

Inside the Final 4 Numbers

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We've gotten it down from 68 to 4. Everybody hated their brackets after day 1, but some are still standing heading into this weekend. And while most fans are anticipating a Gonzaga-Baylor title tilt, don't count out the Cougars of Houston and the play-in Bruins of UCLA. Today I'll give you the Nuggets and trends for the Final 4 action.

Baylor Bears -5 vs. Houston Cougars (135)

(1) Baylor (26-2SU / 18-10ATS)

- first Final 4 since 1950
- Averaging 74.5ppg in Tournament (allow 60.3)
- Covered last 3 games
- 5-1ATS last 6 NCAA Tournament games
- 13 of last 16 have gone over

(2) Houston (28-3SU / 21-10ATS)

- first Final 4 since 1984
- Won 11 straight games
- Haven't faced a single-digit seed
- Allow 60+ points once in last 5 games (vs. Oregon State- 61)
- 14-6ATS last 20 games
- 7-1ATS last 8 neutral site games as an underdog
- 11-2ATS as an underdog

PICKS: SU- HOU / ATS- HOU / OU- OVER

Gonzaga Bulldogs -13.5 vs. UCLA Bruins (146)

(1) Gonzaga (30-0SU / 16-12-2ATS)

- largest favorite in a Final 4 game since 1999
- Won first 4 games of tournament by 24ppg
- 91.6ppg in regular season (scored 83+ in each tournament game)
- 5-1ATS last 6 games
- 4-1ATS last 5 vs. UCLA

(11) UCLA (22-9SU / 17-14ATS)

- 6th double digit seed to make the Final 4
- Won 5 straight (covered all 5)
- Won 4 straight as an underdog (covered last 5)
- 6-1ATS last 7 games

PICKS: SU- GONZ / ATS- GONZ / OU- OVER

There you have it. For more trends, notes and Nuggets on the Final 4, check out my podcast, The Odds Couple on GrindCityMedia.com. Subscribe wherever you get your podcasts. You can follow me on Twitter @thefishnation, on Instagram @thefishnation_, and on Facebook. You can also email me with any comments or questions at robfisher22@icloud.com.

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