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# THIS WEEK IN BASKETBALL – FEBRUARY 12-18, 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 convenience, 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 12**

**4★ BEST BET**

### MICHIGAN over Ohio State by 14

The Wolves have had this contest circled since they fell as the No. 1 seed to the Buckeyes in the semifinals of last season's Big Ten tourney. After starting the season as the No. 6th-ranked team in the preseason polls, Michigan rolled out of the gate in a 7-7 funk. Since then, after edging the Nittany Lions at Penn State, 58-57, they've won 5 of their last 7 contests, and stand 7-3 SU and 8-2 ATS in games when coming off a win-no-cover under head coach Juwan Howard. Meanwhile, Ohio State enters off a road favorite loss at Rutgers knowing they lost the money in 4 straight games after having had the rug pulled out on them as chalk. They are also just **1-8 ATS** overall in the same role when facing foes coming off a win. That being the case, we'll pass this along to **THE CLINCHER: Michigan is 6-0 ATS in school history with a sub .666 win percentage when seeking revenge from a LTKO (League Tourney Knock Out) loss the previous season versus .666 or greater opponents.**

**Sunday, February 13**

### UTSA over Western Kentucky by 1

Steve Henson's Roadrunners concluded the COVID-impacted season 15-11 last year when Western Kentucky sent them packing in the opening round of the Conference USA tourney. Today is UTSA's day of redemption, and while the Runners have underperformed this campaign, this is likely the one game they want more than any this season. For openers, Wicky is just 3-7-1 with a .625 or worse win percentage against foes carrying a LTKO revenge chip. They also arrive to the UTSA Convocation Center off a double revenge win over Florida Atlantic in their most recent contest. In addition, the Toppers enter just 1-4 ATS in this series when coming off consecutive wins. With Beep-Beep head coach Steve Henson 17-6-1 ATS as a home dog with the Roadrunners, the points become the play today.

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## INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK

**The Dallas Mavericks are 116-6-1 ATS  
in SU road wins in which they are  
playing with same-season-loss revenge.**



**Monday, February 14**

**3★ BEST BET**

**COLL OF CHARLESTON over Drexel by 14**

Tri-C (College Charleston Cougars) witnessed its season fall just one game short of break-even when Drexel dropped the final curtain on last year's 9-10 effort. New head coach Pat Kelsey arrived in Charleston this season after an outstanding nine-year run at Winthrop in the Big South conference. And he's learned to win the games he's expected to win, going 10-2 this season against non-winning opposition. On the flip side, Drexel head coach Zach Spiker is just 35-65 in conference games with the Dragons, including 15-41-1 SUATS in conference defeats as an underdog. With a closing note from our revered History Book, we pass it along to **THE CLINCHER: Charleston is 7-0 SUATS all-time at home in this series with a win percentage of .760 or less in games in which Drexel enters with a sub .700 win percentage.**

**Wednesday, February 16**

**5★ BEST BET**

**Baylor over TEXAS TECH by 10**

As expected, it's been a bit of a choppy season for the defending National Champs from Baylor. After all, they are the No. 1 targeted team on each opponent's schedule. And such was the case in Waco on January 11 when Texas Tech stunned the Bears at the Ferrell Center, 65-62, as 11.5-point underdogs. That sets the table for this payoff with head coach Scott Drew leading the way, noting that he stands 88-71-2 ATS when seeking revenge, including 63-47-2 ATS when taking points in the same game. The Red Raiders check in with a spotty 10-27-2 ATS mark in conference games before taking on Texas, including **3-14-2 ATS** at home. Unfortunately for TTRR, they poked the Bear and must now pay the price, so if the Bears are taking, we are snapping the rubber band. Especially with extra incentive from **THE CLINCHER: Baylor is 15-4-1 ATS with revenge in this series, including 10-1-1 ATS with three or more days of rest, as well as 4-0 ATS when the Bears own the better record.**

**Friday, February 18**

**MISSISSIPPI ST over Missouri by 20**

The Bulldogs enter this rare Friday night SEC fray sitting mid-pack in the conference standings but 14-9 overall (at press time), and will be looking to add extra bullets to their March Madness holster this evening. And at 9-14 this season, the Tigers look to be the perfect prey. For openers, Ben Howland's crew has dominated Missouri

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since the felines entered the loop, going 9-3 SU and 10-2 ATS overall, including **10-0 ATS** the last ten meetings. After suffering a pair of losses at Arkansas and Tennessee, and then journeying to LSU and Alabama, Missouri is suddenly a sight for sore eyes for the Bulldogs. With these same two teams meeting up again on Sunday in Columbia, look for Howland to lower the hammer here tonight.

