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THIS WEEK IN BASKETBALL – MARCH 9-17, 2024



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This is the second of two season-ending Playbook Basketball newsletters as we wrap up our previews of the 2024 conference tourneys. This **SPECIAL DOUBLE-ISSUE** features the remaining 12 conference tourneys, as well as key college basketball and NBA regular season selections. We will be publishing the Playbook NCAA Tourney Guide on March 19 and the NCAA Sweet 16 Guide on March 26 to conclude the college hoops season. In addition, a weekly NBA-only newsletter will be published at the conclusion of March Madness thru the end of the NBA regular season.

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INCREDIBLE STAT OF THE WEEK

Conference-USA Tournament:
Western Kentucky is 17-2 ATS as an underdog during the postseason.

AWESOME ANGLE OF THE WEEK

PLAY ON the Kentucky Wildcats in Southeastern conference tourney games with a sub .850 win percentage versus greater than .600 opponents.

Play On:
KENTUCKY in the SEC Tourney

KENTUCKY ROAD KILL

ATS W-L Record
Since 1991:

21-3-1
(88%)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, March 9

3★ BEST BET

MISSISSIPPI STATE over S Carolina by 15

Talk about a tight fit. South Carolina enters the final Saturday of the regular season with a No. 17 ranking, but the Gamecocks take the court today in a 4-way tie for second place in the SEC race with Auburn, Kentucky, and Alabama – all with identical 12-5 marks in conference play. SC has been quite the surprise this season, going from 11-21 / 4-14 last year to 24-6 / 12-5 this campaign. Meanwhile, Mississippi State sits in mid-pack with an 8-9 conference ledger and a loss here tags head coach Chris Jans with his second straight 8-10 effort in two seasons in Starkville. Even so, we've got some good stuff in our corner with the Bulldogs today. For openers, MSU is 27-12- ATS at home coming off a previous home loss, including 22-6-1 against foes that are not coming off a loss of more than 7 points. Next, it's Senior Day at The Hump, and with five starters who returned from last year's squad being honored, the cowbells should be at full volume. And finally, there's a matter of revenge, as the Bulldogs look to even the score for a 68-62 defeat in Columbia back on January 6. All of this leads to max value on this payback rematch, in addition to **THE CLINCHER: The Bulldogs are 4-0 ATS with revenge in this series.**

5★ BEST BET

UConn over PROVIDENCE by 1

We realize the Huskies have won 17 of their last 18 games and occupy the No. 2 spot in this week's AP poll, but we're not asking the Friars to win on the scoreboard, just stay close enough to throw a huge scare into UConn before next week's Big East Tournament. The timing is right with the sled dogs hitting the road off a No. 1 seed-clinching home win over Marquette, especially since they own a dismal **0-5 ATS** record in the Last Game of the Season versus .600 or greater foes. Not so for Providence, who is 11-2 SU in Last Home Games, including 4-1 SUATS the last five contests. The Friars have been a strong underdog this season, going 9-3 ATS, including 3-0 ATS at home, and they just so happen to own a **perfect 5-0 SUATS** mark as a dog of more than 1-point in Last Home Games. With Providence primed to get even with the Huskies for a 9-point loss on the last day of January, we get final approval from **THE CLINCHER: Providence is 10-1 SUATS as a home dog since 2021, including 4-0 SUATS versus .800 or greater foes; and 4-0 SUATS when seeking revenge.**

NORTHWESTERN over Minnesota by 14

It's time for Final Jeopardy and the question is: who has compiled the best ATS record in the 2023-24 college basketball season? Would you believe the Minnesota Golden Gophers? We didn't believe it either, so we did some fact-checking and discovered that Goldy has gone 24-6 ATS this season, a whopping 80%. However, after gifting you with this 24-carat knowledge, we're immediately going to suggest you fade Minnesota here. Both teams have struggled in recent games, with Northwestern on a 0-2 slide and the Gophers winning just one of their last four contests, but the Wildcats are one of three teams tied with 8 conference losses this season, and a win here helps them clear the pack. NU lost 75-66 as -1.5-point chalk at Minnesota in early February and besides being **5-0 SU** and **4-1 ATS** with revenge this season, the purple Cats are also 11-4 ATS with revenge in this

series, including **7-1 ATS** at home. Minnesota tried and failed in its most recent game to gain a measure of revenge against Indiana, and the Gophers are a disturbing 10-38 SU and 17-31 ATS after facing the Hoosiers. Sure, it's tough going against the biggest moneymaker in college hoops this season but no risk it, no biscuit. Senior Day in Evanston seals the deal.

Sunday, March 10

4★ BEST BET

UAB over Southern Methodist by 10

Mustangs have come up a bit lame in their stretch run, losing three straight before they stopped the bleeding with a 3-point OT victory over East Carolina on Wednesday for their 20th win of the season. Same scenario for the Blazers, who were riding a three-game win streak before spoiling it with a 1-3 follow up. UAB will be gunning to join SMU in the 20-win club, which would be a major accomplishment for head coach Andy Kennedy considering they welcomed zero returning starters this campaign. The Well-Oiled Machine sides with the Blazers as well, noting their **13-2 ATS** ledger as either a dog or a favorite of fewer than 4 points this season. Battling tough opposition is no problem either, as the fire-breathers are 10-5 SU and **12-2-1 ATS** versus winning opposition this season. With the Mustangs in a prime let down spot here, we'll make a cross-court pass to **THE CLINCHER: UAB is 9-2 SU in Last Home Games, including 5-0 SUATS the last five games.**

AP MEN'S BASKETBALL TOP 25 POLL

TEAM	SU / ATS	TEAM	SU / ATS
1. Houston	27-3 / 13-14-3	14. Kansas	22-8 / 13-15-1
2. UConn	27-3 / 19-11	15. Kentucky	22-8 / 16-13-1
3. Purdue	27-3 / 17-12-1	16. Alabama	20-10 / 17-12-1
4. Tennessee	24-6 / 16-14	17. S Carolina	24-6 / 20-9-1
5. Arizona	23-6 / 19-10	18. Wash State	23-7 / 16-13-1
6. Iowa State	24-6 / 20-9-1	19. Gonzaga	24-6 / 14-15
7. N Carolina	24-6 / 17-13	20. BYU	21-9 / 18-12
8. Marquette	22-8 / 17-13	21. S Diego St	22-8 / 12-16
9. Duke	24-6 / 18-11-1	22. Utah State	25-5 / 15-12-1
10. Creighton	22-8 / 16-14	23. St. Mary's	24-7 / 16-14
11. Baylor	22-8 / 19-9-1	24. S Florida	23-5 / 19-7-2
12. Illinois	22-8 / 16-12-2	25. Dayton	23-6 / 15-13-1
13. Auburn	23-7 / 19-11		

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NBA BASKETBALL

Saturday, March 9

DENVER over Utah by 16

Unlike most players and fans, Denver has an affinity for the number 13. Triskaidekaphobia is generally a phobia of the number 13 for most people, but the Nuggets tend to soak it up, and it all starts with the 124-111 loss they suffered in the most recent meeting in this series two months ago in Utah. The 13-point beatdown occurred when Denver fell as a 7-point favorite to the struggling Jazz, and it sets the table with this beauty as it notes that the Nuggets are 10-4 ATS in games when seeking revenge from a 13-point point loss when facing .484 or fewer foes. In addition, the Jazz are caught in the middle of a same-season revenge sandwich, coming off an avenger with the Bulls with yet another same-season revenge affair on tap with the Celtics while sporting a 9-19 ATS ledger in road games before battling Boston. The feeling here is you do not want to be wearing a Jazz uniform tonight, especially one with the number 13. Are you listening, Kira Lewis, Jr.?

Sunday, March 10

5★ BEST BET

Philadelphia over NEW YORK by 10

The battle between the Knicks and 76ers is nip-and-tuck at press time with both teams sitting pretty in the Eastern Conference playoff race. It is the postseason juxtaposition that comes to the surface in today's contest, with New York currently one leg up on the Sixers in the loss column at press time. The fact that the Sixers were nicked 110-96, at home three weeks ago, gets their attention, especially given the fact that Philly is 10-4 ATS of late with same-season revenge from a double-digit loss, including **4-0 ATS** as a dog of more than three points. Tie that into New York's negative **0-6 ATS** mark at home since February when hosting avenging foes, and we joyfully hand this off to **THE CLINCHER: Philadelphia is 12-5 ATS in this series with same-season revenge from a loss of 14 or more points, including 6-0 ATS away.**

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THIS WEEK'S BEST BETS

A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT
★ RATED BEST BET SELECTIONS

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024		3★ BEST BET	4★ BEST BET	5★ BEST BET
	COLLEGE	MISS STATE (Saturday 3/9)	UAB (Sunday 3/10)	PROVIDENCE (Saturday 3/9)
	NBA	JAZZ (Tuesday 3/12)	CAVALIERS (Wednesday 3/13)	SIXERS (Sunday 3/10)
	NBA O/U	PISTONS UNDER (Monday 3/11)	KINGS OVER (Tuesday 3/12)	THUNDER OVER (Thursday 3/14)

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
2024 NBA POWER RATINGS														
22	Atlanta Hawks	EAST / SE	99	4	13	Indiana Pacers	EAST / CNT	105.5	3.5	10	N.Y. Knicks	EAST / ATL	107	3
1	Boston Celtics	EAST / ATL	112	4.5	9	L.A. Clippers	WEST / PAC	107	3	5	OK City Thunder	WEST / NW	108	2.5
20	Brooklyn Nets	EAST / ATL	99.5	3.5	17	L.A. Lakers	WEST / PAC	102.5	4	16	Orlando Magic	EAST / SE	103.5	3
27	Charlotte Hornets	EAST / SW	93.5	3	29	Memphis Grizzlies	WEST / SW	92.5	3.5	24	Philadelphia 76ers	EAST / ATL	98	4.5
23	Chicago Bulls	EAST / CNT	98	3.5	15	Miami Heat	EAST / SE	104.5	4.5	6	Phoenix Suns	WEST / PAC	108	4.5
7	Cleveland Cavaliers	EAST / CNT	107.5	3.5	2	Milwaukee Bucks	EAST / CNT	109	5	26	Portland T Blazers	WEST / NW	94	3.5
8	Dallas Mavericks	WEST / SW	107	4	3	Minnesota T'wolves	WEST / NW	108.5	3	14	Sacramento Kings	WEST / PAC	105	3
4	Denver Nuggets	WEST / NW	108	5	12	N Orleans Pelicans	WEST / SW	106.5	3	25	San Antonio Spurs	WEST / SW	95	3.5
28	Detroit Pistons	EAST / CNT	92.5	2.5	Power Ratings courtesy of KennyWhiteSports.com					21	Toronto Raptors	EAST / ATL	99.5	4
11	Golden St Warriors	WEST / PAC	106.5	4.5						19	Utah Jazz	WEST / NW	100	4.5
18	Houston Rockets	WEST / SW	101	3						30	Washington Wizards	EAST / SE	91	2.5

