

BASKETBALL/BASEBALL

BRIEF

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

NBA 2015-16	Tu-4/5	We-4/6	Th-4/7	Fr-4/8	Sa-4/9	Su-4/10	Mo-4/11	Tu-4/12	We-4/13	
Atlanta Hawks	pho		tor		bos		@ cle		@ was	
Boston Celtics		nor		mil	@ atl		cha		mia	
Brooklyn Nets		@ was		@ cha		@ ind	was		tor	
Charlotte Hornets	@ tor	@ nyk		bkn		@ was	@ bos		orl	
Chicago Bulls	@ mem		@ mia		cle		@ nor		phi	
Cleveland Cavaliers	@ mil	@ ind			@ chi		atl		det	
Dallas Mavericks		hou		mem		@ lac	@ uth		sas	
Denver Nuggets	okc			sas		uth			@ por	
Detroit Pistons	@ mia	@ orl		was				mia	@ cle	
Golden State Warriors	min		sas		@ mem	@ sas			mem	
Houston Rockets		@ dal	pho			lal	@ min		sac	
Indiana Pacers		cle		@ tor		bkn		nyk	@ mil	
LA Clippers	lal	@ lal		@ uth		dal		mem	@ pho	
LA Lakers	@ lac	lac		@ nor		@ hou	@ okc		uth	
Memphis Grizzlies	chi			@ dal	gsw			@ lac	@ gsw	
Miami Heat	det		chi	@ orl		orl		@ det	@ bos	
Milwaukee Bucks	cle			@ bos		@ phi	@ orl		ind	
Minnesota Timberwolves	@ gsw		@ sac		@ por		hou		nor	
New Orleans Pelicans	@ phi	@ bos		lal	pho		chi		@ min	
New York Knicks		cha		@ phi		tor		@ ind		
Oklahoma City Thunder	@ den	@ por			@ sac		lal	@ sas		
Orlando Magic		det		mia		@ mia	mil		@ cha	
Philadelphia 76ers	nor			nyk		mil		@ tor	@ chi	
Phoenix Suns	@ atl		@ hou		@ nor		sac		lac	
Portland Trail Blazers	@ sac	okc			min				den	
Sacramento Kings	por		min		okc		@ pho		@ hou	
San Antonio Spurs	@ uth		@ gsw	@ den		gsw		okc	@ dal	
Toronto Raptors	cha		@ atl	ind		@ nyk		phi	@ bkn	
Utah Jazz	sas			lac		@ den	dal		@ lal	
Washington Wizards		bkn		@ det		cha	@ bkn		atl	

Rot	Rating	HCV	Team	TIME	LINE	Off Par	W	L	O	U	PF	PA	Diff
501	90		Charlotte Hornets	12:05 PM	-5	106.0	40	37	39	40	103.2	100.5	2.7
502	89	3	Washington Wizards		207	101.0	40	39	42	34	103.7	104.7	-1.0
503	82		Los Angeles Lakers	3:35 PM	211	98.5	35	43	35	43	97.4	106.7	-9.3
504	91	3	Houston Rockets		-14	112.5	34	45	44	33	105.8	106.6	-0.8
505	87		Dallas Mavericks	3:35 PM			43	34	37	40	102.6	102.9	-0.3
506	92	3	Los Angeles Clippers				39	38	32	44	104.5	100.4	4.1
507	91		Utah Jazz	5:05 PM	-6	99.0	40	36	31	47	97.7	95.9	1.8
508	87	2	Denver Nuggets		192	93.0	42	36	46	31	102.2	105.0	-2.9
509	87		Milwaukee Bucks	5:05 PM			38	39	40	38	99.0	103.2	-4.2
510	79	2	Philadelphia 76ers				36	42	40	38	97.2	107.4	-10.2
511	81		Brooklyn Nets	6:05 PM			37	41	39	40	98.4	105.6	-7.1
512	90	3	Indiana Pacers				39	40	36	42	101.9	100.6	1.3

NBA Power Ratings, and Home Court Values: The daily grid above includes team power ratings, HCV, Tip-off time, Line and Total when available prior to posting, spread scores (Off Par), ATS and OU records, and average PF-PA per game, with the +/- points Differential. It will appear daily in the Basketball Brief.