## NBA BASKETBALL

**Saturday, February 12**

**NEW ORLEANS over San Antonio by 10**

With the NBA trade deadline now in the rearview mirror, the focus shifts to the All-Star game in 8 days, along with teams sitting at or on the playoff bubble. Enter the Pelicans, sitting in the 10th and final hole in the Western Conference playoff race, just 2.5 games up on the Spurs, who acquired Josh Richardson from the Celtics and Goran Dragic from the Raptors in adding depth to their backcourt. While Dragic has been little used, Richardson was shooting a career-high 39.7 percent from 3-point land. However, he was just too inconsistent on offense – he had two points in 42 minutes over the Celtics' last two games, and went scoreless in 15-plus minutes on four different occasions this season. The Spurs are in more of a 'stocking future draft picks' mode than anything else now, so we look for them to take a step backward in post All-Star games. Meanwhile, New Orleans is 15-10-1 ATS at home this season (at press time), including 3-1 ATS versus non-rested opposition. With San Antonio just 7-17 SU and 10-14 ATS since Christmas, as well as **1-9 SUATS** after hookups with the Hawks, and New Orleans coming off a 15-point home loss to Miami on Thursday, expect the Pelicans to avenge an earlier setback to the Spurs here tonight.

**Monday, February 14**

**NEW YORK over Oklahoma City by 14**

Speaking of teams with their eyes on the prize, the Knicks find themselves 3 games back of Atlanta for the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference. While returning home off road treks is never easy, New York has proven to be an exception to the rule, where they stand 70-40-2 ATS at MSG when favored and coming off a three-game roadie, including 32-7 SU and 28-11 ATS versus sub .400 foes. The Knickerbockers are also 8-3 SUATS as a series host when the Thunder arrives with a sub .555 win percentage, including **6-1 SUATS** from Game 28 out. With OKC headed to the Big Apple on the heels of a double revenge against Chicago (**0-5 ATS** post-Bulls) and staring ahead to a same-season revenge affair against San Antonio (lost 118-96 to the Spurs earlier this season), look for the Knicks to throw a Garden party tonight.

