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THIS WEEK IN BASKETBALL – FEBRUARY 4-10, 2023



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Due to various circumstances beyond our control – such as a reliable basketball schedule that covers more than just three days' worth of games – we'll be presenting a "meat and potatoes" version of our weekly basketball newsletter until the start of the NCAA Tournament. Each week we'll provide 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.

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AWESOME ANGLE OF THE WEEK

PLAY ON San Antonio head coach Greg Popovich from Game 55 out when he is seeking revenge from a same-season loss of more than 25 points when the Spurs own a sub .690 win percentage.

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SAN ANTONIO SPURS (2/8)

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(100%)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, February 4

UPSET GAME OF THE WEEK UPSET

IOWA ST over Kansas by 3

"Gee but it's great to be back home. Home is where I want to be." The opening lines to Simon and Garfunkel's 'Keep The Customer Satisfied' pretty much sums up Iowa State's recent difficulties when playing away from its home court in Ames. In mid-January, the Cyclones took Kansas down to the wire at Lawrence before losing a 62-60 nail-biter to the Jayhawks. The Clones played three more road games after that, and they lost all three. So yes, it's great to be back home, where head coach T.J. Otzelberger and his squad have not tasted defeat this season, compiling an **11-0** record at Hilton Coliseum. Meanwhile, Kansas has been fighting through a rough patch of its own, dropping three straight contests – including an 83-60 home humiliation by TCU – before rallying to beat Kentucky in Lexington a week ago, and crushing Kansas State in a revenge win at Allen Fieldhouse on Tuesday night. Now the tables have turned, as ISU looks to get even for their recent 2-point setback to KU. We like the Cyclones' chances to do just that: they own a **5-0 ATS** series record versus Kansas when playing with same-season revenge from a loss of fewer than 20 points, plus the Jayhawks have cashed just a single ticket in their last six games after clashing with K-State. Keep a close eye on the line today, too, as Iowa State stands **5-0 ATS** as home dogs of 7-plus points if .666 or greater. Also keep in mind that Iowa State has won the rebound battle in its last 8 straight contests and won't be overpowered here. With Kansas possibly looking ahead to a bigger game at Texas on Monday, we expect the Cyclones to keep their fans satisfied in this high-noon showdown.

3★ BEST BET

CLEMSON over Miami Florida by 13

Last Tuesday evening, road chalk players must have thought they had died and gone to heaven. They could get the ACC-leading Clemson Tigers, 18-4 and winners of 3 straight contests, laying a mere 4.5 points to a 10-12 Boston College squad fresh off a 19-point drubbing at Virginia. Yes, the game was being played in Beantown, but it shouldn't matter, right? Turns out maybe it did, with BC shocking the Tigers in a 62-54 stunner. The sky isn't falling for Clemson, though, because a check of the game stats showed the Tigers outshot the Eagles from the floor and the 3-point line, while going +10 on the glass and tying BC in total turnovers. Enter the Hurricanes, who lit up Boston College by 16 in mid-January, but now must face a sobering fact: **Miami is 0-12 SU on this floor since entering the ACC.** Folks, that's some bad ju-ju, made even worse by the fact that when the Hurricanes lose a game under head coach Jim Larranaga, they usually don't cash a ticket. The official results are 24-84 ATS in outright conference losses with the Canes, including **7-41 ATS** versus avenging foes. Did that shift your perspective? How about Clemson's perfect 12-0 record this season at Littlejohn Coliseum, where the Tigers average a 12.7-point win? Brad Brownell's boys have not lost back-to-back games this campaign and we don't look for it to happen here. Finally, Clemmie stands **5-1-1 ATS** in this series when coming off consecutive ATS losses – which sets up **THE CLINCHER: Clemson is 16-5 SU and 14-7 ATS as single-digit home chalk off a SU favorite loss, including 6-0 SUATS when coming off consecutive point spread losses.**

CREIGHTON over Villanova by 10

What's that in the sky? Is it a bird, is it a... why yes, it is a bird... a Bluejay, in fact! After a head-scratching start to the season where Creighton went 6-0, then dropped 8 of its next 11 games, the pride of Omaha seems to have reclaimed their flight path with 5 straight wins, including a 104-76 demolition of St. John's. Meanwhile, much like Duke this year after losing Coach K, Villanova is struggling to adjust to the fact that 21-year head coach Jay Wright has departed, replaced by former assistant Kyle Neptune. From a squad that was a permanent fixture in the Top 25 poll under Wright, this year's Wildcats still haven't found their footing, standing 10-12 overall after losing 7 of their last 10 contests. They also bring along an 8-16-2 ATS log in games when sporting a losing record, including **1-5-2 ATS** in conference play. Look, we'll be the first to admit it's not often you'll find the Bluejays dressing up as favorites against the Wildcats (just 3 times in 20 meetings since they joined the Big East) but when they do, there is certainly provocation. It starts with last year's 54-48 loss to Villanova in the finals of the Big East tourney, and with that Creighton brings a 5-1 SUATS record into tonight's affair when looking to exact LTKO revenge, including **5-0 SUATS** when they face sub .900 opponents. Greg McDermott's troops have been a tough out at home this season, going 10-1 SU and scoring an average of over 81 points per game, and we think they'll heap a little more misery on Nova here.

