MESH MADNESS

NCAA Tournament Round 2 — Daily Edge Report

Saturday, March 21, 2026 | 8 games | Many-Worlds Monte Carlo | 50,000 simulations per game

Round 2. The market thinks it knows.

Favorites are priced like the bracket is already decided. **Duke by 12. Arkansas by 12. Michigan by 12.** The sportsbooks have looked at the seed lines and written checks the actual games might not cash.

The Many-Worlds simulation ran **50,000 games for each matchup**. What it found: the Round 2 slate is a lot closer than the spreads suggest. The mesh doesn't see many blowouts today. It sees eight grind-it-out games, **heavy toss-up zones**, and a market that has systematically overestimated how much better the favorites are.

This isn't a day for picking upsets. It's a day for buying cushion. The mesh sees a slate full of competitive games being sold as blowouts. The edge isn't in picking who wins — it's in recognizing how close most of these games actually are.

Today's Mesh Highlights

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

© GAME OF THE DAY

High Point (+26%)

(4) Arkansas vs (12) High Point | 9:45 PM ET ET | TBS / truTV | West Region

Win Prediction (Mesh)

ARK 58%	42% HP

Toss-up: 18%

HP Edge = Mesh 42% – Market 16% = **+26%**

The verdict: The mesh gives High Point a 42% chance to win outright -- far more competitive than the market's 16% implies. Even in scenarios where ARK holds on, the expected margin is just 1.1 point, making the 11.5-point spread very generous. **Best play: HP +11.5 (Very High confidence).**

Texas A&M; (+18%)

(2) Houston vs (10) Texas A&M; | 6:10 PM ET ET | TNT | South Region

Win Prediction (Mesh)

HOU 63%	37% TAMU

Toss-up: 14%

TAMU Edge = Mesh 37% – Market 19% = **+18%**

The verdict: The mesh gives Texas A&M; a 37% chance to win outright -- far more competitive than the market's 19% implies. Even in scenarios where HOU holds on, the expected margin is just 1.2 point, making the 10-point spread very generous. **Best play: TAMU +10 (High confidence).**

FLIP ALERT Mesh predicts a different winner than the market

Nebraska (+4%)

(5) Vanderbilt vs (4) Nebraska | 8:45 PM ET ET | CBS | Midwest Region

Win Prediction (Mesh)

| VANDY 49% | 51% NEB | Toss-up: 26% |

NEB Edge = Mesh 51% − Market 47% = **+4%**

The verdict: The market has VANDY winning. The mesh disagrees, giving NEB a 51% chance to win outright. This is the only game today where the mesh calls a different winner. **Best play: NEB ML (Medium confidence).**

Recommended Bets

Spread bets prioritized when cover probability is high. Moneyline when mesh win% significantly exceeds market.

HP +11.5 2.0u (ATS | +38% edge)

Mesh says ARK wins by ~1.1 pts. Spread is 11.5 -- that's 10 points of cushion. Cover confidence: **Very High**.

SLU +12.5 1.5u (ATS | +36% edge)

Mesh says MICH wins by ~2.8 pts. Spread is 12.5 -- that's 10 points of cushion. Cover confidence: **High**.

TCU +11.5 1.5u (ATS | +36% edge)

Mesh says DUKE wins by ~2.0 pts. Spread is 11.5 -- that's 9 points of cushion. Cover confidence: **High**.

TAMU +10 1.5u (ATS | +34% edge)

Mesh says HOU wins by ~1.2 pts. Spread is 10 -- that's 9 points of cushion. Cover confidence: **High**.

HP ML (+500) 1.0u (ML | +26% edge)

Mesh: HP wins 42% of the time. Market (no-vig): 16%. +26 pp of value at +500.

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

(1) Michigan vs (9) Saint Louis | Round of 32 | East Region

12:10 PM ET | CBS | PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh, PA

50,000 mesh simulations | Expected tilt: -0.136 | Prior SD: 0.064 | Unmapped: 4.7%

Win Prediction (Mesh)

Michigan

Saint Louis

71.2%

28.8%

Mesh Win%

Win prediction

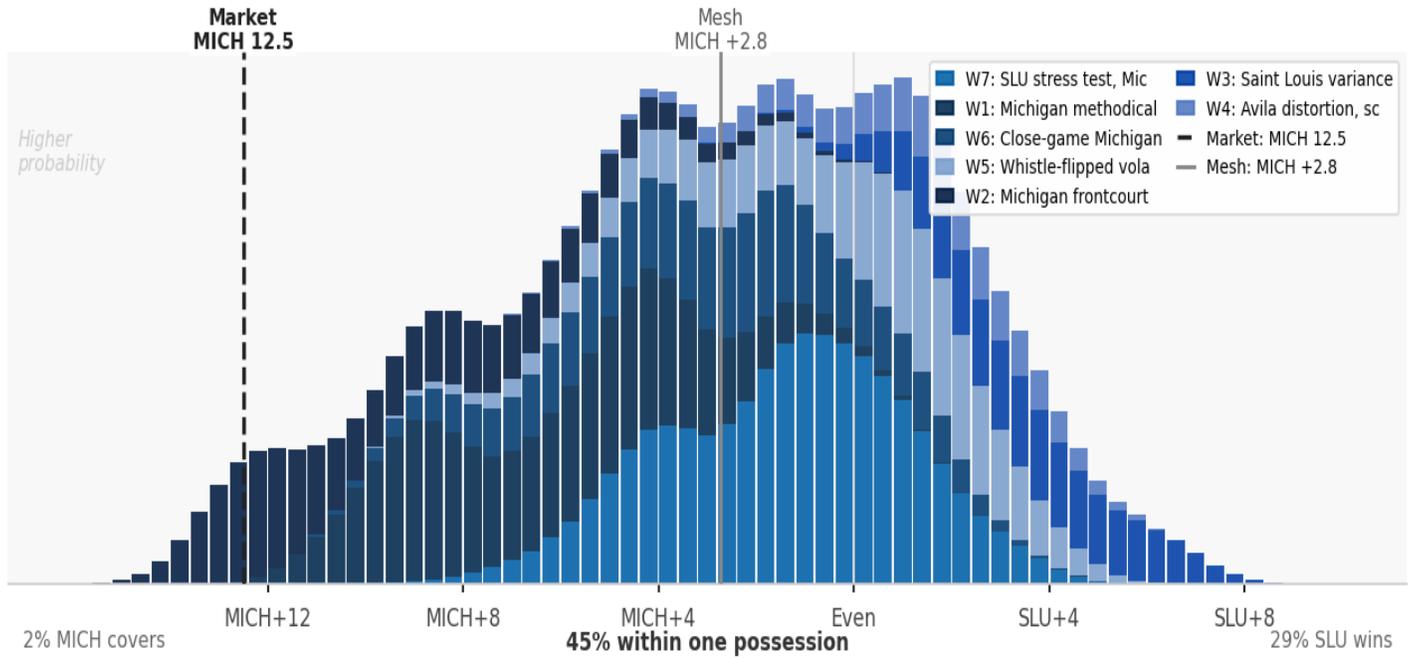| **MICH 71.2%** | **28.8% SLU** |

Toss-up scenarios: 4%

Mesh Edge: SLU +13.8% (Mesh 28.8% vs Market 15.0%)

Distribution of simulated outcomes

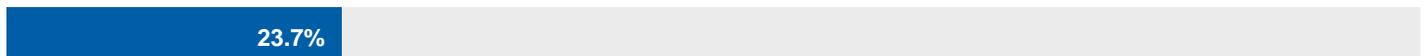*Each bar = 2M simulated outcomes from perturbation ensemble, colored by scenario*

Market MICH 12.5

Mesh MICH +2.8

Higher probability

Legend:
- W7: SLU stress test, Mic
- W1: Michigan methodical
- W6: Close-game Michigan
- W5: Whistle-flipped vola
- W2: Michigan frontcourt
- W3: Saint Louis variance
- W4: Avila distortion, sc
- Market: MICH 12.5
- Mesh: MICH +2.8

MICH+12   MICH+8   MICH+4   Even   SLU+4   SLU+8

2% MICH covers

45% within one possession

29% SLU wins

World Distribution

50,000 Monte Carlo runs
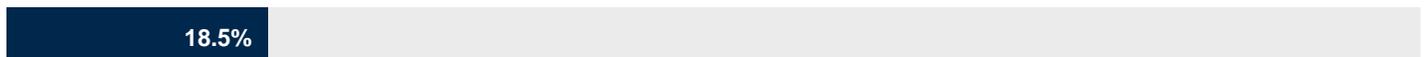
W7 SLU stress test, Michigan survives

Favors Michigan

| **23.7%** |

Saint Louis creates real stress, but Michigan still escapes narrowly.

W1 Michigan methodical control

Favors Michigan

| **18.5%** |

Michigan contains key upset levers and wins in a controlled script.

W6 Close-game Michigan edge   Favors Michigan

| 13.8% |

The game stays close but Michigan closes slightly better.