NBA

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

CHARLOTTE over *WASHINGTON by 4

The D.C. Boys had more problems than Congress this season. Detroit turned the lights out on their season on Friday for all intents and purposes and would not be shocked if they shut down their best player John Wall. Charlotte is going to scare people in the playoffs. They are the real deal. Kemba Walker should be able to get to any spot he wants tonight. CHARLOTTE 106 – 102

BEST BET

*HOUSTON over LOS ANGELES LAKERS by 23

D'Angelo Russell has come around and maybe he can put the deal with Nick Young behind him at some point. He had 32 in the loss in the Big Easy on Friday but the Lakers have lost 8 of 9 and the win was in overtime. Houston needs this game big time. They blew the lead and the game to Phoenix on Thursday and have had time to let it soak in. They are looking for a sweep of this team and they have crushed them all season. In the last game against L.A. James Harden had 31, Dwight Howard had a double/double and they owned the glass. HOUSTON 119 – 96

*LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS over DALLAS by 3

J.J. Barea had been playing great but he went down with a groin issue on Friday and he looked to be in pain. He's iffy here and Dallas also has issue with Deron Williams. Dallas will make the playoffs it looks like but they could be facing either the Spurs or the champs in the first round. Even if they go up a seed, then they could get OKC. Not good. The Clips have also been playing great. They have won 4 in a row and 8 of 9 and they figure to try to get Blake Griffin's feet wet here. LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS 100 – 97

UTAH over *DENVER by 6

Don't put too much stock in Denver beating the Spurs on Friday. The Texans sat down LaMarcus Aldridge, Danny Green, Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and Kawhi Leonard. Utah lost a tough one in overtime on Friday to the Clips. They are still trying to fend off Houston but have been rolling for the most part. In 2 of their last 3 losses, they went to overtime and the other defeat was to the Spurs. UTAH 98 – 92

MILWAUKEE over *PHILADELPHIA by 1

Philly is dead last in rebounding and scoring and only 2 teams allow more points. That's a bad combination. When they lost to this team by 13 in December they allowed the Bucks to shoot 60% from the floor. Greg Monroe figures to have a big game here. And Philly will have a hard time controlling Jabari Parker too. MILWAUKEE 99 – 98

*INDIANA over BROOKLYN by 12

Brooklyn has shut down key guys and that can lead to selfish play by the rest of the slugs. They have lost 7 in a row, 4 to non-playoff teams. When they beat Indy last month Brook Lopez had 23 and 9 rebounds and he will not be playing here. Paul George could miss this game. They still figure to handle the outmanned Nets. Indy put a nice string together and then they lost in Canada. There is no disgrace losing to a quality Raptors team. INDIANA 109 – 97

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Rot	Rating	HCV	Team	TIME	LINE	Off Par	W	L	O	U	PF	PA	Diff
513	84		Orlando Magic	6:05 PM	210.5	100.8	44	35	40	39	102.1	103.4	-1.3
514	91	4	Miami Heat		-9	109.8	41	37	33	45	100.0	98.5	1.5
515	97		Golden State Warriors	7:05 PM	205	99.8	42	35	44	36	115.1	104.4	10.7
516	98	4	San Antonio Spurs		-5.5	105.3	43	36	35	42	103.9	92.9	11.0
517	92		Toronto Raptors	7:35 PM			42	36	41	37	102.6	98.4	4.2
518	86	3	New York Knicks				43	37	35	45	98.6	101.2	-2.6

