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THIS WEEK IN BASKETBALL – FEBRUARY 5-11, 2022



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Due to game cancellations, postponements, and various circumstances beyond our control, we will be presenting a “meat and potatoes” version of our weekly basketball newsletter until the start of the NCAA Tournament. Each week we’ll provide isolated Best Bet write-ups and analysis on the games that stand out the most, including three Best Bet releases on each of the College, NBA, and NBA Over/Under cards.

For margins on all other games on the weekly card, we suggest you refer to Kenny White’s Power Ratings, along with Victor King’s NBA rankings, in determining sides on the remaining portion of the daily hoops’ lineup. We are sorry for any inconvenience, but rest assured the isolated contests we feature contain write-ups on the games that would normally appear in the regular version of the PLAYBOOK Basketball Newsletter. Thanks for your continued support.

The Playbook staff

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, February 5

5★ BEST BET

COLORADO over Oregon State by 17

In Denver the Broncos football fans enjoy referring to the team’s defense as ‘Orange Crush’. That’s what the Buffaloes felt like following last season’s gut-wrenching 70-68 loss to Oregon State in the finals of the Pac-12 tourney as Colorado fell as an 8-point favorite in the contest. And today the team’s fans are crushed once again with the Buffs returning home following Thursday’s 66-51 home loss to Oregon. With it, Colorado takes the floor knowing they are 4-1 SUATS when playing with a revenge chip in this series, including **4-0 SUATS** when the Beavers arrive with a .625 or less win percentage. In addition, the Buffaloes not only fit snugly inside this week’s **INCREDIBLE STAT** on page 2, but they are also **7-0 ATS** when seeking revenge from a loss in the Pac-12 tournament when coming off a conference clash. On the other side of the court, following its 84-59 crush-job at Utah on Thursday, the visiting Beavers are **0-8 SU** and **1-6-1 ATS** in games against opponents coming off a loss this season. For the closing crusher we apply **THE CLINCHER: The Buffaloes are 20-3 ATS at home when coming off consecutive losses and a previous home loss when facing a foe coming off a loss, including 18-1 ATS versus sub .700 opponents.**

Sunday, February 6

CINCINNATI over Houston by 6

When the Bearcats were declawed by the Cougars, 91-54 in the finals of the AAC tournament last season it marked their worst conference loss ever... until Houston hammered them 90-52 three weeks earlier, and 68-51 a month prior. Hence, there is a triple dose of soft-boiled egg dripping from the faces of the UC players today. The good news is they are prepared to do something about it here, as they take the floor 10-1 SU in their last eleven home games in this series. Enter the 19-win Cougars who bring an 0-3 ATS mark into this fray when coming off consecutive wins and facing foes playing with LTKO (League Tourney Knock Out) revenge. With Cincy **6-3 SU** and **7-2 ATS** as an avenging home dog playing on three or more days of rest, these are the spots where major upsets occur. Be there.

NOTE: Home team is shown in ALL CAPS. PLAYBOOK selection is Underlined and Bold.

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AWESOME ANGLE OF THE WEEK

PLAY ON San Antonio Spurs head coach Greg Popovich with same-season double-digit loss revenge versus non-conference foes with a losing record.

Play On:
SAN ANTONIO SPURS (2/11)

POP-O-TOP

ATS W-L Record
Since 1996:

33-13
(72%)

INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK

The Colorado Buffaloes are 32-4 ATS in straight up wins when seeking revenge in Pac-12 games.

Monday, February 7

4★ BEST BET

Kansas over TEXAS by 11

It was not the plan Kansas head coach Bill Self had drawn up when his troops were entering the semifinals of the Big 12 tourney as the No. 2 overall seed last season. The Jayhawks were forced to opt out after they had a player test positive for COVID-19. Safe to say they were mad as hell, as they were looking forward to avenging a pair of regular season losses that Texas had laid on them prior to their withdrawal from the conference tourney. Ironically, only one team has ever defeated a Bill Self coached squad twice in the same season. That was UNLV, who bested Self's Tulsa team in 2000. Self ran the Rebels off the floor the following season in the rematch, 89-62. For what it's worth, Self stands 52-7 SU and 40-18-1 ATS in conference paybacks, including **24-6-1 ATS** in games in which his troops own a sub .790 win percentage. With Texas a money burning 9-13 ATS this season at press time, we're handing this one off to **THE CLINCHER: Kansas is 8-2 SU and 7-2-1 ATS when out for revenge in this series, including 7-0 SUATS with a win percentage of greater than .750.**

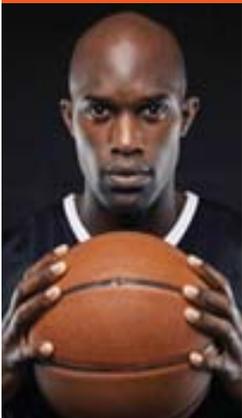
Wednesday, February 9

3★ BEST BET

DRAKE over Missouri State by 16

The 5-returning starter Bulldogs entered Springfield riding a four-game win streak on January 2, feeling confident knowing they were 9-4 SU and 10-3 ATS in this series dating back to 2016. They left the JOH Arena with a 61-56 loss, and have been almost perfect since, going 7-1 SU in their next eight games at press time. Better yet, Drake brings a **5-0 SUATS** series ledger into tonight's contest in games in which the Bears sport a .650 or better win percentage – as well as a **5-0 SUATS** mark when the Bulldogs check in with a greater than .700 winning record. With a lot of 5's in play tonight, we're rolling the dice with Drake. Especially with an added boost from **THE CLINCHER: The Bulldogs are 18-4 ATS in SU wins as a conference favorite when seeking revenge.**