W5 Whistle-flipped volatility game   Favors Saint Louis

| 13.6% |

Foul-driven volatility narrows or flips Michigan's edge.

W2 Michigan frontcourt overwhelm   Favors Michigan

| 12.1% |

Michigan's size and rim pressure become too much to overcome.

W3 Saint Louis variance avalanche   Favors Saint Louis

| 8.1% |

Saint Louis hits the classic upset path through shooting and pace.

W4 Avila distortion, schematic edge   Favors Saint Louis

| 5.5% |

Robbie Avila bends the matchup enough to make the game a toss-up.

Unmapped: 4.7%

Analysis

Prediction: Saint Louis (30% to win) — Mesh edge vs market: +13.8%.

The mesh expects Michigan to win by roughly **2.7 points**, but the market is giving Saint Louis 12 points. That 9-point cushion between the model's expected margin and the spread is where the value sits. Michigan is clearly the better team — but not by a football score.

Saint Louis is a dangerous 9-seed with Robbie Avila as a matchup nightmare. Avila's passing and spacing force Michigan into difficult coverage decisions. If SLU hits its threes early and Avila exploits Michigan's coverages in the post, this becomes a tight game quickly.

The two things that settle it either way: Avila's ability to bend Michigan's defense, and Michigan's glass control. If Michigan wins the rebounding battle cleanly and keeps SLU off second chances, the talent gap reasserts. If SLU gets extra possessions and runs its pace game, we could be inside 5 at halftime.

Estimated final: Michigan 74 – Saint Louis 72. Model range spans from Michigan winning comfortably to SLU pulling the outright upset. Spread bettors: the line is asking a lot.

Edge Table

Bet	Line	Market	Mesh	Edge	Confidence	Verdict
Saint Louis +12.5	-110	50.0%	85.2%	**+35.2%**	Strong	**Best Bet**
Saint Louis ML	+550	15.0%	28.8%	**+13.8%**	Slight	**Lean**
Michigan ML	-700	85.0%	71.2%	**-13.8%**	Slight	**Avoid**

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

Recommended Bets

Saint Louis +12 -110

+35.2% edge — Mesh expects Michigan by ~2.7 pts. 9+ points of cushion. Avila and SLU shooting give multiple cover paths.

1.5u

Saint Louis ML +550

+13.8% edge — Mesh gives SLU 30% vs market ~14% no-vig. Real value at plus-money for a high-ceiling 9-seed.

0.5u

Live-Betting Playbook

When	Watch For	Signal	Meaning	Action
First half	**SLU three-point quality**	**High**	Hot SLU shooting opens the upset window immediately.	Monitor — High
Halftime	**Avila matchup distortion**	**High**	If Avila is bending Michigan's coverage, SLU's upset path widens.	Monitor — High
Halftime	**Interior & rebounding margin**	**High**	Michigan controlling the glass = control script locking in.	Monitor — High
First half	**Michigan ball security**	**High**	Michigan turnovers hand SLU transition — fastest upset fuel.	Monitor — High
First half	**Mara foul pressure**	**High**	Mara in early foul trouble compromises Michigan's rim protection.	Monitor — High

Caveats

1. The mesh expects Michigan to win by ~2.8 pt — vs the 12.5-point market spread. This gap drives the edge.

2. Prior SD = 0.064. P05–P95 range: -4.9 to -0.7 pts.

3. Multi-match rate 75% — worlds overlap, not mutually exclusive.

4. Unmapped rate 4.7%.

5. Win% from histogram bins split at tilt=0. Not calibrated probabilities.

6. Mesh does not model stat lines, exact foul counts, or possession-level outcomes.

7. Key unresolved: game-day availability, referee crew.

8. This is analysis only. Not financial advice.

Many-Worlds Mesh Interpreter | 50,000 MC runs | 7 worlds | intellidimension.com

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MESH EDGE REPORT

(3) Michigan State vs (6) Louisville | Round of 32 | South Region

2:40 PM ET | TBS | AmericanAirlines Arena, Miami, FL

50,000 mesh simulations | Expected tilt: -0.107 | Prior SD: 0.052 | Unmapped: 4.9%

Win Prediction (Mesh)

Michigan State

Louisville

68.7%

Mesh Win%

31.3%

Win prediction
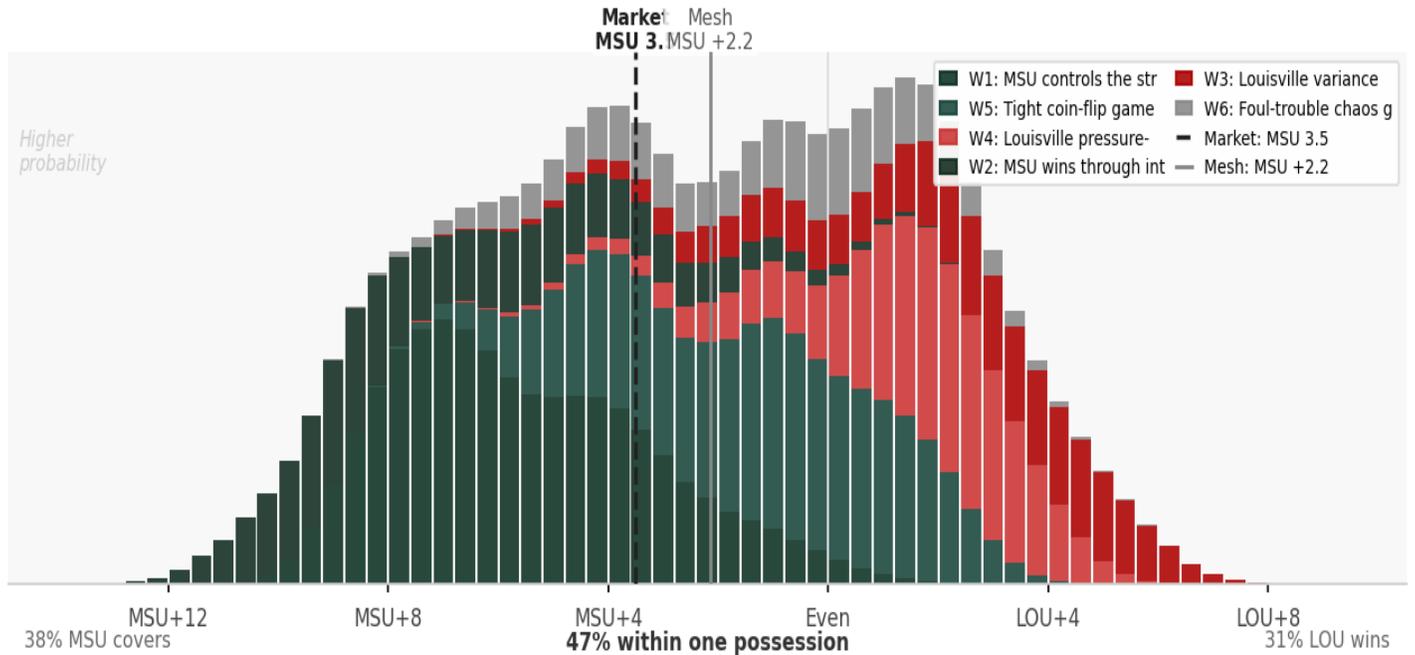
MSU 68.7%	31.3% LOU

Toss-up scenarios: 6%

Mesh Edge: LOU -9.2% (Mesh 31.3% vs Market 40.5%)

Distribution of simulated outcomes

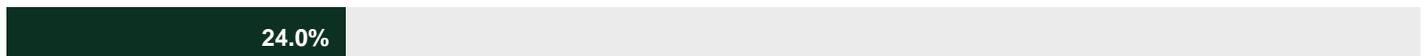*Each bar = 2M simulated outcomes from perturbation ensemble, colored by scenario*

Market Mesh
MSU 3. MSU +2.2

Legend:
- W1: MSU controls the str
- W5: Tight coin-flip game
- W4: Louisville pressure-
- W2: MSU wins through int
- W3: Louisville variance
- W6: Foul-trouble chaos g
- Market: MSU 3.5
- Mesh: MSU +2.2

Higher probability

MSU+12 — 38% MSU covers
MSU+8
MSU+4
Even — **47% within one possession**
LOU+4
LOU+8 — 31% LOU wins

World Distribution

50,000 Monte Carlo runs

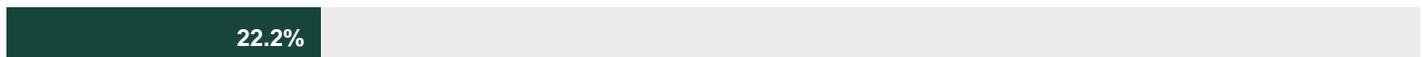**W1 MSU controls the structural game** — Favors Michigan State

24.0%

MSU suppresses Louisville's variance paths and controls the possession environment.

W5 Tight coin-flip game — Favors Michigan State

22.2%

A mostly balanced game where neither side fully captures structure before late.