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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
139	Abil Christian	WAC	101.5	2.0	242	Fairfield	MAAC	95.0	4.0	30	Michigan St	B10	112.0	5.0	336	Saint Thomas	Sum	87.0	3.0
280	Air Force	MWC	92.0	3.5	343	Fair-Dickinson	NEC	86.0	2.5	171	Middle Tenn	CUSA	99.5	5.0	134	Sam Hou St	WAC	102.0	4.0
166	Akron	MAC	100.0	4.5	70	Florida	SEC	108.0	5.5	330	Milwaukee	Horz	87.5	3.0	233	Samford	SC	95.5	4.0
22	Alabama	SEC	113.5	4.5	305	Florida A&M	MEAC	89.5	1.0	113	Minnesota	B10	104.0	5.0	210	San Diego	WCC	97.5	3.5
351	Alabama A&M	SWAC	84.0	1.5	94	Florida Atlantic	CUSA	106.0	4.0	112	Mississippi	SEC	104.0	5.0	58	San Diego St	MWC	109.0	6.0
41	Ala Birm	CUSA	110.5	4.0	201	Fla Gulf Coast	Asun	98.0	4.5	37	Mississippi St	SEC	111.0	4.5	53	San Francisco	WCC	109.5	4.0
326	Alabama St	SWAC	88.0	2.0	239	Florida Int'l	CUSA	95.0	3.5	357	Miss Valley St	SWAC	76.5	1.5	285	San Jose St	MWC	91.0	4.0
281	Albany	AE	91.5	4.0	91	Florida St	ACC	106.0	5.0	133	Missouri	SEC	102.0	4.0	110	Santa Barbara	BW	104.0	3.5
310	Alcorn St	SWAC	89.5	1.5	236	Fordham	A10	95.5	4.0	240	Missouri KC	Sum	95.0	3.0	60	Santa Clara	WCC	109.0	4.0
301	American	Pat	90.0	2.5	51	Fresno St	MWC	109.5	4.0	59	Missouri St	MVC	109.0	4.0	128	Seattle	WAC	102.0	2.5
140	Appalachian St	SB	101.5	3.0	151	Fullerton St	BW	101.0	3.0	187	Monmouth	MAAC	98.5	4.5	33	Seton Hall	BE	111.5	5.0
4	Arizona	P12	121.0	5.0	82	Furman	SC	106.5	4.0	198	Montana	BSky	98.0	4.0	234	Siena	MAAC	95.5	4.5
105	Arizona St	P12	104.5	4.5	147	Gardner Webb	BSth	101.0	4.0	146	Montana St	BSky	101.0	3.5	131	South Alabama	SB	102.0	3.5
18	Arkansas	SEC	114.5	5.0	89	George Mason	A10	106.0	4.5	126	Morehead St	OVC	102.5	4.0	109	South Carolina	SEC	104.0	5.0
322	Ark-Little Rock	SB	88.0	4.0	202	Geo Washington	A10	97.5	4.5	334	Morgan St	MEAC	87.0	2.0	328	SC State	MEAC	87.5	2.5
355	Ark-Pine Bluff	SWAC	80.5	1.0	190	Georgetown	BE	98.5	5.0	214	MT Saint Mary's	NEC	97.0	3.0	277	SC Upstate	BSth	92.5	3.0
173	Arkansas St	SB	99.5	4.0	181	Georgia	SEC	99.0	5.0	61	Murray St	OVC	109.0	3.5	225	South Dakota	Sum	96.0	4.0
267	Army	Pat	93.5	4.0	224	Georgia Sou	SB	96.0	4.0	165	Navy	Pat	100.0	3.0	79	S Dakota St	Sum	107.0	4.0
9	Auburn	SEC	118.0	5.0	129	Georgia St	SB	102.0	4.5	122	Nebraska	B10	103.0	4.5	241	South Florida	Amer	95.0	3.5
304	Austin Peay	OVC	90.0	2.5	123	Georgia Tech	ACC	103.0	4.0	352	Neb Omaha	Sum	83.5	4.0	256	SE Missouri St	OVC	94.0	2.5
216	Ball St	MAC	97.0	4.0	1	Gonzaga	WCC	130.0	6.0	205	Nevada	MWC	97.5	4.5	295	SE Louisiana	SInd	90.5	3.0
11	Baylor	B12	117.5	5.5	307	Grambling St	SWAC	89.5	1.5	142	Nev Las Vegas	MWC	101.5	3.0	211	Southern	SWAC	97.5	3.5
180	Bellarmine	Asun	99.0	3.5	99	Grand Canyon	WAC	105.5	4.0	302	New Hampshire	AE	90.0	4.0	46	Sou California	P12	110.0	5.0
67	Belmont	OVC	108.5	4.5	339	Green Bay	Horz	87.0	4.0	329	New Jersey Tech	AE	87.5	4.0	115	So Illinois	MVC	103.5	4.0
345	Beth-Cookman	MEAC	85.5	1.5	344	Hampton	BSth	86.0	2.0	153	New Mexico	MWC	100.0	4.0	324	SIU Edwards	OVC	88.0	2.5
311	Binghamton	AE	89.0	3.0	308	Hartford	AE	89.5	2.5	66	New Mexico St	WAC	108.5	4.5	47	So Methodist	Amer	110.0	5.0
50	Boise St	MWC	110.0	5.0	209	Harvard	Ivy	97.5	4.5	254	New Orleans	SInd	94.0	3.0	338	Southern Miss	CUSA	87.0	3.0
149	Boston College	ACC	101.0	3.5	193	Hawaii	BW	98.5	3.0	218	Niagara	MAAC	96.5	3.0	194	Southern Utah	BSky	98.0	2.0
199	Boston U	Pat	98.0	3.5	257	High Point	BSth	94.0	2.5	237	Nicholls St	SInd	95.0	2.0	92	Stanford	P12	106.0	4.5
200	Bowling Green	MAC	98.0	4.0	135	Hofstra	CAA	102.0	4.5	204	Norfolk St	MEAC	97.5	2.5	104	S F Austin	WAC	105.0	4.0
74	Bradley	MVC	108.0	3.0	7	Holy Cross	Pat	93.0	4.0	315	North Alabama	Asun	89.0	1.0	265	Stetson	Asun	93.5	2.5
93	Brigham Young	WCC	106.0	5.0	70	Houston	Amer	118.5	5.0	29	North Carolina	ACC	112.0	6.0	266	Stony Brook	AE	93.5	3.0
174	Brown	Ivy	99.5	3.5	303	Houst Baptist	SInd	90.0	3.0	272	NC A&T	BSth	93.0	1.5	45	Syracuse	ACC	110.5	5.0
176	Bryant	NEC	99.0	2.5	264	Howard	MEAC	93.5	3.0	250	NC Asheville	BSth	94.5	4.0	186	Tarleton St	WAC	98.5	3.5
319	Bucknell	Pat	88.5	4.5	341	Idaho	BSky	86.5	3.5	291	NC Central	MEAC	90.5	4.0	121	Temple	Amer	103.0	4.5
97	Buffalo	MAC	105.5	4.5	349	Idaho St	BSky	84.5	3.0	191	NC Greensboro	SC	98.5	4.0	8	Tennessee	SEC	118.0	5.0
106	Butler	BE	104.5	5.5	3	Illinois	B10	122.0	5.0	125	NC State	ACC	102.5	5.0	333	Tenn Martin	OVC	87.0	3.5