Sunday, February 5

4★ BEST BET

Houston over TEMPLE by 17

It's true that we play the 'revenge card' often in our game write-ups. Why not? Unlike football where you must wait an entire year to get even with the scum that ruined your season, many conference hoops teams face each other twice in the campaign, meaning the loser in Game One can get a shot at revenge while their blood is still boiling from the first defeat. Well, gather round because we've got a perfect storm brewing here in Philly. Three weeks ago, the Houston Cougars were 18-1 (lone loss to Alabama by 6 points), ranked No. 1 overall in the CBB polls and beginning to conjure up memories of Phi Slama Jama, when Clyde Drexler and Akeem Olajuwon ruled college hoops. Riding high on a nine-game win streak, the Cougars were favored at home over 11-9 Temple by 19 points – and somehow lost the whole game, 56-55. Immediately booted from their No. 1 ranking, Kelvin Sampson and company vowed to get their pound of flesh from the Owls – and that time has come. Temple is on a solid 4-0 SU run of late overall, but only 4-11 SU and 6-9 ATS in this series, including 3-8 ATS when Houston sports a sub .925-win percentage. In addition, head coach Aaron McKie owns a weak 5-10 ATS with a winning record with the Owls versus foes with revenge, and worse, his birds reside inside this week's **INCREDIBLE STAT** on page 3. Remember, Sampson's Cougars are a perfect **8-0 SUATS** away this season, plus they get added backing from **THE CLINCHER: Houston head coach Kelvin Sampson is 36-17 SUATS with same-season conference loss revenge, including 5-0 SUATS when coming off one win-exact.**

INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK

Temple is 10-100-1 ATS in games they lose outright at home, including 0-38-1 ATS versus avenging foes.



Tuesday, February 7

Toledo over AKRON by 6

First things first, when you see the name AKRON, be advised that the hoops team ain't nothing like the downtrodden football program. In the last four seasons of gridiron action, the Zips have posted a barely-breathing 5-37 record. During that same time span, the basketball squad led by 6th-year head coach John Groce has compiled a 76-31 mark in the Rubber City, and there's still games to be played in the current season. No surprise then that Akron was tied for the MAC lead with Kent State at press time, leading Toledo by one game, so a loss here all but kills any chance the Rockets have of capturing the regular season crown. We can tell you this much: these two teams are hurtling headlong toward a runaway train collision at Rhodes Arena tonight. Toledo is 16-6, riding a 6-game win skein, while 16-6 Akron had ripped off 7 straight wins before a Friday game against Kent State, so something's gotta give. The ATS archives suggest the Rockets are the right side. Not only do they own a 19-7 ATS edge in this series of late, but they're also 5-2 ATS with LTKO revenge, including **3-0 ATS** away. That's a few light years better than the Zips' 3-7-1 ATS mark versus foes seeking LTKO revenge, including **0-5-1 ATS** when Akron sports a sub .777 win percentage. These two go at it again in two weeks, so pay close attention to this matchup. While grabbing the points, of course.

Wednesday, February 8

UTAH STATE over San Diego State by 8

Critical game for the 18-5 Aggies, who sat one game behind Boise State and San Diego State at press time. Both contestants have been playing winning basketball of late, as Utah State has won 7 of its last 10, while the Aztecs have gone 10-2 in their last 12. However, USU looks to have an easier bout on the weekend's undercard, taking on cellar-dweller Colorado State. The Aztecs face a much sterner test as Boise State comes to town in a race for the MWC lead. Utah State has fashioned a nice 11-1 SU and 7-4 ATS record at home this season, and the series host is riding a **6-0 ATS** skein. The Aggies lost to SDSU by 10 points at home earlier this season and the Aztecs are guilty of a poor 4-19 SU and 7-15-1 ATS effort versus foes with same-season revenge. Bear in mind that San Diego State's scrap with Boise last Friday was a triple-revenge game for the Aztecs, so they may not have much left in the tank tonight. Aggies throw another wrench in the race.

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5★ BEST BET

SETON HALL over Creighton by 10

Would this classify as 'Instant Karma'? One month ago, the Pirates were dealt their worst loss of the season by Creighton, a 22-point shakedown that was just embarrassing enough to become a wake-up call for the Hall. Since that defeat, the Pirates have gone **6-1 SU and 5-1-1 ATS**, and should add to those figures with a game against pitiful DePaul last weekend. In yet another case of biting the hand that feeds us, we'll fade Creighton off what we think will be a big win over Villanova. Yes, we know we talked up the Bluejays last Saturday but one of the deciding factors was the game location: Creighton is a great home team but a lousy road team. Not to mention the Jays are just 14-22-1 ATS against foes seeking same-season revenge from a loss of 20-plus points, including 3-8 ATS versus .550 or greater foes. Meanwhile, the Pirates can boast a **5-0 SUATS** record at home this season with a sub .700 win percentage. We think the homeboys are at the right place at the right time tonight, and so does **THE CLINCHER: Seton Hall is 8-1 SU and 7-1-1 ATS in this series when the Blue Jays fly in with a sub .700 record, including 8-0 SU and 7-0-1 ATS when the Hall boasts a winning record.**

Thursday, February 9

Xavier over BUTLER by 14

Let's stick with the Big East in a match-up that illustrates current reality versus perception. Simply put, these are not the same Butler Bulldogs that helped put the mid majors on the map in the NCAA tourney a dozen years ago when they lost to mighty Duke in the title game by just 2 points. Not by a long shot. At press time, Butler was floundering in a next-to-last-place tie with DePaul in the conference standings at 3-9 and stuck below the .500 mark at 10-11. Not Sean Miller's X-Men, who were tied atop the Big East with Marquette at 18-5 / 10-2 at press time. The Musketeers, who have won 14 of their last 16 games, stand 13-3 ATS away in this series, including **3-0 ATS** with revenge. That's because Butler made the mistake of knocking Xavier out in the donkey round, 89-82, of last year's Big East tourney, and the Bulldogs are just 2-5 ATS at home against LTKO opponents. Their **3-40-1 ATS** mark in SU conference home losses seals the deal. The Musketeers will skewer these guys.

