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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.

The Playbook staff

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, January 28

INDIANA STATE over Northern Iowa by 13

Right away you're probably thinking we've signed up for a ride on the Crazy Train with Ozzy. After all, the hometown Sycamores have dropped five straight on the scoreboard while the defending Missouri Valley Conference champion Panthers have won 7 of their last eight. Two teams in opposite directions, right? A closer look, though, points out why we think Indiana State will be lying in wait today. Two losses last season at the hands of Northern Iowa cost 'Larry Bird U' a chance at eclipsing the 11-win plateau under first-year head coach Josh Schertz, a successful NCAA Division II coach. The last time the Sycamores won fewer games was during the 2003-04 season, a fact that really upset Schertz. It's evident this season as his troops have won 13 games thus far with seven of their top nine players back, including all five starters. Yes, the 5-game losing skid is a concern, but this has been one streaky campaign for ISU, who opened 2-1, then went 5-0, 0-3, 3-1 and 0-5. No worries about a lookahead here with Evansville up next, a foe the Sycamores vanquished in late December, 91-63. The WOM (Well-Oiled Machine) informs us that Indiana State is **16-4-1 ATS** at home in this series when seeking revenge, and that UNI's 3-8 SUATS mark in this series when ISU is seeking double revenge from the previous season goes hand-in-hand with their long-term 13-35 SUATS record against all foes playing with double revenge from the previous campaign. That's all the ammo we need. Like Ozzy loves to say, "All aboard!"

WISCONSIN over Illinois by 8

We hope you checked with the conductor for a ticket upgrade because it looks like we'll be taking an extended ride on the Crazy Train to Madison, Wisconsin. Let's review: not only have the Badgers been bullied in their previous six games this year, going 1-5 SU and 0-6 ATS, they've also gone a pitiful 0-5 SUATS in the last five series games with Illinois. The Illini have been taking care of business lately, currently on a 5-1 SUATS run, but the fact of the matter is their luck runs out today. For one thing, Wisconsin posted 25 wins last season, and prior to the recent losses to Illinois, the Badgers were 36-20 SU and 37-17-1 ATS in the series – including 13-0 SU and 12-1 ATS the previous thirteen contests. Thus, it's time for a "what goes down, must come up" situation for the home team. Illinois is coming off a revenge win over Ohio State on Tuesday and is a weak **2-8 SUATS** away after post-OSU wins. Then there's the Illini's meager 2-6 SUATS away mark coming off a win when facing greater than .600 foes this season. Remember, too, that the Illini's recent success means we'll get a good price on the game. It all reminds us of the film 'Patton', where the General's command post is strafed by a Nazi fighter plane, causing George C. Scott to bolt out into the street and challenge the aircraft with nothing but a pistol. Why? Because he'd HAD ENOUGH. That's the sort of crazy we expect out of Bucky here!

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**AWESOME ANGLE
OF THE WEEK**

PLAY ON the Michigan State Spartans when they are seeking revenge against a Big Ten opponent from Game 20 out.

**Play On:
MICHIGAN STATE (1/29)**

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INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK

**The Kansas State Wildcats are
7-40 ATS in outright conference losses
against avenging opponents.**



3★ BEST BET

DAYTON over Richmond by 17

A slow 3-4 start to the season was not what Dayton fans expected to see from a Flyers squad that notched 24 wins last year. Then the five returning Flyers' starters went to work, rebounding with a torrid 7-0 SUATS win skein in mid-December before recent road setbacks at Rhode Island and George Washington. Another rebound looks to be in order as the Flyers return to UD Arena, where they own a legitimate home court advantage. Dayton has gone 22-2 SU in its last 24 games at home, including 10-1 SU this season where the Flyers have won by an average margin of just over 16 PPG. And when it comes to dueling with foes that own a sub .525 win percentage, Dayton has treated its backers to a 13-0 SU and 9-3 ATS effort. We can't say the same for the 11-10 Spiders, who arrive on a 1-3 SU and 0-4 ATS slide in their last four games. Even worse, Richmond has gone **0-6 ATS** versus foes coming off consecutive losses, including **0-4 ATS** this season. Yikes. The hosts are hanging tough in the Atlantic 10 race in 4th place and will be facing a bunch of Spiders that could be more concerned about an upcoming double-revenger against St. Bonaventure. Of course, we can't wrap things up without **THE CLINCHER: Dayton's 68-64 loss to Richmond in the semifinals of the Atlantic-10 tourney last season snapped a 7-0 SUATS series win skein against the Spiders.**

Sunday, January 29

4★ BEST BET

Michigan State over PURDUE by 1

Meet this week's new No. 1 – the Purdue Boilermakers. The only loss this season by the powerful 20-1 Boilers was a 1-point setback here against Rutgers the day following New Year's Day, and with Thursday's 75-70 revenge win over Michigan, Matt Painter's boys pushed their current win streak to 7 games. However, Purdue now carries a 'Target' size bullseye on its back, and few head coaches are better at bringing down big game than Michigan State's Tom Izzo. Yes, this is the spot where major upsets occur, and with it we'll be front and center with the Wizard of Iz. Sparty suffered a 64-63 setback at home to Purdue just 13 days ago, stirring up bad memories of being booted from the Big Ten tourney in the semifinals by the Makers last season. The Wizard brings a lofty 18-10 SU and 17-11 ATS career record in conference games when seeking same-season revenge when his troops are coming off an ATS loss, including 5-2 SUATS versus .800 or greater opposition. State's biggest concern will be putting the clamps on Purdue center Zach Edey, a 7-4, 305-pound monster from Toronto who averages 21 PPG and pulls down 13 rebounds. Still, the Boilermakers haven't cashed a ticket in the last three meetings with MSU, which is a perfect setup for **THE CLINCHER: See this week's AWESOME ANGLE on page 2.**

