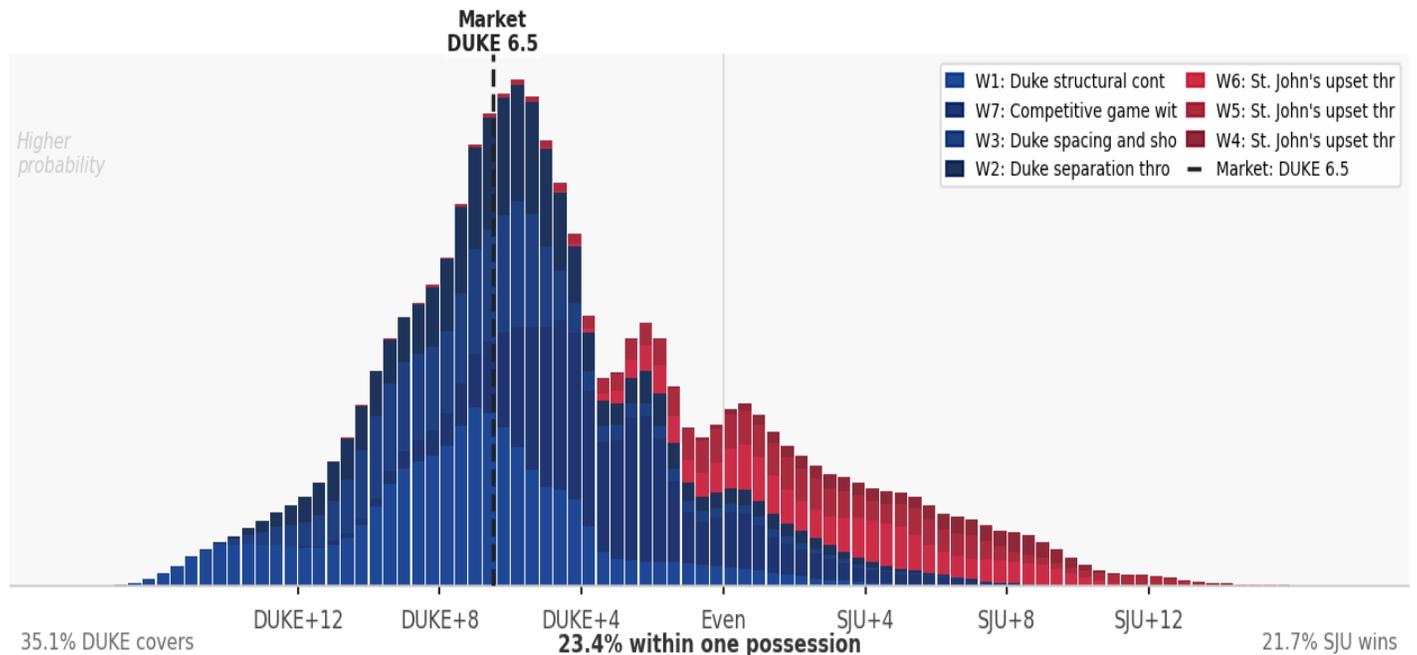


Toss-up scenarios: 1.6%

Mesh Edge: SJU -7.0% (Mesh 22.1% vs Market 29.0%)

Distribution of simulated outcomes

Each bar = 2M simulated outcomes from perturbation ensemble, colored by scenario



World Distribution

2,000,000 Monte Carlo runs

W1 Duke structural control through solved pressure

Favors Duke

25.0%

Duke solves St. John's pressure and controls the game on both ends.

W7 Competitive game with a modest Duke edge

Favors Duke

22.1%

A close, competitive game where Duke holds a slim edge throughout.

W3 Duke spacing and shot-quality separation

Favors Duke

15.8%

Duke's shooting and spacing create separation in the second half.

W2 Duke separation through whistle and frontcourt

Favors Duke

15.7%

Duke's frontcourt draws fouls and wins at the free-throw line.

W6 St. John's upset through Duke offensive compression

Favors St. John's

8.4%

St. John's stifles Duke's offense and wins a low-scoring game.

W5 St. John's upset through paint control

Favors St. John's

8.0%

Ejiofor dominates inside and St. John's controls second-chance points.

W4 St. John's upset through pressure-chaos

Favors St. John's

3.2%

Pitino's full-court pressure creates turnovers and a blowout upset.