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NBA BASKETBALL

Saturday, February 4

OKLAHOMA CITY over Houston by 16

When one team dominates another as the Thunder do the Rockets, a pesky loss such as the one Oklahoma City suffered at Houston as 6-point road chalk on Wednesday only serves to bring them back around to full focus. That's what we expect to find tonight, as the Thunder will look to improve on their **10-2 ATS** mark in this series, taking the floor sporting a **5-0 ATS** record in their last five games when coming off a SU favorite loss. Meanwhile, the Rockets arrive off a home revenger against Toronto last night while standing **0-5 SUATS** after the Raptors, and **0-5 SUATS** the last five without rest. Making matters worse, Houie has another home revenger waiting on tap Monday night against the Sacramento, owning a 0-4 SU and 1-3 ATS log in post-Kings' contests. Lay the wood as the Thunder rolls.

Sunday, February 5

4★ BEST BET

NEW YORK over Philadelphia by 8

As you've come to learn, we lean heavily on the revenge card and it's in play with New York today as the Knicks look to even the score from a 119-112 Christmas Day home defeat to Philly. With it they bring along a strong 10-5-1 ATS record in games with a .444 or greater mark as a division home dog with revenge, including **5-1-1 ATS** when coming off a home game. They also pile on with a 12-8 SUATS mark this season with same-season loss revenge of 7-plus points. The 76ers are coming off a same-season revenge contest with the Spurs, (3-7 ATS away after facing San Antonio) with another same-season revenge affair up next against Miami (3-9-1 ATS before Miami, including 0-3 ATS away). And as always, we cement the call with **THE CLINCHER: The Knicks are 15-8 SU and 14-7-1 ATS series with same-season loss revenge if .428 or greater, including 7-1 ATS as a dog.**

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★ RATED BEST BET SELECTIONS

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023		3★ BEST BET	4★ BEST BET	5★ BEST BET
	COLLEGE	CLEMSON (Saturday 2/4)	HOUSTON (Sunday 2/5)	SETON HALL (Wednesday 2/8)
	NBA	WIZARDS (Monday 2/6)	KNICKS (Sunday 2/5)	SPURS (Wednesday 2/8)
	NBA O/U	JAZZ UNDER (Monday 2/6)	CELTICS OVER (Wednesday 2/8)	KNICKS OVER (Sunday 2/5)

Monday, February 6

3★ BEST BET

WASHINGTON over Cleveland by 8

Look who's carrying the hotter hand in this contest. If you thought it was Cleveland, guess again. After starting the campaign 11-20 SUATS, the Wizards have gone 13-6 SUATS at press time, including **6-0 SUATS** the last six games at press time. It's put them in the playoff race, where they currently hold the No. 9 seed. They also bring a revenge chip into this clash from a 117-107 loss at Cleveland back in October. Meanwhile, the Cavs enter off a revenge affair of their own last night at Indiana and they stand 3-9 ATS in post-Pacer performances. However, as you've come to know, we saved the best for last with **THE CLINCHER: Cleveland is 1-11-1 ATS as a road favorite without rest.**

Wednesday, February 8

5★ BEST BET

San Antonio over TORONTO by 8

What would a weekly issue of the Playbook Hoops newsletter be without a shout out to our favorite moneymaking head coach, Greg Popovich. Tonight, he takes on a Toronto team that handed him the **WORST LOSS** of his career in a 143-100 ass whooping in San Antonio on November 2 earlier this season. If that's not enough of a hair-raising beat down, then it doesn't exist in Pops' world. Making matters even worse for the Raptors is that they enter this game off a double-revenge affair of their own at Memphis with another payback on deck here against Utah on Friday. With the Spurs 11-9 SU and 12-8 ATS overall in this series, including 4-1 ATS when Toronto is coming off two days of rest, it's no wonder we gladly hand this puppy off to **THE CLINCHER: See this week's AWESOME ANGLE on page 2.**



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Friday, February 10

MEMPHIS over Minnesota by 13

When it comes to a 'game set-up' they don't get much better than tonight's clash between the Grizzlies and the Timberwolves. For opens, Memphis returns home with a case of double same-season loss revenge on its mind, while catching the Wolves off a same-season revenger with yet another one on deck. While we can't quite snap the rubber band just yet until we know the outcome of Minny's visit to Utah on Wednesday, we do know that the Grizzlies are 9-3 SU and 8-4 ATS at home with a win percentage of .589 or better when seeking same-season double revenge, while the Timberwolves enter the den with a 9-19 SUATS record in this series, including **2-11 SU and 3-10 ATS** away. You know exactly what to do.

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Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF															
10	Atlanta Hawks	EAST / SE	101.5	4	2023 NBA POWER RATINGS										15	N.Y. Knicks	EAST / ATL	99	3										
1	Boston Celtics	EAST / ATL	107	4.5											27	Indiana Pacers	EAST / CNT	93	3.5	22	OK City Thunder	WEST / NW	95.5	2.5					
15	Brooklyn Nets	EAST / ATL	99	3.5											22	L.A. Clippers	WEST / PAC	95.5	3	24	Orlando Magic	EAST / SE	94.5	3					
28	Charlotte Hornets	EAST / SW	92	3											12	L.A. Lakers	WEST / PAC	100.5	2	2	Philadelphia 76ers	EAST / ATL	106	4.5					
12	Chicago Bulls	EAST / CNT	100.5	3.5											21	Memphis Grizzlies	WEST / SW	96	3.5	3	Phoenix Suns	WEST / PAC	105	4.5					
4	Cleveland Cavaliers	EAST / CNT	104.5	3.5											17	Miami Heat	EAST / SE	98	4.5	24	Portland T Blazers	WEST / NW	94.5	3.5					
6	Dallas Mavericks	WEST / SW	103.5	4											7	Milwaukee Bucks	EAST / CNT	103	5	18	Sacramento Kings	WEST / PAC	97.5	3					
8	Denver Nuggets	WEST / NW	102.5	4											10	Minnesota T'wolves	WEST / NW	101.5	3	24	San Antonio Spurs	WEST / SW	94.5	3.5					
29	Detroit Pistons	EAST / CNT	91	2.5											12	N Orleans Pelicans	WEST / SW	100.5	3	5	Toronto Raptors	EAST / ATL	104	4					
8	Golden St Warriors	WEST / PAC	102.5	4.5											Power Ratings courtesy of KennyWhiteSports.com										18	Utah Jazz	WEST / NW	97.5	4.5
29	Houston Rockets	WEST / SW	91	3																					18	Washington Wizzards	EAST / SE	97.5	2.5