Monday, January 30

UPSET GAME OF THE WEEK UPSET

TEXAS TECH over Iowa State by 8

We're not sure what crawled up and died inside the Red Raiders basketball team this season, but it's been bad. How bad? Bad enough that if the campus were in New Orleans instead of Lubbock, the locals would already have staged a full-blown street funeral. Folks, we're talking about a Texas Tech team that won 27 games last year and reached the Sweet 16 before bowing out. The current squad, though, is trapped in the hell of an 0-8 SU and 1-7 ATS meltdown, destroying a strong 10-2 start. Searching for a point of origin, we thought perhaps the Red Raiders' bad luck started when 6-11 Center Fardaws Aimaq, their top transfer, injured his foot. But he returned against Texas four games ago, and Tech lost all four. The pièce de résistance, however, came in last Wednesday's 15-point blowout loss at home against West Virginia, which caused many a talking head to declare that Texas Tech had officially hit rock bottom. And while they currently reside in the Big 12 cellar, we don't think they'll stay there for long. Not with Iowa State coming to town. The Red Raiders are still red-faced thinking about the last time these two met in Ames three weeks ago, where the Cyclones annihilated them, 80-54 – Texas Tech's worst loss this season, and its worst overall since 2015. The Raiders had gone **7-1 SU and 8-0 ATS** in the series with ISU before the blowout, and just so happen to own a **7-1 ATS** at home with revenge versus the Cyclones. Iowa State also has a revenge affair with Kansas on deck, and the Clones are just 3-22 SU away before facing the Jayhawks, including 6-10-1 ATS the last 17 games. Tech makes up for a season's worth of hurt by bringing down the Cyclones.

Tuesday, January 31

5★ BEST BET

KANSAS over Kansas State by 17

Woe be unto the Jayhawks. We don't know how they fared in Saturday's road trip to Kentucky, but ol' Uncle Mo was clearly on the side of the UK Wildcats in that contest: suddenly unbeatable Kentucky had crushed four straight quality opponents while the high-flying 'Hawks had seen a 16-1 start go south with a trio of agonizing defeats. So, if KU didn't bring down Calipari's Cats, the woe factor will have grown exponentially by the time this one rolls around. Going back several weeks ago when Kansas appeared invincible, who would have believed they'd be hosting rival Kansas State with same-season revenge? Not only that, but Bill Self's boys are also looking up at the Manhattan Cats in the Big 12 standings. What's that saying about it being darkest before the dawn? The fact is Kansas stands only one game out of first place and we expect a strong surge down the stretch. It starts here with KU bringing a **3-0 SUATS** mark in this contest in games in which they own the inferior record by an average win margin of 20 PPG. As for the over-achieving Wildcats, they're just **1-5 ATS** against foes they beat earlier in the season by one-point exact. And if that's not bad enough, they crawl into this week's **INCREDIBLE STAT** box with a gaudy **7-40 ATS** mark in conference games they fail to win against avenging opponents. Let's face it: Kansas is a ticking time bomb right now and we expect them to hit the 0:00 mark against hated Kansas State tonight. One last ka-boom from **THE CLINCHER: Kansas is 4-0 SUATS since 1990 when seeking same-season revenge against Kansas State, with every win by a double-digit margin.**

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

Wednesday, February 1

MISSOURI over Lsu by 14

With Alabama, Tennessee, and Texas A&M – and recently Kentucky – getting most of the attention in this year’s SEC coverage, you may not have had an opportunity to check out who we think is one of the conference’s real sleepers: Missouri. Sporting a 15-5 record at press time, Mizzou found itself sitting at No. 56 overall in the KenPom.com rankings heading into the weekend, whereas the visiting Bengals have slipped all the way down to No. 123 in the same rankings. Yes, LSU’s 12-1 start to the season came to a grinding halt with seven straight losses for the Bengal Cats, and as a result they find themselves in a 3-way mess with both of the Mississippi’s at the bottom of the SEC totem pole. They also have to face off against a Missouri team tonight that remembers its season-ending loss to LSU in the Donkey Round of last year’s SEC tourney, and that sets the table here as they check in with a sparkling **3-0 SUATS** log in home games when seeking LTKO revenge. The Tigers from COMO have lost just two games in Mizzou Arena this season, against Kansas and Alabama – two squads that are head-and-shoulders above the troubled Tigers from the bayou. With only one conference win in his pocket this season, we don’t see anything changing soon for first-year LSU head coach Matt McMahon. Lay it if you play it.

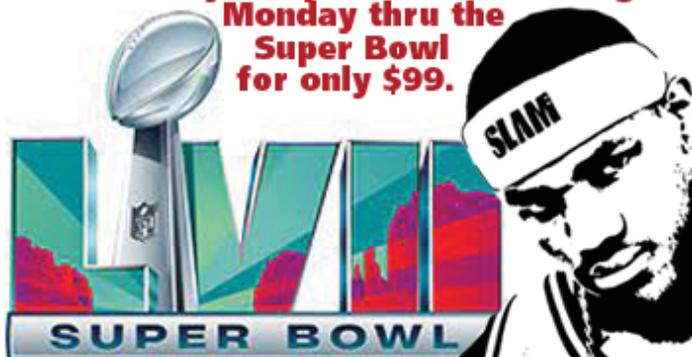
Friday, February 3

SAN DIEGO STATE over Boise State by 11

It’s time to show a little West Coast love to our readers with what should be a humdinger of a clash. At press time, the Aztecs were leading the Mountain West race by one game over Nevada and Boise State, so this meeting has huge implications. It’s also got some big-time revenge backing the home team. The 23-win Aztecs took last year’s 53-52 loss in the finals of last season’s MWC championship hard as they proceeded to go one-and-out in the Big Dance when they fell as opening round favorites. They’re back to get even tonight knowing they are 8-5 SU and 9-3 ATS in this series, as well as 6-1 SU and 4-2-1 ATS at home when seeking LTKO revenge. Like SDSU, the Broncos also lost in the first round of the NCAA tourney last season and returned with plenty of experience this season. However, a wobbly 35-59-1 ATS mark in outright conference losses as a dog reaffirms our position. With 4 starters back from last year’s celebrated squad, and Boise State having beaten them like a drum in three meetings last season, we expect the Aztecs’ best effort tonight.