Tuesday, March 12

3★ BEST BET

UTAH over Boston by 6

Yep. It's another the 'Air Up There' call on the Jazz at home against an unrested visitor and we're not about to back off. Not with Utah fighting for its playoff-life, currently slotted in the 11-hole in the Western Conference playoff race – just outside of the minimum 10-seed that is needed to qualify. A nasty 126-97 loss in Beantown, the worst by Utah in this series since at least 1990, dropped the Jazz to 7-4 ATS of late in this series. And it sets up nicely as well, with Boston wrapping up a 5-game west coast road wing here tonight. This wraps this up rather nicely for **THE CLINCHER: Utah is 119-37 SU and 89-65-2 ATS at home against non-rested non-conference foes since 1990, including 9-3 ATS as a dog.**

Wednesday, March 13

4★ BEST BET

Cleveland over NEW ORLEANS by 11

The Cavs were humming along nicely prior to the All-Star break when injuries started rearing their head. All-Star leading scorer Donovan Mitchell went down with a bone bruise on his knee. Cleveland isn't close to being the same team without Mitchell, who played exceptionally well while guard Darius Garland (broken jaw) and forward Evan Mobley (knee surgery) were out for an extended period with injuries. Mitchell is so critical to everything the Cavs do on offense. They score 4.8 points more when he's on the court compared to when he sits, and while he's never been known to be a strong defender, his effort on that end of the floor has Cleveland holding opponents to 8.3 fewer points when he's on the floor. We're banking on his return here. At press time Cleveland was 7-4-1 ATS this season as a road pick-or dog. The Cavs saw a three-game series win skein snapped in a 123-104 home loss to New Orleans in late December. Meanwhile, on the flip side, the Pelicans arrive off an 18-point same-season avenger against Atlanta (see more below) with another same-season revenge contest on tap against the Clippers. All of which leads us directly to **THE CLINCHER: New Orleans is 0-8 SU and 1-7 ATS in non-conference games after facing Atlanta.**

Thursday, March 14

OKLAHOMA CITY over Dallas by 14

Meet the NBA's version of a cash cow – the OKC Thunder, who bring a 38-22-2 ATS season-long slate into this contest. More importantly tonight, though, is they are 22-8 ATS at home, including 19-6 ATS as home chalk. Rest assured, they will be more than anxious to make amends for a 146-111 defeat at Dallas a month ago, the worst loss this season by the Thunder. On the other side of the coin, the Mavericks were riding a 0-7 ATS skein in this series until the aforementioned drilling in Dallas. Look for OKC to improve on its A-OK 12-4-1 ATS mark in games when seeking revenge from a same-season loss of 32-points here tonight. You know exactly what to do.



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FINAL NCAA CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT PREVIEWS (Alphabetical Order)

(1) AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 13 - Sunday, March 17 • All games at Dickies Arena • Fort Worth, TX

PLAYBOOK PROJECTED FINAL FOUR: FLORIDA ATLANTIC • MEMPHIS • SOUTH FLORIDA • SMU

TECH NOTES: DOGS 6 > pts w/ same-season double revenge are 2-9 ATS... DKY round dogs off BB SU losses are 11-4 ATS... 1ST round favs off a DD ATS win are 5-1 ATS... SEM round teams off a SU dog win are 7-2 ATS... FNL round favs are 6-3 ATS... #1 seeds are 1-9 ATS vs opp off SU dg win... #2 seeds off BB SU wins are 10-4 ATS... #3 seeds are 8-3 ATS L5Y... #4 seeds are 2-8 ATS L8Y... #5 seed teams are 7-1 ATS off BB SU wins... #6 seeds are 6-1 ATS vs opp w/ revenge... #9 or worse seed dogs of 9 < pts are 13-4 ATS.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: In only its 10th year of existence, just five different programs have climbed up the ladder and cut down the nets in this tourney. However, former member Houston did so each of the past three seasons and then transferred to the Big 12 this campaign. The fact that **FLORIDA ATLANTIC** brings a lot of pedigree into this year's event with 5-returning starters, who made it to the Final Four of the Big Dance last season, makes them the team to beat. One hiccup, though, is the fact that the defending tourney champions are just 19-27 ATS all-time in this competition... **MEMPHIS**, the only team in the loop to win more than one Quad-1 contest, took a season-ending 5-0 SUATS win skein into its final at FAU to conclude the regular season. Head coach Penny Hardaway's troops returned only one starter from last season's 26-win unit ago and have now won 20 games each of the last seven seasons. Remember, they stand 27-10 ATS when seeking revenge under Hardaway, including 4-0 ATS in this tourney. He is also 11-2 ATS when taking points and seeking revenge. Play accordingly... Hands down, the hottest team in the loop entering this tournament is **SOUTH FLORIDA**, who took a 15-0 SU and 11-2-2 season-ending mark into its final game of the campaign at Tulsa. That's like putting



6-8 F Corey Walker and South Florida have run away with the AAC regular season title.

the Bulls in a China-shop as these teams are always dangerous in these events. USF is riding a 10-3 SUATS mark since the calendar changed to 2023 this season at press time. They are also 4-1 ATS in the last five games in this tourney and should be considered extremely dangerous... A 10-win team last season, **SMU** surged to 20-win territory under second-year head coach Rob Lanier this season. They are led by a pair of all-conference guards who can carry them a long way in this tourney.

THE SLEEPER: CHARLOTTE

The 49ers transferred in from the CUSA and were in the running for the No. 2 seed during the last week of the season. A 22-win team last season, Charlotte welcomed three starters back for new head coach Aaron Fearne. They haven't missed a beat and were 14-5 against .666 or fewer foes.

KEY TOURNAMENT BEST BET:

PLAY AGAINST ANY NO. 7 OR HIGHER SEED VS. A LOWER SEED

No. 7 or higher seeds have struggled against No. 8 or lower seeds in this tournament, going 3-13 ATS, including 0-8 ATS versus a foe coming off consecutive losses.

Last 5 Tourney Champs: **Memphis, Houston, Houston, Cincinnati, Cincinnati**. Best Records in this Tourney: **Connecticut** 5-1 ATS as favs... **Memphis** 9-2 ATS L5Y... **Florida-Atlantic** 7-2 ATS... **South Florida** 5-2 ATS L6Y. Worst Records: **Temple** 1-7 ATS L7Y... **Tulsa** 2-9 ATS... **Wichita State** 1-4 ATS L3Y.

(2) ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

Tuesday, March 12 - Saturday, March 16 • All games at Capital One Arena • Washington, DC

PLAYBOOK PROJECTED FINAL FOUR: DUKE • NORTH CAROLINA • PITTSBURGH • SYRACUSE

TECH NOTES: Teams off a Tourney DOG WIN are 14-3-2 ATS L16Y... 1ST round teams off BB ATS Losses are 8-2-2 ATS... SEM round dogs 3 > pts are 17-3-4 ATS L16Y... FNL round favs are 9-3 ATS vs an opp w/ revenge... #1 seed favs 13 > pts are 0-7 ATS L20Y... #2 seeds are 4-12 ATS off an ATS loss... #3 seed favs are 0-6 ATS w/ revenge... #4 seeds off a SU dog win are 3-10-1 ATS L17Y... #6 seed favs of 10 < pts are 9-2-1 ATS L1Y.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: You'll first notice the glaring omission of Miami-Florida and Virginia, both teams perennially in the mix at this stage of the season. Name and reputation can only take you so far when offenses are lacking, and you've lost more games than you've played coming down the stretch. That's not the case for defending champion **DUKE**, who ranks in the Top 10 in the land in Scoring Margin. Second-year head coach Jon Scheyer, who lifted the Devils to the 20-win plateau faster in his first season last year than any coach in Blue Devils history, welcomed 4 starters from last season's 27-win squad to earn the top nod. On a roll, they have been 13-2 SU and 11-6 ATS in this tourney since 2017... **NORTH CAROLINA** has failed to win more than two games in this tourney since 2018, going 6-6 overall – including 1-6 versus .636 or greater foes. And for what it's worth, they are only 3-0 outright against Duke in this tournament since 1991... **PITTSBURGH** has been the upstart team in the conference this campaign. Picked to finish sixth in the conference in the preseason poll, Jeff Capel's



G RJ Davis and the UNC Tar Heels hope to win their first ACC Tourney title since 2016.

crew was just 10-7 on the season before upsetting Duke as a double-digit dog in late January. They've gone 9-3 SU and 9-2-1 ATS since and haven't looked back since... **SYRACUSE** was pegged to finish no better than 11th in the ACC this season, but Adrian Autry, a former Orange player and associate coach under Jim Boeheim, had different ideas. A 7-1 ATS ledger in their last eight games in the competition seals it.

THE SLEEPER: CLEMSON

The Tigers couldn't be tamed down the stretch, going 7-2 SU and 6-2-1 ATS. They were also 9-5 SUATS away from Littlejohn Coliseum and 6-0 ATS as underdogs this season. Beware of the Tiger.

KEY TOURNAMENT BEST BET:

PLAY ON ANY DOG IN THE SEMIFINAL ROUND

The numbers don't lie, as dogs are 31-11-4 ATS in the semis of this tournament since 1999, including 20-5-4 ATS when coming off a win of 7-plus points.

Last 5 Tourney Champs: **Duke, Va Tech, Ga Tech, Duke, Virginia**. Best Records in this Tourney: **Syracuse** 8-2 ATS L6Y... **North Carolina** 17-6-1 ATS L8Y... **Clemson** 6-3 ATS L6Y. Worst Records: **Georgia Tech** 2-7 ATS L8Y... **Miami-Fla** 2-6 ATS as favs L10Y... **Florida State** 3-7-1 ATS L7Y... **Pittsburgh** 4-10 ATS L9Y.

