

MLB Picks: Orioles vs Angels MLB Betting Odds - July 2, 2009

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MLB Picks: The Baltimore Orioles have made their way to the West Coast to start a three game set with the Angels tonight in Anaheim, California. Both squads, which are coming off series losses to division rivals, will be looking to rebound in this evening's nightcap. The Angels are currently listed as a -155 moneyline favorite by Bodog.com in their MLB Picks: Orioles vs Angels MLB Betting Odds - July 2, 2009.

The Orioles probably had a long flight last night as they suffered a gut-wrenching 11 inning 6-5 loss to the Red Sox at Camden Yards in Baltimore on Wednesday. Just a day after scoring an amazing come-from-behind 11-10 win (down 10-1 heading into the bottom of the seventh), the O's gave up four runs to Boston in the bottom of the ninth to puke away a 5-1 lead in yesterday's afternoon tilt.

The loss dropped Baltimore to 35-43 and left them 13 games behind Boston in the American League East standings. Now they will have to try to recover at a place that has been less than kind to them in recent seasons. The Orioles, which are 11-23 on the road this year, are just 5-14 at Angel Stadium since 2005.

Jeremy Guthrie will take the ball for the Black and Orange tonight. Guthrie, who had a good 2008 campaign (3.64 ERA), has struggled to find his form this year. In 16 starts the Oregon native is 6-7 with a 5.11 ERA. He has had even more difficulty on the road, going 2-3 in six outings with a lofty 6.96 ERA. However, he has had good success at Angel Stadium of late. Over the last three seasons, Guthrie has made two starts at the facility, earning a 1-0 record and 1.80 ERA (.118 opponent batting average).

The Angels escaped Arlington with the lead in the American League West, but just barely. Texas took the last two games of the three game set to close to within a half game of Los Angeles in the standings. Despite the back-to-back losses to the Rangers, the Angels went 4-2 on their six game road swing and they have won six of their last 10 games.

Mike Scioscia has penciled in veteran John Lackey for the game one start tonight. Lackey, who started the year on the disabled list, has not been himself this season, going 2-3 in nine starts with a 5.06 ERA. Surprisingly, the big right-hander has been really poor at Angel Stadium to this point. In two home starts, Lackey is 0-2 with a 5.28 ERA.

On a positive note, though, the Abilene, Texas native looked like his former self in his last start — a seven inning, five hit gem in Arizona that garnered a 2-1 win. Additionally, Lackey is 3-1 against the Orioles over the last three seasons with a 2.70 ERA.

Tonight's game is set for a 10:05pm ET first pitch at Angel Stadium in Anaheim.

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