
East Tennessee St vs Kentucky 2010 NCAA Bracket Predictions

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East Tennessee St vs Kentucky 2010 NCAA Bracket Predictions: The top-ranked Kentucky Wildcats [-19] get set to make their 2010 NCAA debut, as they take on the sports betting odds underdog East Tennessee State Buccaneers [+19] tonight in what should be a blowout. But out of all people, Kentucky head coach John Calipari knows that nothing is guaranteed in sports, especially when he has such a young group as his stellar players. "When you have a team this young, you're in the survive-and-advance mode," Calipari said.

This East Region showdown is scheduled to tipoff at 7:15 PM ET (6:15 PM CT) live from New Orleans Arena in New Orleans, LA. For those interested in betting on the OVER/UNDER, 2010 NCAA Brackets experts at BODOG.com are expecting both East Tennessee State and Kentucky to combine for a total of 136 points.

"What we're talking about and the message I've given the team: Land the plane," Calipari explained. "There's storm, there's lightning, people drinking their 'haterade' and coming at you. There are going to be things written and said. It's all coming at you. We're not worried about score and who scores and what. Just land the plane and move on."

For the huge underdogs, given their recent history, this team could create potential problems for the Wildcats. It was this same team that gave then-No.1 seeded Pittsburgh a scare last season, before the Panthers finally put the game away.

"We've got good history in the tournament of playing close games," Bucs coach Murry Bartow said. "Several years ago we played Cincinnati in the first round. We lost by three. Last year we played Pittsburgh, and that game went right to the wire or at least down to the last three or four minutes."

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