(3) ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE

Tue, March 12 thru Thurs, March 14 • Saturday, March 16 - Sunday, March 17 • All games at Barclays Center • Brooklyn, NY

PLAYBOOK PROJECTED FINAL FOUR: RICHMOND • DAYTON • ST. BONAVENTURE • VCU

TECH NOTES: UNDERDOGS w/ same-season double revenge are 18-40-2 ATS (3-15-1 ATS L8Y)... DKY round favs off BB SUATS wins are 16-3 ATS... 1ST round teams off a SU dog win are 7-18 ATS... SEM round favs 3 > pts are 11-2 ATS L11Y... FNL round favs > 5 pts are 9-1 ATS... #1 seeds are 8-1 ATS L3Y... #2 seeds off a SU ATS loss are 4-11 ATS... #3 seed dogs are 4-10 ATS... #5 seed dogs are 7-25 ATS.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: The Atlantic 10 returns to Brooklyn for the second straight season after playing in Washington, D.C., in 2022 and on campus in Richmond and Dayton in 2021. Top seed **RICHMOND** might like to know that the No. 1 seeds have been on an 8-1 SUATS run in this tournament for the past three seasons. In addition, the Spiders rank No. 12 overall in the nation in Defensive Field Goal Percentage, which contributes directly to its 35th-ranked scoring defense. They've been knocking on the door the past two seasons, and we've got them back in the title game this go-round... **DAYTON** brought 5 returning starters to this event last season when they were edged by Virginia Commonwealth in the championship game. They return this season with a sterling 15-0 mark against .650 or fewer foes and should be considered a live contender to cut down the nets... **ST. BONAVENTURE** welcomed 5 starters from last season's squad to this year's team and it paid dividends, earning this berth while having their sight set on a 20-win campaign. The Bonnies are 18-3 outright in



Dayton F DaRon Holmes leads the Flyers in scoring, rebounding and steals.

this tournament against .610 or fewer opponents, which should give them a pass into at least the semifinals... **VCU** won this Big Dance qualifier as the top seed last year when, as a small dog, they beat No. 2 seed Dayton. They are also 15-6 ATS as a favorite, but only 1-4 ATS as a dog in this event.

THE SLEEPER: LOYOLA CHICAGO

The Ramblers had a few bumps when they moved into the Atlantic-10 last season, but fortunately, five starters returned to right the ship, and they did just that, propelling Sister Jean's dream team to another 20-win season. In the name of The Father...

KEY TOURNAMENT BEST BET:

PLAY ON THE FAVORITE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The proof, as they say, is in the pudding as the chalk is 21-9-1 ATS overall in the title game of this tourney, including 16-4-1 ATS if they sport a win percentage greater than .727.

Last 5 Tourney Champs: **VCU, Richmond, St. Bonaventure, Saint Louis, Davidson**. Best Records in this Tourney: **Richmond** 5-1 ATS as dogs L6Y... **Saint Louis** 7-3 ATS L5Y... **Davidson** 10-5 ATS L7Y. Worst Records: **George Washington** 2-10-1 ATS L10Y... **Duquesne** 3-12 ATS L15Y... **Dayton** 4-12 ATS L10Y.

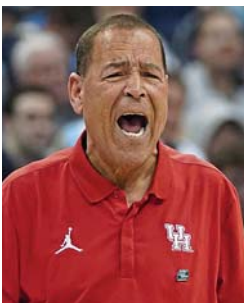
(4) BIG 12 CONFERENCE

Tuesday, March 12 - Saturday, March 16 • All games at T-Mobile Center • Kansas City, MO

PLAYBOOK PROJECTED FINAL FOUR: HOUSTON • IOWA STATE • BAYLOR • KANSAS

TECH NOTES: Teams w/ same-season single revenge are 16-3 ATS vs an opp off BB SU wins... DKY round dogs are 16-5 ATS L11Y... 1ST round teams w/ same-season single revenge are 12-2 ATS... SEM round favs < 6 pts are 23-6 ATS (11-1 ATS L14Y)... FNL round favs 3 > pts are 7-1 ATS L15Y... #3 seed dogs are 1-7 ATS L14Y... #5 seed favs are 12-3 ATS... #8 or worse seed favs of < 9 pts are 3-13 ATS.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: Once again, the Big 12 is head and shoulders the top power conference in the land. With only two of its fourteen teams sporting a losing record entering this fray, it appears they are primed to land a boatful of NCAA Tournament berths once again this season. Regular season champion and conference newbie **HOUSTON** transferred in this season from the AAC, where they were 9-0 SU and 8-1 ATS in that tourney over the course of its three-peat by an average win margin of nearly 18 PPG. They bring the nation's best Defensive, Best Scoring Defense, and Turnover Margin into this event, not to mention ranking No. 3 in overall Defensive Field Goal Percentage and Win Margin. Beware: Kelvin Sampson is 11-1 in conference tourneys in games in which his troops own a .840 or greater win percentage. Much like during their AAC days, the Cougars are the team to beat, even in this much deeper conference... **IOWA STATE** has credentials of its own with Top 10 listings in Turnover Margin and Defensive Scoring. More impressive, the Cyclones bring a 13-6 SU and 16-2-1 ATS Big 12 tournament ledger into this affair the past ten seasons... **BAYLOR** has dominated .750 or better foes the past four seasons, going 43-13 SU and 36-18-2 ATS. Unfortunately, they are just 1-6 SU and 0-7 ATS in this tourney dating back to 2017 -



Houston head coach Kelvin Sampson has led the Cougars to the No. 1 spot in the AP poll.

including 5 one-and-outs during that span... When it comes to dominance, though, what more can you say about **KANSAS**, who always seems to be the team to beat in this tournament. They will carry a string of 16 appearances in the conference championship games since 1997 into this competition. Still, after having a string of 15 straight Big 12 regular season titles snapped this season, it's time to turn it over to the other whippersnappers.

THE SLEEPER: TEXAS

The Longhorns went 3-0 SUATS and cut down the nets in this event last season. The problem is the last team to repeat as a champion in this tournament was Iowa State in 2015. The Horns were also the No. 2 choice of teams in the Big 12 preseason vote. While they've burned money in two seasons under second-year head coach Rodney Terry, they were 22-11 outright versus Big 12 foes under his lead heading into their season finale against Oklahoma.

KEY TOURNAMENT BEST BET:

GO AGAINST ANY NO. 8 OR WORSE SEED AS A FAVORITE

No. 8 or worse seeds are just 4-13 ATS as chalk, including 2-7 SU and 0-9 ATS with a win percentage of less than .525. That's enough for us.

Last 5 Tourney Champs: **Texas, Kansas, Texas, Iowa State, Kansas**. Best Records in this Tourney: **Iowa State** 16-2 ATS L10Y... **Kansas** 11-2 ATS 6Y... **Texas** 9-3 ATS L7Y. Worst Records: **Baylor** 0-7 ATS L7Y... **Texas Tech** 1-12 ATS L11Y... **TCU** 2-9 ATS L7Y... **Oklahoma** 4-18 ATS L19Y.

(5) BIG EAST CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 13 - Saturday, March 16 • All games at Madison Square Garden • New York, NY

PLAYBOOK PROJECTED FINAL FOUR: UCONN • MARQUETTE • CREIGHTON • VILLANOVA

TECH NOTES: Teams off BBB ATS losses are 2-9 ATS vs opp off SU loss... Teams w/ same-season double revenge are 14-5 ATS vs opp off SU loss... 1ST round favs w/ revenge are 1-5 ATS... SEM round dogs are 13-3 ATS L9Y... FNL round teams w/ revenge are 1-5 ATS... #1 seed favs are 1-7 ATS L6Y... #4 seed dogs are 12-1 ATS L18Y... #6 seeds are 2-12 ATS L9Y... #8 or worse seed dogs 10 > pts are 1-7 ATS L9Y.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: We keep calling it out, but it's worth repeating: since 1939, the winner of this event has gone on to win the NCAA Tournament twelve times. Only the Pac-12/10 and SEC own more titles. Ironically, last year's NCAA champion, **UCONN**, made it to the semifinal round before being edged, 70-68, by eventual champion Marquette. The Huskies are one of only three teams to have been ranked among the top five in the AP Top 25 poll every week of the season – along with Houston and Purdue. They stand 90-33 outright in postseason performances since 1998 while posting a glitzy 11-4 SU and 12-3 ATS record in this tourney of late since 2011. Yes, they're a main player in a main event tournament... **MARQUETTE** is back as the defending tournament champion with a No. 6 overall ranking in Turnover Margin. With it, they are 37-3 SU and 26-14 ATS against sub .700 opposition in the past two seasons, including 4-0 ATS when taking points. Head coach Shaka Smart brings a super-sharp 22-7 SU and 20-8-1 ATS mark in conference tourney games heading into this event, including 9-4 SU and 11-2 ATS versus top-3 seeds. They won't go down easy... **CREIGHTON** was



Cam Spencer and the UConn Huskies are the favorite to win the 2024 NCAA Title.

our choice in this tourney last season, only to fall short in the semifinal round against Xavier. Can't ignore the Bluejays' top-flight 4-1 ATS record in this tourney when taking more than two points... **VILLANOVA**, last year's champs, and winners of 4 of the last 6 Big East conference tournaments, were ranked No. 22 in the AP preseason poll and have won 18 of the last 20 games in this tourney. The Wildcats must be respected.

THE SLEEPER: ST. JOHN'S

You know that when the Red Storm fell in embarrassing fashion, after blowing a 16-point lead to Seton Hall as 7-point home chalk, that Rick Pitino would grab their attention and demand a turnaround. It's happening as they were favored to end the season on a 5-game win streak. Coupled with Pitino's postseason success, we color them very dangerous.

KEY TOURNAMENT BEST BET: TAKE THE NO. 4 SEED AS A DOG

No. 4 seeds in this tourney play with a passion when installed as underdogs, going 15-3 ATS overall since 2003. For what it's worth, these teams improve to 8-0 when taking 5 or more points.

Last 5 Tourney Champs: Marquette, Villanova, Georgetown, Villanova, Villanova. Best Records in this Tourney: UConn 7-1 ATS as favs 6 > pts... Seton Hall 7-1 ATS as dogs L8Y... Creighton 6-2 ATS L3Y. Worst Records: Xavier 1-5 ATS L4Y... Providence 1-4 ATS L3Y... Marquette 3-10 ATS L9Y... Butler 3-8 ATS L9Y.

(6) BIG TEN CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 13 - Sunday, March 17 • All games at Target Center • Minneapolis, MN

PLAYBOOK PROJECTED FINAL FOUR: PURDUE • ILLINOIS • MICHIGAN STATE • NEBRASKA

TECH NOTES: UNDERDOGS off a Tourney DOG win are 20-3 ATS L5Y... DKY round teams w/ same-season single revenge are 30-12 ATS... SEM round dogs off BBB SUATS wins are 8-2 ATS... FNL round favs are 0-7 ATS L7Y... #1 seeds w/ revenge are 1-6 ATS... #2 seed favs 8 > pts are 6-1-1 ATS L19Y... #3 seeds off BB SU wins are 7-22-1 ATS... #4 seeds are 1-7 ATS L6Y... #5 seed dogs are 10-1 ATS L15Y.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: The Big Ten continues to alternate sites, with Minneapolis taking the honors from Chicago this season. Unlike last season, when you sensed at the beginning of the campaign that there would not be a team in the Big Ten that would stand out head and shoulders above the others – the opposite holds true this season. In fact, if the Big Dance were to start this week, the Top 16 Committee Ranking would have **PURDUE** at the No. 1 overall seed in the tournament. Despite winning this tournament last season and returning all 5-starters from that squad, you need to know of the Boilermakers' dismal 14-27-1 ATS all-time ledger in this tournament, including 1-11 ATS in the last dozen games. If size matters, then 7'4" center Zach Edey, who leads the Division-1 in scoring, could be the difference maker... **ILLINOIS** overachieved this season; with it, they were 10-3 against quality opposition (.626 or better). Given the fact they refuse to back down (5-1 ATS dog log this season), the Illini look to be a dangerous out... **MICHIGAN STATE** always gets our vote this time of the season as the well-coached, fundamentally-sound Spartans are a threat to climb the ladder each campaign. While they underachieved this season, they were ranked No. 3 in the nation in the AP preseason Top 25 poll. And



Center Zach Edey and Purdue shoot for a second straight Big Ten Tournament title.

pay particular attention should Sparty hook the Badgers in this event as teams who took Tom Izzo's troops out twice in the same season tend to pay the price with 4-1 standing SU and 4-0-1 ATS all-time in this tourney when looking to avenge a pair of same-season losses...