Unmapped: 1.8%

Analysis

St. John's +6.5. Secondary: St. John's ML (+230).

The simulation gives St. John's **22.1%** to win; the betting line implies **29.0%**. The market and the mesh are closely aligned on this game. In the most common scenario — Duke structural control (**25.0%**) — Duke wins by **~14** points. Covers **-6.5**. In the second most common — competitive game with a modest Duke edge (**22.1%**) — Duke by **~4**. Does not cover. Together those two worlds account for **47.1%** of all simulations.

Duke probably wins — but in nearly half of all scenarios the margin is single digits, and the spread needs double digits to feel safe.

Edge Table

Bet	Line	Market	Mesh	Edge	Confidence	Verdict
St. John's +6.5	-110	50.0%	60.9%	+10.9%	Strong	Best Bet
St. John's ML	+230	29.0%	22.1%	-7.0%	Slight	Avoid
Duke ML	-285	71.0%	77.9%	+7.0%	Slight	Avoid

>6% strong | 3–6% moderate | 1–3% slight | negative = avoid

Recommended Bets

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Live-Betting Playbook

When	Watch For	Signal	Meaning	Action
First 10 min	Duke turnover rate	High	SJU pressure forcing turnovers = compression upset path.	Monitor — High
First half	Cameron Boozer paint touches	High	Boozer dominating = structural control world.	Monitor — High

Caveats

1. Market spread: 6.5 points. Modal world margins are listed in the world distribution above.
2. Prior SD = 0.073. P05–P95 range: -6.5 to 11.6 pts.
3. Multi-match rate 62.0% — worlds overlap, not mutually exclusive.
4. Unmapped rate 1.8%.
5. Win% from histogram bins split at tilt=0. Not calibrated probabilities.
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Many-Worlds Mesh Interpreter | 2,000,000 MC runs | 7 worlds | v2.0 | intellidimension.com

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(1) Michigan vs (4) Alabama | Sweet 16 | Midwest Region

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2,000,000 mesh simulations | Prior SD: 0.067 | Unmapped: 3.0%

Win Prediction (Mesh)

Michigan

Alabama

75.9%

Mesh Win%

24.1%

Win prediction

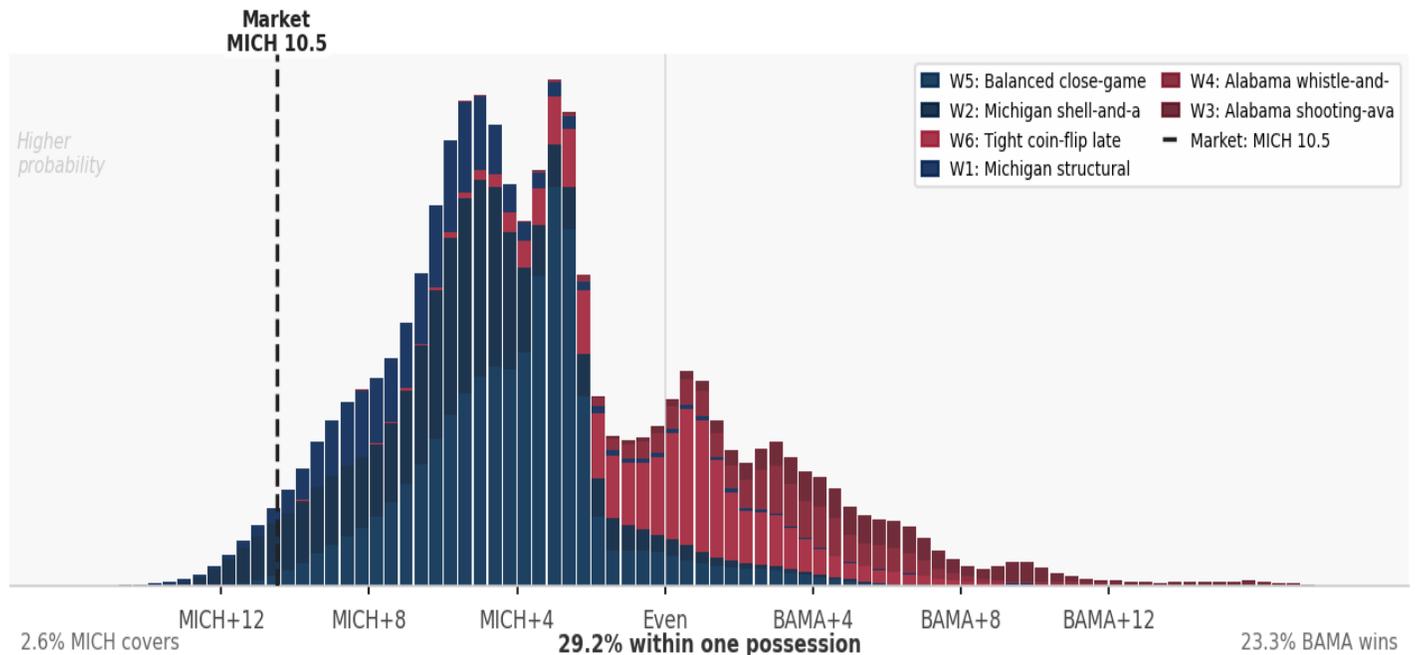


Toss-up scenarios: 3.4%

Mesh Edge: BAMA +3.6% (Mesh 24.1% vs Market 20.4%)

Distribution of simulated outcomes

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World Distribution

2,000,000 Monte Carlo runs

W5 Balanced close-game Michigan edge

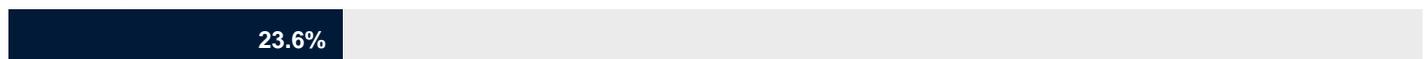
Favors Michigan



Michigan controls a competitive game and wins by a moderate margin.

W2 Michigan shell-and-adjustment suppression

Favors Michigan



Michigan's defense adjusts and suppresses Alabama's offense.

W6 Tight coin-flip late-game script

Favors Alabama

14.8%

Alabama stays close and has a chance to win late.

W1 Michigan structural control

Favors Michigan

11.0%

Michigan dominates on both ends for a comfortable blowout.

W4 Alabama whistle-and-pressure upset

Favors Alabama

6.4%

Alabama's pressure creates turnovers and wins at the free-throw line.

W3 Alabama shooting-avalanche

Favors Alabama

5.8%

Alabama catches fire from three and buries Michigan in a shootout.

Unmapped: 3.0%

Analysis

Alabama +10.5. Secondary: Alabama ML (+370).

The simulation gives Alabama **24.1%** to win; the betting line implies **20.4%**. That is a **+3.7 percentage-point** gap. In the most common scenario — balanced close-game Michigan edge (**35.4%**) — Michigan wins by ~6 points. Does not cover **-10.5**. In the second most common — Michigan shell-and-adjustment suppression (**23.6%**) — Michigan by ~11. Barely covers. Together those two worlds account for **59.0%** of all simulations. The underdog covers in **82.6%** of simulated outcomes.

Michigan is the best team left in the tournament. They just don't win by 10.5 in the most likely script.

Edge Table

Bet	Line	Market	Mesh	Edge	Confidence	Verdict
Alabama +10.5	-102	50.0%	79.3%	+29.3%	Strong	Best Bet
Alabama ML	+370	20.4%	24.1%	+3.6%	Slight	Lean
Michigan ML	-485	79.6%	75.9%	-3.6%	Slight	Avoid

>6% strong | 3–6% moderate | 1–3% slight | negative = avoid

Recommended Bets

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Simulation gives Alabama 24.1% to win outright; market implies 20.4%. Plus-money on a team that can explode from three — the shooting-avalanche world gives Alabama a real upset path. Size down.

Live-Betting Playbook

When	Watch For	Signal	Meaning	Action
First half	Alabama three-point shooting	High	BAMA hot from deep = shooting-avalanche upset path.	Monitor — High
First 10 min	Michigan interior offense	High	Mara/Johnson dominating inside = structural control.	Monitor — High

Caveats

1. Market spread: 10.5 points. Modal world margins are listed in the world distribution above.
2. Prior SD = 0.067. P05–P95 range: -5.7 to 9.5 pts.
3. Multi-match rate 60.0% — worlds overlap, not mutually exclusive.
4. Unmapped rate 3.0%.
5. Win% from histogram bins split at tilt=0. Not calibrated probabilities.
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(2) UConn vs (3) Michigan State | Sweet 16 | East Region

9:45 PM ET | CBS

2,000,000 mesh simulations | Prior SD: 0.069 | Unmapped: 4.2%

Win Prediction (Mesh)

UConn

59.1%

Mesh Win%

Michigan State

40.9%

Win prediction

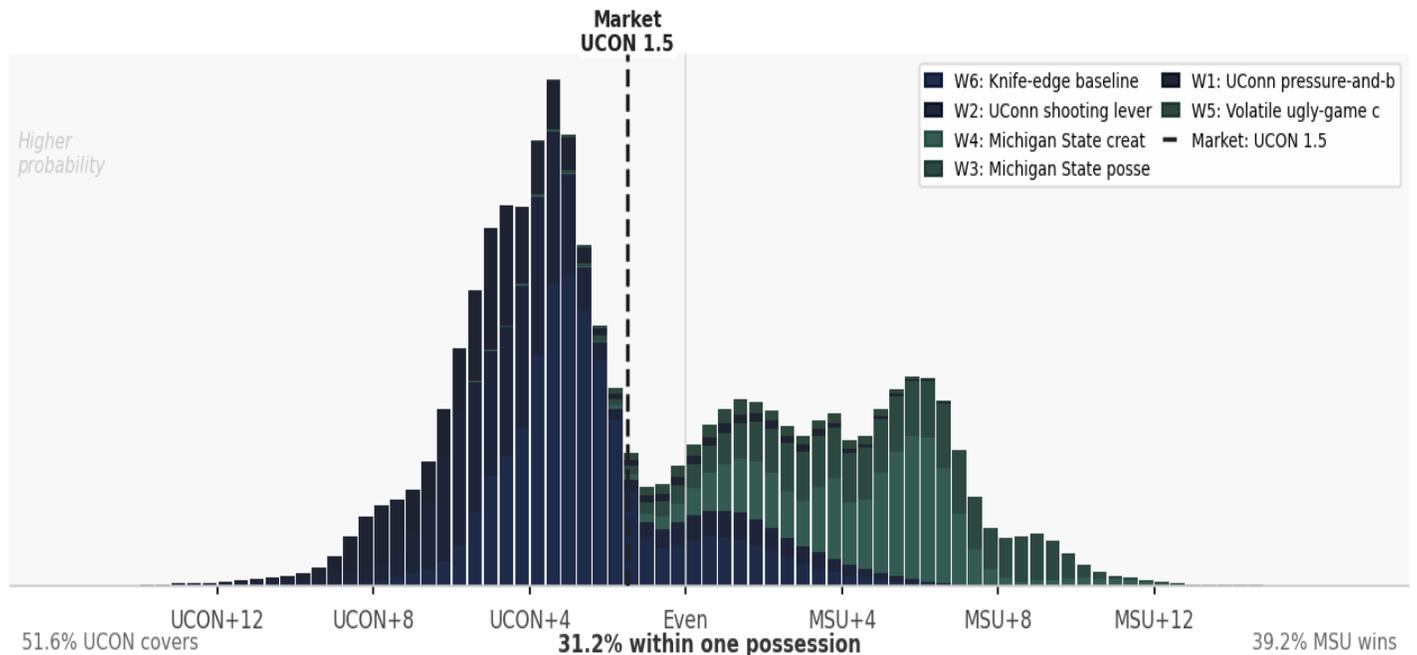


Toss-up scenarios: 29.1%

Mesh Edge: MSU -4.8% (Mesh 40.9% vs Market 45.7%)

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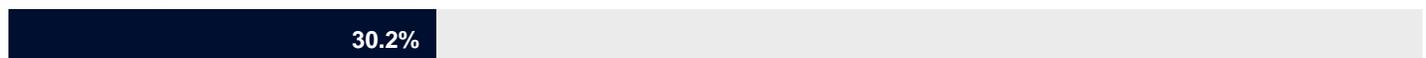


World Distribution

2,000,000 Monte Carlo runs

W6 Knife-edge baseline UConn edge

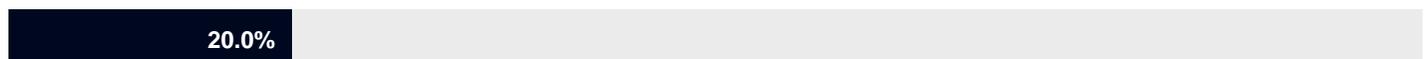
Favors UConn



A close, grind-it-out game where UConn holds a slim edge.

