

'SPORTS' Tips

It is clearly evident that there is a lot of interest in sports betting and we've got a tipster who knows plenty about the betting options. So we are looking to set up a '**SPORTS PLAN**' where we will bring you some insights into what and why you'd have a bet on a respective sporting event.

Here's Our Thoughts For Today

Sports Plan for 3rd October 2020

Saturday sees plenty of sporting action from around the globe and we look at three of the best games for punters.

The action starts in the US with **Game 2 of the NBA Finals** between the Miami Heat and LA Lakers.

We then preview the **two NRL finals** games across the Tasman.

Punters are getting value odds with the bookmakers, so let's dive into our game previews.

Saturday Sport Multibet

Lakers -9.5 @ \$1.87

Sharks +13.5 @ \$1.90

Eels +13.5 @ \$1.90

A multi bet of all three options returns \$67.50 for a \$10 investment.

Miami Heat vs. LA Lakers Game 2 @ 2.10pm

Bet: Lakers -9.5 (\$1.87)

The Lakers took a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven series on Thursday and they are the firm favourites to take a commanding lead.

It all started so well for the Miami Heat, who held a 23-10 lead midway through the first quarter. However, they couldn't stop the Lakers once they got on a run and it didn't make for good viewing. Compounding the loss was the injuries to three of their star players. Goran Dragic and Bam Adebayo could be missing for Game 2, and potentially the rest of the series. Jimmy Butler also pulled up with an injury, so his season is also in doubt.

One thing that has bound the Heat together this season has been sharing the scoring duties, but without their stars, that could become impossible.

If Adebayo and Dragic are out, that will put the ultimate pressure on the likes of Robinson, Herro and Crowder to knock down threes.

It is not a good game plan against LeBron James and Anthony Davis of the Lakers, who guard the boundaries well. Therefore, punters should stick with the Lakers to take a 2-0 lead and cover the points start spread.

Bookmakers have the line at -9.5, which should be covered by the Lakers.

Canberra Raiders vs. Cronulla Sharks @ 8.40pm

Bet: Sharks +13.5 (\$1.90)

The Raiders and Sharks square off for their second game in two weeks and we're expecting a similar result this Saturday.

The Canberra Raiders fielded a youthful squad last week and they were too good for the Sharks, winning 38-28 in a thrilling contest.

The Sharks were also resting their star players, including Josh Dugan and Sione Katoa, but the injury to Shaun Johnson could detail their chances of progressing in the playoffs.

Johnson was their best player before succumbing to an injury, and with Chad Townsend playing inconsistently, it doesn't bode well for the Sharks.

Punters have had trouble trusting the Raiders on the big stage, but last year's finalists have improved as the season has progressed. They finished the regular season in fifth position on the ladder and that has been reflected in the betting market.

They are the \$1.16 favourites for the winner-takes-all clash. Punters aren't getting value and they will have to cover 13.5 points, which leads us to favour the Sharks.

Canberra rarely covers a big spread and given that it's finals football, the Sharks should bring their best game.

Melbourne Storm vs. Parramatta Eels @ 10.50pm

Bet: Eels +13.5 (\$1.90)

Class is personified with the Melbourne Storm, as they had another quality season when finishing second in the minor premiership.

Craig Bellamy has his team humming and with the likes of Cameron Smith, Josh Addo-Carr and Cameron Munster in the squad, it's the best roster in the NRL.

Looking to upset the apple cart are the Parramatta Eels, who started the season on fire before dropping in quality towards the end. However, they still have more than enough ability to push Melbourne to the brink.

A quality defensive outfit, the Eels typically give the Storm a tough go of it, and under the pressure of finals football, they could come up big.

There is no doubting that the Storm are the better side and that is reflected in the \$1.17 odds, but Parramatta aren't that bad.

We are confident that they can cover the 13.5 start, which is more than two converted tries. Look for the Eels to focus on the defensive side of the ball, which could see this game with a 20-10 score line.

That favours Eels' punters and it is too many points to give a side that finished third during the regular season.