NEBRASKA closed the season (6-1 at press time) like they opened it (7-0 start) and appear to be the upstart surprise in the loop this season. Buyer beware.

THE SLEEPER: WISCONSIN

The five-returning Badger starters were primed to challenge Purdue this campaign until February rolled around. Since then, the Badgers have gone on a jaw-dropping 2-7 SU and 0-9 ATS run at press time. They are also riding a 0-6 ATS skid in the tourney. Still, they are deeply experienced and own a 20-10 outright record in this tournament against sub-.740 opponents. That makes them worth a look.

KEY TOURNAMENT BEST BET:

PLAY AGAINST ANY NO. 1 SEED IN ITS FIRST TOURNAMENT GAME

Top seeds have been a tad too high on themselves, going just 8-17 ATS in opening games since the inception of this event in 1998. Worse, they are 0-7 ATS when coming off an ATS win of 6 or more points.

Last 5 Tourney Champs: Purdue, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan St, Michigan. Best Records in this Tourney: Penn State 11-1-1 ATS L5Y... Ohio State 6-3 ATS L4Y... Minnesota 6-3 ATS L4Y. Worst Records: N'western 0-7 ATS L5Y... Wisconsin 0-6 ATS L4Y... Purdue 1-11 ATS L6Y... Maryland 2-6 ATS L6Y.

(7) BIG WEST CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 13 thru Saturday, March 16 • All games at Dollar Loan Center • Henderson, NV

PLAYBOOK PROJECTED FINAL FOUR: CAL IRVINE • LONG BEACH ST • NORTHRIDGE ST • FULLERTON ST

TECH NOTES: DKY round teams off BB SU wins are 1-6 ATS... 1ST round favs > 4 pts off a SU loss are 8-0 ATS... SEM round favs off an ATS win are 5-11 ATS... FNL round favs are 6-3 ATS vs opp w/ revenge... #1 seeds are 9-3 ATS off an ATS loss... #2 seed favs 4 > pts are 3-9 ATS L12Y... #3 seeds are 10-2 ATS vs opp off SU loss... #5 seed dogs < 4 pts are 6-1-1 ATS L15Y... #6 seeds are 2-11 ATS L13Y.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: There are only six teams with winning records in this loop, and we left two of them at home – CS Northridge and Hawaii, each of whom is just 1-4 ATS in their last five games in this tourney. With it, many think the Big West ranks at or near the bottom of Division-1 conferences, and we can't argue, given that the teams in this league are a combined 0-26 this season in games against Quad-1 Opponents. Now that's flat-out ugly. Also repulsive is that UC San Diego was in 2nd place at press time but is not eligible for any postseason tournament action after transitioning from Division II to Division I. **CAL IRVINE** is the only team in the loop in the KenPom rankings in his top 100 power ratings, thanks to a No. 16 overall ranking in Defensive Field Goal Percentage. Uncle Irv has appeared in the championship game of this event in four of the past six tournaments. A better dog (16-11 ATS) than a favorite (12-17-1 ATS) in this gathering, they've also struggled to carry the weight as a No. 1 seed (8-4 SU but 4-7-1 ATS)... **LONG BEACH STATE** brought 4 starters back from last season's 17-win unit when its season ended in the first round of this tourney. They were the preseason No. 2 choice in the conference this campaign, but a late 3-game losing skid put the brakes on any late-season momentum. They've been among the best teams in cashing tickets in conference play the last two seasons (32-



Cal Irvine F Devin Tillis leads the Anteaters in the race for the Big West Tourney title.

20 ATS, including 16-3 ATS when coming off back-to-back wins) and are 7-1 ATS the last eight games in this event. The Beach Boys should be on your ticket at some point... First-year coach Andy Newman vaulted **NORTHRIDGE STATE** from 7 wins to 20 this season thanks to a sterling 9-6 outright and 12-3 ATS mark in games played away from home this campaign. They were also 16-5 SU and 16-3 ATS against sub-.600 foes. That makes the Matadors meaningful... **FULLERTON STATE** takes this lot by default, bringing a sub .500 record into this frat, but a solid 11-4 SU and 9-4-2 ATS mark in this tourney into the fray, including 5-0-1 ATS as a dog against sub .750 foes.

THE SLEEPER: CAL SANTA BARBARA

The Gauchos return as the defending champions in this tournament, which warrants a free 'pass go' card. While they've been mediocre at best this season, the sights and sounds of this tourney grab their attention and they are 8-2 ATS between the 2's (as a favorite of less than 2 points to an underdog of fewer than 2 points).

KEY TOURNAMENT BEST BET: GO AGAINST ANY NO. 6 SEED

The collar gets tight for No. 6 seeds in this tourney, where they've gone 2-15 SU and 4-13 ATS the last 17 games. In fact, they've gone one-game-and-out in each of the previous 11 games in this event. Ouch.

Last 5 Tourney Champs: Cal-Santa Barbara, Fullerton St, Cal-Santa Barbara, Cal-Irvine, Fullerton St. Best Records in this Tourney: Long Beach St 9-1-2 ATS L8Y... Cal-Poly SLO 4-1 ATS L3Y... Fullerton St 8-4-1 ATS L5Y. Worst Records: Cal-Davis 4-13-1 ATS L12Y... Hawaii 1-4 ATS L5Y... CS-Northridge 1-4 ATS L7Y.

(8) CONFERENCE USA

Tuesday, March 12 - Saturday, March 16 • All games at Von Braun Center • Huntsville, AL

PLAYBOOK PROJECTED FINAL FOUR: SAM HOUSTON • LOUISIANA TECH • W KENTUCKY • MTSU

TECH NOTES: UNDERDOGS of < 5 pts off a Tourney DOG win are 2-8 ATS L13Y... DKY round teams are 5-18 ATS vs opp off DD SU win... 1ST round teams off a SU loss are 7-18 ATS L22Y... SEM round dogs off a DD SU win are 1-9 ATS L13Y... FNL round dogs of < 10 pts are 5-1 ATS L9Y... #3 seeds with revenge are 3-11 ATS L23Y... #4 seed favs > 2 pts are 11-3 ATS... #8 or worse seed teams are 15-32-3 ATS vs opp off SUATS win.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: After going from 14 teams to 11 to 9 the past three seasons, you can call the Conference USA the "shrink-wrap" conference if you like. It occurred when the CUSA lost Charlotte, FAU, North Texas, Rice, UTSA, and UAB to the American Athletic this season, resulting in the inclusion of Jacksonville State, Liberty, New Mexico State, and Sam Houston State. The Bearcats of **SAM HOUSTON** have made a massive splash since joining Division-1 waters three years ago. They went 27-9 in two years of play in the WAC before moving over to the CUSA this season, where they took a league-leading 11-3 record into their final game of the season at press time. They played a bruising non-conference slate, which included two teams from the BIG 12 and one each from the SEC and the Pac-12. It toughened them up for this opportunity... After a 15-16 effort last season in which first-year head coach Telvin Hester dismissed his top two players in mid-February to 'build a better culture', **LOUISIANA TECH** topped the 20-win plateau this season. They've gone 4-2 SUATS in this tourney the past two seasons and will be looking for more... **WESTERN KENTUCKY** stuck around, and it paid off for the Hilltoppers, who



Either Louisiana Tech or Sam Houston will enter the C-USA Tournament as the No. 1 seed.

enter this event in hopes of finding a 20th win this campaign. They were 4-0 ATS as conference chalk of 6 or more points this season and stand 5-1 SUATS against No. 6 or lower seeds in this tourney... **MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE** is another veteran CUSA school that takes a three-year 34-23-1 ATS record in the CUSA contest into its season finale, proving the Blue Raiders know a thing or two about depositing checks. They are also 12-7 SU and 14-5 ATS all-time in this tournament, including 6-0 ATS as a favorite of 10 or fewer points. You don't want to fade that.

THE SLEEPER: LIBERTY

The Flames won 27 games last season and welcomed 4 starters back in the CUSA debut this season. Our biggest resistance is they struggle away from home (6-10 SU and 5-11 ATS) and in conference play this campaign (7-10 SU and 4-12-1 ATS). Nonetheless, this deeply experienced crew should be considered dangerous.

KEY TOURNAMENT BEST BET: PLAY ON W KENTUCKY AS A DOG

Sometimes, the answers are contained in the history books. This one is contained inside our **INCREDIBLE STAT** on page 2. Check it out.

Last 5 Tourney Champs: Florida Atlantic, UAB, North Texas, Old Dominion, Marshall. Best Records in this Tourney: Middle Tennessee State 14-4 ATS 10Y... Marshall 9-4 ATS L7Y... Louisiana Tech 6-3 ATS w/ revenge . Worst Records: Florida-International 1-6 ATS L9Y... Texas-El Paso 1-6 ATS L6Y.

(9) MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Thursday, March 14 - Saturday, March 16 • All games at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse • Cleveland, OH

PLAYBOOK PROJECTED FINAL FOUR: AKRON • TOLEDO • OHIO U • KENT STATE

TECH NOTES: DKY round favs off a SU dog win are 7-1 ATS L16Y... 1ST round favs > 7 pts are 29-11 ATS (15-3 ATS L19Y)... SEM round teams w/ same-season double revenge are 4-14 ATS... FNL round favs < 8 pts are 1-10 ATS L13Y... #1 seed favs 8 > pts are 16-4 ATS... #2 seed favs 4 > pts are 17-4 ATS... #3 seeds off BB SU wins are 8-21 ATS... #4 seed favs are 3-11 ATS L20Y... #6 seed favs < 8 pts are 3-10 ATS.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: So, the question begs, once again: Can the MAC command more than a single entry in the NCAA Tournament this season for the first time since 1999? Considering last year's MAC contingent was much stronger than this group, it's highly doubtful. Certainly not with the MAC 1-31 against Quad-1 foes this season. This year's leader of the pack is **AKRON**, currently riding a three-year skein of 20-plus victories. Nobody snags more rebounds per game than the Zips' glass cleaner Enrique Freeman, who leads the nation with 12.9 RPG. The Rubber makers enter this year's extravaganza with a 24-2 SU and 17-7 ATS mark against losing teams the past two seasons, as well as 4-0 SUATS all-time as a favorite of more than 6 points...