2023 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
164	Abil Christian	WAC	98.5	2.0	24	Florida	SEC	114	5.5	137	Middle Tenn	CUSA	100	5.0	111	Samford	SC	101.5	4.0
148	Air Force	MWC	99.5	3.5	353	Florida A&M	SWAC	81	1.0	211	Milwaukee	Horz	95	3.0	211	San Diego	WCC	95	3.5
102	Akron	MAC	102.5	4.5	53	Florida Atlantic	CUSA	110	4.0	175	Minnesota	B10	97.5	5.0	31	San Diego St	MWC	113	6.0
3	Alabama	SEC	120	4.5	222	Fla Gulf Coast	Asun	94.5	4.5	102	Mississippi	SEC	102.5	5.0	86	San Francisco	WCC	105	4.0
347	Alabama A&M	SWAC	83	1.5	181	Florida Int'l	CUSA	97	3.5	39	Mississippi St	SEC	112	4.5	111	San Jose St	MWC	101.5	4.0
72	Ala Birm	CUSA	107	4.0	129	Florida St	ACC	100.5	5.0	361	Miss Valley St	SWAC	77.5	1.5	86	Santa Barbara	BW	105	3.5
353	Alabama St	SWAC	81	2.0	111	Fordham	A10	101.5	4.0	49	Missouri	SEC	110.5	4.0	92	Santa Clara	WCC	104.5	4.0
349	Albany	AE	82.5	4.0	148	Fresno St	MWC	99.5	4.0	158	Missouri St	MVC	99	4.0	148	Seattle	WAC	99.5	2.5
281	Alcorn St	SWAC	90.5	1.5	158	Fullerton St	BW	99	3.0	353	Monmouth	CAA	81	4.5	40	Seton Hall	BE	111.5	5.0
273	American	Pat	91	2.5	63	Furman	SC	108.5	4.0	203	Montana	BSky	95.5	4.0	181	Siena	MAAC	97	4.5
129	Appalachian St	SB	100.5	3.0	164	Gardner Webb	BStH	98.5	4.0	111	Montana St	BSky	101.5	3.5	164	South Alabama	SB	98.5	3.5
13	Arizona	P12	116.5	5.0	129	George Mason	A10	100.5	4.5	288	Morehead St	OVC	90	4.0	185	South Carolina	SEC	95.5	5.0
86	Arizona St	P12	105	4.5	185	Geo Washington	A10	96.5	4.5	312	Morgan St	MEAC	87.5	2.0	356	SC State	MEAC	80.5	2.5
31	Arkansas	SEC	113	5.0	129	Georgetown	BE	100.5	5.0	300	MT Saint Mary's	MAAC	88.5	3.0	295	SC Upstate	BStH	89	3.0
316	Ark-Little Rock	OVC	87	4.0	107	Georgia	SEC	102	5.0	158	Murray St	MVC	99	3.5	300	South Dakota	Sum	88.5	4.0
316	Ark-Pine Bluff	SWAC	87	1.0	199	Georgia Sou	SB	96	4.0	185	Navy	Pat	96.5	3.0	185	S Dakota St	Sum	96.5	4.0
288	Arkansas St	SB	90	4.0	262	Georgia St	SB	92	4.5	111	Nebraska	B10	101.5	4.5	111	South Florida	Amer	101.5	3.5
233	Army	Pat	93.5	4.0	211	Georgia Tech	ACC	95	4.0	306	Neb Omaha	Sum	88	4.0	211	SE Missouri St	OVC	95	2.5
24	Auburn	SEC	114	5.0	20	Gonzaga	WCC	114.5	6.0	69	Nevada	MWC	107.5	4.5	281	SE Louisiana	SInd	90.5	3.0
324	Austin Peay	Asun	86.5	2.5	267	Grambling St	SWAC	91.5	1.5	80	Neu Las Vegas	MWC	105.5	3.0	250	Southern	SWAC	92.5	3.5
172	Ball St	MAC	98	4.0	137	Grand Canyon	WAC	100	4.0	267	New Hampshire	AE	91.5	4.0	49	Sou California	P12	110.5	5.0
13	Baylor	B12	116.5	5.5	363	Green Bay	Horz	75	4.0	306	New Jersey Tech	AE	88	4.0	122	So Illinois	MVC	101	4.0
233	Bellarmine	Asun	93.5	3.5	336	Hampton	CAA	85	2.0	53	New Mexico	MWC	110	4.0	273	SIU Edwards	OVC	91	2.5
122	Belmont	MVC	101	4.5	360	Hartford	ind	78	2.5	211	New Mexico St	WAC	95	4.5	243	Sou Indiana	OVC	93	3.5
344	Beth-Cookman	SWAC	83.5	1.5	175	Harvard	Ivy	97.5	4.5	352	New Orleans	SInd	81.5	3.0	175	So Methodist	Amer	97.5	5.0
312	Binghamton	AE	87.5	3.0	137	Hawaii	BW	100	3.0	243	Niagara	MAAC	93	3.0	107	Southern Miss	SB	102	3.0
24	Boise St	MWC	114	5.0	316	High Point	BStH	87	2.5	273	Nicholls St	SInd	91	2.0	86	Southern Utah	WAC	105	2.0
111	Boston College	ACC	101.5	3.5	129	Hofstra	CAA	100.5	4.5	185	Norfolk St	MEAC	96.5	2.5	74	Stanford	P12	106.5	4.5
300	Boston U	Pat	88.5	3.5	306	Holy Cross	Pat	88	4.0	250	North Alabama	Asun	92.5	1.0	111	S. F. Austin	WAC	101.5	4.0
243	Bowling Green	MAC	93	4.0	2	Houston	Amer	120.5	5.0	36	North Carolina	ACC	112.5	6.0	250	Stetson	Asun	92.5	2.5
78	Bradley	MVC	106	3.0	349	Houst Christian	SInd	82.5	3.5	273	NC A&T	CAA	91	1.5	341	Stenehill	SEC	84.5	2.5
74	Brigham Young	WCC	106.5	5.0	203	Howard	MEAC	95.5	3.0	185	NC Asheville	BStH	96.5	4.0	312	Stony Brook	CAA	87.5	3.0
175	Brown	Ivy	97.5	3.5	295	Idaho	BSky	89	3.5	233	NC Central	MEAC	93.5	4.0	74	Syracuse	ACC	106.5	5.0
203	Bryant	AE	95.5	2.5	288	Idaho St	BSky	90	3.0	137	NC Greensboro	SC	100	4.0	185	Tarleton St	WAC	96.5	3.5
324	Bucknell	Pat	86.5	4.5	17	Illinois	B10	115	5.0	40	NC State	ACC	111.5	5.0	92	Temple	Amer	104.5	4.5
172	Buffalo	MAC	98	4.5	250	Illinois Chicago	MVC	92.5	3.5	233	NC Wilmington	CAA	93.5	4.5	1	Tennessee	SEC	121	5.0
158	Butler	BE	99	5.5	222	Illinois St	MVC	94.5	4.5	316	North Dakota	Sum	87	4.0	273	Tenn Martin	OVC	91	3.5
122	Cal Baptist	WAC	101	3.5	336	Incarnate Word	SInd	85	2.5	211	N Dakota St	Sum	95	4.0	328	Tennessee St	OVC	86	4.5
148	Cal Davis	BW	99.5	3.0	20	Indiana	B10	114.5	5.5	295	North Florida	Asun	89	3.0	281	Tennessee Tech	OVC	90.5	3.5
102	Cal Irvine	BW	102.5	4.0	107	Indiana St	MVC	102	4.0	78	North Texas	CUSA	106	3.5	9	Texas	B12	118	5.0
316	Cal Poly	BW	87	3.5	97	Iona	MAAC	103	4.0	262	Northeastern	CAA	92	4.5	20	Texas A&M	SEC	114.5	4.5
148	Cal Riverside	BW	99.5	2.5	36	Iowa	B10	112.5	5.0	243	No Arizona	BSky	93	2.0	324	Texas A&M Com	SInd	86.5	2.5
316	CS Bakersfield	BW	87	4.0	20	Iowa St	B12	114.5	5.0	267	No Colorado	BSky	91.5	3.5	250	Texas A&M CC	SInd	92.5	4.0
328	CS Northridge	BW	86	3.5	233	IPFW	Horz	93.5	3.0	288	No Illinois	MAC	90	4.0	281	Texas Arlington	WAC	90.5	5.0
250	California	P12	92.5	5.0	358	IUPUI	Horz	79.5	4.0	137	No Iowa	MVC	100	4.5	6	Texas Christian	B12	119	5.0
250	Campbell	BStH	92.5	2.5	341	Jackson St	SWAC	84.5	3.5	203	No Kentucky	Horz	95.5	4.0	122	Texas El Paso	CUSA	101	3.0
281	Canisius	MAAC	90.5	4.0	227	Jacksonville	Asun	94	3.5	40	Northwestern	B10	111.5	5.0	243	Texas RGV	WAC	93	2.5
336	C Arkansas	Asun	85	1.5	222	Jacksonville St	Asun	94.5	4.0	211	N western St	SInd	95	4.0	294	Tex San Antonio	CUSA	89.5	3.0
312	C Conn State	NEC	87.5	1.5	111	James Madison	SB	101.5	3.0	137	Notre Dame	ACC	100	5.0	300	Texas Southern	SWAC	88.5	3.5
74	C Florida	Amer	106.5	4.5	7	Kansas	B12	118.5	6.5	267	Oakland	Horz	91.5	4.5	203	Texas St	SB	95.5	2.5
343	C Michigan	MAC	84	4.5	250	Kansas City	Sum	92.5	4.0	148	Ohio	MAC	99.5	4.0	53	Texas Tech	B12	110	5.0
273	Charleston Sou	BStH	91	3.0	17	Kansas St	B12	115	5.0	40	Ohio St	B10	111.5	5.0	92	Toledo	MAC	104.5	4.0
102	Charlotte	CUSA	102.5	3.0	111	Kennesaw St	Asun	101.5	2.5	59	Oklahoma	B12	109	5.0	148	Towson	CAA	99.5	4.0
185	Chattanooga	SC	96.5	5.0	80	Kent St	MAC	105.5	3.5	24	Oklahoma St	B12	114	5.5	164	Troy	SB	98.5	4.0
288	Chicago St	ind	90	2.0	29	Kentucky	SEC	113.5	6.5	185	Old Dominion	SB	96.5	4.5	67	Tulane	Amer	108	3.0
45	Cincinnati	Amer	111	5.0	281	Lafayette	Pat	90.5	2.0	49	Oral Roberts	Sum	110.5	4.0	233	Tulsa	Amer	93.5	4.5
288	Citadel	SC	90	2.0	359	Lamar	SInd	79	3.0	40	Oregon	P12	111.5	5.0	233	UC San Diego	BW	93.5	2.5
56	Clemson	ACC	109.5	5.5	227	LaSalle	A10	94	4.5	148	Oregon St	P12	99.5	2.0	10	UCLA	P12	117.5	5.5
185	Cleveland St	Horz	96.5	3.0	243	Lehigh	Pat	93	4.5	175	Pacific	WCC	97.5	3.5	56	Utah	P12	109.5	5.0
267	Coastal Caro	SB	91.5	3.5	56	Liberty	Asun	109.5	3.0	59	Penn St	B10	109	4.5	45	Utah St	MWC	111	3.0
122	Colgate	Pat	101	3.0	357	Lindenwood	OVC	80	2.5	137	Pennsylvania	Ivy	100	4.5	227	Utah Tech	WAC	94	4.0
80	Coll of Chas'ton	CAA	105.5	4.5	172	Lipscomb	Asun	98	4.0	233	Pepperdine	WCC	93.5	3.0	95	Utah Valley	WAC	103.5	3.0
80	Colorado	P12	105.5	4.5	158	Long Beach St	BW	99	4.0	63	Pittsburgh	ACC	108.5	5.0	227	Valparaiso	MVC	94	4.5
97	Colorado St	MWC	103	4.0	362	Long Island	NEC	75.5	2.5	203	Portland	WCC	95.5	3.5	72	Vanderbilt	SEC	107	4.5
336	Columbia	Ivy	85	3.0	185	Longwood	BStH	96.5	2.0	267	Portland St	BSky	91.5	3.5	137	Vermont	AE	100	4.5
10	Connecticut	BE	117.5	5.0	97	Lou Lafayette	SB	103	4.5	316	Prairie View	SWAC	87	2.0	45	Villanova	BE	111	6.0
347	Coppin St	MEAC	83	1.0	262	Lou Monroe	SB	92	3.5	306	Presbyterian	BStH	88	3.0	15	Virginia	ACC	115.5	6.0
97	Cornell	Ivy	103	3.0	137	Louisiana Tech	CUSA	100	4.0	129	Princeton	Ivy	100.5	4.5	59	VCU	A10	109	5.0
3	Creighton	BE	120	5.5	227	Louisville	ACC	94	3.0	17	Providence	BE	115	5.0	328	Virginia Military	SC	86	3.0
211	Dartmouth	Ivy	95	3.0	227	Loyola Chicago	A10	94	4.5	3	Purdue	B10	120	5.5	49	Virginia Tech	ACC	110.5	5.0
111	Davidson	A10	101.5	5.0	316	Loyola MD	Pat	87	3.0	222	Queens	ASUN	94.5	2.5	300	Wagner	NEC	88.5	3.5
59	Dayton	A10	109	5.0	80	Loyola Mary	WCC	105.5	4.0	137	Quinnipiac	MAAC	100	2.5	63	Wake Forest	ACC	108.5	5.0
211	Delaware	CAA	95	2.5	122	LSU	SEC	101	4.5	164	Radford	BStH	98.5	3.0	129	Washington	P12	100.5	4.5
349	Delaware St	MEAC	82.5	1.5	306	Maine	AE	88	2.0	211	Rhode Island	A10	95	5.0	63	Washington St	P12	108.5	3.5
328	Denver	Sum	86	4.0	281	Manhattan	MAAC	90.5	4.0	164	Rice	CUSA	98.5	4.5	185	Weber St	BSky	96.5	4.5
107	DePaul	BE	102	4.0	300	Marist	MAAC	88.5	2.5	175	Richmond	A10	97.5	4.5	29	West Virginia	B12	113.5	6.0
250	Detroit	Horz	92.5	3.0	7	Marquette	BE	118.5	5.0	199	Rider	MAAC	96	3.5	262	W Carolina	SC	92	2.5
69	Drake	MVC	107.5	3.5															