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NBA BASKETBALL

Saturday, January 28

3★ BEST BET

SAN ANTONIO over Phoenix by 10

Here we go, hopping on Coach Pop’s back in another Silver Spur situation. It occurred when the Suns handed San Antonio its worst conference home loss in the Greg Popovich era in a 133-95 defeat here in their last meeting in early December. The Well-Oiled Machine jumps right into the fray noting the Spurs are **6-1-1 ATS** with same-season revenge from a loss of 20-plus points in this series. That fits like a glove next to the Suns’ spotty **2-8-2 ATS** record when facing foes they beat by more than 36 points earlier in the season. A quick check of each team’s body of work this season shows Phoenix flattening out on a 10-19 run at press time, after beginning the season 15-6. On the flip side, San Antonio put a halt to a 6-18 SU and 9-15 ATS beginning to this campaign as they’ve improved since, going 8-16 SU and 15-10 ATS. All of which leads us to **THE CLINCHER: San Antonio is 5-0 ATS with revenge from a same-season defeat of more than 30 points under Greg Popovich when coming off a win or a loss of 5 or fewer points in its last game.**

Sunday, January 29

CLEVELAND over LA Clippers 14

This is automatic in our NBA book of handicapping with Cleveland looking to avenge an earlier season loss at Los Angeles where they fell 119-117 as small road chalk. The game sets to the max as the paper Clips enter off a same-season avenger of their own at Atlanta last night and given the fact that they are 5-15 SU and 6-14 ATS in games on the North coast, including **0-4 ATS** when the Cavs are looking to settle up from an earlier season loss of fewer than 20 points in this series. With Los Angeles just 4-9-1 ATS in non-conference clashes on Sundays, and Cleveland 9-2 ATS on the first day of the week, look for a Cavs’ assault this evening.

Tuesday, January 31

4★ BEST BET

Miami over CLEVELAND by 7

The young guns from Cleveland host a team that has been a thorn in their side, only tonight they’ll be laying points to the angry visitors from Miami. It’s a sketchy setting for the Cavs who hosted the Clippers here on Sunday knowing they are just **3-13 SUATS** in games after facing the Clips, including **0-5 SU and 0-4-1 ATS** in the last five such occurrences. The Heat take the floor sporting a 12-5 SUATS mark in this series, including 4-1 ATS when looking to avenge a same-season defeat (they lost 113-87 here in their last matchup in November). One thing for certain, though, is points figure to be at a premium in this matchup of the Association’s two top-ranked teams in scoring defense. With Cleveland staring dead ahead to another same-season rematch with Memphis, we’re flip-flopping on our call with them on Sunday as we hand it over to **THE CLINCHER: Miami is 7-4 SU and 8-3 ATS as a road dog from Game 28 out with Eric Spoelstra when seeking revenge from a same-season loss of 25 or more points, including 6-1 ATS against winning foes.**

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THIS WEEK'S BEST BETS

A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT
★ RATED BEST BET SELECTIONS

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023		3★ BEST BET	4★ BEST BET	5★ BEST BET
	COLLEGE	DAYTON (Saturday 1/28)	MICHIGAN STATE (Sunday 1/29)	KANSAS (Tuesday 1/31)
	NBA	SPURS (Saturday 1/28)	HEAT (Tuesday 1/31)	MAGIC (Friday 2/3)
	NBA O/U	BLAZERS OVER (Monday 1/30)	GRIZZLIES OVER (Sunday 1/29)	BUCKS OVER (Sunday 1/29)

Thursday, February 2

LA Lakers over INDIANA by 6

It's Groundhog Day, and with it, Bill Murray's favorite NBA team will be looking to even the scorecard against the Pacers from a one-point nip job suffered earlier this season in La La Land. They'll bring a solid 15-8 SUATS record along with them in contests when seeking same-season revenge in this series. They are also a dependable 12-8 ATS in non-conference contests this season at press time, including **5-0 ATS** in their previous five games. Meanwhile, the Pacers have hit an icy patch at press time where they have lost 8 of their previous 9 games, managing to cash the money only two times. Shadow or not today, with Indiana off a same-season revenger with Memphis, and just 4-11 SU and 3-13 ATS in post-Grizzly gatherings, spring is around the corner and the Lakers are on our playlist tonight.

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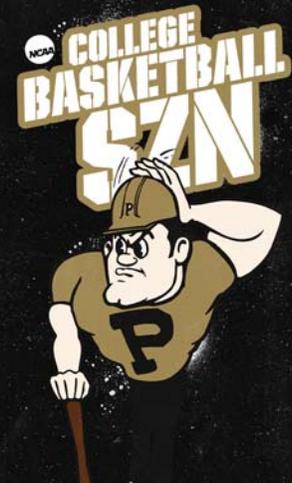
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Friday, February 3

5★ BEST BET

Orlando over MINNESOTA by 10

You can rest assured if there is one Eastern Conference foe the Timberwolves would rather not face these days it would be the Magic. That's the same Disney crew that has lit it up of late, going 14-10 SU and 18-6 ATS at press time after opening the season a listless 5-19 SU and 10-2-2 ATS. With it, they've played themselves into the Eastern Conference playoff race, just three games back from qualifying at press time. On the other side of the court, Minnesota enters after looking to avenge a same season-defeat to Golden State (5-10 SUATS post Warrior workouts) with yet another same-season avenger on tap with Denver. After checking off all the boxes, it's time to turn things over to **THE CLINCHER: Orlando is 20-8 SUATS in this series, including 8-0 ATS when seeking same-season revenge.**

Rnk: Overall rank in NFL • PWR: Numerical team power rating • HF: Numerical home field value

Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF	Rnk	Team	Conf/Div	PWR	HF
NBA														
21	Atlanta Hawks	EAST / SE	99	4	25	Indiana Pacers	EAST / CNT	98.5	3.5	10	N.Y. Knicks	EAST / ATL	102	3
1	Boston Celtics	EAST / ATL	106.5	4.5	8	L.A. Clippers	WEST / PAC	102.5	3	12	OK City Thunder	WEST / NW	101	2.5
21	Brooklyn Nets	EAST / ATL	99	3.5	21	L.A. Lakers	WEST / PAC	99	2	19	Orlando Magic	EAST / SE	100	3
27	Charlotte Hornets	EAST / SW	94	3	2	Memphis Grizzlies	WEST / SW	105.5	3.5	7	Philadelphia 76ers	EAST / ATL	103	4.5
17	Chicago Bulls	EAST / CNT	100.5	3.5	17	Miami Heat	EAST / SE	100.5	4.5	26	Phoenix Suns	WEST / PAC	98	4.5
3	Cleveland Cavaliers	EAST / CNT	105	3.5	4	Milwaukee Bucks	EAST / CNT	104.5	5	12	Portland T Blazers	WEST / NW	101	3.5
12	Dallas Mavericks	WEST / SW	101	4	21	Minnesota T'wolves	WEST / NW	99	3	10	Sacramento Kings	WEST / PAC	102	3
5	Denver Nuggets	WEST / NW	104	4	6	N Orleans Pelicans	WEST / SW	103.5	3	30	San Antonio Spurs	WEST / SW	91.5	3.5
28	Detroit Pistons	EAST / CNT	93	2.5	Subscribe to the Playbook Basketball Newsletter Today!									
7	Golden St Warriors	WEST / PAC	103	4.5	19	Washington Wizards	EAST / SE	100	2.5	12	Toronto Raptors	EAST / ATL	101	4
29	Houston Rockets	WEST / SW	92	3	12	Utah Jazz	WEST / NW	101	4.5	12	Utah Jazz	WEST / NW	101	4.5