Akron F Enrique Freeman leads the MAC in rebounding and ranks 5th in scoring.

TOLEDO looks good on paper, but that is as far as it goes. Thus, we have concerns. For openers, they were just 3-8 outright against .600 or greater foes this season. And they rank No. 295 in the land in Scoring Defense (76.6 PPG). Thanks to a 38-8 record the past two seasons in games against .600 or fewer opponents, they wormed their way into this position... **OHIO U** has what it takes to earn votes in this event. For openers, they were 13-5 ATS in conference games heading into their final game of the season. They are also 6-2 SUATS

in their last eight games in this tourney and 16-8 ATS as a long-term dog in this competition... **KENT STATE** crossed the 20-win plateau this season. It only figures to have them advance to at least the semifinal round, where anything can happen. The problem for the Golden gang is their tepid 4-3 SU and 2-5 ATS failure in this tourney under head coach Rob Senderoff against avenging foes, which could short-circuit their chances.

THE SLEEPER: CENTRAL MICHIGAN

In truth, it was a coin flip between the Chippewas and Miami, Ohio, for this spot, but we like the direction CMU is headed. After a 3-6 start to the season, they went on to win 13 of their next 20 games while going 10-6 SUATS in conference play, including 6-1 ATS against foes coming off a win. They are also 10-2 SU and 9-3 ATS in this tourney when not taking 2 or more points.

KEY TOURNAMENT BEST BET:

PLAY ON A NO. 1 SEED AS A FAVORITE OF MORE THAN 6 POINTS

As we cited last year, it's point-blank simple. Since 1993, top seeds in this tournament have been 30-0 SU as favorites of 6 or more points, including 21-5-1 ATS. Whew!

Last 5 Tourney Champs: Kent State, Akron, Ohio U, Buffalo, Buffalo. Best Records in this Tourney: Central Michigan 4-1 ATS L5Y... Kent State 6-2 ATS L4Y... Ohio U 6-2 ATS L4Y. Worst Records: Ball State 0-8 ATS as favs... Western Michigan 1-7 ATS L9Y... Toledo 2-10 ATS L6Y... Miami-OH 1-4 ATS L5Y.

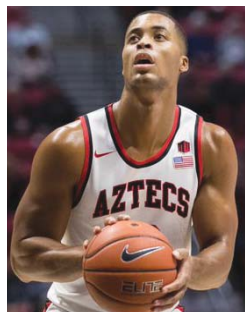
(10) MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 13 - Saturday, March 16 • All games at Thomas & Mack Center • Las Vegas, NV

PLAYBOOK PROJECTED FINAL FOUR: SAN DIEGO STATE • UTAH STATE • BOISE STATE • NEVADA

TECH NOTES: DOGS w/ same-season double revenge are 22-9 ATS L8Y... DKY round teams off a DD SU win are 8-2 ATS L9Y... 1ST round dogs off BB SU losses are 10-3 ATS... SEM round favs off DD SU win are 11-3 ATS L12Y... FNL round teams w/ revenge are 7-3 ATS... #1 seed favs > 9 pts are 1-7 ATS... #2 seed favs < 6 pts are 7-1 ATS L15Y... #3 seed dogs are 0-7 ATS... #5 seeds are 9-2 ATS vs opp off SUATS loss.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: With as many as seven 20-win teams in this tourney, it's a high life on the Mountain West these days. It was tough slicing the field down, which means the level of competition will be sky-high as well, especially in a conference that likes to keep a lid on things (read: play defense). **SAN DIEGO STATE** leads the charge, having gone 31-9 outright in this tourney since 2010. They enter as the top seed this year, and with it, they will look to improve on a sturdy 17-4 outright record as a No. 1 seed in this event. In addition, they have appeared in 13 of the last 15 title games, including each of the last six... **UTAH STATE** has been 50-14 outright in the past two seasons but only 1-8 ATS as a dog. This means if you're looking to back them, it should be when they are favored to win. That puts them in a favorable position here, where they have brought an 11-3 SU and 9-5 ATS mark into this tourney since 1999. Remember, they fell 62-57 to SDSU in the finals of this tourney last season... **BOISE STATE** rides a 51-14 SU overall mark, the past two years into this tournament at press time. A 4-1 ATS mark in this tourney when coming off



San Diego State's Jaedon LeDee tops the MWC in scoring and ranks third in rebounding.

consecutive wins certainly aids their case, and so does a 12-6-1 ATS dog log the past three seasons... **NEVADA**'s biggest asset is having head coach Steve Alford on the sideline. The Wolf Pack stood 92-58 SU and 84-61-2 ATS under his lead heading into its final game of the season at press time. And don't forget the Wolf Pack has also cashed its last four games in this tourney.

THE SLEEPER: COLORADO STATE

The Rams were yet another 20-win team in the conference, including 8-0 SU and 5-1 ATS against sub .444 foes this season. While they've struggled of late in this tournament, going 3-7 SU and 2-8 ATS in the last ten contests, they enter with a lot of confidence and little respect. That's always a dangerous combination.

KEY TOURNAMENT BEST BET:

PLAY ON THE NO. 2 SEED IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

We do so because No. 2 tries harder when it comes to cutting down the nets in this tourney. They are now 11-3 SU and 10-3-1 ATS in MWC title games. Be on the lookout.

Last 5 Tourney Champs: San Diego St, Boise St, San Diego St, Utah St, Utah St. Best Records in this Tourney: Nevada 4-1 ATS L3Y... Utah St 7-2 ATS as favs L5Y... New Mexico 8-3 ATS L6Y. Worst Records: Colorado St 2-8 ATS L7Y... Fresno St 2-8 ATS L7Y... UNLV 3-8 ATS L8Y... San Jose St 3-7 ATS L10Y.

(11) PAC-12 CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 13 - Saturday, March 16 • All games at T-Mobile Arena • Las Vegas, NV

PLAYBOOK PROJECTED FINAL FOUR: ARIZONA • WASHINGTON STATE • OREGON • COLORADO

TECH NOTES: Teams w/ same-season double revenge are 2-10 ATS L11Y off BB SU wins... UNDERDOGS of > 9 pts off a Tourney DOG win are 3-9 ATS... DKY round favs > 3 pts are 5-15 ATS L7Y... 1ST round favs are 10-3-1 ATS vs opp off BB SUATS wins... SEM round favs are 8-1-1 ATS L6Y... FNL round favs < 8 pts are 5-1 ATS L8Y... #1 seed favs are 9-3 ATS L5Y... #2 seed favs are 14-1 ATS L9Y... #3 seeds are 2-11-2 ATS L10Y... #6 seeds off a SU dog win are 6-0 ATS... #8 or worse seeds are 3-13 ATS vs opp off SU dog win.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: With four 20-win teams this season, the Pac-12 was down a bit from last year's five 20-win team edition. The most notable MIA is UCLA, which captured 31 wins last season before losing in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Tournament. They are capable of stirring some feathers in this tourney, but with a losing record at press time, we were forced to leave them home. In their stead, **ARIZONA** is easily the team to beat. The Wildcats stand 84-17 in three seasons under head coach Tommy Lloyd's leadership, including 6-0 SU and 5-1 ATS in this tourney. Zona is the 2nd-ranked team in the nation in Points Per Game, the 3rd-ranked team in Rebound Margin, and the 10th-ranked unit in Offensive Field Goal Percentage – not to mention No. 4 overall in Margin of Victory. If it sounds like those are scary numbers, it's because they are... **WASHINGTON STATE** doesn't possess numbers of that caliber, but the Cougars were on a 10-1 winning run entering their final game of the season and were 6-1-1 ATS as a conference dog this campaign, including 5-0 SUATS the last five games. However, they'll need to improve on a stoic 3-14 outright and 6-10-1 ATS ledger of late in this event... **OREGON** was a 20-win team last season and



Caleb Love's 19.4 PPG leads Arizona as the Wildcats battle for the P12 Tourney's top seed.

the No. 3 choice in the conference this preseason. They will likely be the same this go-round, with the Ducks at 12-1 SU and 10-3 ATS as a favorite of fewer than 8 points in this tourney... **COLORADO** was yet another 20-game winner this season but struggled in conference competition, going just 5-12-1 ATS, including 0-3 ATS as a dog. They are also 0-5 SUATS all-time against No. 1 seeds in this tournament..

THE SLEEPER: UTAH

The Utes welcomed five starters back last season and four more this season, making them a deeply experienced unit. After going one-and-out in this event last season, they figure to be hungry to make amends this season. A 15-3 outright and 11-5-2 ATS record against .400 or fewer foes under head coach Craig Smith paves the way.

KEY TOURNAMENT BEST BET:

PLAY ON ANY NO. 2 SEED AS A FAVORITE OF 6 OR FEWER POINTS
No. 2 seeds that find themselves favored in manageable price ranges have excelled in this tournament, going 17-3 SUATS since its inception in 2002, including 10-0 ATS in the last ten games..

Last 5 Tourney Champs: Arizona, Arizona, Oregon St, Oregon St, Arizona. Best Records in this Tourney: Oregon 7-1 ATS as favs L5Y... Arizona 12-2 ATS L7Y... UCLA 8-2 ATS as favs 3 > 3 pts L11Y... Cal 7-2 ATS as dogs L7Y. Worst Records: USC 0-4-1 ATS L3Y... Wash State 2-9 ATS as dogs < 10 pts... Arizona St 5-15 ATS L15Y.