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TEAM	PWR	HCV	H O/U	A O/U	TEAM	PWR	HCV	H O/U	A O/U
BOSTON	8.5	2.5	228	223	DENVER	7.5	3	224	227
PHILADELPHIA	7.5	3	233	237	MEMPHIS	6.5	3	228	231
MILWAUKEE	6	3	235	226	SACRAMENTO	4	2	240	232
CLEVELAND	6	3	218	215	PHOENIX	3	2.5	225	222
BROOKLYN	5	1.5	227	230	GOLDEN STATE	2.5	3	235	241
MIAMI	5	1.5	214	211	LA CLIPPERS	2.5	2	223	230
CHICAGO	2.5	2	223	226	DALLAS	2	1.5	225	231
ATLANTA	2	1.5	235	239	MINNESOTA	1.5	2	224	229
NEW YORK	2	1.5	230	225	UTAH	1	2.5	237	232
TORONTO	1.5	2.5	229	233	NEW ORLEANS	0.5	2	220	223
WASHINGTON	0.5	1.5	233	227	PORTLAND	0.5	2.5	239	231
INDIANA	-1	2.5	236	233	OKLAHOMA CITY	0	2.5	233	230
ORLANDO	-2.5	2.5	231	225	LA LAKERS	0	2	236	241
CHARLOTTE	-3	1	223	233	SAN ANTONIO	-4.5	2	236	242
DETROIT	-4	1.5	239	235	HOUSTON	-4.5	1.5	222	230