212	Cal Baptist	WAC	97.0	3.5	276	Illinois Chicago	Horz	92.5	3.5	178	NC Wilmington	CAA	99.0	4.5	305	Tennessee St	OVC	89.5	4.5
207	Cal Davis	BW	97.5	3.0	222	Illinois St	MVC	96.5	4.5	347	North Dakota	Sum	85.0	4.0	228	Tennessee Tech	OVC	96.0	3.5
117	Cal Irvine	BW	103.5	4.0	348	Incarnate Word	SInd	84.5	2.5	167	N Dakota St	Sum	100.0	4.0	14	Texas	B12	116.5	5.0
318	Cal Poly	BW	88.5	3.5	28	Indiana	B10	112.0	5.5	247	North Florida	Asun	94.5	3.0	103	Texas A&M	SEC	105.0	4.5
150	Cal Riverside	BW	101.0	2.5	223	Indiana St	MVC	96.5	4.0	49	North Texas	CUSA	110.0	3.5	275	Texas A&M CC	SInd	92.5	4.0
268	CS Bakersfield	BW	93.5	4.0	96	Iona	MAAC	105.5	4.0	248	Northeastern	CAA	94.5	4.5	227	Texas Arlington	SB	96.0	5.0
321	CS Northridge	BW	88.0	3.5	17	Iowa	B10	115.0	5.0	340	No Arizona	BSky	86.5	2.0	73	Texas Christian	B12	108.0	5.0
157	California	P12	100.5	5.0	84	Iowa St	B12	106.5	5.0	220	No Colorado	BSky	96.5	3.5	144	Texas El Paso	CUSA	101.5	3.0
219	Campbell	BSth	96.5	2.5	232	IPFW	Horz	96.0	3.0	300	No Illinois	MAC	90.0	4.0	279	Texas RG V	WAC	92.0	2.5
258	Canisius	MAAC	94.0	4.0	358	IUPUI	Horz	76.5	4.0	72	No Iowa	MVC	108.0	4.5	299	Tex San Antonio	CUSA	90.0	3.0
331	C Arkansas	Asun	87.0	1.5	325	Jackson St	SWAC	88.0	3.5	197	No Kentucky	Horz	98.0	4.0	203	Texas Southern	SWAC	97.5	3.5
342	C Conn State	NEC	86.5	1.5	183	Jacksonville	Asun	98.5	3.5	43	Northwestern	B10	110.5	5.0	152	Texas St	SB	101.0	2.5
108	C Florida	Amer	104.0	4.5	163	Jacksonville St	Asun	100.0	4.0	317	N'western St	SInd	88.5	4.0	16	Texas Tech	B12	116.0	5.0
309	C Michigan	MAC	89.5	4.5	208	James Madison	CAA	97.5	3.0	55	Notre Dame	ACC	109.5	5.0	65	Toledo	MAC	108.5	4.0
346	Charleston Sou	BSth	85.5	3.0	5	Kansas	B12	119.0	6.5	189	Oakland	Horz	98.5	4.5	120	Towson	CAA	103.0	4.0
159	Charlotte	CUSA	100.5	3.0	88	Kansas St	B12	106.5	5.0	83	Ohio	MAC	106.5	4.0	145	Troy	SB	101.0	4.0
107	Chattanooga	SC	104.5	5.0	243	Kennesaw St	Asun	95.0	2.5	15	Ohio St	B10	116.5	5.0	114	Tulane	Amer	104.0	3.0
313	Chicago St	WAC	89.0	2.0	116	Kent St	MAC	103.5	3.5	48	Oklahoma	B12	110.0	5.0	179	Tulsa	Amer	99.0	4.5
90	Cincinnati	Amer	106.0	5.0	10	Kentucky	SEC	118.0	6.5	85	Oklahoma St	B12	106.5	5.5	289	UC San Diego	BW	91.0	2.5
244	Citadel	SC	95.0	2.0	314	Lafayette	Pat	89.0	2.0	188	Old Dominion	CUSA	98.5	4.5	13	UCLA	P12	117.0	5.5
75	Clemson	ACC	107.5	5.5	323	Lamar	WAC	88.0	3.0	168	Oral Roberts	Sum	100.0	4.0	111	Utah	P12	104.0	5.0
143	Cleveland St	Horz	101.5	3.0	213	LaSalle	A10	97.0	4.5	31	Oregon	P12	112.0	5.0	44	Utah St	MWC	110.5	3.0
177	Coastal Caro	SB	99.0	3.5	288	Lehigh	Pat	91.0	4.5	231	Oregon St	P12	96.0	2.0	130	Utah Valley	WAC	102.0	3.0
87	Colgate	Pat	106.5	3.0	101	Liberty	Asun	105.5	3.0	261	Pacific	WCC	94.0	3.5	215	Valparaiso	MVC	97.0	4.5
141	Col of Chas'ton	CAA	101.5	4.5	284	Lipscomb	Asun	91.5	4.0	57	Penn St	B10	109.5	4.5	78	Vanderbilt	SEC	107.5	4.5
102	Colorado	P12	105.5	4.5	155	Long Beach St	BW	100.5	4.0	167	Pennsylvania	Ivy	100.0	4.5	52	Vermont	AE	109.5	4.5
42	Colorado St	MWC	110.5	4.0	269	Long Island	NEC	93.5	2.5	274	Pepperdine	WCC	92.5	3.0	6	Villanova	BE	119.0	6.0
350	Columbia	Ivy	84.5	3.0	170	Longwood	BSth	99.5	2.0	175	Pittsburgh	ACC	99.0	5.0	38	Virginia	ACC	111.0	6.0
21	Connecticut	BE	114.0	5.0	162	Lou Lafayette	SB	100.0	4.5	206	Portland	WCC	97.5	3.5	80	VCU	A10	107.0	5.0
286	Cornell St	MEAC	91.0	1.0	271	Lou Monroe	SB	93.0	3.5	262	Portland St	BSky	93.5	3.5	172	Virginia Military	SC	99.5	3.0
195	Coppin	Ivy	98.0	3.0	100	Louisiana Tech	CUSA	105.5	4.0	273	Prairie View	SWAC	92.5	2.0	27	Virginia Tech	ACC	113.0	5.0
86	Creighton	BE	106.5	5.5	124	Louisville	ACC	103.0	6.0	283	Presbyterian	BSth	91.5	1.0	127	Wagner	NEC	102.0	3.5
217	Dartmouth	Ivy	96.5	3.0	36	Loyola Chicago	MVC	111.0	4.5	148	Princeton	Ivy	101.0	4.5	23	Wake Forest	ACC	113.5	5.0
69	Davidson	A10	108.0	5.0	263	Loyola MD	Pat	93.5	3.0	25	Providence	BE	113.5	5.0	119	Washington	P12	103.0	4.5
54	Dayton	A10	109.5	5.0	260	Loyola Mary	WCC	94.0	4.0	2	Purdue	B10	123.5	5.5	32	Washington St	P12	112.0	3.5
164	Delaware	CAA	100.0	2.5	35	LSU	SEC	111.0	4.5	249	Quinnipiac	MAAC	94.5	2.5	138	Weber St	BSky	101.5	4.5
356	Delaware St	MEAC	77.5	1.5	353	Maine	AE	83.5	2.0	297	Radford	BSth	90.5	3.0	64	West Virginia	B12	109.0	6.0
312	Denver	Sum	89.0	4.0	290	Manhattan	MAAC	90.5	4.0	154	Rhode Island	A10	100.5	5.0	327	W Carolina	SC	87.5	2.5
118	DePaul	BE	103.5	4.0	238	Marist	MAAC	95.0	2.5	169									