(12) SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 13 - Sunday, March 17 • All games at Bridgestone Arena • Nashville, TN

PLAYBOOK PROJECTED FINAL FOUR: TENNESSEE • AUBURN • ALABAMA • MISSISSIPPI STATE

TECH NOTES: UNDERDOGS < 7 pts off a Tourney DOG win are 2-10 ATS L10Y...DKY round favs off a SU loss are 26-13 ATS... 1ST round favs off a SU fav loss are 11-2 ATS... SEM round favs off a DD ATS win are 10-1 ATS L23Y... #1 seeds are 8-1 ATS off a SUATS loss... #2 seed favs > 6 pts are 19-4 ATS... #3 seeds are 4-11 ATS vs opp off SU fav loss... #4 seed dogs < 9 pts are 8-22-1 ATS... #5 seed favs 10 < pts are 2-9-1 ATS.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: The SEC will resume its residency at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville for the second straight season. With it, the conference will likely end this tournament with no less than eight 20-win squads, making this college basketball's version of a WWE free-for-all. And if it's raw entertainment you're looking for then fasten your seat belt. **TENNESSEE** was the league's only team ranked in the AP preseason Top 10 poll, and the Vols lived up to its billing. They enter this fray rated in the Top 12 in Scoring Margin, but more importantly, Rocky Top is the nation's No. 2-ranked team in overall Defensive Field Goal Percentage, two highly sought-after commodities when it comes to evaluating March Madness talent. UT was forced into a play-in game in this tourney last year before falling in the first round, thus ensuring a fully focused effort here... **AUBURN** was the preseason No. 8 choice in the loop this campaign, but Bruce Pearl was at his best in conference contests, going 12-5 SUATS just prior to the end of the season. The Tigers rank in the Top 16 in overall Offensive Field Goal Percentage, but more importantly No. 5 in Defensive Field Goal Percentage. Only Gonzaga can make the same claim... **ALABAMA** was the top seed in this tourney last season, and despite the tragic off-court shooting disaster surrounding Darius Miles and freshman superstar Brandon Miller, the Tide put the distraction aside and



Tennessee G Dalton Knecht has won the SEC Player of the Week four times this season.

went 3-0 SUATS in this tourney in 2023. It improved the Tide's mark to 10-4 SUATS overall in the tournament since 2017. As the leading team in the nation is scoring Points Per Game, they figure to be a tough out here... With five starters back from last season's 21-win unit, **MISSISSIPPI STATE** lived up to the hype this campaign to earn this berth. The caveat, though, was MSU's 23-2 record against sub .550 foes behind head coach Chris Jans instead of just 20-21 SUATS against winning foes.

THE SLEEPER: KENTUCKY

The erratic Wildcats have earned this slot. John Calipari's cats are the third-highest scoring squad in the nation, and the Wildcats are 24-7 outright in all games in this tourney, including 6-0 ATS when seeking revenge. However, they also rank No. 329 in Scoring Defense. Yech. Still, after being tripped up in their initial SEC tourney tiff last season as an 8.5-point favorite, we'd call them dangerous.

KEY TOURNAMENT BEST BET:

PLAY ON KENTUCKY IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

This is all about head coach John Calipari, whose teams shine during the postseason, going 128-38 SU and 94-69-4 ATS in his college career. In addition, Calipari brings a 9-2 SU and 8-3 ATS mark in conference tourney title contests.

Last 5 Tourney Champs: Alabama, Tennessee, Alabama, Auburn, Kentucky. Best Records in this Tourney: Vanderbilt 7-1 ATS L3Y... Tennessee 7-2 ATS L4Y... Alabama 10-4 ATS L7Y. Worst Records: South Carolina 1-7-1 ATS L8Y... Ole Miss 1-6 ATS L4Y... Kentucky 1-5 ATS L5Y... Auburn 1-5-1 ATS L7 as favs.

2024 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
184	Abil Christian	WAC	97.3	2.0	30	Florida	SEC	115.3	5.5	240	Middle Tenn	CUSA	93.8	5.0	257	San Diego	WCC	93	3.5
210	Air Force	MWC	96.1	3.5	339	Florida A&M	SWAC	83.8	1.0	181	Milwaukee	Horz	97.4	3.0	26	San Diego St	MWC	116.6	6.0
119	Akron	MAC	103.6	4.5	36	Florida Atlantic	Amer	114.5	4.0	92	Minnesota	B10	106.5	5.0	83	San Francisco	WCC	107.6	4.0
12	Alabama	SEC	120.9	4.5	255	Fla Gulf Coast	Asun	93	4.5	68	Mississippi	SEC	110	5.0	213	San Jose St	MWC	96	4.0
320	Alabama A&M	SWAC	87	1.5	250	Florida Int'l	CUSA	93.4	3.5	24	Mississippi St	SEC	116.8	4.5	211	Santa Barbara	BW	96	3.5
114	Ala Birm	Amer	103.9	4.0	84	Florida St	ACC	107.6	5.0	362	Miss Valley St	SWAC	75.1	1.5	104	Santa Clara	WCC	105.5	4.0
313	Alabama St	SWAC	87.9	2.0	180	Fordham	A10	98.3	4.0	116	Missouri	SEC	103.8	4.0	118	Seattle	WAC	103.6	2.5
266	Albany	AE	92.2	4.0	157	Fresno St	MWC	97.8	4.0	160	Missouri St	MVC	99.4	4.0	72	Seton Hall	BE	109.4	5.0
274	Alcorn St	SWAC	92	1.5	209	Fullerton St	BW	96.1	3.0	246	Monmouth	CAA	93.6	4.5	357	Siena	MAAC	79.8	4.5
265	American	Pat	92.3	2.5	176	Furman	SC	97.9	4.0	152	Montana	BSky	100.1	4.0	191	South Alabama	SB	96.8	3.5
74	Appalachian St	SB	109.2	3.0	186	Gardner Webb	BSth	97.2	4.0	203	Montana St	BSky	96.3	3.5	34	South Carolina	SEC	114.9	5.0
3	Arizona	P12	126.1	5.0	137	George Mason	A10	101.9	4.5	148	Morehead St	OVC	100.8	4.0	301	SC State	MEAC	89.4	2.5
91	Arizona St	P12	106.8	4.5	249	Geo Washington	A10	93.4	4.5	332	Morgan St	MEAC	84.7	2.0	253	SC Upstate	BSth	93.1	3.0
79	Arkansas	SEC	108.3	5.0	164	Georgetown	BE	99	5.0	228	MT Saint Mary's	MAAC	94.7	3.0	314	South Dakota	Sum	87.9	4.0
173	Ark-Little Rock	OVC	98.1	4.0	98	Georgia	SEC	105.9	5.0	170	Murray St	MVC	98.5	3.5	121	S Dakota St	Sum	103.4	4.0
327	Ark-Pine Bluff	SWAC	85.6	1.0	231	Georgia Sou	SB	94.5	4.0	304	Navy	Pat	88.8	3.0	64	South Florida	Amer	110.3	3.5
145	Arkansas St	SB	101	4.0	223	Georgia St	SB	95.2	4.5	15	Nebraska	B10	118.6	4.5	350	SE Missouri St	OVC	81.9	2.5
341	Army	Pat	83.7	4.0	108	Georgia Tech	ACC	104.7	4.0	259	Neb Omaha	Sum	92.9	4.0	241	SE Louisiana	Sldn	93.8	3.0
4	Auburn	SEC	124.6	5.0	7	Gonzaga	WCC	122.6	6.0	49	Nevada	MWC	112.5	4.5	278	Southern	SWAC	91.5	3.5
237	Austin Peay	Asun	94	2.5	267	Grambling St	SWAC	92.2	1.5	66	Nev Las Vegas	MWC	110.3	3.0	44	Sou California	P12	113.1	5.0
254	Ball St	MAC	93.1	4.0	69	Grand Canyon	WAC	109.6	4.0	312	New Hampshire	AE	88	4.0	166	Sou Illinois	MVC	98.7	4.0
13	Baylor	B12	119.8	5.5	283	Green Bay	Horz	91.2	4.0	346	New Jersey Tech	AE	82.9	4.0	299	SIU Edwards	OVC	89.6	2.5
292	Bellarmine	Asun	90.3	3.5	331	Hampton	CAA	84.9	2.0	51	New Mexico	MWC	112.2	4.0	337	Sou Indiana	OVC	84	3.5
100	Belmont	MVC	105.8	4.5	224	Harvard	Ivy	95.2	4.5	272	New Mexico St	CUSA	92.1	4.5	73	So Methodist	Amer	109.3	5.0
307	Beth-Cookman	SWAC	88.5	1.5	158	Hawaii	BW	99.7	3.0	345	New Orleans	Sldn	84.2	3.0	220	Southern Miss	SB	95.4	3.0
251	Binghamton	AE	93.4	3.0	146	High Point	BSth	101	2.5	311	Niagara	MAAC	88.1	3.0	242	Southern Utah	WAC	93.7	2.0
41	Boise St	MWC	113.9	5.0	125	Hofstra	CAA	103.1	4.5	282	Nicholls St	Sldn	91.3	2.0	106	Stanford	P12	105.2	4.5
96	Boston College	ACC	105.9	3.5	348	Holy Cross	Pat	82.3	4.0	264	Norfolk St	MEAC	92.4	2.5	192	S.F. Austin	WAC	96.8	4.0
288	Boston U	Pat	90.4	3.5	8	Houston	B12	122.6	5.0	244	North Alabama	Asun	93.7	1.0	201	Stetson	Asun	96.3	2.5
229	Bowling Green	MAC	94.7	4.0	359	Houst Christian	Sldn	78.4	3.5	23	North Carolina	ACC	116.8	6.0	354	Stonehill	NEC	80.8	2.5
101	Bradley	MVC	100.7	3.0	268	Howard	MEAC	92.2	3.0	355	NC A&T	CAA	80.6	1.5	172	Stony Brook	CAA	98.2	3.0
21	Brigham Young	B12	117.6	5.0	345	Idaho	BSky	83.1	3.5	168	NC Asheville	BSth	98.6	4.0	95	Syracuse	ACC	106.2	5.0
193	Brown	Ivy	96.8	3.5	277	Idaho St	BSky	91.7	3.0	293	NC Central	MEAC	90.1	4.0	134	Tarleton St	WAC	101.9	3.5
222	Bryant	AE	95.3	2.5	14	Illinois	B10	119.7	5.0	165	NC Greensboro	SC	98.9	4.0	150	Temple	Amer	100.6	4.5
280	Bucknell	Pat	91.4	4.5	204	Illinois Chicago	MVC	96.2	3.5	77	NC State	ACC	108.6	5.0	2	Tennessee	SEC	126.2	5.0
340	Buffalo	MAC	83.8	4.5	202	Illinois St	MVC	96.3	4.5	127	NC Wilmington	CAA	102.8	4.5	232	Tenn Martin	OVC	94.4	3.5
67	Butler	BE	110.1	5.5	349	Incarinate Word	Sldn	82.2	2.5	200	North Dakota	Sum	96.4	4.0	316	Tennessee St	OVC	87.6	4.5
198	Cal Baptist	WAC	96.5	3.5	57	Indiana	B10	110.8	5.5	272	N Dakota St	Sum	92.1	4.0	344	Tennessee Tech	OVC	83.5	3.5
177	Cal Davis	BW	97.9	3.0	58	Indiana St	MVC	110.6	4.0	252	North Florida	Asun	93.2	3.0	20	Texas	B12	117.7	5.0
65	Cal Irvine	BW	110.3	4.0	236	Iona	MAAC	94	4.0	89	North Texas	Amer	106.9	3.5	35	Texas A&M	SEC	114.7	4.5
329	Cal Poly	BW	85.2	3.5	31	Iowa	B10	115.2	5.0	248	Northeastern	CAA	93.5	4.5	330	Texas A&M Com	Sldn	85.1	2.5
190	Cal Riverside	BW	96.8	2.5	10	Iowa St	B12	121.2	5.0	309	No Arizona	BSky	88.5	2.0	175	Texas A&M CC	Sldn	98.1	4.0
208	CS Bakersfield	BW	96.1	4.0	151	IPFW	Horz	100.6	3.0	212	No Colorado	BSky	96	3.5	120	Texas Arlington	WAC	103.4	5.0
235	CS Northridge	BW	94.2	3.5	358	IUPUI	Horz	78.9	4.0	279	No Illinois	MAC	91.5	4.0	37	Texas Christian	B12	114.2	5.0
109	California	P12	104.4	5.0	300	Jackson St	SWAC	89.6	3.5	122	No Iowa	MVC	103.3	4.5	139	Texas El Paso	CUSA	101.7	3.0
305	Campbell	CAA	88.7	2.5	269	Jacksonville	Asun	92.1	3.5	197	No Kentucky	Horz	96.6	4.0	353	Texas RGW	WAC	81.1	2.5
290	Canisius	MAAC	90.3	4.0	218	Jacksonville St	CUSA	95.7	4.0	33	Northwestern	B10	114.9	5.0	286	Tex San Antonio	Amer	90.6	3.0
322	C Arkansas	Asun	86.9	1.5	85	James Madison	SB	107.5	3.0	323	N'western St	Sldn	86.6	4.0	276	Texas Southern	SWAC	91.8	3.5
238	C Conn State	NEC	93.8	1.5	29	Kansas	B12	115.3	6.5	102	Notre Dame	ACC	105.7	5.0	169	Texas St	SB	98.5	2.5
43	C Florida	B12	113.1	4.5	163	Kansas City	Sum	99.2	4.0	147	Oakland	Horz	100.9	4.5	39	Texas Tech	B12	114.1	5.0
289	C Michigan	MAC	90.3	4.5	62	Kansas St	B12	110.3	5.0	128	Ohio	MAC	102.5	4.0	178	Toledo	MAC	97.8	4.0
317	Charleston Sou	BSth	87.5	3.0	296	Kennesaw St	Asun	90	2.5	19	Ohio St	B10	117.8	5.0	161	Towson	CAA	99.4	4.0
126	Charlotte	Amer	103	3.0	194	Kent St	MAC	96.7	3.5	45	Oklahoma	B12	113	5.0	124	Troy	SB	103.1	4.0
195	Chattanooga	SC	96.7	5.0	18	Kentucky	SEC	117.9	6.5	94	Oklahoma St	B12	106.2	5.5	141	Tulane	Amer	101.3	3.0
287	Chicago St	ind	90.5	2.0	321	Lafayette	Pat	87	2.0	298	Old Dominion	SB	89.8	4.5	189	Tulsa	Amer	96.9	4.5
50	Cincinnati	B12	112.2	5.0	214	Lamar	Sldn	95.9	3.0	258	Oral Roberts	Sum	92.9	4.0	131	UC San Diego	BW	102.2	2.5
284	Citadel	SC	91.1	2.0	183	LaSalle	A10	97.3	4.5	53	Oregon	P12	111.1	5.0	80	UCLA	P12	108.3	5.5
32	Clemson	ACC	115.1	5.5	270	Lehigh	Pat	92.1	4.5	132	Oregon St	P12	102.1	2.0	48	Utah	P12	112.7	5.0
234	Cleveland St	Horz	94.3	3.0	297	LeMoyn	NEC	89.9	2.5	335	Pacific	WCC	84.2	3.5	61	Utah St	MWC	110.3	3.0
303	Coastal Caro	SB	88.8	3.5	123	Liberty	CUSA	103.2	3.0	75	Penn St	B10	108.9	4.5	285	Utah Tech	WAC	90.7	4.0
142	Colgate	Pat	101.3	3.0	351	Lindenwood	OVC	81.7	2.5	302	Pennsylvania	Ivy	88.9	4.5	167	Utah Valley	WAC	98.7	3.0
86	Coll of Chas'ton	CAA	107.4	4.5	162	Lipscomb	Asun	99.2	4.0	239	Pepperdine	WCC	93.8	3.0	315	Valparaiso	MVC	87.8	4.5
28	Colorado	P12	115.5	4.5	179	Long Beach St	BW	97.8	4.0	25	Pittsburgh	ACC	116.7	5.0	129	Vanderbilt	SEC	102.5	4.5
54	Colorado St	MWC	111	4.0	347	Long Island	NEC	82.5	2.5	247	Portland	WCC	93.5	3.5	112	Vermont	AE	104.2	4.5
261	Columbia	Ivy	92.7	3.0	205	Longwood	BSth	96.2	2.0	262	Portland St	BSky	92.7	3.5	17	Villanova	BE	118	6.0
1	Connecticut	BE	131.7	5.0	153	Lou Lafayette	SB	100.1	4.5	338	Prairie View	SWAC	83.9	2.0	56	Virginia	ACC	110.9	6.0
360	Coppin St	MEAC	77.9	1.0	294	Lou Monroe	SB	90.1	3.5	243	Presbyterian	BSth	93.7	3.0	87	VCU	A10	107.2	5.0
136	Cornell	Ivy	101.9	3.0	90	Louisiana Tech	CUSA	106.8	4.0	117	Princeton	Ivy	103.7	4.5	361	Virginia Military	SC	77.2	3.0
5	Creighton	BE	123.7	5.5	171	Louisville	ACC	98.4	3.0	60	Providence	BE	110.4	5.0	76	Virginia Tech	ACC	108.6	5.0
343	Dartmouth	Ivy	83.5	3.0	88	Loyola Chicago	A10	107	4.5	6	Purdue	B10	123.6	5.5	325	Wagner	NEC	86.1	3.5
138	Davidson	A10	101.8	5.0	342	Loyola MD	Pat	83.6	3.0	227	Queens	ASun	94.8	2.5	55	Wake Forest	ACC	111	5.0
52	Dayton	A10	111.1	5.0	154	Loyola Mary	WCC	100	4.0	207	Quinnipiac	MAAC	96.1	2.5	46	Washington	P12	113	4.5
233	Delaware	CAA	94.4	2.5	71	LSU	SEC	109.5	4.5	271	Radford	BSth	92.1	3.0	38	Washington St	P12	114.2	3.5
306	Delaware St	MEAC	88.6	1.5	230	Maine	AE	94.6	2.0	263	Rhode Island	A10	92.7	5.0	185	Weber St	BSky	97.2	4.5
308	Denver	Sum	88.5	4.0	336	Manhattan	MAAC	84	4.0	182	Rice	Amer	97.3	4.5	110	West Virginia	B12	104.4	6.0
295	DePaul	BE	90.1	4.0	219	Marist	MAAC	95.7	2.5	93	Richmond	A10	106.3	4.5	111	W Carolina	SC</		