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Friday, February 11

Nevada over UTAH STATE by 12

We're not quite sure what crawled up inside the Wolf Pack and died this season, but it's thrown them for a loop. With 5 starters back from last year's 16-10 squad they were expected to challenge for the top spot in the MWC. Instead, they are languishing just below basketball's Mendoza line (9-10) at press time, while residing just behind the Aggies in the conference standings. What we do know is they were embarrassed at home in a 78-49 loss to Utah State two weeks ago, and are more than anxious to get even. It starts here tonight knowing they are **5-0 SUATS** in this series when looking to avenge a same-season loss of 16 or more points in this series. They are also 8-4 ATS dating back to 1993 against all foes with revenge from a same-season defeat of 20-plus points, including 2-0 ATS away. Given the Aggies' lukewarm 5-8 ATS log against foes playing with a similar revenge chip, it makes for the perfect elixir to help cure Nevada's woes tonight.

NBA BASKETBALL

Saturday, February 5

Oklahoma City over SACRAMENTO by 6

The Thunder have once again been underachievers this season, but this is a spot that's simply too good to look past. For openers, the up-and-mostly-down Kings arrive off a triple revenge affair with Golden State, standing just 5-12 ATS in post Warrior games when facing foes carrying a revenge chip. In addition, they are caught here looking dead ahead to another get-even game against Minnesota. Enter Oklahoma City, a sub .333 squad straight up but 64.5% (31-17-2) at press time on the ATS side of the counter. The well-oiled machine notes that the Kings are 6-17 SUATS this season against avenging foes, including **1-10 SUATS** the last eleven games. With OKC entering this contest off a game at Portland last night, we'll take full advantage of the no-rest tax the Kings will be forced to pay and grab as many points as we possibly can. You know what to do.

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2022 NCAA BASKETBALL POWER RATINGS

Rnk: Overall rank nationally (358 teams) • PWR: Team power rating • HC: Home court value • Power Ratings courtesy of KennyWhiteSports.com