W4 Louisville pressure-creation upset
Favors Louisville

| 14.7% |

Louisville wins by disrupting MSU's guard-control edge and creating late offense.

W2 MSU wins through interior
Favors Michigan State

| 12.5% |

MSU wins via paint offense, half-court counters, and coaching adjustment leverage.

W3 Louisville variance upset
Favors Louisville

| 11.5% |

Louisville wins the spacing and shooting-variance battle in a more explosive game.

W6 Foul-trouble chaos game
Favors Louisville

| 10.2% |

Frontcourt foul trouble scrambles the normal paint/rebounding structure.

Unmapped: 4.9%

Analysis

Prediction: Louisville (38% to win) — Mesh edge vs market: -9.2%.

The mesh has this as a genuine toss-up dressed up as a 3.5-point spread. MSU is expected to win by roughly **2.1 points**, but the coin-flip world is the second most common scenario at 22%. Louisville beat a tough USF team in Round 1. They can play.

The key question is Mikel Brown Jr.'s availability. Brown is Louisville's primary creator and initiator. If he's limited or out, Louisville's offensive structure becomes significantly more one-dimensional against MSU's disciplined defense. This is the single highest-signal pregame test.

MSU's path is straightforward: control the glass, let Fears Jr. operate, and suppress Louisville's perimeter shooting. Louisville's path runs through Brown's health, three-point efficiency, and forcing MSU into foul trouble. At 3.5 points the spread is almost perfectly priced — but the mesh sees more Louisville equity than the market does.

Edge Table

Bet	Line	Market	Mesh	Edge	Confidence	Verdict
Louisville +3.5	-110	50.0%	55.4%	**+5.4%**	Strong	**Lean**
Louisville ML	+137	40.5%	31.3%	**-9.2%**	Slight	**Avoid**
Michigan State ML	-163	59.5%	68.7%	**+9.2%**	Slight	**Avoid**

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

Recommended Bets

Louisville +3.5 -110

+5.4% edge — Mesh expects MSU by ~2.1 pts. Spread is 3.5 — modest cushion but real value. Flip script probability ~44%.

1.0u

Louisville ML +137

+-9.2% edge — Mesh gives LOU 38% vs market ~37% no-vig. Near coin-flip, slight positive. Best at plus-money.

0.75u

Live-Betting Playbook

When	Watch For	Signal	Meaning	Action
Pregame	**Mikel Brown Jr. availability**	**High**	Brown's status sets the tone for Louisville's entire offensive structure.	Monitor — High
First 10 min	**Louisville shot quality**	**High**	Hot early Louisville shooting shifts the matchup toward the upset scripts.	Monitor — High
First 10 min	**MSU perimeter suppression**	**High**	MSU closing out on Louisville threes = control script activating.	Monitor — High
First 10 min	**Jeremy Fears Jr. control**	**High**	Fears controlling the pace and ball = MSU's preferred structural advantage.	Monitor — High
First half	**Louisville creator disruption**	**High**	MSU disrupting Louisville's guard creation limits upset pathways.	Monitor — High

Caveats

1. The mesh expects Michigan State to win by ~2.2 pt — vs the 3.5-point market spread. This gap drives the edge.

2. Prior SD = 0.052. P05–P95 range: -3.9 to -0.5 pts.

3. Multi-match rate 70% — worlds overlap, not mutually exclusive.

4. Unmapped rate 4.9%.

5. Win% from histogram bins split at tilt=0. Not calibrated probabilities.

6. Mesh does not model stat lines, exact foul counts, or possession-level outcomes.

7. Key unresolved: game-day availability, referee crew.

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MESH EDGE REPORT

(1) Duke vs (9) TCU | Round of 32 | East Region

5:15 PM ET | CBS | Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia, PA

50,000 mesh simulations | Expected tilt: -0.100 | Prior SD: 0.047 | Unmapped: 4.0%

Win Prediction (Mesh)

Duke

TCU

67.6%

32.4%

Mesh Win%

Win prediction
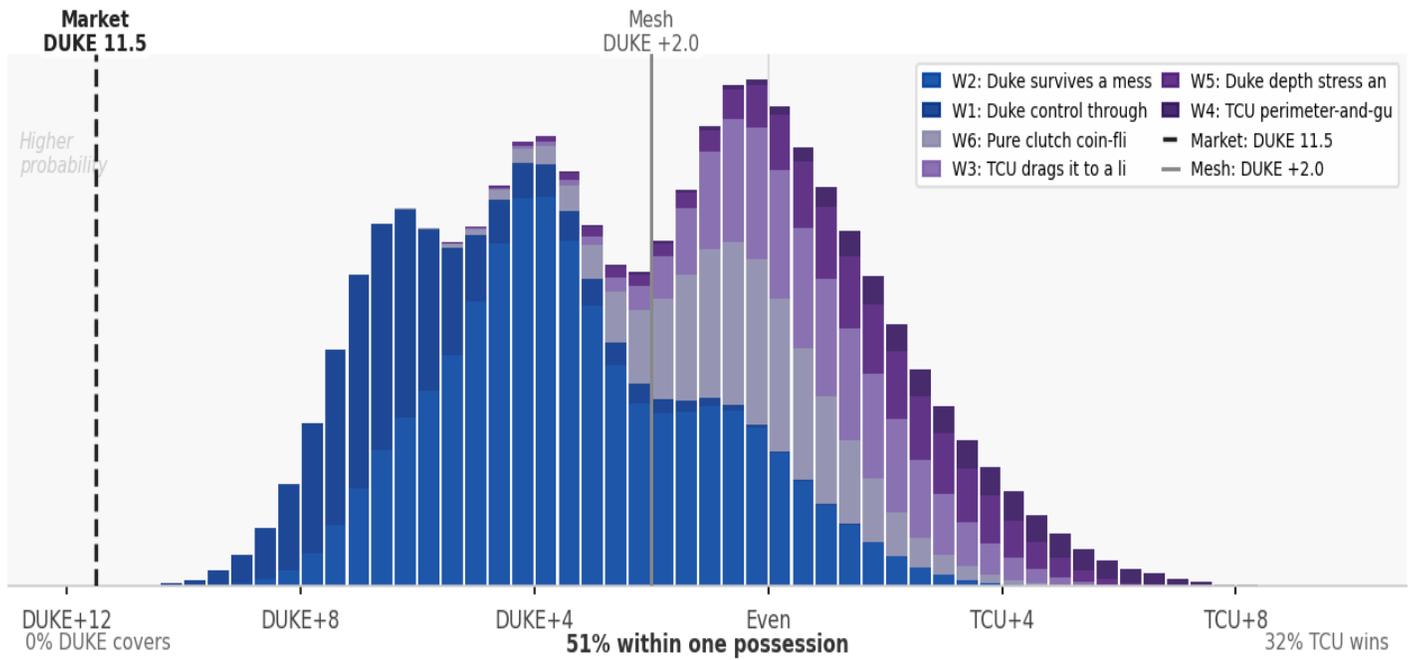
DUKE 67.6%	32.4% TCU

Toss-up scenarios: 6%

Mesh Edge: TCU +17.7% (Mesh 32.4% vs Market 14.8%)

Distribution of simulated outcomes

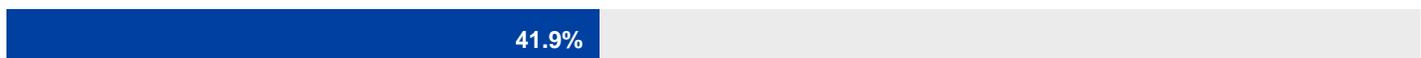*Each bar = 2M simulated outcomes from perturbation ensemble, colored by scenario*

Market
DUKE 11.5

Mesh
DUKE +2.0

Higher probability

- W2: Duke survives a mess
- W1: Duke control through
- W6: Pure clutch coin-fli
- W3: TCU drags it to a li
- W5: Duke depth stress an
- W4: TCU perimeter-and-gu
- Market: DUKE 11.5
- Mesh: DUKE +2.0

DUKE+12
0% DUKE covers

DUKE+8

DUKE+4

Even

TCU+4

TCU+8
32% TCU wins

51% within one possession

World Distribution

50,000 Monte Carlo runs

W2 Duke survives a messy game
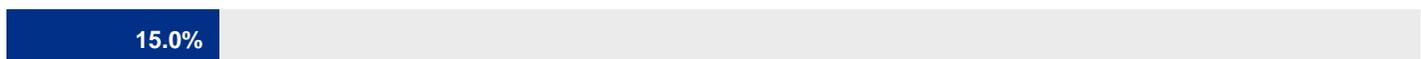
Favors Duke

41.9%

Most common path: volatile or ugly, but still ends Duke-leaning.

W1 Duke control through structure

Favors Duke

15.0%

Clearer Duke-control script built on structural matchup advantages.

W6 Pure clutch coin-flip late

Favors TCU

14.1%

No durable control; game becomes a late-possession toss-up.

