We wanted to continue the "Betting 101" Series for those that are still not familiar what is meant by "Money Line" (ML) when it comes to sports betting. This one is very simple!

Class 2 - What is a Money Line Bet?

A **Moneyline (ML)** bet is simply betting on a team to **WIN**. It does not matter if the team wins by 1 point, or 1,000 points. If the team you bet on the Moneyline (ML) wins the game, you win the bet.

THAT SAID! This is not necessarily the case when betting on soccer, or European Futbol. If you bet on a soccer team on the Moneyline (ML), you would only win your bet IF they win during regulation (90 minutes of play). The only way you would win a Moneyline (ML) bet with soccer is if the bet specifically states that it included extra time. This is particularly why we do not spend much time looking into soccer, because there are a lot of other layers that play in to whether or not you can win your bet simply on the Moneyline (ML).

Soccer moneyline wagers are also based on the full 90 minutes only (plus any additional stoppage time), so for knockouts, play-offs or cup competitions, **extra time does not count unless otherwise stated**.

For example, anyone who bet on Argentina to win via Moneyline (ML) would have lost their bet, even though they eventually ended up winning the game. This is why it was important to bet on Argentina to "**Raise the Trophy**" in this past year's World Cup Final, because that bet is taking whoever ends up winning the game no matter what.

For games like basketball, football, and baseball, betting on a team on the Moneyline (ML) does <u>not</u> change the rules when a team wins in overtime or extra innings.

As for the numbers seen in parenthesis next to the team on the Moneyline (ML), this is referencing the odds and, *more so*, *how much* you would win based on which team you choose to bet on based on a factor of $100. This does not mean that you have to bet $100 on any given bet..

Before we provide some examples, the last thing you need to understand about the Moneyline (ML) is the **"+"** or **"-"** sign that is front of the numbers you see.

<u>A "+" sign</u> next to a team means that that team is an <u>UNDERDOG</u>, meaning the lines are telling you that that team is expected to <u>LOSE</u>. When betting on teams that are expected (by the public) to lose, your payout will be <u>GREATER</u> than betting on a team that is expected to win.

Think of it this way, the "+" sign should mean to you that there is <u>VALUE</u> in taking this team because the odds of them winning the game are smaller than the other team. Makes sense right?

As for the teams with <u>a "-" sign</u> next to the Moneyline (ML) number, this means that that team is the <u>FAVORITE</u>, meaning the lines are telling you that that team is expected to <u>WIN</u>. When betting on teams that are expected (by the public) to win, your payout will be <u>LESS</u> than betting on a team that is expected to lose.

Think of it this way, the "-" sign should mean to you that there is LESS VALUE in taking this team because the odds of them winning the game are greater than the other team. Makes sense right?

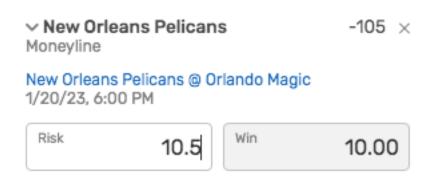**We will now provide a couple of examples for tonight's games...**

(1) For the Pelicans (-105) @ Magic (-115) game, look at the "Win" Column below. This is also known as the **Moneyline** (ML) column, because as we stated the **Moneyline** (ML) bet means you are betting on a team to **WIN**.

Since the spread is very small **1 point** (*which we will touch on in our next class*), and <u>neither</u> team has a "+" sign in front of their Moneyline (ML) number, this means that this game can go either way and is extremely close.

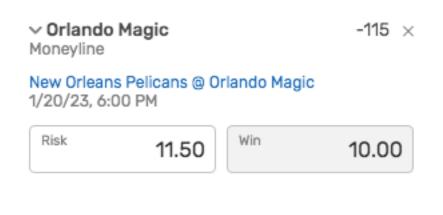|		Spread	Win	Total
1/20/23 **6:00 PM**	New Orleans Pelicans ───────── + 236 Bets > Orlando Magic	+1.0 (-110) -1.0 (-110)	-105 -115	O 229.0 (-110) U 229.0 (-110)

If you were to bet on the Pelicans Moneyline (-105), this means that you would bet **$105 to win $100**.

... or **$10.50 to win $10**

⌄ **New Orleans Pelicans**   -105 ✕
Moneyline

New Orleans Pelicans @ Orlando Magic
1/20/23, 6:00 PM

Risk		Win	
	10.5		10.00

If you were to bet on the Magic Moneyline (-115), this means that you would have to bet **$115 to win $100**.

... or **$11.50 to win $10**

⌄ **Orlando Magic**   -115 ✕
Moneyline

New Orleans Pelicans @ Orlando Magic
1/20/23, 6:00 PM

Risk		Win	
	11.50		10.00

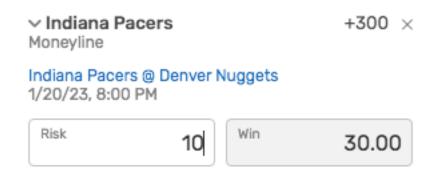
(2) In the Pacers (+300) @ Nuggets (-400) game, you can see in the "Win" Column that the Pacers are +300, and <u>since they have a "+" sign next to their name</u>, this means that there is **VALUE** in taking them because they are **UNDERDOGS** and expected (by the public) to **LOSE**, which is why anyone who bets for the Pacers in this game would win more of what they bet on the Pacers to win vs. anyone who bets on the Nuggets to win.

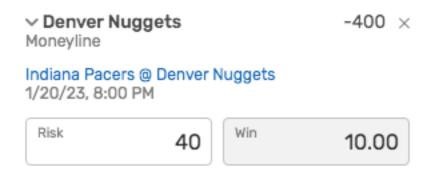| 1/20/23 8:00 PM	Indiana Pacers	+ 221 Bets >	+9.0 (-110)	+300	O 237.5 (-110)
	Denver Nuggets		-9.0 (-110)	-400	U 237.5 (-110)

If you were to bet **$100** on the Pacers to win this game on the Moneyline (+300), you would win **$300**. In other words, you would win 3x your bet.

... or bet **$10 to win $30**

⌄ **Indiana Pacers**   +300 ✕
Moneyline

Indiana Pacers @ Denver Nuggets
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Risk	10	Win	30.00

If you were to bet on the Nuggets to win this game on the Moneyline (-400), this means that you would have to bet **$400** to win **$100**. In other words, you would win **25%** of what you bet.

... or bet **$40 to win $10**

⌄ **Denver Nuggets**   -400 ✕
Moneyline

Indiana Pacers @ Denver Nuggets
1/20/23, 8:00 PM

Risk	40	Win	10.00

*We hope that this helped add some clarity to those in the community who do not understand betting terminology. We are trying to start with the easiest things to learn first and grow from there! Anyone who still has questions, please share in the comments so the FAM can help provide support, and/or send us a message so we can discuss further! We love you guys and as always, tremendously appreciate your support! **We do this for you!***