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
192	Abil Christian	WAC	96	2.0	26	Florida	SEC	113	5.5	109	Middle Tenn	CUSA	102.5	5.0	123	Samford	SC	101.5	4.0
133	Air Force	MWC	101	3.5	357	Florida A&M	SWAC	79	1.0	199	Millwaukee	Horz	95.5	3.0	220	San Diego	WCC	94.5	3.5
99	Akron	MAC	104	4.5	50	Florida Atlantic	CUSA	109.5	4.0	141	Minnesota	B10	100.5	5.0	32	San Diego St	MWC	112	6.0
1	Alabama	SEC	123.5	4.5	210	Fla Gulf Coast	Asun	95	4.5	92	Mississippi	SEC	105	5.0	95	San Francisco	WCC	104.5	4.0
342	Alabama A&M	SWAC	84	1.5	231	Florida Int'l	CUSA	94	3.5	50	Mississippi St	SEC	109.5	4.5	141	San Jose St	MWC	100.5	4.0
92	Ala Birm	CUSA	105	4.0	95	Florida St	ACC	104.5	5.0	356	Miss Valley St	SWAC	79.5	1.5	88	Santa Barbara	BW	105.5	3.5
345	Alabama St	SWAC	83.5	2.0	163	Fordham	A10	98.5	4.0	61	Missouri	SEC	108.5	4.0	82	Santa Clara	WCC	106.5	4.0
341	Albany	AE	84.5	4.0	146	Fresno St	MWC	100	4.0	133	Missouri St	MVC	101	4.0	88	Seattle	WAC	105.5	2.5
269	Alcorn St	SWAC	91	1.5	179	Fullerton St	BW	97.5	3.0	359	Monmouth	CAA	77	4.5	54	Seton Hall	BE	109	5.0
258	American	Pat	92	2.5	70	Furman	SC	107.5	4.0	184	Montana	BSky	97	4.0	199	Siena	MAAC	95.5	4.5
146	Appalachian St	SB	100	3.0	187	Gardner Webb	B5th	96.5	4.0	133	Montana St	BSky	101	3.5	184	South Alabama	SB	97	3.5
16	Arizona	P12	115	5.0	116	George Mason	A10	102	4.5	287	Morehead St	OVC	90	4.0	210	South Carolina	SEC	95	5.0
78	Arizona St	P12	107	4.5	141	Geo Washington	A10	100.5	4.5	303	Morgan St	MEAC	89	2.0	345	SC State	MEAC	83.5	2.5
35	Arkansas	SEC	111.5	5.0	179	Georgetown	BE	97.5	5.0	287	MT Saint Mary's	MAAC	90	3.0	279	SC Upstate	B5th	90.5	3.0
331	Ark-Little Rock	OVC	86	4.0	85	Georgia	SEC	106	5.0	156	Murray St	MVC	99	3.5	309	South Dakota	Sum	88.5	4.0
332	Ark-Pine Bluff	SWAC	85.5	1.0	199	Georgia Sou	SB	95.5	4.0	220	Navy	Pat	94.5	3.0	169	S Dakota St	Sum	98	4.0
279	Arkansas St	SB	90.5	4.0	220	Georgia St	SB	94.5	4.5	99	Nebraska	B10	104	4.5	123	South Florida	Amer	101.5	3.5
248	Army	Pat	92.5	4.0	156	Georgia Tech	ACC	99	4.0	332	Neb Omaha	Sum	85.5	4.0	269	SE Missouri St	OVC	91	2.5
16	Auburn	SEC	115	5.0	18	Gonzaga	WCC	114.5	6.0	54	Nevada	MWC	109	4.5	296	SE Louisiana	Sld	89.5	3.0
296	Austin Peay	Asun	89.5	2.5	269	Grambling St	SWAC	91	1.5	104	Neu Las Vegas	MWC	103.5	3.0	269	Southern	SWAC	91	3.5
169	Ball St	MAC	98	4.0	109	Grand Canyon	WAC	102.5	4.0	296	New Hampshire	AE	89.5	4.0	61	Sou California	P12	108.5	5.0
13	Baylor	B12	117	5.5	362	Green Bay	Horz	76.5	4.0	322	New Jersey Tech	AE	87	4.0	206	So Illinois	MVC	103	4.0
231	Bellarmine	Asun	94	3.5	342	Hampton	CAA	84	2.0	32	New Mexico	MWC	112	4.0	148	SIU Edwards	OVC	92.5	2.5
104	Belmont	MVC	103.5	4.5	359	Hartford	ind	77	2.5	248	New Mexico St	WAC	92.5	4.5	231	Sou Indiana	OVC	94	3.5
352	Beth-Cookman	SWAC	89	1.5	156	Harvard	Ivy	99	4.5	348	New Orleans	Sld	83	3.0	163	So Methodist	Amer	98.5	5.0
303	Binghamton	AE	81	3.0	123	Hawaii	BW	101.5	3.0	244	Niagara	MAAC	93	3.0	123	Southern Miss	SB	101.5	3.0
20	Boise St	MWC	114	5.0	287	High Point	B5th	90	2.5	238	Nicholls St	Sld	93.5	2.0	99	Southern Utah	WAC	104	2.0
123	Boston College	ACC	101.5	3.5	163	Hofstra	CAA	98.5	4.5	169	Norfolk St	MEAC	98	2.5	82	Stanford	P12	106.5	4.5
258	Boston U	Pat	92	3.5	317	Holy Cross	Pat	87.5	4.0	303	North Alabama	Asun	89	1.0	116	S.F. Austin	WAC	102	4.0
264	Bowling Green	MAC	91.5	4.0	2	Houston	Amer	121.5	5.0	26	North Carolina	ACC	113	6.0	210	Stetson	Asun	95	2.5
61	Bradley	MVC	108.5	3.0	350	Houst Christian	Sld	82.5	3.5	269	NC A&T	CAA	91	1.5	327	Stenehill	NEC	86.5	2.5
88	Brigham Young	WCC	105.5	5.0	238	Howard	MEAC	93.5	3.0	184	NC Asheville	B5th	97	4.0	317	Stony Brook	CAA	87.5	3.0
179	Brown	Ivy	97.5	3.5	287	Idaho	BSky	90	3.5	220	NC Central	MEAC	94.5	4.0	61	Syracuse	ACC	108.5	5.0
199	Bryant	AE	95.5	2.5	279	Idaho St	BSky	90.5	3.0	116	NC Greensboro	SC	102	4.0	220	Tarleton St	WAC	94.5	3.5
313	Bucknell	Pat	88	4.5	18	Illinois	B10	114.5	5.0	41	NC State	ACC	110.5	5.0	95	Temple	Amer	104.5	4.5
192	Buffalo	MAC	96	4.5	287	Illinois Chicago	MVC	90	3.5	199	NC Wilmington	CAA	95.5	4.5	2	Tennessee	SEC	121.5	5.0
123	Butler	BE	101.5	5.5	248	Illinois St	MVC	92.5	4.5	303	North Dakota	Sum	89	4.0	264	Tenn Martin	OVC	91.5	3.5
109	Cal Baptist	WAC	102.5	3.5	345	Incarnate Word	Sld	83.5	2.5	231	N Dakota St	Sum	94	4.0	327	Tennessee St	OVC	86.5	4.5