W3 TCU drags it to a live grinder

Favors TCU

13.0%

TCU slows and roughs up the game enough to create a viable upset environment.

W5 Duke depth stress and whistle flip

Favors TCU

8.2%

Duke's rotation and foul stress opens a more TCU-friendly upset path.

W4 TCU perimeter-and-guard upset

Favors TCU

3.8%

Lowest probability, but the strongest pro-TCU tilt among named worlds.

Unmapped: 4.0%

Analysis

Prediction: TCU (32% to win) — Mesh edge vs market: +17.7%.

The mesh expects Duke to win by roughly **2.0 points**, yet the market is asking you to lay 11.5. That 9.5-point gap between the model's expected margin and the spread is one of the largest on today's slate. Duke is better — but not by nearly this much.

TCU has the profile to keep this close: a disciplined half-court defense, experienced guards, and a game plan built around slowing pace and winning the physicality battle. The most common world (41.9%) has Duke surviving a messy, volatile game — not a comfortable cover.

The two critical factors: Duke's frontcourt depth and foul management. If Duke gets into early foul trouble and has to shorten rotation, TCU's grind-it-out game plan becomes significantly more viable. On the other side, if Duke controls the glass and gets into the paint at will, the spread becomes more reasonable.

Estimated final: Duke 73 – TCU 71. Cover probability for TCU +11.5 is high. This is the day's clearest ATS signal.

Edge Table

Bet	Line	Market	Mesh	Edge	Confidence	Verdict
TCU +11.5	-110	50.0%	84.6%	**+34.6%**	Strong	**Best Bet**
TCU ML	+550	14.8%	32.4%	**+17.7%**	Slight	**Lean**
Duke ML	-800	85.2%	67.6%	**-17.7%**	Slight	**Avoid**

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

Recommended Bets

TCU +11.5 -110

1.5u

+34.6% edge — Mesh expects Duke by ~2 pts. 9.5 pts of spread cushion. Duke's most common world is a close, friction-heavy win. High cover confidence.

TCU ML +550

0.5u

+17.7% edge — Mesh gives TCU 32% vs market ~14% no-vig (+18pp). High-value plus-money given how close the model sees this game.

Live-Betting Playbook

When	Watch For	Signal	Meaning	Action
First half	**Duke rotation depth check**	**High**	Duke's bench playing normal minutes = control script more likely.	Monitor — High
First half	**Duke big early foul stress**	**High**	Early Duke frontcourt fouls opens the depth-stress upset path.	Monitor — High
First 8 min	**TCU offensive rebounding**	**High**	TCU crashing the glass early = slower, more volatile game script.	Monitor — High
First 10 min	**Duke paint-touch pressure**	**High**	Duke dominating the paint early = structural control script activating.	Monitor — High
First 10 min	**TCU guard play under pressure**	**High**	TCU backcourt staying composed = upset window remaining open.	Monitor — High

Caveats

1. The mesh expects Duke to win by ~2.0 pt — vs the 11.5-point market spread. This gap drives the edge.

2. Prior SD = 0.047. P05–P95 range: -3.6 to -0.6 pts.

3. Multi-match rate 70% — worlds overlap, not mutually exclusive.

4. Unmapped rate 4.0%.

5. Win% from histogram bins split at tilt=0. Not calibrated probabilities.

6. Mesh does not model stat lines, exact foul counts, or possession-level outcomes.

7. Key unresolved: game-day availability, referee crew.

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MESH EDGE REPORT

(2) Houston vs (10) Texas A&M; | Round of 32 | South Region

6:10 PM ET | TNT | Delta Center, Salt Lake City, UT

50,000 mesh simulations | Expected tilt: -0.057 | Prior SD: 0.065 | Unmapped: 8.2% ■ *NOT CONVERGED*

Win Prediction (Mesh)

Houston

Texas A&M

62.9%

37.1%

Mesh Win%

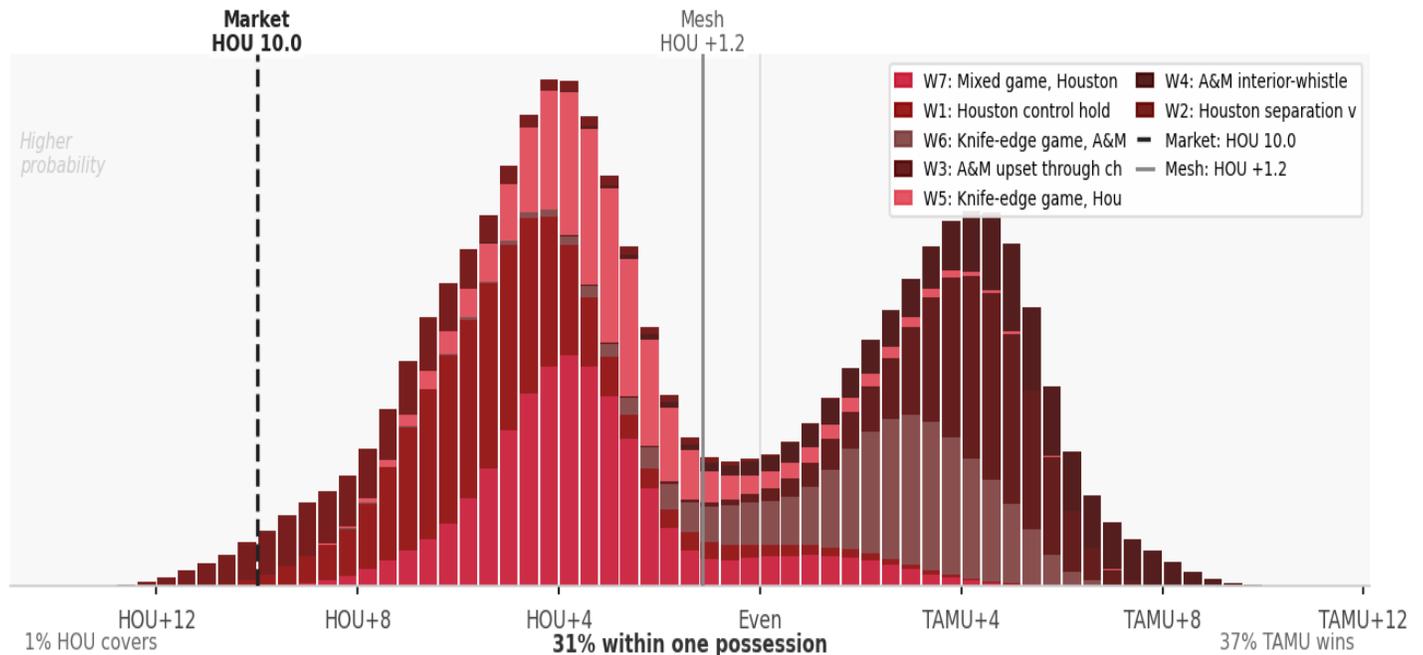Win prediction

HOU 62.9%	37.1% TAMU

Toss-up scenarios: 25%

Mesh Edge: TAMU +17.9% (Mesh 37.1% vs Market 19.2%)

Distribution of simulated outcomes

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Market HOU 10.0 — Mesh HOU +1.2

Higher probability

Legend:
- W7: Mixed game, Houston
- W1: Houston control hold
- W6: Knife-edge game, A&M
- W3: A&M upset through ch
- W5: Knife-edge game, Hou
- W4: A&M interior-whistle
- W2: Houston separation v
- Market: HOU 10.0
- Mesh: HOU +1.2

HOU+12 | HOU+8 | HOU+4 | Even | TAMU+4 | TAMU+8 | TAMU+12

1% HOU covers — **31% within one possession** — 37% TAMU wins

World Distribution

50,000 Monte Carlo runs

W7 Mixed game, Houston edge survives

Favors Houston

19.8%	

Mixed environment but Houston's underlying edge survives through close game.

W1 Houston control holds

Favors Houston

16.9%	

Houston's structural control path shows up — disciplined defense and efficient offense.

W6 Knife-edge game, A&M late   Favors Texas A&M

14.3%

Close game where Texas A&M; steals it late with clutch plays.

W3 A&M upset through chaos and volume   Favors Texas A&M

12.8%

Texas A&M; wins through pressure, pace, and volume pathways.

W5 Knife-edge game, Houston late   Favors Houston

12.2%

Tight game that Houston closes slightly better via experience.

W4 A&M interior-whistle upset   Favors Texas A&M

9.0%

Texas A&M; wins via foul and interior leverage — Houston bigs in trouble.

W2 Houston separation via defense   Favors Houston

6.8%

Houston not only wins but separates through defensive suppression.

Unmapped: 8.2%

Analysis

Prediction: Texas A&M; (38% to win) — ■ simulation not converged — Mesh edge vs market: +17.9%.

■ Note: this simulation did not fully converge. Treat as directional only. With that caveat: the mesh expects Houston to win by roughly **1.1 points**, while the market has them as a 10-point favorite. That's a large gap.