2024 NBA POWER RATINGS & DAY TO DAY TRENDS

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
TEAM	PWR	HCV	H O/U	A O/U	TEAM	PWR	HCV	H O/U	A O/U
BOSTON	9	3	229	226	MINNESOTA	7.5	2	215	219
MILWAUKEE	7	2	221	217	OKLAHOMA CITY	7.5	3.5	237	234
CLEVELAND	6.5	2.5	222	224	LA CLIPPERS	7	2.5	222	227
NEW YORK	5	2.5	214	217	DENVER	7	2.5	223	218
PHILADELPHIA	3.5	2.5	222	224	NEW ORLEANS	6	2.5	218	220
MIAMI	3	1.5	218	214	PHOENIX	5	1.5	230	227
ORLANDO	3	3	214	216	SACRAMENTO	3	2	236	232
INDIANA	2.5	2.5	235	237	DALLAS	2.5	2	239	235
CHICAGO	0.5	2.5	225	228	LA LAKERS	2.5	2	235	240
ATLANTA	0.5	1	233	228	GOLDEN STATE	2.5	1.5	229	232
BROOKLYN	-1	2.5	212	216	HOUSTON	1	3	223	226
TORONTO	-2	1.5	226	233	UTAH	0.5	3.5	242	235
DETROIT	-4	2	221	226	MEMPHIS	-2	1	211	215
WASHINGTON	-4.5	1	240	236	PORTLAND	-3.5	1	215	212
CHARLOTTE	-4.5	2	211	214	SAN ANTONIO	-3.5	2	229	227

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 3/9... Chicago @ LA CLIPPERS – Chi: 1-7 away vs > .600 non-conf opp, 0-4 OU away in 1/2 rest sit / LAC: 2-18 OU in 2/1 rest sit, 1-5 OU w/ game next day... Brooklyn @ CHARLOTTE – Brk: 7-1 L8 away vs Char, 4-1 away w/ RG next day / Char: 4-0 OU aft Wash, 4-0 OU home in 0/1 rest sit... Dallas @ DETROIT – Dal: 4-0 away in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf, 4-0 OU Saturday RF's / Det: 3-12 home vs > .500 non-conf opp, 4-0 OU L4 home vs Dal... Boston @ PHOENIX – Bos: 5-1-1 Saturdays TY, 4-1 away vs PAC Div / Phoe: 0-4 Saturdays, 1-5 OU L6 vs Bos... San Antonio @ GOLDEN STATE – San: 2-9 Saturdays, 3-9 aft Sac / GST: 4-1 L5 vs .300 < opp, 10-2 OU Saturdays... Utah @ DENVER – Utah: 5-1 L6 vs Den, 9-1 Saturdays / Den: 0-4 OU w/ div revenge, 1-6 OU L7 vs Utah... Toronto @ PORTLAND – Tor: 0-5 L5 vs NW Div, 1-5 L6 vs .333 < opp / Por: 4-0 home w/ no rest, 1-5 OU vs .400 < non-conf opp.

SUN 3/10... Milwaukee @ LA CLIPPERS – Mil: 1-5 Sunday RG, 2-9 OU away vs unrested opp / LAC: 6-1 w/ no rest vs non-conf, 1-7 OU Sundays... Indiana @ ORLANDO – Ind: 0-6 OU Sundays, 1-5 OU L3 vs SE Div / Orl: 12-3 vs CEN Div, 0-8 OU Sundays... Houston @ SACRAMENTO – Hou: 4-0 OU aft Port, 6-1 OU away in 1/2 rest sit / Sac: 9-1 OU home w/ 2 days rest, 7-1 OU L8 vs Hous... Washington @ MIAMI – Wash: 2-9 aft Char, 1-7 OU Sunday RG / Mia: 0-4 OU Sundays, 1-5 OU L6 div HG... New Orleans @ ATLANTA – NO: 0-5 OU away in 1/1 rest sit, 1-5 OU L6 vs Atl / Atl: 0-5 aft Mem, 2-9 Sundays... Philadelphia @ NEW YORK – Phi: 6-0 away in 1/1 rest sit, 1-5 OU w/ div revenge / NY: 0-7 in 1/1 rest sit, 0-6 OU L6 vs div... Memphis @ OKLAHOMA CITY – Mem: 2-9 away vs > .600 conf opp, 0-4 OU L4 vs Okc / OKC: 6-1 home vs .333 < opp, 5-1 home in 1/1 rest sit... Brooklyn @ CLEVELAND – Brk: 2-8 Sundays, 0-4 OU away w/ no rest / Cle: 6-1 in 1/0 rest sit, 1-7-1 OU Sundays... Minnesota @ LA LAKERS – Min: 4-1 away in 1/1 rest sit, 1-9 OU Sundays / LAL: 0-4 OU L5 home vs Min.