179	Cal Davis	BW	97.5	3.0	21	Indiana	B10	113.5	5.5	264	North Florida	Asun	91.5	3.0	279	Tennessee Tech	OVC	90.5	3.5
123	Cal Irvine	BW	101.5	4.0	123	Indiana St	MVC	101.5	4.0	78	North Texas	CUSA	107	3.5	10	Texas	B12	118	5.0
269	Cal Poly	BW	91	3.5	106	Iona	MAAC	103	4.0	258	Northeastern	CAA	92	4.5	26	Texas A&M	SEC	113	4.5
149	Cal Riverside	BW	99.5	2.5	46	Iowa	B10	110	5.0	258	No Arizona	BSky	92	2.0	322	Texas A&M Com	Sld	87	2.5
313	CS Bakersfield	BW	88	4.0	12	Iowa St	B12	117.5	5.0	248	No Colorado	BSky	92.5	3.5	269	Texas A&M CC	Sld	91	4.0
309	CS Northridge	BW	88.5	3.5	210	IPFW	Horz	95	3.0	279	No Illinois	MAC	90.5	4.0	279	Texas Arlington	WAC	90.5	5.0
220	California	P12	94.5	5.0	359	IUPUI	Horz	77	4.0	156	No Iowa	MVC	99	4.5	6	Texas Christian	B12	118.5	5.0
258	Campbell	B5th	92	2.5	322	Jackson St	SWAC	87	3.5	192	No Kentucky	Horz	96	4.0	123	Texas El Paso	CUSA	101.5	3.0
269	Canisius	MAAC	91	4.0	192	Jacksonville	Asun	96	3.5	46	Northwestern	B10	110	5.0	287	Texas RGW	WAC	90	2.5
342	C Arkansas	Asun	84	1.5	248	Jacksonville St	Asun	92.5	4.0	220	N'western St	Sld	94.5	4.0	309	Tex San Antonio	CUSA	88.5	3.0
332	C Conn State	NEC	85.5	1.5	123	James Madison	SB	101.5	3.0	169	Notre Dame	ACC	98	5.0	303	Texas Southern	SWAC	89	3.5
70	C Florida	Amer	107.5	4.5	13	Kansas	B12	117	6.5	287	Oakland	Horz	90	4.5	199	Texas St	SB	95.5	2.5
332	C Michigan	MAC	85.5	4.5	244	Kansas City	Sum	93	4.0	149	Ohiio	MAC	99.5	4.0	35	Texas Tech	B12	111.5	5.0
269	Charleston Sou	B5th	91	3.0	21	Kansas St	B12	113.5	5.0	21	Ohio St	B10	113.5	5.0	85	Toledo	MAC	106	4.0
109	Charlotte	CUSA	102.5	3.0	169	Kennesaw St	Asun	98	2.5	41	Oklahoma	B12	110.5	5.0	156	Towson	CAA	99	4.0
156	Chattanooga	SC	99	5.0	70	Kent St	MAC	107.5	3.5	31	Oklahoma St	B12	112.5	5.5	116	Troy	SB	102	4.0
313	Chicago St	ind	88	2.0	26	Kentucky	SEC	113	6.5	187	Old Dominion	SB	96.5	4.5	78	Tulane	Amer	107	3.0
54	Cincinnati	Amer	109	5.0	248	Lafayette	Pat	92.5	2.0	61	Oral Roberts	Sum	108.5	4.0	210	Tulsa	Amer	95	4.5
296	Citadel	SC	89.5	2.0	357	Lamar	Sld	79	3.0	41	Oregon	P12	110.5	5.0	244	UC San Diego	BW	93	2.5
54	Clemson	ACC	109	5.5	248	LaSalle	A10	92.5	4.5	163	Oregon St	P12	98.5	2.0	6	UCLA	P12	118.5	5.5
169	Cleveland St	Horz	98	3.0	231	Lehigh	Pat	94	4.5	199	Pacific	WCC	95.5	3.5	50	Utah	P12	109.5	5.0
258	Coastal Caro	SB	92	3.5	70	Liberty	Asun	107.5	3.0	46	Penn St	B10	110	4.5	68	Utah St	MWC	108	3.0
149	Colgate	Pat	99.5	3.0	352	Lindenwood	OVC	81	2.5	169	Pennsylvania	Ivy	98	4.5	220	Utah Tech	WAC	94.5	4.0
70	Coll of Chas'ton	CAA	107.5	4.5	133	Lipscomb	Asun	101	4.0	210	Pepperdine	WCC	95	3.0	85	Utah Valley	WAC	106	3.0
70	Colorado	P12	107.5	4.5	179	Long Beach St	BW	97.5	4.0	61	Pittsburgh	ACC	108.5	5.0	238	Valparaiso	MVC	93.5	4.5
99	Colorado St	MWC	104	4.0	363	Long Island	NEC	74	2.5	192	Portland	WCC	96	3.5	54	Vanderbilt	SEC	109	4.5
339	Columbia	Ivy	85	3.0	163	Longwood	B5th	98.5	2.0	248	Portland St	BSky	92.5	3.5	169	Vermont	AE	98	4.5
5	Connecticut	BE	119	5.0	109	Lou Lafayette	SB	102.5	4.5	317	Prairie View	SWAC	87.5	2.0	69	Villanova	BE	108	6.0
332	Coppin St	MEAC	85.5	1.0	264	Lou Monroe	SB	91.5	3.5	303	Presbyterian	B5th	89	3.0	15	Virginia	ACC	115.5	6.0
106	Cornell	Ivy	103	3.0	149	Louisiana Tech	CUSA	99.5	4.0	109	Princeton	Ivy	102.5	4.5	41	VCU	A10	110.5	5.0
4	Creighton	BE	119.5	5.5	238	Louisville	ACC	93.5	3.0	21	Providence	BE	113.5	5.0	332	Virginia Military	SC	85.5	3.0
199	Dartmouth	Ivy	95.5	3.0	210	Loyola Chicago	A10	95	4.5	10	Purdue	B10	118	5.5	50	Virginia Tech	ACC	109.5	5.0
116	Davidson	A10	102	5.0	322	Loyola MD	Pat	87	3.0	231	Queens	ASun	94	2.5	279	Wagner	NEC	90.5	3.5
54	Dayton	A10	109	5.0	88	Loyola Mary	WCC	105.5	4.0	146	Quinnipiac	MAAC	100	2.5	54	Wake Forest	ACC	109	5.0
187	Delaware	CAA	96.5	2.5	116	LSU	SEC	102	4.5	156	Radford	B5th	99	3.0	109	Washington	P12	102.5	4.5
355	Delaware St	MEAC	80.5	1.5	309	Maine	AE	88.5	2.0	220	Rhode Island	A10	94.5	5.0	78	Washington St	P12	107	3.5
313	Denver	Sum	88	4.0	287	Manhattan	MAAC	90	4.0	141	Rice	CUSA	100.5	4.5	192	Weber St	BSky	96	4.5
99	DePaul	BE	104	4.0	287	Marist	MAAC	90	2.5	116	Richmond	A10	102	4.5	35	West Virginia	B12	111.5	6.0
220	Detroit	Horz	94.5	3.0	6	Marquette	BE	118.5	5.0	199	Rider	MAAC	95.5	3.5	231	W Carolina	SC	94	2.5
61	Drake	MVC	108.5	3.5	95	Marshall	SB												