# THIS WEEK'S BEST BETS

A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT  
★ RATED BEST BET SELECTIONS

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022		3★ BEST BET	4★ BEST BET	5★ BEST BET
	COLLEGE	COLL OF CHAS'TON (Monday 2/14)	MICHIGAN (Saturday 2/12)	BAYLOR (Wednesday 2/16)
	NBA	MAVERICKS (Thursday 2/17)	PACERS (Tuesday 2/15)	JAZZ (Wednesday 2/16)
	NBA O/U	CLIPPERS UNDER (Monday 2/14)	SIXERS UNDER (Saturday 2/12)	PELICANS UNDER (Saturday 2/12)

**Tuesday, February 15**

**4★ BEST BET**

**Indiana** over MILWAUKEE by 6

The Bucks' big addition at the trade deadline was the acquisition of Serge Ibaka from the Clippers as part of a four-team deal. He played his first seven seasons with Oklahoma City from 2009 through the 2015-16 campaign, and began the 2016-17 season with the Orlando Magic before being traded mid-season to the Toronto Raptors. He spent the next three seasons in Toronto, winning an NBA title along the way in 2018-19, and has played the last year-plus with the Los Angeles Clippers. The shot-blocker and 'Serge Protector' should serve Milwaukee well moving forward, especially with Brook Lopez still out with a back injury. The key, though, is Lopez. Once he's comfortably settled back in the lineup, the Bucks will once again be the team to beat in the East. This evening they return home after hosting Portland last night knowing they are 6-12 SUATS without rest in this series. On the flip side, Indiana enters with triple revenge from this season, sporting a 4-1 SUATS mark in this series when toting those exact credentials. They are also 13-7 SU and 15-5 ATS against the league with same-season triple revenge-exact, including 6-2 SU and **8-0 ATS** in division duels. And if that's not enough, there is always **THE CLINCHER: See Marc's AWESOME ANGLE on page 2.**