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 2/4... Washington @ BROOKLYN – Wash: 10-1 Saturdays vs conf / 5-0 OU in 0/2 rest sit // Brk: 1-9 as HF's vs unrested opp / 4-1 OU aft Bos... **Phoenix @ DETROIT** – Phoe: 0-4-1 in 0/0 rest sit / 1-4 away vs .400 non-conf opp // Det: Series 10-2 L12 vs Phoe / 10-3 as HD's w/ no rest... **La Clippers @ NEW YORK** – Lac: 1-5 in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf / 6-1-1 OU in 5th straight RG // NY: Series 4-1 L5 vs LAC / 4-1 OU in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf... **Houston @ OKLAHOMA CITY** – Hou: 3-9 away w/ no rest / 0-7 OU Saturdays // OKC: 6-1 as favs 12 < pts in 2/0 rest sit / 1-5 OU Saturdays... **Miami @ MILWAUKEE** – Mia: 1-8 OU L9 vs CEN Div / 1-6 OU bef 3 days rest // Milw: 6-1 on Saturdays TY / 1-5 OU home bef 3+ RG... **La Lakers @ NEW ORLEANS** – Lal: 1-7 in 1/1 rest sit vs conf / Series 1-4 OU L5 vs NORl (222.0) // NORl: 5-1 home in 1/1 rest sit vs conf / 0-6 OU home w/ HG next day... **Portland @ CHICAGO** – Port: 5-0-1 Saturday RG / 5-1 w/ no rest vs non-conf // Chi: 1-5 vs unrested non-conf opp / 6-1 OU Saturdays... **Dallas @ GOLDEN STATE** – Dal: 2-17 aft div HG / 1-5 away in 1/1 rest sit // GS: 17-2 home in 1/1 rest sit vs conf / 0-7 OU Saturdays... **Atlanta @ DENVER** – Atl: 1-6 as RD's in 0/1 rest sit / Series 6-1 OU L7 vs Den (232.0) // Den: 7-1 in 1/0 rest sit vs non-conf / 5-1 bef Min.