NBA

*MIAMI over ORLANDO by 8

Two guys for Orlando have concussions and teams are just cautious with that these days. There is no 'suck it up and play' mentality in any sport anymore. Orlando is in the bottom half of the league in scoring and allowing points and they don't guard the perimeter well either. Despite playing in the second of a back-to-back, Miami beat this team the day after Christmas. And they handled them by 11 last month. This is a revenge game too after Orlando beat them on Friday. In that game, the starting Miami guards were just 13 for 35 so they should be pumped up. Hassan Whiteside has been an extreme force. On Friday he was 6 for 12 from the floor, had 4 rejections and 7 of his 16 rebounds were offensive. MIAMI 104 - 96

*SAN ANTONIO over GOLDEN STATE by 5

Coach Popovich has no problem sitting key guys out -- except for one key thing: tonight, he isn't sitting anyone, at least that's what he says. He took care of that rest thing on Friday night in the loss at Denver where the starting 5 had names like Jonathan Simmons, Kyle Anderson, and Andre Miller, who got a night pass to leave the retirement home to start. The champs have the bench to make the Spurs uncomfortable. They swarm to get rebounds and when they are long rebounds, the Warriors are off to the races. But they haven't won in this building since Moby Dick was a minnow, which, in this case, equals 33 consecutive regular season games. And the Spurs haven't lost a home game this season. SAN ANTONIO, 104-99.

TORONTO over *NEW YORK by 8

New York has lost 7 of the last 11 but they didn't beat a quality team during this stretch. The wins came against non-playoff teams and they were beaten by 27 by the Raptors in February. Toronto has a solid defense that teams have to be honest with since they are 4th shooting the long ball. And only 3 clubs allow fewer points. The New York guards will be totally overmatched. TORONTO 100 - 92

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BASEBALL

SUNDAY, 4-10-16

1:35

BEST BET

WASHINGTON NATIONALS (J. Ross) -145

vs. Miami Marlins (Koehler)

Yesterday's game was lost to the cold, but we see a good opportunity in the second and final game of this shortened series. It has been a weird start for the Marlins as they shown us something on offense while being just awful on the other side. They have scored an impressive 5.3 runs per game over their first three contests while allowing 6.3 runs. With Tom Koehler on the hill, we don't see that number getting better. Koehler faced the Nats three times from May until the end of the season last year and allowed 15 earned runs over 18 innings with an absurd seven home runs allowed. Joe Ross only pitched 76.2 innings in the majors last year, but we loved what we saw. He had a solid strikeout rate with a .223 batting average against. He should be able to get the job done vs. this team that has never seen him before.

1:35

RECOMMENDED

TAMPA BAY RAYS (Odorizzi) -105

at Baltimore Orioles (Worley)

Pirate pitching coach Ray Searage worked a bit of his magic last year and wringed a bit of value out of Vance Worley, but we don't see it continuing here for the O.s His 4.02 ERA was fine, but the 1.42 WHIP and only 49 Ks in 71.2 innings are certainly bad signs. Tampa Bay hasn't really gotten it going with the bats quite yet, but this is the perfect guy to get them going. The Orioles are red hot at 4-0 to start the year, but that is a function of their 1.8 runs per game allowed and with Worley on the hill, that number should be coming up. Jake Odorizzi is a step up in competition than what they have seen thus far and is coming off an excellent start against Toronto where he allowed one run while striking out 10 over 5.2 innings.

8:10

RECOMMENDED TOTAL UNDER 7.5

New York Yankees (Tanaka) at Detroit Tigers (Verlander)

These two teams were good to us yesterday in securing a nice over play for us, but we see it swinging back the other way tonight. The Yankees took advantage of the Mike Pelfrey and Buck Farmer combo, but Justin Verlander will be a bit tougher today. We won't claim that Verlander is near his old Cy Young form but he showed signs of life last year and was solid in his first outing thus far. Masahiro Tanaka was sharp as well against a strong Houston attack. Both of these teams have been red hot with the bats thus far and that should come to an end in this bad weather Sunday night game.