**NOTE: Home team is shown in ALL CAPS.**  
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**Wednesday, February 16**

**5★ BEST BET**

**Utah** over LA LAKERS by 11

Utah fell a month ago on this floor when they dropped a 101-95 decision to the Lakers as 5.5-point road chalk. With it, they bring an **8-2 ATS** record into this contest as a series guest when looking to avenge a same-season beating in games in which Utah owns a sub .636 win percentage. In addition, they take the floor with a **5-1 SUATS** mark in Los Angeles in games in which the Lakers sport a losing record. Meanwhile, LeBron James' minions arrive on the heels of a revenge affair against Golden State, standing just 13-20 SUATS post-Dub City. Worse, they are staring dead ahead to a get-even revenge affair with their cross-town rival Clippers. The Jazz not only lead the league scoring, they also rank in the Top 10 in scoring defense. On the other side of the coin, the defensively-poor Lakers rank No. 27 in the loop in scoring defense and No. 24 overall in Team Fouls per contest. Finally, in a one-sided fundamental mismatch, we hand it over to **THE CLINCHER: The Lakers are 6-20 SU, including 2-13-1 ATS as a favorite, in games before facing the Clippers.**

**Thursday, February 17**

**3★ BEST BET**

**Dallas** over NEW ORLEANS by 13

The final day of games prior to the All-Star break finds the Mavericks looking to even the score against New Orleans from a 107-91 egg they laid as 7-point chalk in Dallas six weeks ago. The Mavs bring a 13-7 ATS road record this season (at press time), including 9-1 SU and 7-3 ATS versus sub .470 opponents, and the dirty-bird hosts oblige with 3-9 SUATS mark in this series in games in which they own the inferior record between these two combatants. Given Dallas' dandy **8-2 SU and 9-1 ATS** record when seeking same season-loss revenge this season, as well as owning a sneaky good defense (No. 3 overall), we have no problem handing this beauty over to **THE CLINCHER: See this week's INCREDIBLE STAT 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

TEAM	PWR	HCV	H O/U	A O/U
MIAMI	6.5	2.5	215	218
MILWAUKEE	6.5	1.5	227	230
PHILADELPHIA	6.5	1	218	215
CLEVELAND	5	3	206	204
BOSTON	5	1.5	206	208
CHICAGO	4	3	233	228
TORONTO	4	1.5	213	218
BROOKLYN	2.5	0.5	219	222
CHARLOTTE	1.5	2	236	239
ATLANTA	1.5	1.5	226	224
NEW YORK	1	1.5	214	209
WASHINGTON	-0.5	1.5	216	213
INDIANA	-0.5	1.5	229	222
DETROIT	-4	1.5	214	218
ORLANDO	-4	0.5	214	217

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

TEAM	PWR	HCV	H O/U	A O/U
PHOENIX	9	1.5	219	222
GOLDEN STATE	8.5	2.5	217	214
MEMPHIS	6.5	2.5	228	225
UTAH	5.5	1.5	217	213
DALLAS	4.5	1.5	210	212
DENVER	4	1.5	221	223
MINNESOTA	3	1.5	233	239
LA LAKERS	1.5	1	223	221
LA CLIPPERS	1.5	1	215	215
NEW ORLEANS	0.5	2	214	210
SAN ANTONIO	-0.5	1.5	226	217
SACRAMENTO	-0.5	1.5	223	230
PORTLAND	-2	1.5	218	215
OKLAHOMA CITY	-3	3	210	213
HOUSTON	-4	0.5	229	225