MON 3/11... Charlotte @ DETROIT – **3* Best Bet 'UNDER'** – Cha: 0-5 OU L5 vs Det / 1-7 OU in 1/1 rest sit / 1-6 OU L7 conf RG // Det: 0-5 OU home vs .300 < opp / 1-7 OU in 1/1 rest sit / 1-6 OU L7 conf HG... Phoenix @ CLEVELAND – Pho: 1-9 away vs unrested non-conf opp, 1-4-1 OU Mondays / Cle: 5-1-1 Mondays, 2-8 OU in 0/1 rest sit... Dallas @ CHICAGO – Dal: 8-2 Monday RG, 6-1 OU away w/ non-conf revenge / Chi: 9-0 OU home in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf, 9-2 OU vs SW Div... Golden State @ SAN ANTONIO – **2* Bonus Best Bet 'UNDER'** – GST: 0-4 OU Mondays / 1-8 OU L9 road games / 1-7 OU vs .250 < opp TY // San: 1-7 OU L8 home games / 1-5 OU Mondays / 2-8 OU w/ HG next day... Toronto @ DENVER – Tor: 1-5 L6 vs NW Div, 8-1 OU away vs > .600 opp / Den: 6-1 home vs < .400 non-div opp, 5-1 home aft div HG... Boston @ PORTLAND – Bos: 1-4 away w/ road game next day, 1-6 OU vs .333 < non-conf opp / Por: 4-1 Mondays vs non-div opp, 4-1 L5 vs .700 > non-conf opp.

TUE 3/12... Philadelphia @ NEW YORK – Phi: 1-9 OU in 2nd of BB div RG / NY: 1-5 OU Tuesday RG... Washington @ MEMPHIS – Wash: 7-0 away vs < .400 opp, 0-5 OU L5 vs Mem / Mem: 2-1 OU L13 non-conf HG, 2-8 vs .300 < opp TY... Indiana @ OKLAHOMA CITY – Ind: 1-5 away vs > .600 non-conf opp, 1-5 OU bef Chi / OKC: 5-1 in 1/1 rest sit vs non-conf, 11-3 Tuesday HG... Houston @ SAN ANTONIO – Hou: 1-4 away vs .250 < opp, 9-3 OU L12 div RG / San: 6-1 OU w/ no rest vs div, 5-1 OU aft Gold St... Boston @ UTAH – Bos: 4-1 OU aay w/ no rest vs non-conf, 4-1 OU L5 vs Jazz / Utah: 4-1 Tuesday HG, 4-1 OU home vs .700 > opp... Minnesota @ LA CLIPPERS – Min: 4-1 L5 vs Lac, 1-9 OU vs > .600 conf opp TY / LAC: 0-4 OU L4 vs Min, 0-4 OU home in 1/1 rest sit vs non-div... Milwaukee @ SACRAMENTO – **4* Best Bet 'OVER'** – Milw: 22-0 OU L22 vs Sac / 4-0 OU aft LAC / 9-3 OU Tuesday RG // Sac: 6-0 OU aft Hou / 12-1 OU home vs .500 > non-conf opp / 19-3 OU home in 1/1 rest sit...

WED 3/13... Toronto @ DETROIT – Tor: 0-4 L4 vs .250 < opp, 4-1 OU Wednesdays / Det: 10-2 L12 vs Tor, 4-1 Wednesdays... Brooklyn @ ORLANDO – Brk: 0-6 Wednesdays, 4-1 OU in 2.2 rest sit / Orl: Series host 5-0, 4-0 in 2/2 rest sit... Chicago @ INDIANA – Chi: 0-6 away w/ sing div revenge, 5-1 OU away vs unrested opp / Ind: 14-2 OU wednesdays, 7-1 OU home w/ no rest... Denver @ MIAMI – Den: 6-1 L7 vs Mia, 5-1 away in 1/2 rest sit / Mia: 1-5 in 2/1 rest sit vs non-conf, 5-1 OU L6 vs Den... Charlotte @ MEMPHIS – Cha: 1-5 in 1/0 rest sit, 2-10 Wednesdays / Mem: 0-5-1 OU in 0/1 rest sit, 1-4 OU Wednesday HG... Cleveland @ NEW ORLEANS – Cle: 1-4 OU in 1/2 rest sit, 1-4 OU away vs SW Div / NO: 5-1 Wednesday HG, 1-4 OU home in 2/1 rest sit... Golden State @ DALLAS – GST: 1-5 Wednesday conf RG, 5-0 OU L5 vs Mavs / Dal: 6-0 L6 vs Gol St, 6-1 home in 1/1 rest sit vs conf... Atlanta @ PORTLAND – Atl: 1-6 L7 vs .300 < opp, 1-5 OU in 2/1 rest sit vs non-conf / Por: 1-4 OU in 1/2 rest sit vs non-conf, 3-9 OU home w/ HG next day... La Lakers @ SACRAMENTO – Lal: 4-0 OU L4 away vs Kings, 5-1 OU in 2/0 rest sit / Sac: 0-6 Wednesday HG, 4-1 OU in 0/2 rest sit.

THU 3/14... Phoenix @ BOSTON – Pho: 0-5 OU Thursday RG, 2-10 OU away vs .700 > opp / Bos: 1-6 L7 home vs PAC Div, 1-5 Thursday HG... Washington @ HOUSTON – Was: 4-1 Thursday RG, 0-4 OU L4 vs Hou / Hou: 1-5 home vs .250 < non-conf opp, 3-10 aft Spurs... La Clippers @ CHICAGO – Lac: 1-5 OU as non-conf RF's < 12 pts, 1-4 OU w/ RG next day / Chi: 5-1 home in 0/1 rest sit, 0-5 OU aft Indy... Philadelphia @ MILWAUKEE – Phi: 5-1 away w/ trip revenge, 5-1 away in 1/1 rest sit vs conf / Mil: 1-11-1 on Thursdays, 1-5 OU in 1/1 rest sit vs conf... Dallas @ OKLAHOMA CITY – **5* Best Bet 'OVER'** – Dal: 4-0 L4 vs > .600 opp / 8-1 OU as road dogs w/ no rest / 7-1 OU aft HG vs Warriors / OKC: 8-0 OU home vs unrested conf opp / 6-0 OU L6 vs Dal / 9-1 OU Thursdays vs non-div opp... New York @ PORTLAND – Ny: 0-5 OU L5 vs .333 < opp, 1-5 OU Thursdays / Por: 0-6 Thursdays, 2-8 OU vs > .500 non-conf.

FRI 3/15... Phoenix @ CHARLOTTE – Pho: 7-1 away w/ no rest vs non-conf, 1-4 OU Fridays / Cha: 1-9 home in 1/0 rest sit, 1-7 Fridays vs non-div... Miami @ DETROIT – Mia: 1-6 away in 1/1 rest sit, 1-4 OU away vs .250 < opp / Det: 1-5 OU home vs SE Div... Orlando @ TORONTO – Orl: 2-10 OU away in 1/1 rest sit / Tor: Series host 5-0, 1-4 OU Fridays... La Clippers @ NEW ORLEANS – Lac: 5-1 OU away in 0/1 rest sit / NO: 6-1 L7 vs Clipp, 9-3 home vs unrested opp... Denver @ SAN ANTONIO – Den: 1-4 OU away in 1/2 rest sit / San: Series host 4-0, 12-2 vs > .600 conf opp... Atlanta @ UTAH – Atl: 4-1 away in 1/2 rest sit / Utah: 7-1 OU home w/ HG next day, 8-2 OU on Fridays...

SAT 3/16... Cleveland @ HOUSTON – Cle: 7-1 L8 vs Hou, 5-0 on Saturdays / Hou: 1-5 OU home vs > .600 non-conf opp... Charlotte @ PHILADELPHIA – Cha: 5-1 away w/ no rest / Phi: 1-5 on Fridays, 1-10 OU home vs unrested opp... Portland @ NEW ORLEANS – Por: 1-8 OU L9 vs NO, 1-4 OU in 1/0 rest sit / NO: 4-0 L4 vs Port, 1-4 OU L5 w no rest... Brooklyn @ INDIANA – Brk: 1-6 OU away w/ RG next day / Ind: 5-1-1 L7 vs Nets, 1-5 OU on Saturdays... Oklahoma City @ MEMPHIS – Okc: 10-0 in 1/2 rest sit, 5-1 Friday RG / Mem: 1-5 in 2/1 rest sit TY... Washington @ CHICAGO – Was: 2-9 w/ HG next day / Chi: 8-1-1 L10 vs .300 < opp, 0-5 OU L5 vs Wizards... Golden State @ LA LAKERS – GST: 1-4 OU L5 vs LAL, 1-4 OU vs div revenge / LAL: 4-1 L5 vs Gold St, 1-4 OU L5 div HG... Minnesota @ UTAH – Min: 7-1 w/ 3 days rest, 11-2 away vs unrested div opp / Utah: 0-4-1 vs opp w/ 3 days rest, 1-6 OU home w/ no rest vs div opp... New York @ SACRAMENTO – Ny: 4-1 L5 vs Kings, 1-6 OU on Saturdays / Sac: 1-6 home vs > .500 non-conf opp, 1-4 vs non-div aft div HG.

SUN 3/17... Phoenix @ MILWAUKEE – Pho: 0-4 OU in 2/1 rest sit vs non-conf, 1-4 OU Sundays / Mil: 2-8 in 2/1 rest sit... Miami @ DETROIT – Mia: 8-0 vs conf w/ game next day, 1-4 OU bef Philly / Det: 1-9 on Sundays... Denver @ DALLAS – Den: 4-1 L5 vs Mavs, 0-4 OU on Sundays / Dal: 1-8 home in 2/1 rest sit... Toronto @ ORLANDO – Tor: 5-1 OU Sunday road games / Orl: 8-2 home vs < .400 opp, 8-2 Sunday home games... Boston @ WASHINGTON – Bos: 9-1 in 2/0 rest sit / Wash: 0-7 in 0/2 rest sit, 4-0 OU L4 vs Celtics... Brooklyn @ SAN ANTONIO – Brk: 1-7 away in 0/1 rest sit, 1-9 OU away vs < .400 non-conf opp / San: 1-4 OU L5 vs ATL Div... Atlanta @ LA CLIPPERS – Atl: 1-5 Sunday road games, 0-6 OU w/ RG next day / LAC: 5-1 L6 vs Atl, 3-9 OU aft New Orleans.