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EASTERN CONFERENCE

TEAM	PWR	HCV	H O/U	A O/U
BOSTON	8	2.5	229	223
PHILADELPHIA	7	3	233	237
MILWAUKEE	6	3	231	223
CLEVELAND	6	3	219	216
BROOKLYN	5.5	1.5	224	225
MIAMI	4.5	1.5	216	214
NEW YORK	3	1	227	222
CHICAGO	2	2	227	230
ATLANTA	1.5	1.5	232	237
TORONTO	1.5	2	227	231
INDIANA	-0.5	3	236	232
WASHINGTON	-0.5	1.5	232	228
ORLANDO	-2.5	2.5	232	223
CHARLOTTE	-3.5	1	226	238
DETROIT	-4	1.5	238	234

WESTERN CONFERENCE

TEAM	PWR	HCV	H O/U	A O/U
DENVER	8	3	223	225
MEMPHIS	7	3	230	234
SACRAMENTO	4	2	241	233
PHOENIX	2.5	2.5	221	218
GOLDEN STATE	2.5	2.5	234	241
NEW ORLEANS	2.5	2	223	227
DALLAS	2	1.5	225	231
LA CLIPPERS	1.5	1.5	219	228
MINNESOTA	1	2	230	227
UTAH	0.5	2.5	237	232
PORTLAND	0.5	2.5	235	226
OKLAHOMA CITY	0	2.5	235	233
LA LAKERS	-0.5	2	235	241
SAN ANTONIO	-4	2	236	242
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 1/28... Denver @ PHILADELPHIA – Den: Series 1-5-1 OU L7 vs Phil / 1-5 OU in 2/2 rest sit // Phil: Series 4-1-1 L6 vs Den / 5-1 home in 2/2 rest sit... **New York @ BROOKLYN** – Ny: 1-5 on Saturdays / 3-9 in 1/1 rest sit vs div / Brk: 9-2 on Saturdays / 0-4 O/U TY in 1/1 rest sit vs div... **Houston @ DETROIT** – Hou: 1-7 Saturdays TY / 6-0 O/U away vs CEN Div // Det: Series 8-2 L10 vs Hou / 7-3 OU Saturdays TY... **Chicago @ ORLANDO** – Chi: 5-1 as RF's vs unrested opp / 5-1 OU on Saturdays // Ori: 6-1 OU on Saturdays / 8-2 OU home w/ no rest... **La Clippers @ ATLANTA** – LAC: 7-1 O/U away in 1/2 rest sit / 6-1 OU w/ RG next day // Atl: 8-2 home vs PAC Div / 5-1 OU Saturdays TY... **Washington @ NEW ORLEANS** – Wash: 1-6 away w/ 2 days rest / 5-1 OU on Saturdays // NORl: Series host 6-1 / 5-1 as non-conf HF's 8 < pts... **Sacramento @ MINNESOTA** – Sac: 7-0 O/U away in 2/0 rest sit / 4-1 OU L5 vs Min (242.0) // Min: 4-0 O/U L4 home vs PAC Div / 7-1 O/U aft Mem... **Phoenix @ SAN ANTONIO** – Phoe: Series visitor 4-0 / 5-1 O/U away in 1/1 rest sit vs conf // San: 5-0 O/U in 1/1 rest sit vs conf / 4-1 OU on Saturdays... **La Lakers @ BOSTON** – LAL: 0-6 O/U TY in 2/1 rest sit / 4-14 away vs ATL Div // Bos: Series 6-1-1 L8 vs LAL / 6-1 in 1/2 rest sit... **Dallas @ UTAH** – Dal: Series 5-1 L6 vs Utah / 9-1 away in 1/2 rest sit // Utah: 1-5 aft Port / 6-1 OU Saturday HG... **Toronto @ PORTLAND** – Tor: 9-1 away w/ no rest vs non-conf / 5-1 OU Saturday RG // Port: 6-1 OU home in 2/0 rest sit / 4-1 OU Saturday HG.

SUN 1/29... Miami @ CHARLOTTE – Mia: 1-9 vs .333 < conf opp / 0-4 O/U Sundays TY // Char: 1-8 OU L9 div HG / 3-9 OU on Sundays... **Indiana @ MEMPHIS** – **4* Best Bet 'OVER'** – Ind: 7-0-1 L8 vs Mem (240.4) / 6-0 O/U away in 1/1 rest sit / 15-2 OU L17 vs > .600 opp // Mem: 11-1 O/U home off 3+ RG / 6-1 OU L7 non-div HG / 4-1 OU vs CEN Div TY... **La Clippers @ CLEVELAND** – LAC: 1-5 in 0/1 rest sit TY / 1-10 OU on Sundays // Cle: 10-1 on Sundays / 2-8 OU L10 non-conf HG... **New Orleans @ MILWAUKEE** – **5* Best Bet 'OVER'** – NORl: 5-0 O/U L5 vs Mil / 12-1 O/U L13 (247.0) / 6-1 OU aft non-conf HG / 5-1 OU aft Wash // Milw: #1 home OVER Team in NBA TY / 5-0 O/U home off div RG / 4-0 OU aft Ind / 6-1 O/U vs unrested non-div opp.

MON 1/30... Orlando @ PHILADELPHIA – Ori: 0-7 OU away in 1/1 rest sit vs conf / 3-9 OU on Mondays // Phil: Series 4-1 L5 vs Ori / 8-2 Monday HG... **La Lakers @ BROOKLYN** – LAL: 7-0 O/U away in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf / 5-0 OU bef NY // Brk: 0-6 home off div HG / 4-1-1 OU vs PAC Div TY... **Sacramento @ MINNESOTA** – Sac: 1-5 O/U away in 1/1 rest sit / 1-4 OU Monday conf RG // Min: 1-5 home in 1/1 rest sit vs non-div / 2-9 on Mondays... **Washington @ SAN ANTONIO** – Wash: 10-1 OU in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf / 8-1 OU L9 vs San (255.5) // San: 7-1 OU L8 vs SE Div / 5-1 OU on Mondays... **Golden State @ OKLAHOMA CITY** – GSt: Series 6-1-1 L8 vs Okc / 13-1 O/U L14 RG // Okc: 2-8 bef Hou / 5-0 O/U Monday HG... **Detroit @ DALLAS** – Det: 2-8 away in 1/1 rest sit / 3-9 Mondays vs non-conf // Dal: Series 8-2 L10 vs Det / 2-10 O/U home in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf... **Toronto @ PHOENIX** – Tor: 5-1 O/U in 4th straight RG // Series 4-1 OU L5 away vs Suns // Phoe: 5-1 home off non-conf RG / 5-1 OU on Mondays... **Atlanta @ PORTLAND** – **3* Best Bet 'OVER'** – Atl: 4-0 O/U in 1st of 4 RG / 10-1 O/U Mondays vs non-conf // Series: 5-1 O/U L6 vs Port (240.0) // Port: 4-0 O/U bef Mem / 10-1 O/U on Mondays / 14-2 O/U as HF's vs > .400 opp.