Rnk	School	Con	PWR	HC	Rnk	School	Con	PWR	HC	Rnk	School	Con	PWR	HC	Rnk	School	Con	PWR	HC
138	Abil Christian	WAC	101.5	2.0	204	Fairfield	MAAC	97.5	4.0	17	Michigan St	B10	115.0	5.0	326	Saint Thomas	Sum	88.5	3.0
233	Air Force	MWC	96.0	3.5	331	Fair-Dickinson	NEC	87.5	2.5	141	Middle Tenn	CUSA	101.5	5.0	154	Sam Hou St	WAC	101.0	4.0
183	Akron	MAC	99.5	4.5	67	Florida	SEC	108.5	5.5	310	Midwauakee	Horz	90.0	3.0	242	Samford	SC	95.0	4.0
26	Alabama	SEC	113.5	4.5	315	Florida A&M	MEAC	89.5	1.0	96	Minnesota	B10	106.0	5.0	179	San Diego	WCC	99.5	3.5
349	Alabama A&M	SWAC	84.0	1.5	127	Florida Atlantic	CUSA	102.5	4.0	103	Mississippi	SEC	105.0	5.0	36	San Diego St	MWC	111.5	6.0
62	Ala Birm	CUSA	109.0	4.0	214	Fla Gulf Coast	Asun	97.0	4.5	34	Mississippi St	SEC	112.0	4.5	40	San Francisco	WCC	111.5	4.0
329	Alabama St	SWAC	88.0	2.0	244	Florida Int'l	CUSA	95.0	3.5	357	Miss Valley St	SWAC	75.5	1.5	311	San Jose St	MWC	90.0	4.0
270	Albany	AE	93.0	4.0	68	Florida St	ACC	108.5	5.0	133	Missouri	SEC	102.0	4.0	132	Santa Barbara	BW	102.0	3.5
299	Alcorn St	SWAC	91.0	1.5	216	Fordham	A10	96.5	4.0	255	Missouri KC	Sum	94.5	3.0	79	Santa Clara	WCC	108.0	4.0
260	American	Pat	94.0	2.5	53	Fresno St	MWC	110.0	4.0	63	Missouri St	MVC	109.0	4.0	108	Seattle	WAC	104.5	2.5
139	Appalachian St	SB	101.5	3.0	142	Fullerton St	BW	101.5	3.0	173	Monmouth	MAAC	100.0	4.5	51	Seton Hall	BE	110.0	5.0
5	Arizona	P12	120.5	5.0	46	Furman	SC	110.5	4.0	189	Montana	BSky	99.0	4.0	208	Siena	MAAC	97.0	4.5
137	Arizona St	P12	102.0	4.5	175	Gardner Webb	BSth	99.5	4.0	180	Montana St	BSky	99.5	3.5	35	South Alabama	SB	103.0	3.5
27	Arkansas	SEC	113.0	5.0	90	George Mason	A10	106.5	4.5	144	Morehead St	OVC	101.5	4.0	104	South Carolina	SEC	105.0	5.0
314	Ark-Little Rock	SB	89.5	4.0	236	Geo Washington	A10	95.5	4.5	341	Morgan St	MEAC	87.0	2.0	338	SC State	MEAC	87.0	2.5
355	Ark-Pine Bluff	SWAC	81.0	1.0	152	Georgetown	BE	101.0	5.0	237	MT Saint Mary's	NEC	95.5	3.0	273	SC Upstate	BSth	93.0	3.0
163	Arkansas St	SB	100.5	4.0	196	Georgia	SEC	98.5	5.0	60	Murray St	OVC	109.5	3.5	246	South Dakota	Sum	95.0	4.0
286	Army	Pat	92.5	4.0	215	Georgia Sou	SB	96.5	4.0	164	Navy	Pat	100.5	3.0	83	S Dakota St	Sum	107.5	4.0
6	Auburn	SEC	120.5	5.0	129	Georgia St	SB	102.5	4.5	112	Nebraska	B10	104.0	4.5	250	South Florida	Amer	94.5	3.5
300	Austin Peay	OVC	91.0	2.5	117	Georgia Tech	ACC	103.5	4.0	350	Neb Omaha	Sum	83.5	4.0	257	SE Missouri St	OVC	94.9	2.5
220	Ball St	MAC	96.5	4.0	1	Gonzaga	WCC	128.5	6.0	219	Nevada	MWC	96.5	4.5	303	SE Louisiana	SInd	91.0	3.0
10	Baylor	B12	119.0	5.5	308	Grambling St	SWAC	90.5	1.5	161	Nev Las Vegas	MWC	100.5	3.0	202	Southern	SWAC	97.5	3.5
147	Bellarmine	Asun	101.5	3.5	105	Grand Canyon	WAC	105.0	4.0	295	New Hampshire	AE	91.5	4.0	33	Sou California	P12	112.0	5.0
42	Belmont	OVC	111.0	4.5	306	Green Bay	Horz	90.5	4.0	342	New Jersey Tech	AE	86.5	4.0	91	So Illinois	MVC	106.0	4.0
351	Beth-Cookman	MEAC	83.5	1.5	336	Hampton	BSth	87.5	2.0	184	New Mexico	MWC	99.0	4.0	302	SIU Edwards	OVC	91.0	2.5
313	Binghamton	AE	89.5	3.0	269	Hartford	AE	93.0	2.5	76	New Mexico St	WAC	108.0	4.5	39	So Methodist	Amer	111.5	5.0
37	Boise St	MWC	111.5	5.0	213	Harvard	Ivy	97.0	4.5	229	New Orleans	SInd	96.0	3.0	321	Southern Miss	CUSA	89.0	3.0
148	Boston College	ACC	101.0	3.5	178	Hawaii	BW	99.5	3.0	234	Niagara	MAAC	96.0	3.0	185	Southern Utah	BSky	99.0	2.0
198	Boston U	Pat	98.5	3.5	259	High Point	BSth	94.0	2.5	227	Nicholls St	SInd	96.5	2.0	109	Stanford	P12	104.5	4.5
222	Bowling Green	MAC	96.5	4.0	102	Hofstra	CAA	105.0	4.5	201	Norfolk St	MEAC	97.5	2.5	135	S. F. Austin	WAC	102.0	4.0
77	Bradley	MVC	108.0	3.0	228	Holy Cross	Pat	96.0	4.0	265	North Alabama	Asun	93.5	1.0	267	Stetson	Asun	93.0	2.5
55	Brigham Young	WCC	109.5	5.0	8	Houston	Amer	119.0	5.0	24	North Carolina	ACC	113.5	6.0	223	Stony Brook	AE	96.5	3.0
166	Brown	Ivy	100.0	3.5	292	Houst Baptist	SInd	92.0	3.0	271	NC A&T	BSth	93.0	1.5	73	Syracuse	ACC	108.5	5.0
165	Bryant	NEC	100.5	2.5	249	Howard	MEAC	95.0	3.0	261	NC Asheville	BSth	94.0	4.0	287	Tarleton St	WAC	99.0	3.5
334	Bucknell	Pat	87.5	4.5	340	Idaho	BSky	87.0	3.5	290	NC Central	MEAC	92.0	4.0	111	Temple	Amer	104.5	4.5
115	Butler	MAC	103.5	4.5	352	Idaho St	BSky	83.0	3.0	221	NC Greensboro	SC	96.5	4.0	15	Tennessee	SEC	116.0	5.0
119	Buffalo	BE	103.5	5.5	3	Illinois	B10	122.5	5.0	94	NC State	ACC	106.0	5.0	343	Tenn Martin	OVC	86.0	3.5