Texas A&M; is a dangerous 10-seed with length, three-point volume, and a game plan designed to create chaos. They press, they shoot a lot of threes, and they thrive in high-variance games. Houston's defensive identity is elite, but A&M; has the tools to exploit Houston's frontcourt foul tendency.

The two factors that decide it: whether Houston's big men stay out of foul trouble, and whether A&M; can run their three-point game efficiently. If both break A&M;'s way simultaneously, the upset window opens wide. If Houston controls the glass and stays disciplined, the talent gap takes over.

Given the unconverged simulation, downsize recommendations here. The edge is real but the model is less certain.

Edge Table

Bet	Line	Market	Mesh	Edge	Confidence	Verdict
Texas A&M; +10.0	-110	50.0%	82.8%	**+32.8%**	Strong	**Best Bet**
Texas A&M; ML	+400	19.2%	37.1%	**+17.9%**	Slight	**Lean**
Houston ML	-535	80.8%	62.9%	**-17.9%**	Slight	**Avoid**

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

Recommended Bets

Texas A&M; +10 -110

1.0u

+32.8% edge — Mesh (unconverged) expects HOU by ~1.1 pts. 9 pts of cushion. A&M; three-point game + HOU foul tendency = multiple cover paths. Size down due to convergence flag.

Live-Betting Playbook

When	Watch For	Signal	Meaning	Action
First half	**Houston big foul trouble**	**High**	Early Houston frontcourt fouls compromises their defensive identity.	Monitor — High
First 8 min	**A&M; early three surge**	**High**	A&M; hitting clean threes early = upset script opening rapidly.	Monitor — High
First 8 min	**Houston pressure handling**	**High**	Houston guards staying clean under A&M; pressure = control path.	Monitor — High
First half	**A&M; offensive glass**	**High**	A&M; winning second chances = chaos/volume upset script activating.	Monitor — High
First half	**Houston offensive balance**	**High**	Houston staying diversified offensively = harder for A&M; to game-plan.	Monitor — High

Caveats

1. ■ Simulation did NOT converge. Treat as directional only.

2. The mesh expects Houston to win by ~1.2 pt — vs the 10.0-point market spread. This gap drives the edge.

3. Prior SD = 0.065. P05–P95 range: -3.3 to 1.1 pts.

4. Multi-match rate 65% — worlds overlap, not mutually exclusive.

5. Unmapped rate 8.2%.

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MESH EDGE REPORT

(3) Gonzaga vs (11) Texas | Round of 32 | West Region

7:10 PM ET | TBS | SAP Center, San Jose, CA

50,000 mesh simulations | Expected tilt: -0.114 | Prior SD: 0.051 | Unmapped: 4.4%

Win Prediction (Mesh)

Gonzaga

Texas

72.5%

27.5%

Mesh Win%

Win prediction
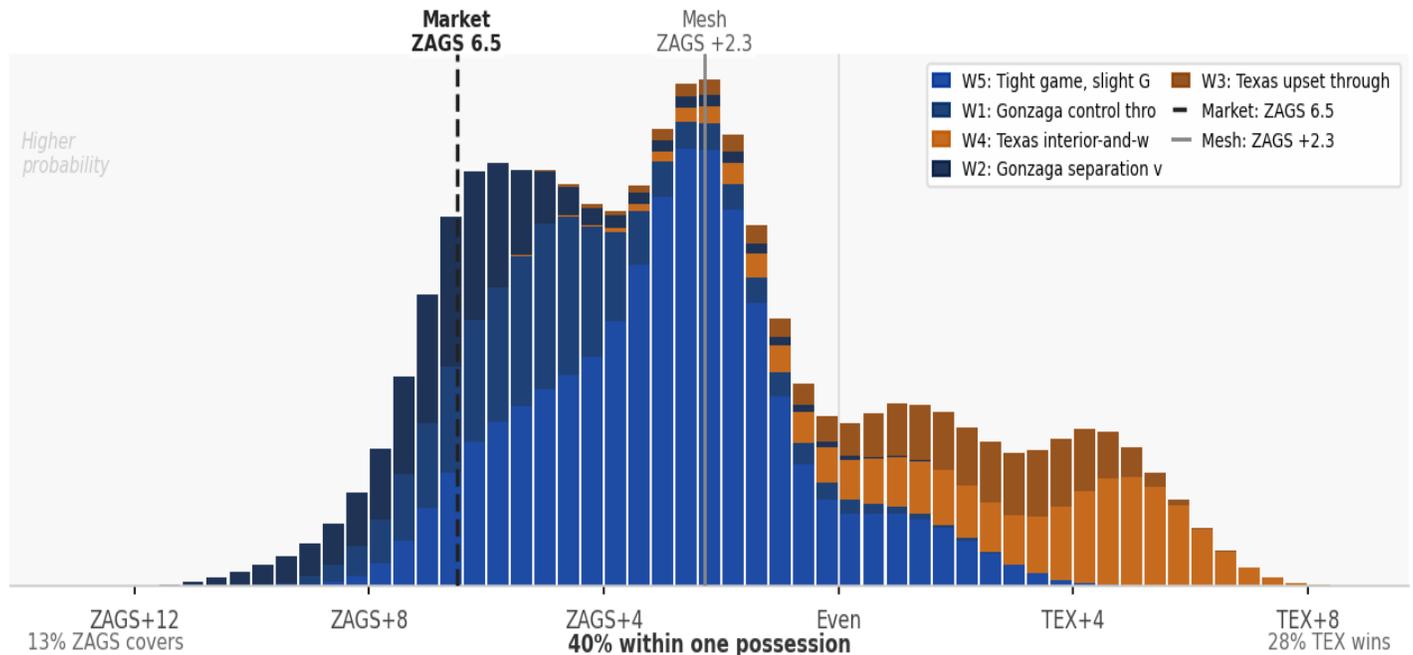
ZAGS 72.5%	27.5% TEX

Toss-up scenarios: 4%

Mesh Edge: TEX -4.0% (Mesh 27.5% vs Market 31.5%)

Distribution of simulated outcomes

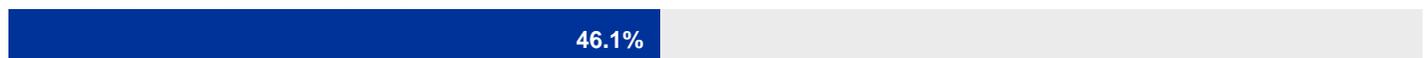*Each bar = 2M simulated outcomes from perturbation ensemble, colored by scenario*

World Distribution

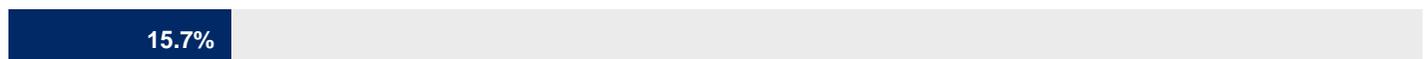*50,000 Monte Carlo runs*

W5 Tight game, slight Gonzaga edge   Favors Gonzaga

46.1%

Most common: competitive game, but Gonzaga keeps a narrow structural edge.

W1 Gonzaga control through interior   Favors Gonzaga

15.7%

Gonzaga controls via cleaner half-court offense, possession quality, and interior success.

W4 Texas interior-and-whistle upset   Favors Texas

| 13.2% |

Texas flips the game through whistle leverage and paint/containment pressure.

W2 Gonzaga separation via whistle   Favors Gonzaga

| 11.8% |

Gonzaga gets real separation when whistles, foul stress, and disruption break the favorite's way.

W3 Texas upset through variance and glass   Favors Texas

| 8.8% |

Texas' cleanest variance-and-rebounding upset route lands.

Unmapped: 4.4%

Analysis

Prediction: Texas (37% to win) — Mesh edge vs market: -4.0%.

The mesh expects Gonzaga to win by roughly **2.3 points** — a tight game that could go either way. The market has it at 6.5. That's meaningful cushion for Texas, who plays exactly the kind of game that can keep the Zags uncomfortable.

Texas is a classic tournament disruptor: they foul-draw aggressively, they create turnovers, and they can beat you on the glass. Gonzaga is structurally superior, but Gonzaga also has a history of not covering big spreads against physical teams that can generate early foul pressure.

The whistle is the key variable. If Texas gets into the bonus early and keeps Gonzaga's frontcourt in foul trouble, the game shrinks fast. If Gonzaga operates cleanly, their half-court quality and efficient offense should create separation over 40 minutes.

Estimated final: Gonzaga 76 – Texas 74. The spread at 6.5 is actually reasonable — but still inside the model's uncertainty band. Texas ML at +205 is where the real equity sits.

Edge Table

Bet	Line	Market	Mesh	Edge	Confidence	Verdict
Texas +6.5	-115	50.0%	67.4%	**+17.4%**	Strong	**Best Bet**
Texas ML	+205	31.5%	27.5%	**-4.0%**	Slight	**Avoid**
Gonzaga ML	-250	68.5%	72.5%	**+4.0%**	Slight	**Avoid**

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

Recommended Bets

Texas +6.5 -115   **1.0u**

+17.4% edge — Mesh expects Gonzaga by ~2.3 pts. 4-pt cushion. Texas' foul-drawing and glass work gives multiple cover paths.