TUE 1/31... Miami @ CLEVELAND – Mia: 1-5 in 1/1 rest sit / 2-8 on Tuesdays // Cle: 4-0-2 home vs SE Div / 8-2 O/U in 1/1 rest sit... **La Lakers @ NEW YORK** – LAL: 1-9 in Game 3 of 5+ RT / 1-6 OU aft RG vs Brook / NY: 5-0 home vs PAC Div / 0-6 OU home in 2/0 rest sit... **Charlotte @ MILWAUKEE** – Char: 2-8 L10 vs > .600 opp / 5-1 O/U away in 1/1 rest sit // Milw: 13-1 on Tuesdays L2Y / 14-3 O/U home in 1/1 rest sit... **La Clippers @ CHICAGO** – LAC: 1-5 in 1/2 rest sit / Series 5-1 OU L6 vs Bulls // Chi: 5-0 O/U L5 non-conf HG / 11-3 O/U in 2/1 rest sit... **New Orleans @ DENVER** – Series 6-1 L7 away vs Nuggets / 4-1 O/U away in 1/2 rest sit // Den: 1-9 home off 3+ RG / 1-7 bef Gold St.

WED 2/1... Washington @ DETROIT – Wash: Series 4-1 L5 vs Det / 1-5 O/U away in 1/1 rest sit vs conf // Det: 1-5 home in 1/1 rest sit vs conf / 1-5 aft non-conf RG... **Orlando @ PHILADELPHIA** – Ori: 1-5 Wednesday RG // Phil: 8-1 home in 2/1 rest sit / 10-3 O/U bef non-conf RG... **Portland @ MEMPHIS** – Port: 0-4 L4 vs .600 > conf opp / 1-4 Wednesday RG // Mem: 8-1 home in 2/1 rest sit / 5-1 w/ RG next day... **Brooklyn @ BOSTON** – Brk: 3-9 in 1/3 rest sit / Series 4-1 O/U L5 away vs Celtics (234.5) // Bos: Series 4-0-1 L5 vs Brk / 4-1 O/U w/ 3 days rest... **Oklahoma City @ HOUSTON** – Okc: 4-1 O/U Wednesday non-div RG / 8-2 O/U aft Gold St // Hou: 0-5 w/ 3 days rest / 1-6 L7 vs NW Div... **Golden State @ MINNESOTA** – GSt: Series 8-0 O/U L8 vs Min (237.2) / 10-0 O/U away in 1/1 rest sit TY // Min: 7-1 O/U in 1/1 rest sit / 8-2 O/U in 4th straight HG... **Sacramento @ SAN ANTONIO** – Sac: Series 4-0 L4 vs San / 5-0-1 L6 as conf RF's // San: 5-0 O/U Wednesday HG TY // Series 4-1 O/U L5 vs Sac (241.6)... **Toronto @ UTAH** – Tor: Series 15-2 L17 vs Utah / 7-1 Wednesday RG / Utah: 1-5 L6 vs ATL Div / 6-0 O/U w/ 3 days rest... **Atlanta @ PHOENIX** – Atl: 1-8 as RD's 3 > pts vs PAC Div / Series 6-0 OU L6 vs Suns (236.0) // Phoe: Series host 7-0 / 4-1 OU L5 vs SE Div.

THU 2/2... La Lakers @ INDIANA – LAL: 1-5 away vs opp w/ 3 rest / 2-11 on Thursdays // Ind: 6-0 w/ 3 days rest... **Memphis @ CLEVELAND** – Mem: 6-1 w/ no rest vs non-conf / 5-1 Thursdays // Cle: 1-6 vs unrested non-conf opp / 1-6 Thursday HG... **Miami @ NEW YORK** – Mia: Series 5-1 L6 in NY / 4-1 O/U Thursdays TY // NY: 0-4 home in 1/1 rest sit... **Charlotte @ CHICAGO** – Char: 1-5 O/U away w/ game next day // Chi: 4-1 Thursday HG / 2-8 O/U home in 1/1 rest sit... **New Orleans @ DALLAS** – NORl: 1-4 Thursday RG // Series 4-1 OU L5 vs Mavs // Dal: 1-13 in 2/1 rest sit / 4-1 OU L5 div HG... **Golden State @ DENVER** – GSt: Series visitor 6-0 / 5-1 as RD's in 0/1 rest sit // Den: 1-5 OU L6 vs PAC Div... **La Clippers @ MILWAUKEE** – LAC: 4-0 bef NY / 4-1 aft Chic // Milw: 6-0 O/U home vs PAC Div.

FRI 2/3... Charlotte @ DETROIT – Char: Series 4-0 O/U L4 vs Det (259.8) // Det: 7-1 O/U vs .300 < conf opp... **Sacramento @ INDIANA** – Sac: Series 4-1 L5 vs Ind / 9-3 O/U as non-conf RF's // Ind: 5-0 O/U home w/ no rest TY / 5-0 O/U aft LAC... **Portland @ WASHINGTON** – Port: 0-4 Friday RG / 1-5 away in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf // Wash: 6-0 O/U home in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf... **Phoenix @ BOSTON** – Phoe: 1-5 away vs ATL Div / 4-1 OU 1st game of 4+ RT // Bos: 9-2 in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf / 9-3 O/U in last game of 4+ HS... **Toronto @ HOUSTON** – Tor: Series 4-1 OU L5 vs Hou (233.0) / 8-2 O/U in 6th straight RG // Hou: 0-5 home in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf / 4-0-1 O/U w/ RG next day... **Orlando @ MINNESOTA** – Ori: 9-2 in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf / Series 1-4 OU L5 vs Min (218.2) // Min: 1-6 L7 as favs 6 > pts / 1-4 home in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf... **Philadelphia @ SAN ANTONIO** – Phil: 6-0 O/U Fridays / 4-1 OU away vs SW Div // San: 7-1 Fridays vs non-conf / 9-2 home vs > .600 opp... **Atlanta @ UTAH** – Atl: 8-1-1 O/U away w/ game next day / 8-2 OU Fridays // Utah: Series 5-0 L5 vs Atl / 4-1 O/U in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf.