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Alabama vs Mississippi State Prediction, College Basketball Game Preview

Why Mississippi State Will Win

The Bulldogs don't screw up enough to allow easy points.

They have a whole lot of problems at both ends of the court, but they can rebound relatively well – that's what happens when you have a slew of misses – and they don't turn the ball over. It's careful enough to not commit a whole slew of fouls, and in this keeping Bama off the line matters.

The Bulldogs have to grind for points, and that includes at the free throw line.

Why Alabama Will Win

Mississippi State doesn't shot from three, it doesn't make threes when it does, and it doesn't generate enough steals and big defensive plays to come up with easy scores.

This isn't a good enough shooting team to keep up if Alabama gets going, but it somehow finds ways to to generate points. That's a problem considering the Tide are great at bombing away

from the outside, and they're terrific at coming up with rebounds for the second-chance points when the shooting is off.

They have the O that Mississippi State can't keep up with.

What's Going To Happen

It's a fun Alabama team that scores in bunches. Mississippi State would prefer to play a slower, defensive battle, but that's not happening after the Tide get up fast with a slew of quick threes.

How to watch: Alabama basketball vs. Mississippi State

Alabama basketball's torrid run continued earlier this week as it took down LSU 105-75 to record its third straight win by 20 points or more. The No. 18 Crimson Tide is currently riding an eight-game winning streak and is 7-0 to start conference play for the first time since the 1986-87 season. Alabama will put both of those streaks on the line Saturday as it hosts Mississippi State inside Coleman Coliseum. The Bulldogs are coming off a 64-46 loss to Ole Miss.

Here's all the information you need to know about Saturday's game.