W2 UConn shooting leverage and creator edge

Favors UConn



UConn's offensive talent creates separation in the second half.

W4 Michigan State creator-control and shot-suppression

Favors Michigan State

16.8%

MSU's defense stifles UConn and Izzo's adjustments win the game.

W3 Michigan State possession-tax grinder

Favors Michigan State

13.9%

MSU grinds possessions and wins a physical, ugly game.

W1 UConn pressure-and-balance control

Favors UConn

12.6%

UConn's full-court pressure creates turnovers and easy baskets.

W5 Volatile ugly-game compression

Favors Michigan State

2.3%

A chaotic, low-scoring game that could go either way.

Unmapped: 4.2%

Analysis

Michigan State +1.5.

The simulation gives Michigan State **40.9%** to win; the betting line implies **45.7%**. That is a **-4.8 percentage-point** gap — the market is giving MSU far more credit than the simulation does. In the most common scenario — knife-edge baseline UConn edge (**30.2%**) — UConn wins by **~4**. Covers **-1.5**. In the second most common — UConn shooting leverage (**20.0%**) — UConn by **~10**. Also covers. Together those two worlds account for **50.2%** of all simulations and UConn covers both.

The market says this is a toss-up. The simulation leans UConn, but this is genuinely close.

Edge Table

Bet	Line	Market	Mesh	Edge	Confidence	Verdict
Michigan State +1.5	-108	50.0%	53.7%	+3.7%	Strong	Lean
Michigan State ML	+110	45.7%	40.9%	-4.8%	Slight	Avoid
UConn ML	-130	54.3%	59.1%	+4.8%	Slight	Avoid

>6% strong | 3–6% moderate | 1–3% slight | negative = avoid

Live-Betting Playbook

When	Watch For	Signal	Meaning	Action
First half	Tarris Reed Jr. paint presence	High	Reed dominating = UConn shooting leverage world.	Monitor — High
First 10 min	MSU transition points	High	Sparty running = creator-control upset path.	Monitor — High

Caveats

1. Market spread: 1.5 points. Modal world margins are listed in the world distribution above.
2. Prior SD = 0.069. P05–P95 range: -7.3 to 7.1 pts.
3. Multi-match rate 60.0% — worlds overlap, not mutually exclusive.
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(2) Iowa State vs (6) Tennessee | Sweet 16 | Midwest Region

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2,000,000 mesh simulations | Prior SD: 0.058 | Unmapped: 4.7%

Win Prediction (Mesh)