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 2/12...** New York @ PORTLAND – Ny: Series 5-1 L6 / 4-1 O/U away vs .400 < non-conf opp - Por: 5-1 O/U Saturdays TY / 4-1 O/U home vs ATL Div... Memphis @ CHARLOTTE – Mem: Series 4-1 L5 / 7-1 O/U as non-conf RF's - Cha: 1-4 on Saturdays / 5-1 O/U home w/ no rest... Sacramento @ WASHINGTON – Sac: Series 4-1 L5 / 1-5 O/U away in 2/1 rest sit - Was: Series 0-6 O/U L6 home vs Sac / 0-11 L11 vs .400 < opp... San Antonio @ NEW ORLEANS - **5\* Best Bet 'UNDER'** – San: 0-6 O/U w/ no rest vs conf / 0-5 O/U L5 vs NOR (217.2) / 0-4-1 O/U Saturday conf RG // NOR: 0-6 O/U home vs unrested opp / 0-4 O/U Saturdays vs div / 1-5 O/U aft Miami... Cleveland @ PHILADELPHIA – **4\* Best Bet 'UNDER'** – Cle: 0-4 O/U in 0/0 rest sit / 0-4 O/U aft div RG / 1-7 O/U L8 vs .550 > opp // Phi: 0-4 O/U L4 vs Clev (211.0) / 0-4 O/U home vs .550 > conf opp TY / 1-5 O/U as favs 8 < pts w/ no rest... Denver @ TORONTO – Den: 5-1 on Saturdays TY / 5-1 away w/ no rest vs non-conf - Tor: 4-0 O/U L4 vs Den (238.7) / 9-3 O/U L12 vs unrested opp... Brooklyn @ MIAMI – Brk: 0-5 O/U Saturdays vs conf / 3-9 O/U vs .600 > conf opp - Mia: 0-3 O/U L3 vs Brk (199.3) / 1-9 O/U vs > .500 non-div conf opp... Oklahoma City @ CHICAGO – Okc: 6-1 O/U L7 vs Chi / 6-1 O/U in 0/0 rest sit - Chi: 10-1 O/U vs .400 < non-conf opp / 4-1 O/U on Saturdays... La Clippers @ DALLAS – Lac: 1-5 on Saturdays / 1-5 bef Gold St - Dal: 5-0 in last gm of 4+ HS / 1-4 O/U Saturdays vs conf... La Lakers @ GOLDEN STATE – Lal: Series 4-1 L5 away / 6-1 O/U away in 2/1 rest sit - GSt: 2-11 in 1/2 rest sit vs conf / 2-8 home vs div revenge... Orlando @ PHOENIX – Orl: 0-6 in 0/1 rest sit vs non-conf - Pho: 6-1 O/U home in 1/0 rest sit TY / 5-1 O/U L6 vs .300 < opp.

**SUN 2/13...** Atlanta @ BOSTON – Atl: Series 5-1 L6 / 5-1 in 1/1 rest sit - Bos: 3-10 home in 1/1 rest sit vs conf / 1-5 O/U on Sundays... Minnesota @ INDIANA – Min: 10-0 on Sundays / 1-4 O/U vs .400 < non-conf opp - Ind: 0-4 Sunday HG / 0-5 O/U in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf opp.

**MON 2/14...** Detroit @ WASHINGTON – Det: 1-6 away vs SE Div / 1-4 O/U L5 vs Wash - Was: Series host 6-0 / 8-2 home in 12 rest sit... Sacramento @ BROOKLYN – Sac: 1-5 O/U vs ATL Div TY / 1-4 O/U away in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf - Brk: Series 6-1 L7 / 1-5 O/U home in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf... Oklahoma City @ NEW YORK – Okc: Series 5-1 L6 / 3-9 O/U on Mondays - Ny: 3-12 in 1/1 rest sit / 0-6-1 O/U on Mondays... San Antonio @ CHICAGO – San: Series 4-0 L4 / 9-2 O/U away in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf - Chi: 5-1 O/U home in 1/1 rest sit / 5-1 O/U home vs SW Div... Portland @ MILWAUKEE – Por: Series 5-0 O/U L5 in Mil / 0-4 away TY vs .600 > non-conf opp - Mil: Series 4-0 L4 / 10-1 O/U vs .400 < non-conf opp... Toronto @ NEW ORLEANS – Tor: Series 0-3 L3 / 1-4 away vs non-conf revenge - NOR: 6-1 home in 1/1 rest sit vs non-div / 2-12 O/U on Mondays... Orlando @ DENVER – Orl: 0-6 bef div HG TY / 4-0 O/U away in 1/1 rest sit - Den: Series 7-2 L9 / 5-1 O/U home vs .300 < opp ... Houston @ UTAH – Hou: Series visitor 9-0 / 1-4 O/U away w/ 3 days rest - Utah: Series 1-6 O/U L7 / 3-10 O/U home w/ 2 days rest... Golden State @ LA CLIPPERS – **3\* Best Bet 'UNDER'** – GSt: 0-6 O/U Monday RG / 1-13 O/U in 1/1 rest sit vs div / 1-7 O/U aft Lakers // Lac: 0-5 O/U as conf HD's > 3 pts / 1-8 O/U L9 vs .700 > conf opp / 2-10 O/U in 1/1 rest sit vs div.