Texas ML +205   **0.75u**

+-4.0% edge — Mesh gives Texas 37% vs market ~30% no-vig (+7pp). Strong value at +205. Texas has legitimate upset tools.

Live-Betting Playbook

When	Watch For	Signal	Meaning	Action
First half	**Texas foul-drawing pressure**	**High**	Texas generating FTs early = whistle-upset path activating.	Monitor — High
First half	**Texas key big foul trouble**	**High**	If Texas loses a key frontcourt piece, Gonzaga interior dominance locks in.	Monitor — High
First 12 min	**Gonzaga early efficiency spike**	**High**	Gonzaga hitting early paint-and-kickout shots = control path.	Monitor — High
First 12 min	**Texas early clean three surge**	**High**	Texas hot from three early = variance upset path opening.	Monitor — High
First 10 min	**Gonzaga turnover wobble**	**High**	Gonzaga early TOs = Texas transition and chaos path.	Monitor — High

Caveats

1. The mesh expects Gonzaga to win by ~2.3 pt — vs the 6.5-point market spread. This gap drives the edge.

2. Prior SD = 0.051. P05–P95 range: -3.9 to -0.6 pts.

3. Multi-match rate 59% — worlds overlap, not mutually exclusive.

4. Unmapped rate 4.4%.

5. Win% from histogram bins split at tilt=0. Not calibrated probabilities.

6. Mesh does not model stat lines, exact foul counts, or possession-level outcomes.

7. Key unresolved: game-day availability, referee crew.

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MESH EDGE REPORT

(3) Illinois vs (11) VCU | Round of 32 | Midwest Region

7:50 PM ET | truTV | Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, IN

50,000 mesh simulations | Expected tilt: -0.160 | Prior SD: 0.065 | Unmapped: 4.3%

Win Prediction (Mesh)

Illinois

VCU

77.4%

Mesh Win%

22.6%

Win prediction

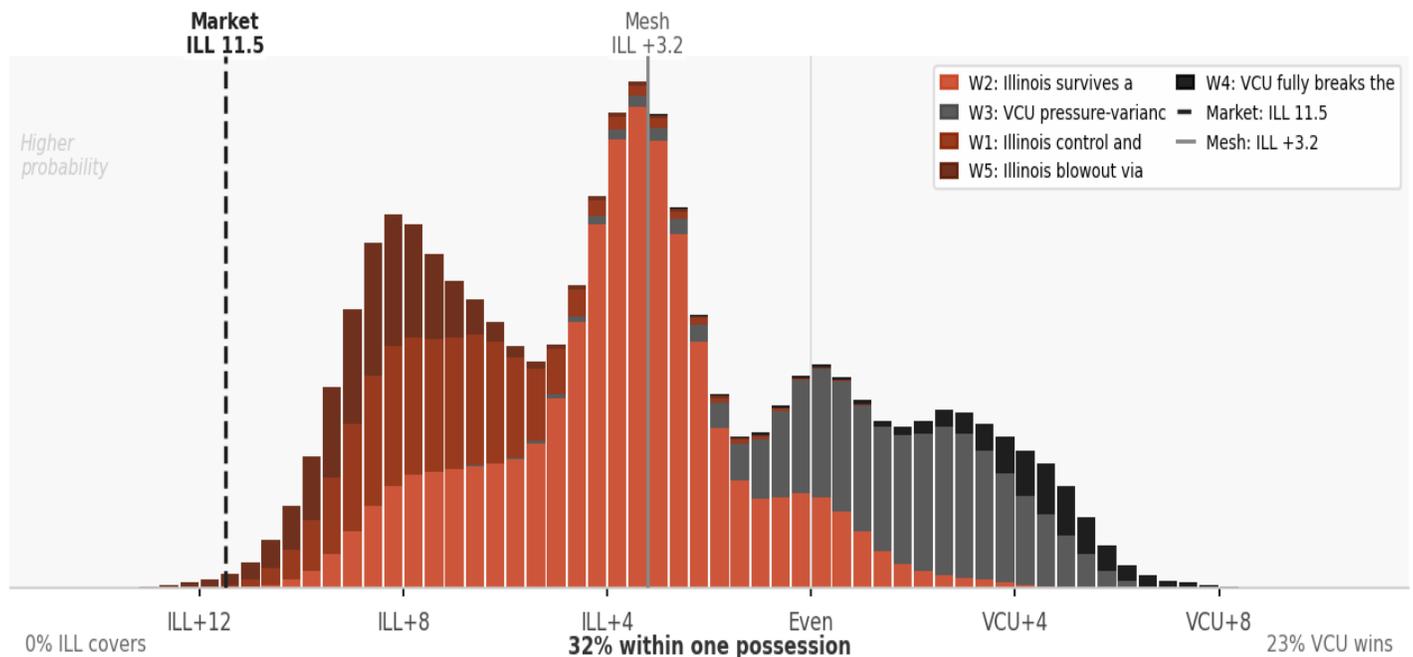| ILL 77.4%	22.6% VCU

Toss-up scenarios: 2%

Mesh Edge: VCU +4.3% (Mesh 22.6% vs Market 18.3%)

Distribution of simulated outcomes

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

Market
ILL 11.5

Mesh
ILL +3.2

Higher probability

Legend:
- W2: Illinois survives a
- W3: VCU pressure-varianc
- W1: Illinois control and
- W5: Illinois blowout via
- W4: VCU fully breaks the
- Market: ILL 11.5
- Mesh: ILL +3.2

ILL+12 ILL+8 ILL+4 Even VCU+4 VCU+8

0% ILL covers

32% within one possession

23% VCU wins

World Distribution

50,000 Monte Carlo runs

W2 Illinois survives a messy game

Favors Illinois

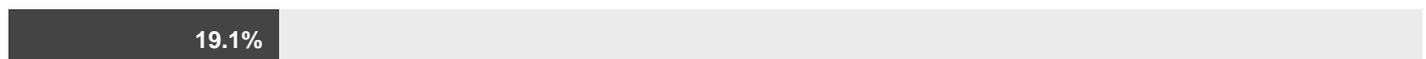| 47.8% |
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Most common: competitive and volatile, but Illinois' baseline quality holds.

W3 VCU pressure-variance upset lane

Favors VCU

19.1%

VCU's pressure and volatility pull Illinois into danger via turnovers and pace.

W1 Illinois control and structural edge   Favors Illinois

15.0%

Illinois gets its preferred shape: slower, cleaner, structurally favorable.

W5 Illinois blowout via stacked edges   Favors Illinois

9.7%

Smaller but meaningful Illinois blowout lane if multiple favorite levers stack.

W4 VCU fully breaks the matchup   Favors VCU

4.0%

The rarest named world: VCU wins outright with several underdog accelerants hitting at once.

Unmapped: 4.3%

Analysis

Prediction: VCU (23% to win) — Mesh edge vs market: +4.3%.

The mesh expects Illinois to win by roughly **3.2 points**. The market has them favored by 10.5. That's 7+ points of cushion for VCU, and VCU plays exactly the style of game — fast, pressing, chaotic — that makes big spreads dangerous.

VCU's entire game plan is disruption. They'll press, they'll trap, they'll try to force Illinois into live-ball turnovers and fast-pace possessions. Illinois is elite, but even elite teams can be disrupted for stretches. VCU just needs to keep it close long enough for variance to do its work.

The limiting factor for VCU is Illinois' size and rebounding dominance. If Illinois controls the glass and limits second chances, VCU can't sustain possessions long enough to stay in it. The glass is the key indicator to watch in the first half.

At 10.5, this spread is pricing Illinois as nearly certain to win by double digits. The mesh says they'll win by about 3. VCU +10.5 is straightforward value.

Edge Table

Bet	Line	Market	Mesh	Edge	Confidence	Verdict
VCU +11.5	-110	50.0%	81.3%	**+31.3%**	Strong	**Best Bet**
VCU ML	+425	18.3%	22.6%	**+4.3%**	Slight	**Lean**
Illinois ML	-575	81.7%	77.4%	**-4.3%**	Slight	**Avoid**

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

Recommended Bets

VCU +10.5 -110   **1.5u**

+31.3% edge — Mesh expects ILL by ~3.2 pts. 7+ pts of cushion. VCU press and chaos style gives multiple cover paths. High cover confidence.

VCU ML +350   **0.5u**

+4.3% edge — Mesh gives VCU 23% vs market ~19% no-vig (+4pp). Modest positive edge at plus-money. Size down — outright win unlikely.

Live-Betting Playbook

When	Watch For	Signal	Meaning	Action
First 8 min	**VCU live-ball pressure success**	**High**	Early VCU steals = fastest path to the upset lane.	Monitor — High
First half	**Illinois offensive glass edge**	**High**	Illinois controlling the boards = structural edge locked in.	Monitor — High
First 12 min	**Illinois half-court composure**	**High**	Illinois flowing offensively under pressure = control path activating.	Monitor — High
Early half	**VCU three-point calibration**	**High**	VCU hot from three early = variance upset path opening.	Monitor — High
First half	**Illinois foul stress on bigs**	**High**	Illinois bigs in foul trouble = VCU's half-court scoring path opens.	Monitor — High

Caveats

1. The mesh expects Illinois to win by ~3.2 pt — vs the 11.5-point market spread. This gap drives the edge.

2. Prior SD = 0.065. P05–P95 range: -5.3 to -1.1 pts.

3. Multi-match rate 57% — worlds overlap, not mutually exclusive.

4. Unmapped rate 4.3%.

5. Win% from histogram bins split at tilt=0. Not calibrated probabilities.

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(5) Vanderbilt vs (4) Nebraska | Round of 32 | Midwest Region

8:45 PM ET | CBS | Target Center, Minneapolis, MN

50,000 mesh simulations | Expected tilt: 0.015 | Prior SD: 0.037 | Unmapped: 4.7%

Win Prediction (Mesh)

Vanderbilt

Nebraska

48.5%

51.5%

Mesh Win%

Win prediction
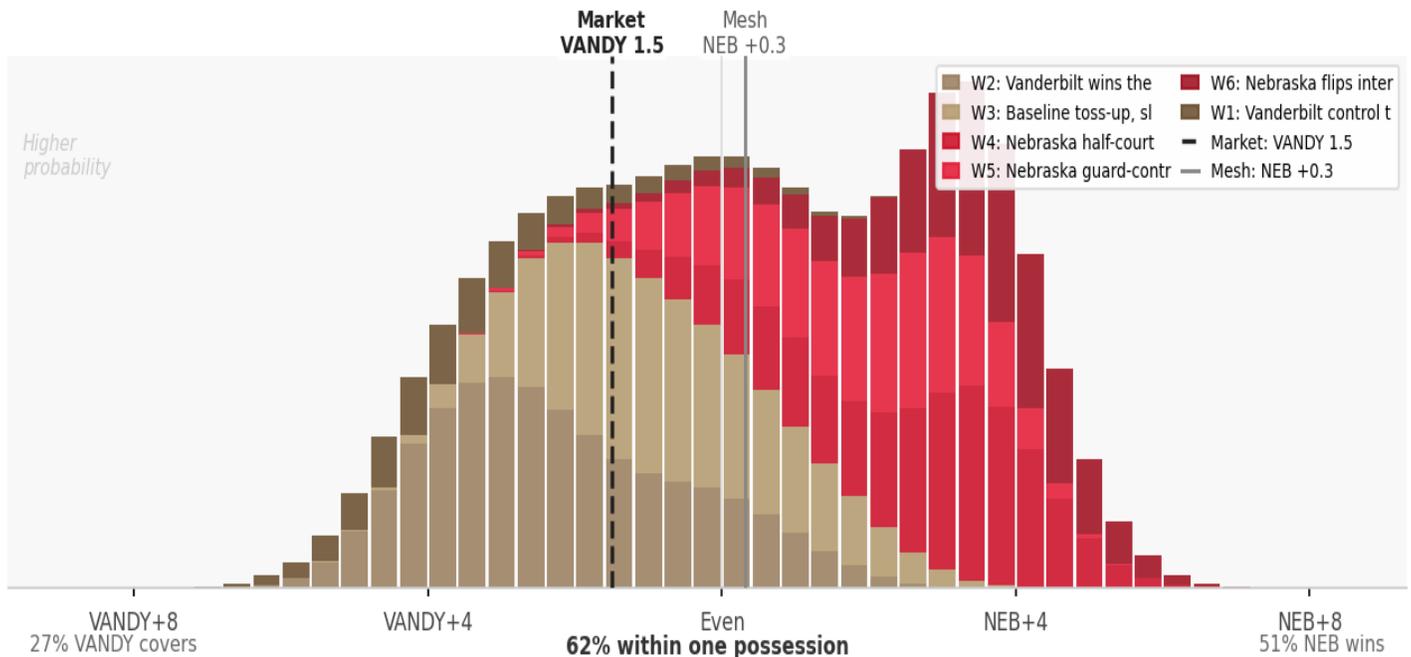
VANDY 48.5%	51.5% NEB

Toss-up scenarios: 52%

Mesh Edge: NEB +4.3% (Mesh 51.5% vs Market 47.2%)

Distribution of simulated outcomes

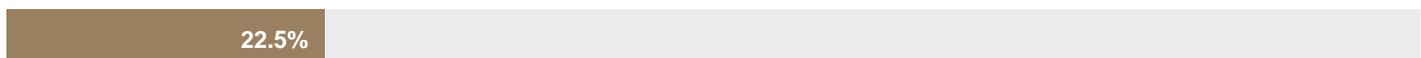*Each bar = 2M simulated outcomes from perturbation ensemble, colored by scenario*

Market VANDY 1.5

Mesh NEB +0.3

Higher probability

W2: Vanderbilt wins the
W3: Baseline toss-up, sl
W4: Nebraska half-court
W5: Nebraska guard-contr
W6: Nebraska flips inter
W1: Vanderbilt control t
Market: VANDY 1.5
Mesh: NEB +0.3

VANDY+8
27% VANDY covers

VANDY+4

Even

NEB+4

NEB+8
51% NEB wins

62% within one possession

World Distribution

50,000 Monte Carlo runs

W2 Vanderbilt wins the possession war

Favors Vanderbilt

22.5%

Vanderbilt's most common winning path via tempo bursts and rebounding edge.

W3 Baseline toss-up, slight Vandy edge

Favors Vanderbilt

20.4%

A close, mixed-script game that ends with only a slight Vanderbilt edge.

W4 Nebraska half-court script lands   Favors Nebraska

17.6%

Nebraska's win script: slower game with workable ball-screen offense and better perimeter outcomes.

W5 Nebraska guard-control edge   Favors Nebraska

15.7%

Nebraska wins narrowly when its staff and perimeter core solve key possessions.

W6 Nebraska flips interior and whistle   Favors Nebraska

13.5%

Nebraska exposes Vanderbilt via frontcourt leverage and a favorable foul pattern.

W1 Vanderbilt control through guard leverage   Favors Vanderbilt

5.7%

Vanderbilt's cleanest control script — least common named world.

Unmapped: 4.7%

Analysis

Prediction: Nebraska (51% to win) — ■ FLIP: mesh calls NEB over market favorite VANDY — Mesh edge vs market: +4.3%.

This is the truest coin-flip on the board — and the **only game today where the mesh calls a different winner than the market**. Vanderbilt is a slight -1.5 favorite. The mesh gives Nebraska a 51% chance to win outright. The expected margin: **Nebraska by 0.3 points**. At +107, Nebraska ML is the clearest contrarian value play on the slate.

Vanderbilt plays faster and relies on tempo bursts and collective rebounding. Nebraska is methodical — ball-screen heavy and excellent at controlling pace. Whichever team imposes its preferred style wins. The mesh assigns Nebraska a marginal edge in coaching adjustments and the glass battle, which is just enough to flip the directional call.

The glass battle is the key signal to watch early. Vanderbilt's best path runs through rebounding and extra possessions. If Nebraska controls the glass and keeps it in half-court, their execution edge plays out. If Vanderbilt speeds it up from the opening tip, they're the better bet.

Spread value is minimal at 1.5 pts — the market has this nearly right on the number. The play here is Nebraska ML at plus-money, not the spread.

Edge Table

Bet	Line	Market	Mesh	Edge	Confidence	Verdict
Nebraska +1.5	-110	50.0%	57.6%	**+7.6%**	Strong	**Best Bet**
Nebraska ML	+107	47.2%	51.5%	**+4.3%**	Slight	**Lean**
Vanderbilt ML	-118	52.8%	48.5%	**-4.3%**	Slight	**Avoid**

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

Recommended Bets

Nebraska ML +107

1.0u

+4.3% edge — The only flip on the slate. Mesh gives NEB 51% vs market ~44% no-vig (+7pp). Plus-money on the team the simulation makes a slight favorite. Best value in a true coin-flip.

Nebraska +1.5 -110

0.5u

+7.6% edge — Near-zero expected margin (0.3 pts), 1.5-pt cushion. Lower EV than ML but higher win probability. Hedge option.