Iowa State

Tennessee

69.3%

Mesh Win%

30.7%

Win prediction

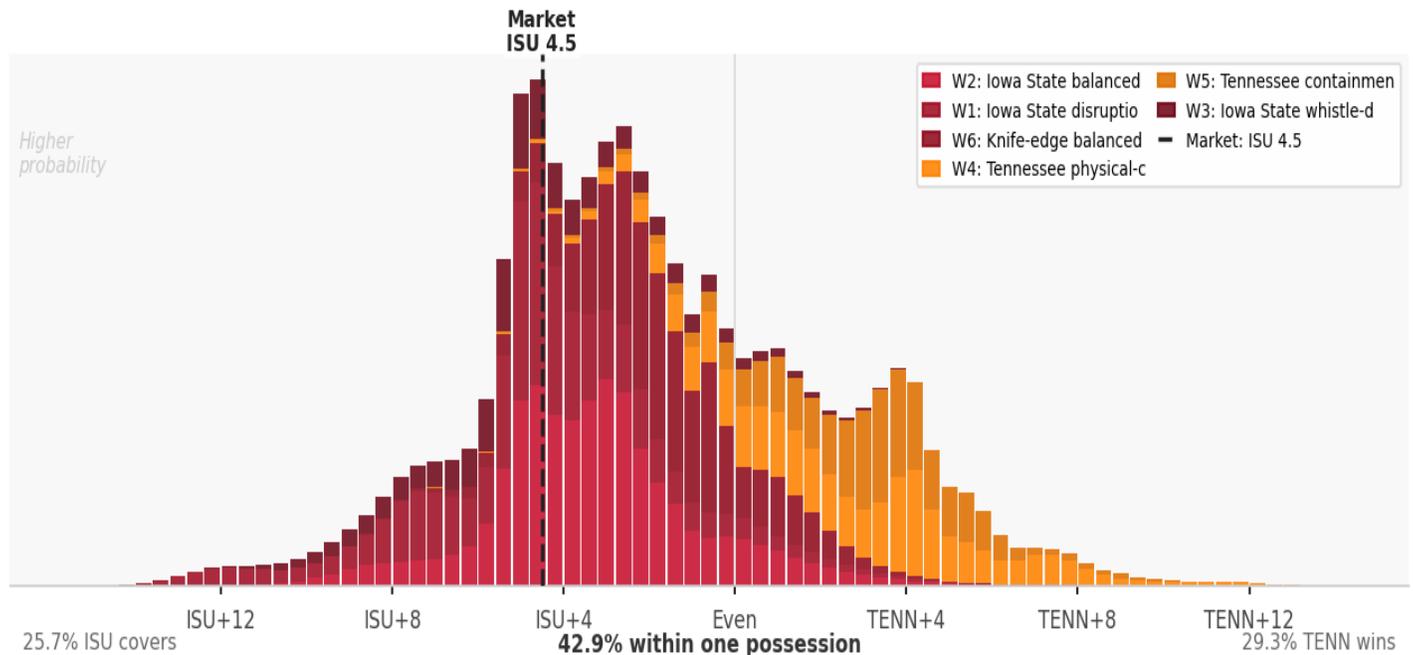


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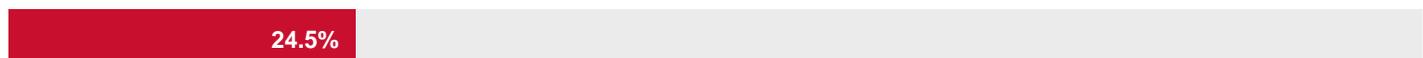


World Distribution

2,000,000 Monte Carlo runs

W2 Iowa State balanced control through guard play

Favors Iowa State



ISU's guards control the game and build a comfortable lead.

W1 Iowa State disruption-and-shotmaking control

Favors Iowa State



ISU's defense creates turnovers and its shooters capitalize.

W6 Knife-edge balanced game

Favors Iowa State

17.7%

A tight game that could go either way, with ISU holding a slim edge.

W4 Tennessee physical-control grinder

Favors Tennessee

14.1%

Tennessee wins the physical battle and grinds out a win.

W5 Tennessee containment-and-control

Favors Tennessee

11.6%

Tennessee slows the game and controls the half-court.

W3 Iowa State whistle-driven structural flip

Favors Iowa State

8.2%

Foul trouble disrupts Tennessee's rotation and ISU pulls away.

Unmapped: 4.7%

Analysis

Tennessee +4.5.

The simulation gives Tennessee **30.7%** to win; the betting line implies **37.8%**. That is a **-7.1 percentage-point** gap — Tennessee is overpriced by the market. In the most common scenario — Iowa State balanced control (**24.5%**) — ISU wins by **~8**. Covers **-4.5**. In the second most common — Iowa State disruption-and-shotmaking (**19.2%**) — ISU by **~12**. Also covers. Together those two worlds account for **43.7%** of all simulations and ISU covers both.

The market is giving Tennessee too much respect. Iowa State's defense is a level above what Tennessee has faced.

Edge Table

Bet	Line	Market	Mesh	Edge	Confidence	Verdict
Tennessee +4.5	-105	50.0%	61.9%	+11.9%	Strong	Best Bet
Tennessee ML	+154	37.8%	30.7%	-7.0%	Slight	Avoid
Iowa State ML	-185	62.2%	69.3%	+7.0%	Slight	Avoid

>6% strong | 3–6% moderate | 1–3% slight | negative = avoid

Live-Betting Playbook

When	Watch For	Signal	Meaning	Action
First half	ISU defensive pressure	High	ISU forcing turnovers = disruption-and-shotmaking world.	Monitor — High
First 10 min	Tennessee offensive rebounding	High	TENN on the glass = physical-control grinder path.	Monitor — High

Caveats

1. Market spread: 4.5 points. Modal world margins are listed in the world distribution above.
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