**TUE 2/15...** Cleveland @ ATLANTA – Cle: Series 7-2 L9 / 0-6 O/U away in 2/1 rest sit - Atl: Series 1-5 O/U L6 (209.8) / 0-4 O/U w/ div game next day... Dallas @ MIAMI – Dal: Series 4-1 O/U L5 / 0-4 in 22 rest sit - Mia: Series 9-3-1 L13 / 4-1 in 2/2 rest sit... Boston @ PHILADELPHIA – Bos: 1-11 away w/ div revenge / 1-7 in 1/2 rest sit vs conf - Phi: Series 6-0 L6 / 6-1 O/U in 2/1 rest sit vs conf... Indiana @ MILWAUKEE – Ind: 5-1 as RD's vs unrested opp / 1-6 O/U L7 div RG - Mil: 0-8 home w/ no rest / 0-5 O/U Tuesday HG... Charlotte @ MINNESOTA – Cha: Series 4-0 L4 / 5-0 in 2/1 rest sit - Min: 1-6 Tuesday HG / 1-5 home in 12 rest sit... Memphis @ NEW ORLEANS – Mem: Series 2-8 O/U L10 / 0-5 O/U away vs unrested conf opp - NOR: Series 7-0 L7 / 7-1 w/ no rest vs div... La Clippers @ PHOENIX – Lac: Series 0-4 O/U L4 (206.7) / 0-5 w/ no rest vs conf / Pho: Series host 4-0 / 1-6 O/U home vs unrested div opp.

**WED 2/16...** Atlanta @ ORLANDO – Atl: 3-15 away w/ no rest / 3-10 as div RF's / Orl: 4-0 O/U bef 7+ days rest / 8-1 O/U home vs unrested opp... Detroit @ BOSTON – Det: Series 5-0 L5 / 6-1 O/U Wed RG / Bos: 4-0 O/U bef 7+ days rest / 7-1 O/U home w/ no rest... Washington @ INDIANA – Was: Series 6-0 O/U L6 (261.3!) / 3-13 away vs unrested opp / Ind: Series host 7-0 / 4-0 O/U w/ no rest... Brooklyn @ NEW YORK – Brk: Setoes 4-0 O/U L4 / 8-1 O/U in 1/1 rest sit vs div / Ny: 0-4 in 1/1 rest sit vs div / 1-4 bef 7+ days rest... Sacramento @ CHICAGO – Sac: 9-3 as dogs in last gm of 3+ RT / 4-0 O/U bef 7+ days rest / Chi: 4-0-1 O/U bef 7+ days rest / 5-1 O/U Wed HG... Portland @ MEMPHIS – Por: Series 1-4 O/U L5 / 5-0 away vs unrested conf opp / Mem: 0-4 Wed HG / 0-5 O/U home w/ no rest... Toronto @ MINNESOTA – Tor: 6-1 vs unrested opp / 4-1 bef 7+ days rest / Min: 1-5 home w/ no rest vs non-conf / 1-7 O/U home vs ATL Div... San Antonio @ OKLAHOMA CITY – San: 4-1 vs .350 < conf opp / 4-1 O/U bef 7+ days rest - Okc: 1-5as HD's 10 < pts aft 3 straight RG / 4-1 O/U bef 7+ days rest... Houston @ PHOENIX – Hou: 2-11 O/U vs .800 > opp / 1-5 O/U as dogs 9 > pts / Pho: 5-1 home w/ no rest / 3-10 O/U home vs .333 < conf opp... Denver @ GOLDEN STATE – Den: Series 0-5 O/U L5 / 1-6 away in 1/1 rest sit vs conf / GSt: 15-1 hom ein 1/1 rest sit / 2-9 O/U Wednesdays... Utah @ LA LAKERS – Utah: 1-6 away aft 3+ HG - Lal: Series 7-2 L9 / 5-1 home w/ 3 days rest.

**THU 2/17...** Miami @ CHARLOTTE – Mia: 5-0 O/U in 1/1 rest sit vs div / 8-0 O/U bef 7+ days rest - Cha: 1-5 Thursdays / 1-4 in 1/1 rest sit vs div... Washington @ BROOKLYN – Was: 7-0-1 bef 7+ days rest / 12-0 O/U away in 0/0 rest sit - Brk: 1-10 in 0/0 rest sit / 4-1 O/U aft Knicks... Dallas @ NEW ORLEANS – Dal: 5-0 L5 div RG / 4-1 O/U bef 7+ days rest - NOR: 1-5 home in 1/1 rest sit vs div / 1-8 aft Mem... Philadelphia @ MILWAUKEE – Phi: 1-5 O/U Thursdays - Mil: Series 5-1 L6 / 5-1 Thursday HG... Houston @ LA CLIPPERS – Hou: 7-1 O/U away w/ no rest - Lac: 6-1 O/U home in 1/0 rest sit.

**FRI 2/18...** No games scheduled (All-Star Break)