218	Cal Baptist	WAC	96.5	3.5	296	Illinois Chicago	Horz	91.5	3.5	186	NC Wilmington	CAA	99.0	4.5	322	Tennessee St	OVC	89.0	4.5
207	Cal Davis	BW	97.0	3.0	203	Illinois St	MVC	97.5	4.5	348	North Dakota	Sum	84.0	4.0	289	Tennessee Tech	OVC	92.0	3.5
99	Cal Irvine	BW	105.5	4.0	354	Incarnate Word	SInd	81.5	2.5	167	N Dakota St	Sum	100.0	4.0	18	Texas	B12	114.5	5.0
327	Cal Poly	BW	88.5	3.5	16	Indiana	B10	115.0	5.5	291	North Florida	Asun	92.0	3.0	84	Texas A&M	SEC	107.5	4.5
157	Cal Riverside	BW	100.5	2.5	168	Indiana St	MVC	100.0	4.0	56	North Texas	CUSA	109.5	3.5	275	Texas A&M CC	SInd	93.0	4.0
241	CS Bakersfield	BW	95.0	4.0	71	Iona	MAAC	108.5	4.0	278	Northeastern	CAA	92.5	4.5	209	Texas Arlington	SB	97.0	5.0
332	CS Northridge	BW	87.5	3.5	20	Iowa	B10	114.5	5.0	328	No Arizona	BSky	88.0	2.0	44	Texas Christian	B12	111.0	5.0
131	California	P12	102.0	5.0	48	Iowa St	B12	110.0	5.0	217	No Colorado	BSky	98.5	3.5	143	Texas El Paso	CUSA	101.5	3.0
195	Campbell	BSth	98.5	2.5	256	IPFW	Horz	94.5	3.0	294	No Illinois	MAC	91.5	4.0	287	Texas RGV	WAC	92.0	2.5
272	Canisius	MAAC	93.0	4.0	356	IUPUI	Horz	75.5	4.0	100	No Iowa	MVC	105.5	4.5	297	Tex San Antonio	CUSA	91.5	3.0
339	C Arkansas	Asun	87.0	1.5	324	Jackson St	SWAC	88.5	3.5	212	No Kentucky	Horz	97.0	4.0	197	Texas Southern	SWAC	98.5	3.5
346	C Conn State	NEC	85.0	1.5	205	Jacksonville	Asun	97.5	3.5	75	Northwestern	B10	108.0	5.0	160	Texas St	SB	100.5	2.5
97	C Florida	Amer	105.5	4.5	113	Jacksonville St	Asun	104.0	4.0	333	N'western St	SInd	87.5	4.0	11	Texas Tech	B12	118.5	5.0
316	C Michigan	MAC	89.5	4.5	226	James Madison	CAA	96.5	3.0	69	Notre Dame	ACC	118.5	5.0	58	Toledo	MAC	109.5	4.0
347	Charleston Sou	BSth	85.0	3.0	12	Kansas	B12	118.0	6.5	151	Oakland	Horz	101.0	4.5	106	Towson	CAA	104.5	4.0
150	Charlotte	CUSA	101.0	3.0	95	Kansas St	B12	106.0	5.0	61	Ohio	MAC	109.5	4.0	170	Troy	SB	100.0	4.0
88	Chattanooga	SC	107.0	5.0	282	Kennesaw St	Asun	92.5	2.5	14	Ohio St	B10	116.5	5.0	107	Tulane	Amer	104.5	3.0
323	Chicago St	WAC	89.0	2.0	123	Kent St	MAC	103.0	3.5	49	Oklahoma	B12	110.0	5.0	169	Tulsa	Amer	100.0	4.5
82	Cincinnati	Amer	107.5	5.0	9	Kentucky	SEC	119.0	6.5	118	Oklahoma St	B12	103.5	5.5	285	UC San Diego	BW	92.5	2.5
252	Citadel	SC	94.5	2.0	307	Lafayette	Pat	90.5	2.0	136	Old Dominion	CUSA	102.0	4.5	7	UCLA	P12	120.0	5.5
66	Clemson	ACC	109.0	5.5	312	Lamar	WAC	89.5	3.0	156	Oral Roberts	Sum	100.5	4.0	134	Utah	P12	102.0	5.0
153	Cleveland St	Horz	101.0	3.0	224	LaSalle	A10	96.5	4.5	43	Oregon	P12	111.0	5.0	45	Utah St	MWC	110.5	3.0
192	Coastal Caro	SB	99.0	3.5	305	Lehigh	Pat	90.5	4.5	174	Oregon St	P12	100.0	2.0	121	Utah Valley	WAC	103.5	3.0
122	Colgate	Pat	103.0	3.0	101	Liberty	Asun	105.5	3.0	264	Pacific	WCC	93.5	3.5	225	Valparaiso	MVC	96.5	4.5
159	Coll of Chas'ton	CAA	100.5	4.5	276	Lipscomb	Asun	92.5	4.0	57	Penn St	B10	109.5	4.5	98	Vanderbilt	SEC	105.5	4.5
92	Colorado	P12	106.0	4.5	176	Long Beach St	BW	99.5	4.0	181	Pennsylvania	Ivy	99.5	4.5	80	Vermont	AE	108.0	4.5
41	Colorado St	MWC	111.0	4.0	247	Long Island	NEC	95.0	2.5	281	Pepperdine	WCC	92.5	3.0	4	Villanova	BE	121.0	6.0
345	Columbia	Ivy	86.0	3.0	155	Longwood	BSth	101.0	2.0	188	Pittsburgh	ACC	99.0	5.0	70	Virginia	ACC	108.5	6.0
25	Connecticut	BE	113.5	5.0	177	Lou Lafayette	SB	99.5	4.5	248	Portland	WCC	95.0	3.5	54	VCU	A10	109.5	5.0
279	Coppin St	MEAC	92.5	1.0	280	Lou Monroe	SB	92.5	3.5	277	Portland St	BSky	92.5	3.5	182	Virginia Military	SC	99.5	3.0
200	Cornell	Ivy	98.0	3.0	87	Louisiana Tech	CUSA	107.5	4.0	253	Prairie View	SWAC	94.5	2.0	35	Virginia Tech	ACC	112.0	5.0
64	Creighton	BE	109.0	5.5	110	Louisville	ACC	104.5	6.0	284	Presbyterian	BSth	92.5	1.0	120	Wagner	NEC	103.5	3.5
232	Dartmouth	Ivy	96.0	3.0	52	Loyola Chicago	MVC	110.0	4.5	158	Princeton	Ivy	100.5	4.5	38	Wake Forest	ACC	111.5	5.0
50	Davidson	A10	110.0	5.0	263	Loyola MD	Pat	93.5	3.0	30	Providence	BE	112.5	5.0	124	Washington	P12	103.0	4.5
74	Dayton	A10	108.5	5.0	190	Loyola Mary	WCC	99.0	4.0	2	Purdue	B10	123.0	5.5	28	Washington St	P12	113.0	3.5
149	Delaware	CAA	101.0	2.5	32	LSU	SEC	112.0	4.5	245	Quinnipiac	MAAC	95.0	2.5	116	Weber St	BSky	103.5	4.5
358	Delaware St	MEAC	75.0	1.5	353	Maine	AE	82.5	2.0	298	Radford	BSth	91.5	3.0	81	West Virginia	B12	108.0	6.0
317	Denver	Sum	89.5	4.0	304	Manhattan	MAAC	91.0	4.0	114	Rhode Island	A10	104.0	5.0	325	W Carolina	SC	88.5	2.5
146	DePaul	BE	101.5	4.0	2														

THIS WEEK'S BEST BETS

A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT
★ RATED BEST BET SELECTIONS

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022		3★ BEST BET	4★ BEST BET	5★ BEST BET
	COLLEGE	DRAKE (Wednesday 2/9)	KANSAS (Monday 2/7)	COLORADO (Saturday 2/5)
	NBA	SPURS (Friday 2/11)	TRAIL BLAZERS (Wednesday 2/9)	SUNS (Thursday 2/10)
	NBA O/U	PACERS UNDER (Friday 2/11)	THUNDER UNDER (Monday 2/7)	BULLS OVER (Friday 2/11)

Tuesday, February 8

Boston over BROOKLYN by 8

The Shamrocks blow into Brooklyn looking to even the score from being booted from last season's playoffs in five games by the Nets, only to take it on the chin again in a 123-104 setback in Beantown during the opening month of November this season. If that sounds like a lot of pent up anger, it is – and they are prepared to do something about it. For openers, Boston brings a long-term 76-56 ATS mark into this game when seeking same season double-digit loss revenge against division foes. On the other side of the coin, the Nets are just 6-19 ATS at home this season, largely due to the omission of star G and non-vaxxer Kyrie Irving from the lineup due to COVID protocols. We're not taking a jab at Irving; he's doing it to the team, and with it we'll take a shot on the Celtics. You should, too.

Wednesday, February 9

4★ BEST BET

PORTLAND over LA Lakers by 10

The Blazers are back home after hosting the Magic last night, with a double dose of revenge on their minds from a pair of losses suffered against the Lakers earlier this season, who enter after having hosted the Bucks in a double revenger last evening. That sets the table in this payback affair as Rip City stands **7-2 SU and 8-1 ATS** this season without rest, including 3-0 ATS when looking to avenge a previous loss. They are also 17-7 ATS as home dogs in this series (check the line). On the other side of the court, the cast and crew from La La Land sport a 1-3 SUATS mark away from home this season against unrested foes. And we didn't even mention the fact that the King's army stands **1-9 SU and 2-8 ATS** in non-division contests after meeting Milwaukee. With another revenge affair waiting on tap versus Golden State for the Lakers, we hand it off to **THE CLINCHER: Portland is 5-1 SU and 6-0 ATS at home when seeking same-season double revenge-exact from a loss of 5 or more points in the last meeting.**

Thursday, February 10

5★ BEST BET

PHOENIX over Milwaukee by 14

Roll the calendar back to July 20, 2021. That's when tonight's guests formally laid Phoenix to rest in the NBA finals in Game Six after being down 0-2 in the series. Meanwhile, the Bucks' 4-game west coast sojourn concludes here tonight after visits to the Trail Blazers, Clippers, and the Lakers. With it, Milwaukee enters knowing they are just 11-19 ATS away at press time against winning foes this season. The Suns continue to shine at home against winning non-conference opponents, going **5-1 SUATS** of late. They are also the No. 2 team in the loop in Average Scoring Margin Per Game, as well as the No. 3 team in Defensive Field Goal Percentage. And with it all, we're prepared to snap the rubber band with an extra thwack from **THE CLINCHER: Milwaukee is 3-22 SU and 9-16 ATS as a visitor at Phoenix, including 0-6 SUATS when the Bucks own a .600 or greater record.**

Friday, February 11

3★ BEST BET

San Antonio over ATLANTA by 10

The Spurs' play this season has left Greg Popovich tossing and turning at night. If there is a silver lining in the cloud, though, it's been their effort away from home where they enter at press time with a 12-8 ATS road dog log, including **8-2 ATS** when taking more than seven points (check the line). They are also **8-2 SUATS** when seeking revenge in this series (Spurs fell 125-106 to the Hawks at home in November). Plus, Atlanta totes a putrid 4-16 SU and 6-14 ATS record into this fray in games after playing the Pacers. Head coach Greg Popovich kicks the Spurs into gear here thanks to **THE CLINCHER: See this week's AWESOME ANGLE on page 2.**

2022 NBA BASKETBALL POWER RATINGS

Rnk: Overall rank in NBA • PWR: Team power rating • HC: Home court value • Power Ratings courtesy of KennyWhiteSports.com

Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HC	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HC	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HC
14	Atlanta Hawks	EAST / SE	102.5	4	28	Houston Rockets	WEST / SW	93.0	4.5	27	OK City Thunder	WEST / NW	94.0	4
13	Boston Celtics	EAST / ATL	103.0	5	23	Indiana Pacers	EAST / CNT	99.0	4	30	Orlando Magic	EAST / SE	91.5	4
4	Brooklyn Nets	EAST / ATL	106.0	4	21	L.A. Clippers	WEST / PAC	99.5	4.5	7	Philadelphia 76ers	EAST / ATL	104.5	5
15	Charlotte Hornets	EAST / SW	102.0	3.5	19	L.A. Lakers	WEST / PAC	101.0	4.5	2	Phoenix Suns	WEST / PAC	108.0	5
7	Chicago Bulls	EAST / CNT	104.5	3.5	6	Memphis Grizzlies	WEST / SW	105.0	4	24	Portland T Blazers	WEST / NW	97.0	4.5
9	Cleveland Cavaliers	EAST / CNT	104.0	3.5	9	Miami Heat	EAST / SE	104.0	5	26	Sacramento Kings	WEST / PAC	96.5	3.5
11	Dallas Mavericks	WEST / SW	103.5	4.5	4	Milwaukee Bucks	EAST / CNT	106.0	5.5	17	San Antonio Spurs	WEST / SW	101.5	4.5
11	Denver Nuggets	WEST / NW	103.5	4.5	17	Minnesota T'wolves	WEST / NW	101.5	3.5	15	Toronto Raptors	EAST / ATL	102.0	5
29	Detroit Pistons	EAST / CNT	92.5	3.5	24	N Orleans Pelicans	WEST / SW	97.0	4	3	Utah Jazz	WEST / NW	107.0	5
1	Golden St Warriors	WEST / PAC	109.0	4.5	20	N.Y. Knicks	EAST / ATL	100.0	4	21	Washington Wizards	EAST / SE	99.5	3.5



2022 NBA POWER RATINGS & DAY TO DAY TRENDS

BY VICTOR KING

NBA POWER RATINGS • HOME COURT VALUE • HOME & AWAY OVER / UNDER RATINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
TEAM	PWR	HCV	H O/U	A O/U	TEAM	PWR	HCV	H O/U	A O/U
MIAMI	6	2	215	218	PHOENIX	9	1.5	214	216
MILWAUKEE	6	1	224	227	GOLDEN STATE	8	3	213	210
PHILADELPHIA	5.5	1	215	213	MEMPHIS	6.5	2.5	224	222
CLEVELAND	5	2.5	209	206	UTAH	5	1	222	216
CHICAGO	4	3	223	220	DALLAS	4.5	1.5	205	208
BROOKLYN	4	0.5	225	229	DENVER	3.5	1.5	214	216
BOSTON	3.5	1.5	207	210	MINNESOTA	2.5	1.5	219	232
TORONTO	2.5	1.5	208	213	LA LAKERS	2	1	226	223
CHARLOTTE	2	3	233	237	LA CLIPPERS	2	1	213	210
ATLANTA	1.5	1	229	227	PORTLAND	0	1.5	220	218
NEW YORK	1	1.5	207	202	SAN ANTONIO	-0.5	1.5	225	215
WASHINGTON	-0.5	1.5	224	219	NEW ORLEANS	-1	2	219	214
INDIANA	-0.5	1.5	225	217	SACRAMENTO	-1.5	1.5	219	228
DETROIT	-4	1.5	214	218	OKLAHOMA CITY	-3	2.5	210	213
ORLANDO	-4	0.5	210	213	HOUSTON	-3.5	0.5	234	228

All results are ATS (Against The Spread) unless otherwise noted. Legend as follows:

A: Away • AFT: After • BB: Back to Back • BEF: Before • CONF: Conference • Dog: Underdog • DD: Double Digit • Fav: Favorite • Gm: Game • H: Home • HD: Home Dog • HF: Home Favorite • HG: Home Game • HS: Home Stand • L: Last • O: Over • OPP: Opponent • RD: Road Dog • Res: Rest • RF: Road Favorite • RG: Road Game • RT: Road Trip • SS: Same Season • SIT: Situation • SU: Straight Up • TY: This Year • U: Under • V: Versus • Vst: Visiting Team • w/: With • Y: Year • /: After • >: More Than • <: Less Than

All ATS ties omitted. O/U trends are ATS and / or in 'OVER' (First) and 'UNDER' (Second) sequence.

SAT 2/5... Memphis @ ORLANDO – Mem: 8-2 away vs SE Div / 12-2 O/U Saturday RG - Orl: 1-7 Saturday HG / 10-1 O/U home vs SW Div... **Miami @ CHARLOTTE** – Mia: Series 5-1 O/U L6 / 8-2 O/U on Saturdays - Cha: 7-1 Saturday HG / 5-0 O/U home w/ no rest... **Phoenix @ WASHINGTON** – Pho: 6-1 away in 1/2 rest sit / 7-0 O/U L7 vs Wash (248.6) - Wash: 9-0 O/U L9 vs .750 > opp / 7-1 O/U home in 2/1 rest sit... **New York @ LA LAKERS** – Ny: Series 4-0 L4 / 9-0 away w/ 2 days rest - Lal: Series 1-4 O/U L5 / 1-4 O/U home in 1/2 rest sit... **Milwaukee @ PORTLAND** – Mil: Series 4-1 L5 / 9-2 w/ RG next day - Por: Series 0-7 O/U L7 home vs Mil (208.6) / 2-8 O/U home w/ no rest... **Oklahoma City @ SACRAMENTO** – Okc: Series 6-1-1 O/U L8 in Sac / 1-4 in 1/1 rest sit - Sac: Series host 5-0 / 6-1 home vs unrested conf opp.

SUN 2/6... Philadelphia @ CHICAGO – Phi: 2-8 away in 1/1 rest sit vs conf / 5-0 O/U on Sundays - Chi: 9-1 home in 1/1 rest sit / 9-1 Sunday HG... **Detroit @ MINNESOTA** – Det: 6-0 O/U aft Boston / 10-1 O/U away off 3+ home games - Min: 11-1 on Sundays / 6-0 O/U in 2/1 rest sit... **Brooklyn @ DENVER** – Brk: Series 6-1-1 L8 / 5-0 O/U on Sundays - Den: 1-5 on Sundays / 6-1 O/U vs > .500 non-conf opp... **Indiana @ CLEVELAND** – Ind: 1-5 O/U L6 div RG / 2-8 O/U in 1/1 rest sit - Cle: 6-1 L7 div HG / 8-2 home in 1/1 rest sit... **Boston @ ORLANDO** – Bos: 1-7 in 1/0 rest sit / 2-7 as conf RF's 5 > pts - Orl: 7-1 on Sundays TY / 6-1 O/U home w/ no rest... **Atlanta @ DALLAS** – Atl: Series 13-3 L16 / 6-0 O/U in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf - Dal: 3-9 L12 vs .500 < non-conf opp... **New Orleans @ HOUSTON** – Nor: Series 4-0 O/U L4 (233.0) / 1-5 -4 L5 div RG - Hou: 5-1 O/U L6 div HG... **Milwaukee @ LA CLIPPERS** – Mil: 0-5 O/U away w/ no rest TY - Lac: Series host 6-0-1 / 1-6 O/U on Sundays.

MON 2/7... Toronto @ CHARLOTTE – Tor: Series 10-3 O/U L13 / 1-6 away in 2/1 rest sit - Cha: Series 4-1 L5 / 9-2 O/U in 1/2 rest sit... **Miami @ WASHINGTON** – Mia: 0-4 O/U away in 2nd of BB div gms - Was: 4-1 as HD's on Mondays / 1-6 O/U home in 1/1 rest sit vs div... **Phoenix @ CHICAGO** – Pho: Series visitor 4-0 / 7-1 O/U in 1/0 rest sit - Chi: 5-1 O/U in 0/1 rest sit... **Golden State @ OKLAHOMA CITY** – **4* Best Bet 'UNDER'** – GSt: 0-7 O/U as RF's > 4 pts / 0-5 O/U Monday RG / 1-6 O/U L7 vs .500 < conf opp // Okc: 0-5 O/U Mondays vs Conf TY / 1-8 O/U in 1/3 rest sit / 3-13 O/U L16 vs Gold St... **New York @ UTAH** – Ny: 5-0 Monday RG - Utah: 0-6 L6 home vs < .500 opp - 0-4 bef Gold St.

