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MARCH MADNESS-You Can Bet on It

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Summary:

Important upcoming dates on your calendar should include March 15th, 17th and April 1st. March

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You're a fool if you don't know that April 1st is when the Final Four contests commence, with

It is a crazy time of year all-around and college basketball embraces this insanity whole-heartedly.

March Madness features 65 teams from some of the best known and also from some of the lesser-known

In the first round, bottom seeds contend against top seeds with the results usually being predictable.

Whether you're considering the first round or focused on the Sweet Sixteen, which is when making

Ranked Number 1? Big Deal:

In the last 20 years, the team nationally ranked number one going into the tournament has won

The bottom line is-do your homework. Read up on the teams and find one or two experts who have

Some Things Won't Change (Probably):

Teams that play well on the road tend to do well in the March Madness frenzy, where almost every

During March Madness teams usually step it up, performing at an extremely high level. If through

More experience and less talent will more often than not beat more talent and less experience.

Numbers That Don't Lie (Well, Usually They Don't):

There are no guarantees when it comes to any sporting contest. With that in mind, here are a few

Conferences are important. If a team plays in an elite conference, has faced the type of competition

With those tips in mind, you'll want to consider that in the past seven NCAA Tournaments, two

You'll want to look closely at top seeded teams from powerful conferences. Although it's called

Also, consider a well-conditioned 10 or 12 seed for one of your picks. Why? Since 1997 each Sweet

Team and Tournament Specifics:

If you're serious about wagering, you'll want to read at least one or more of the many in-depth

As an example, consider these few key elements as they relate to the tournament.

Point Guard and Interior Players:

Point guards are often the playmakers on the court-controlling the tempo, keeping the team on

Strong, solid interior players who can bang inside and control the boards are essential. Teams

Fouls:

A team with key players who get into foul trouble can be in big trouble in the tournament. The

The Bench:

It's a long road from the March 14th tip-off to the April 3rd final game showdown. A deep, mat

Turnover Ratio:

If teams are making mistakes during the regular season, they will continue to do so in the pos

Toughness:

How do you evaluate toughness? First look at the coach and his staff. Consider how disciplined

How durable are the starters and how driven are they to play? Is this a team that has players

Is there one guy, a true team leader, who may not be the most talented player on the court but

Another part of toughness relates to a team's legs or ability to play up-tempo ball. If a team

These are just a few ways to assess a team's toughness, which translates into durability and r

A Final Thought on the Final Four:

Often people make gut choices rather than analyzing a team's performance, reading some expert

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