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BASEBALL BRIEF NOTES

Today's spot plays are followed by a page of Opening Lines, Start Times, Scheduled Starting Pitchers, and **Sports Reporter computerized Line and Total** for each game, listed in official Vegas/Offshore order, NL games before AL games. When comparing the Vegas/Offshore Odds and Totals to Sports Reporter's own Odds and Totals, we have considered differences of 30 points or more in the Odds (in games where odds are 185 or lower), and 1 run or more in Totals, to be significant.

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Openers



Computerized projections, not selections, which may differ from SR Baseball selections on page 1.

Series: Philadelphia at NY Mets 1:10

Road:	PHI	Hellickson, Jeremy	R	6.5
Home:	NYM	Harvey, Matt	R	-270

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	PHI	194	Total:	7.1
	NYM	-214		

Notes	Final
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Series: Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 1:10

Road:	PIT	Locke, Jeff	L	-125
Home:	CIN	Melville, Tim	R	8.5

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	PIT	-160	Total:	8.3
	CIN	150		

Notes	Final
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Series: Miami at Washington 1:35

Road:	MIA	Koehler, Tom	R	8
Home:	WAS	Ross, Joe	R	-150

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	MIA	159	Total:	7.1
	WAS	-169		

Notes	Final
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Series: St. Louis at Atlanta 1:35

Road:	STL	Wainwright, Adam	R	-180
Home:	ATL	Perez, Williams	R	7

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	STL	-176	Total:	5.9
	ATL	166		

Notes	Final
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Series: LA Dodgers at San Francisco 4:05

Road:	LAD	Kazmir, Scott	L	7
Home:	SFG	Cueto, Johnny	R	-130

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	LAD	145	Total:	6.8
	SFG	-155		

Notes	Final
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Series: San Diego at Colorado 4:10

Road:	SDP	Shields, James	R	11
Home:	COL	Bettis, Chad	R	-115

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	SDP	151	Total:	8.8
	COL	-161		

Notes	Final
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Series: Chicago Cubs at Arizona 4:10

Road:	CHC	Arrieta, Jake	R	-175
Home:	ARI	Miller, Shelby	R	8

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	CHC	118	Total:	5.6
	ARI	-128		

Notes	Final
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Series: Boston at Toronto 1:05

Road:	BOS	Wright, Steven	R	9.5
Home:	TOR	Estrada, Marco	R	-135

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	BOS	177	Total:	9.4
	TOR	-187		

Notes	Final
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Series: Tampa Bay at Baltimore 1:35

Road:	TBR	Odorizzi, Jake	R	-110
Home:	BAL	Worley, Vance	R	8.5

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	TBR	124	Total:	6.5
	BAL	-134		

Notes	Final
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Series: Cleveland at Chicago WS 2:10

Road:	CLE	Tomlin, Josh	R	8
Home:	CHW	Quintana, Jose	L	-125

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	CLE	108	Total:	7.6
	CHW	-118		

Notes	Final
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Series: Minnesota at Kansas City 2:15

Road:	MIN	Nolasco, Ricky	R	8
Home:	KCR	Volquez, Edinson	R	-155

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	MIN	184	Total:	8.8
	KCR	-194		

Notes	Final
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Series: Texas at LA Angels 3:35

Road:	TEX	Perez, Martin	L	8.5
Home:	LAA	Weaver, Jered	R	-115

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	TEX	-143	Total:	7.0
	LAA	133		

Notes	Final
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Series: Oakland at Seattle 4:10

Road:	OAK	Bassitt, Chris	R	7
Home:	SEA	Hernandez, Felix	R	-200

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	OAK	167	Total:	7.7
	SEA	-177		

Notes	Final
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Series: NY Yankees at Detroit 8:10

Road:	NYN	Tanaka, Masahiro	R	7.5
Home:	DET	Verlander, Justin	R	-115

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	NYN	-163	Total:	9.0
	DET	153		

Notes	Final
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Series: Houston at Milwaukee 2:10

Road:	HOU	Keuchel, Dallas	L	-160
Home:	MIL	Nelson, Jimmy	R	7.5

---- Sports Reporter Projections ----

Line:	HOU	-151	Total:	6.6
	MIL	141		

Notes	Final
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