SUN 2/5... Orlando @ CHARLOTTE – Orl: 5-0 Sunday RG / 1-4 OU in 1/1 rest sit vs div / Series 1-4 OU L5 vs Hornets // Char: 1-5 aft Det / 0-6 OU L6 as div HF's... **Cleveland @ INDIANA** – Cle: 1-7 in 2/1 rest sit / 1-4 L5 div RG // Ind: Series 4-0 OU L4 vs Cle (243.7) / 7-1 OU L8 div HG... **Toronto @ MEMPHIS** – Tor: Series visitor 4-0 / 6-1 in 1/2 rest sit // Mem: Series 4-0 OU L4 home vs Tor (234.8) / 5-1 OU in 2/1 rest sit vs non-conf... **Philadelphia @ NEW YORK** – **5* Best Bet 'OVER'** – Phil: 6-0 OU L2Y as div RF's / 5-0 OU Sundays vs conf / 4-1 OU away vs unrested opp // NY: 7-0 OU L7 vs div / 6-1 OU home in 0/1 rest sit / 6-1 OU L7 vs .650 > opp... **Sacramento @ NEW ORLEANS** – Sac: 0-7 OU w/ RG next day / 1-5 OU away in 1/0 rest sit // NORl: 0-4 in 0/1 rest sit / 0-5 OU aft Lakers / Series 1-4 OU L5 home vs Sac... **Denver @ MINNESOTA** – Den: Series 4-1 OU L4 vs Min (243.4) / 4-1 OU w/ no rest vs conf // Min: Series 5-0 L5 vs Den / 6-1 in 1/0 rest sit.

MON 2/6... Boston @ DETROIT – Bos: 6-1 TY vs < .300 opp / 5-1 as RF's in 2/1 rest sit // Det: Series 4-1 OU L5 vs Bos (224.4) / 4-1 OU as HD's in 1/2 rest sit... **Cleveland @ WASHINGTON** – Cle: 0-7-1 away w/ no rest / 0-4 aft Ind // Wash: 9-2 home vs unrested opp / 1-7 OU bef Char... **La Clippers @ BROOKLYN** – Lac: 1-4 bef Dal / 5-0 OU Monday RG / Series 7-2 OU L9 vs Nets // Brk: Series 6-1 L7 vs LAC / 5-1 aft Wash... **Sacramento @ HOUSTON** – Sac: Series 5-1-1 L7 vs Hou / 5-1 away w/ no rest // Hou: 0-4-1 L5 vs unrested opp / Series 4-0 OU L4 vs Sac (245.2)... **San Antonio @ CHICAGO** – San: Series 5-1 L6 vs Chi / 6-1 away in 2/1 rest sit // Chi: 1-6 in 1/2 rest sit vs non-conf / 2-12 OU on Mondays... **Dallas @ UTAH** – **3* Best Bet 'UNDER'** – Dal: 0-4 OU L4 vs Utah (209.7) / 1-6 OU away in 1/2 rest sit // 2-10 OU as fav/dog < 4 pts // Utah: 0-4 OU in 2/1 rest sit / 1-6 OU bef HG vs Min / 1-4 OU Monday HG... **Oklahoma City @ GOLDEN STATE** – Okc: 9-1 Monday RG / 7-1 in 1st of 3+ RG / GS: Series 1-12 OU L13 home vs OKC (213.5) / 2-8 OU L10 non-div conf HG... **Milwaukee @ PORTLAND** – Milw: 8-1 OU Mondays vs non-conf / 8-2 OU bef LAL / Series 4-1 OU L5 vs Blazers // Port: 11-1 OU on Mondays / 6-1 OU L7 home vs > .600 opp.

TUE 2/7... New York @ ORLANDO – Ny: 10-3 away in 1/1 rest sit / 8-3 OU on Tuesdays // Orl: 4-1 OU aft div RG / 9-3 OU aft Char... **Atlanta @ NEW ORLEANS** – Atl: Series 8-2 L10 vs NORl / 8-2 Tuesdays vs non-conf // NORl: 0-5 home vs SE Div / 1-7 Tuesday HG... **Phoenix @ BROOKLYN** – Phoe: 13-4 Tuesdays vs non-div / 1-6 OU L7 vs ATL Div // Brk: 0-6 on Tuesdays / 2-8 OU in 0/2 rest sit... **Chicago @ MEMPHIS** – Chi: 6-0 in 0/1 rest sit / 0-8 OU Tuesday RG // Mem: 1-6 OU in 1/0 rest sit / Series 1-5-1 OU L7 vs Chi (216.6)... **Minnesota @ DENVER** – Min: Series 11-1 L12 away vs Den / 5-1 w/ div game next day // Den: 0-5 OU vs conf bef non-conf RG / 1-4 OU home in 1/1 rest sit vs div... **Oklahoma City @ LA LAKERS** – Okc: 4-1 OU away w/ no rest / 8-2 OU aft Gold St // LAL: 9-2 home vs unrested conf opp.

WED 2/8... Detroit @ CLEVELAND – Det: 0-4 in 1/1 rest sit vs div / Series 6-1 OU L7 away vs Cavs // Cle: 5-1 on Wednesdays / 4-1 OU in 1/1 rest sit vs div... **Charlotte @ WASHINGTON** – Char: Series 8-2 L10 vs Wash / 7-0 OU in 2/1 rest sit // Wash: 9-0 OU home w/ RG next day / 6-1 OU Wednesday HG... **Philadelphia @ BOSTON** – **4* Best Bet 'OVER'** – Phil: 8-0 OU bef NY / 4-0 OU in 2/1 rest sit // BOS: 3-0 OU L3 vs Phil / 8-1 OU home vs .635 > opp / 5-1 OU in 1/2 rest sit // 5-1 OU home vs div revenge... **San Antonio @ TORONTO** – San: 0-5 in 1/2 rest sit / Series 4-1 OU L5 vs Tor (232.2) // Tor: Series 4-0 L4 vs San / 6-1 in 2/1 rest sit... **Indiana @ MIAMI** – Ind: 15-2 OU away vs SE Div / 7-1 OU vs opp w/ 3 days rest // Mia: 1-6 L7 home vs CEN Div / 4-0 OU home w/ 3 days rest... **Sacramento @ HOUSTON** – Sac: 7-0 bef Dal / 7-1 away in 1/1 rest sit vs conf // Hou: 1-6 on Wednesdays / 15-4 OU bef non-conf RG... **Minnesota @ UTAH** – Min: 4-1 aft Den / 9-1 OU away w/ no rest // Utah: 0-5 in 1/0 rest sit vs div / Series 6-1 OU L7 vs Min (239.8)... **Golden State @ PORTLAND** – GS: 1-5 OU bef div HG / Series 1-4 OU L5 vs Port // Port: 5-1 bef div HG / 1-5 OU Wednesday HG... **Dallas @ LA CLIPPERS** – Dal: 1-6 on Wednesdays / Series 0-4 OU L4 vs Lac (206.0) // LAC: Series 4-0 L4 vs Dal / 1-10 OU as conf HF's 11 < pts.

THU 2/9... Denver @ ORLANDO – Den: 2-8 away in 1/1 rest sit / Series 4-0 OU L4 vs Magic // Orl: Series 4-0 L4 vs Den / 6-2 home in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf ... **Chicago @ BROOKLYN** – Chi: Series 4-1 L5 vs Brk / 3-12 OIU bef Clew // Brk: 2-10 Thursdays / Series 1-8 OU L9 vs Chi (219.7)... **Phoenix @ ATLANTA** – Pho: 4-1 OU vs ATL Div // Atl: 5-1 Thursdays / 5-0 OU home in 1/1 rest sit... **Milwaukee @ LA LAKERS** – Mil: Series visitor 5-0 // LAL: 0-6 OU Thursday HG.

FRI 2/10... New York @ PHILADELPHIA – Ny: 5-1 away w/ HG next day / 11-3 OU away in 2/1 rest sit // Phil: 4-0 OU Friday HG / 6-1 OU w/ RG next day... **San Antonio @ DETROIT** – San: Series 5-1 L6 vs Det / 9-1 OU away in 1/1 rest sit // Det: 1-6 home in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf / 1-5 aft div RG... **Phoenix @ INDIANA** – Pho: 2-9 on Fridays / 4-1 OU in 0/1 rest sit vs non-conf // Ind: 5-2 Friday HG / 9-0 OU home in 1/0 rest sit... **Utah @ TORONTO** – Utah: 6-1 OU w/ RG next day / 4-1 OU Friday RG // Tor: 1-6 Friday HG... **Charlotte @ BOSTON** – Char: 8-1 OU as dogs 10 > pts // Bos: Series 4-0 L4 vs Char / 8-2 OU home vs .333 < opp... **Minnesota @ MEMPHIS** – Min: 6-1 away on 1/2 rest sit // 5-1 aft Utah // Mem: Series 0-5 OU L5 vs Min (218.8) / 0-4 OU on Fridays... **Houston @ MIAMI** – Hou: 4-0 OU Friday RG / 4-0 OU in 1st of 3+ RG // Mia: Series 7-1-1 L9 vs Hou / 8-2 home w/ RG next day... **Cleveland @ NEW ORLEANS** – Clew: 0-8-2 on Fridays / 0-5 bef Chi // NORl: 7-2-1 home vs CEN Div / 1-10 OU in 2/1 rest sit... **Oklahoma City @ PORTLAND** – Okc: Series 6-0 L6 vs Port / 0-7 OU away in 2/1 rest sit // Port: 1-7 aft Gold St / 0-7 OU home in 1/2 rest sit... **Dallas @ SACRAMENTO** – Dal: 0-6 away w/ RG next day / 1-4 OU Friday RG // Sac: 0-4 OU w/ HG next day / Series 1-7 OU L8 vs Dal (213.6)... **Milwaukee @ LA CLIPPERS** – Milw: 6-1 w/ no rest / Series 4-0 OU L4 away vs Clips (247.7) // LAC: 0-5 on Fridays / 8-1 OU home in 1/0 rest sit.