TUE 2/8... Phoenix @ PHILADELPHIA – Pho: Series 4-1-1 L6 / 6-1 O/U in 0/1 rest sit - Phi: Series 7-0 O/U L7 (236.4) / 5-1 OU as favs in 1/0 rest sit... **Indiana @ ATLANTA** – Series 5-0 O/U L5 (239.0) / 3-12 L15 non-div conf RG - Atl: 10-2 home in 1/1 rest sit vs conf... **Boston @ BROOKLYN** – Bos: 1-9 L10 as div RD's / Brk: Series 4-0 L4 / 5-1 O/U vs div revenge TY... **La Clippers @ MEMPHIS** – Lac: 8-1 O/U in 1/2 rest sit - Mem: Series 3-0 L3 / 6-1-1 in 2/1 rest sit... **Houston @ NEW ORLEANS** – Hou: 5-1 O/U in 1/1 rest sit vs div - Nor: 5-1 home in 1/1 rest sit... **Detroit @ DALLAS** – Det: 1-4 away vs SW Div - Dal: Series 6-1 L7 / 1-5 O/U TY as favs 8 > pts... **New York @ DENVER** – Ny: 12-1 on Tuesdays / 7-1 O/U w/ no rest vs non-conf - Den: 4-0 O/U vs unrested non-conf opp... **Milwaukee @ LA LAKERS** – Mil: Series 0-6 O/U L6 (214.3) / 2-8 O/U in 3rd straight RG - Lal: 2-9 L11 as non-conf HD's... **Orlando @ PORTLAND** – Orl: 5-0 O/U in 1/2 rest sit - Por: Series 4-1 L5 / 6-0 O/U in 2/1 rest sit... **Minnesota @ SACRAMENTO** – Min: Series 3-1 L4 / 9-2 away in 1/2 rest sit - Sac: 1-4 O/U in 2/1 rest sit.

WED 2/9... San Antonio @ CLEVELAND – San: Series 5-0 O/U L5 (232.4) / 1-4 Wednesday RG - Cle: Series 4-1 L5 / 7-0 Wednesday HG... **Chicago @ CHARLOTTE** – Chi: 2-8 away in 1/1 rest sit / 9-3 O/U away vs SE Div - Cha: Series 9-0 O/U L9 in Char (232.5) / 12-2 on Wednesdays... **Toronto @ OKLAHOMA CITY** – Tor: 2-7 away in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf - Okc: Series 4-1 O/U L5 in Okc / 5-1 in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf... **Golden State @ UTAH** – GSt: Series 3-0-1 L4 / 17-5 in 1/1 rest sit - Utah: Series 8-1 O/U L9 (226.9) / 1-7 L8 home vs .700 > opp... **La Lakers @ PORTLAND** – Lal: Series 4-1 L5 away / 12-2 away w/ no rest vs non-div - Por: 1-5 O/U home w/ no rest vs conf... **Minnesota @ SACRAMENTO** – Min: 7-1 O/U away w/ no rest / 5-1 O/U Wednesdays - Sac: 6-1 in 0/0 rest sit / 4-1 Wednesday conf HG.

THU 2/10... Memphis @ DETROIT – Mem: Series 5-1 L6 / 6-1 on Thursdays TY - Det: Series 0-4 O/U L4 (199.0)... **Brooklyn @ WASHINGTON** – Brk: 7-1 O/U away in 1/2 rest sit / 9-3 O/U Thursday RG - Was: 1-5 L6 home vs ATL Div... **Miami @ NEW ORLEANS** – Mia: Series 7-1 L8 / 5-1 away in 2/1 rest sit - Nor: 1-7 aft Houston... **Toronto @ HOUSTON** – Tor: 8-1 away w/ no rest - Hou: 1-6 on Thursdays / 7-1 O/U home vs unrested opp... **La Clippers @ DALLAS** – Lac: Series 1-4 O/U L5 / 1-5 O/U Thursday RG - Dal: 0-5 O/U on Thursdays... **Milwaukee @ PHOENIX** – Mil: Series 4-0 O/U L4 (253.0) / 4-1 O/U in 1/1 rest sit - Pho: Series 7-1 L8 / 8-1 O/U as HF's < 13 pts in 1/1 rest sit... **New York @ GOLDEN STATE** – Ny: Series visitor 4-0 / 5-1 away vs unrested opp - GSt: 1-8 home w/ no rest vs non-conf opp.

FRI 2/11... Charlotte @ DETROIT – Cha: Series 8-1-1 L10 / 1-5 O/U away in 1/0 rest sit - Det: 2-9 O/U Friday HG... **Cleveland @ INDIANA** – **3* Best Bet 'UNDER'** – Cle: 1-9 O/U in 1/2 rest sit / 1-7 O/U Friday conf RG / 1-5 O/U in 1st of 3+ RT // Ind: 1-10 O/U as div HD's < 9 pts / 1-9 O/U L10 home vs Clev / 1-5 O/U in 2/1 rest sit... **Oklahoma City @ PHILADELPHIA** – Okc: 8-1 TY as non-conf RD's / Phi: 2-10 as non-conf HF's 9 > pts... **San Antonio @ ATLANTA** – San: 6-1 O/U in 1/2 rest sit vs non-conf - Atl: Series 5-1 L6 / 5-1 O/U Fridays... **Denver @ BOSTON** – Den: Series 0-5 O/U L5 (202.6) - Bos: 1-10 O/U home w/ 2 rest sit... **Minnesota @ CHICAGO** – **5* Best Bet 'OVER'** – Min: 9-1 O/U as non-con RD's 9 < pts / 7-1 O/U vs .600 > opp / 4-1 O/U Fridays // Chi: 5-0-1 O/U in 1st of 3+ HS / 4-0 O/U L4 home vs Min (231.5) / 11-1 O/U as non-conf HF's... **Orlando @ UTAH** – Orl: 3-15 away in 2/1 rest sit / Utah: Series 4-1-1 L6 / 7-1-1 in 1/2 rest sit vs non-conf.