Live-Betting Playbook

When	Watch For	Signal	Meaning	Action
First 10 min	**Nebraska clean three quality**	**High**	NEB hitting early clean threes = half-court script activating.	Monitor — High
First 8 min	**Tempo and transition check**	**High**	Fast early pace = Vanderbilt's preferred environment.	Monitor — High
First half	**Vanderbilt offensive rhythm**	**High**	VANDY staying on rhythm through NEB coverage = their upset path.	Monitor — High
First half	**Offensive glass battle**	**High**	Who wins the glass largely determines possession advantage and outcome.	Monitor — High
First 10 min	**Whistle and foul stress**	**High**	Early foul trouble on either side reshapes the possession math.	Monitor — High

Caveats

1. The mesh expects Vanderbilt to win by ~-0.3 pt — vs the 1.5-point market spread. This gap drives the edge.

2. Prior SD = 0.037. P05–P95 range: -0.9 to 1.5 pts.

3. Multi-match rate 64% — worlds overlap, not mutually exclusive.

4. Unmapped rate 4.7%.

5. Win% from histogram bins split at tilt=0. Not calibrated probabilities.

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MESH EDGE REPORT

(4) Arkansas vs (12) High Point | Round of 32 | West Region

9:45 PM ET | TBS / truTV | Moda Center, Portland, OR

50,000 mesh simulations | Expected tilt: -0.055 | Prior SD: 0.062 | Unmapped: 4.9%

Win Prediction (Mesh)

Arkansas

High Point

57.9%

Mesh Win%

42.1%

Win prediction

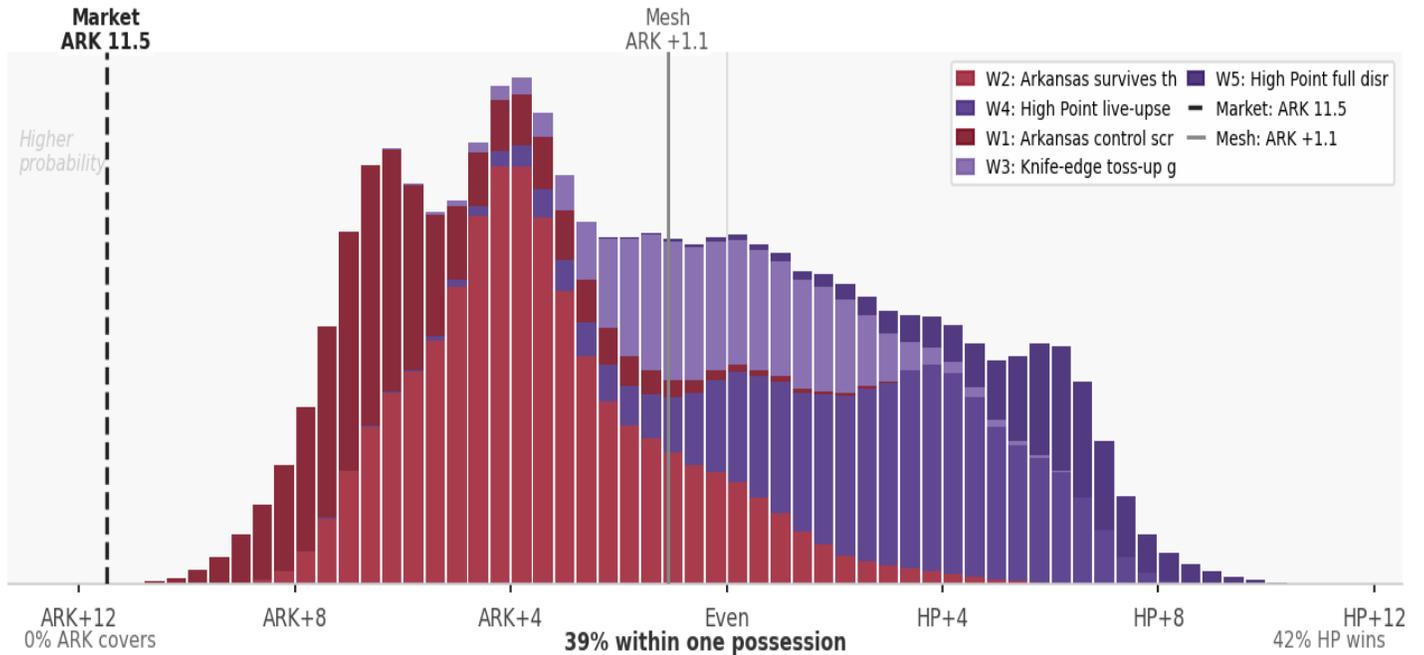| ARK 57.9%	42.1% HP

Toss-up scenarios: 23%

Mesh Edge: HP +26.1% (Mesh 42.1% vs Market 16.0%)

Distribution of simulated outcomes

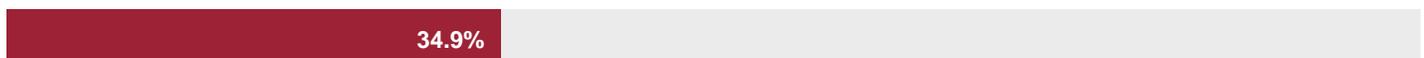*Each bar = 2M simulated outcomes from perturbation ensemble, colored by scenario*

Market ARK 11.5

Mesh ARK +1.1

Higher probability

Legend:
- W2: Arkansas survives th
- W4: High Point live-upse
- W1: Arkansas control scr
- W3: Knife-edge toss-up g
- W5: High Point full disr
- — Market: ARK 11.5
- — Mesh: ARK +1.1

ARK+12 — 0% ARK covers | ARK+8 | ARK+4 | Even | HP+4 | HP+8 | HP+12 — 42% HP wins

39% within one possession

World Distribution

50,000 Monte Carlo runs

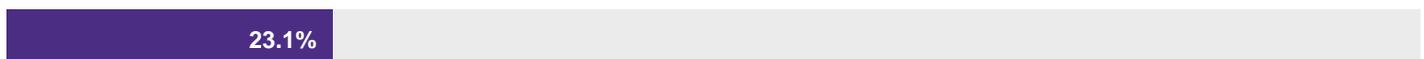**W2 Arkansas survives the volatility**

Favors Arkansas

34.9%

High Point generates upset ingredients, but Arkansas still wins a competitive game.

W4 High Point live-upset script

Favors High Point

23.1%

HP's pressure drags Arkansas into a volatile game where the upset becomes live.

W1 Arkansas control script
Favors Arkansas

16.3%

Arkansas handles pressure and converts talent into a comfortable multi-possession win.

W3 Knife-edge toss-up game
Favors High Point

13.1%

A genuinely balanced one-possession game — neither script fully dominates.

W5 High Point full disruption upset
Favors High Point

7.7%

HP's pressure fully destabilizes Arkansas. The underdog wins with sustained control.

Unmapped: 4.9%

Analysis

Prediction: High Point (42% to win) — Mesh edge vs market: +26.1%.

The mesh expects Arkansas to win by roughly **1.1 points**. The market has them favored by 11.5. That 10-point gap is the entire story. Arkansas is better — but not by 11.5 points.

High Point just upset Wisconsin as a 10.5-point underdog. The same game plan applies here: slow it down, force Arkansas into half-court situations, and shoot threes. They shoot close to 50% from three against top-100 defenses. If those shots fall again, this stays close for most of the game.

The two things most likely to blow the spread wide are Arkansas turnovers and Arkansas interior dominance. If HP's trapping forces early Arkansas turnovers, the Razorbacks never find rhythm. If Arkansas overpowers HP on the glass from the opening tip, the talent gap takes over.

Estimated final: Arkansas 85 – High Point 84. John Calipari is 7–11 ATS as a double-digit tournament favorite. This is very much a live game.

Edge Table

Bet	Line	Market	Mesh	Edge	Confidence	Verdict
High Point +11.5	-115	50.0%	86.8%	**+36.8%**	Strong	**Best Bet**
High Point ML	+500	16.0%	42.1%	**+26.1%**	Slight	**Lean**
Arkansas ML	-700	84.0%	57.9%	**-26.1%**	Slight	**Avoid**

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

Recommended Bets

High Point +11.5 -115

+36.8% edge — Mesh expects ARK by ~1.1 pts — well inside 11.5. Cover estimate ~87% vs market 50%. HP just beat Wisconsin +10.5.

1.5u

High Point ML +500

+26.1% edge — Mesh gives HP 42% vs market 16% no-vig (+26pp). Biggest ML edge on the slate. Satellite bet.

0.5u

Live-Betting Playbook

When	Watch For	Signal	Meaning	Action
First 8 min	**Arkansas turnovers**	**High**	Early ARK TOs validate HP press — upset window opening.	Monitor — High
First half	**High Point 3-point volume**	**High**	HP shooting 40%+ from three is the primary upset fuel.	Monitor — High
First half	**Arkansas paint control**	**High**	ARK dominating the glass = spread more defensible.	Monitor — High
First 10 min	**High Point ball security**	**High**	HP turnovers feed ARK transition — fastest path to blowout.	Monitor — High
Any point	**Free throw gap**	**High**	ARK 8+ FT advantage = 'ARK survives' script locking in.	Monitor — High

Caveats

1. The mesh expects Arkansas to win by ~1.1 pt — vs the 11.5-point market spread. This gap drives the edge.

2. Prior SD = 0.062. P05–P95 range: -3.2 to 1.0 pts.

3. Multi-match rate 62% — worlds overlap, not mutually exclusive.

4. Unmapped rate 4.9%.

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