

GOLDSHEET

Tuesday, February 27

Recommended Plays

#503 Golden State Warriors -11 at Washington Wizards

#505 / 506 Cleveland vs Dallas Under 233.5

Jayson Tatum (BOS) Over 13.5 Rebounds + Assists vs Philadelphia

Tuesday's NBA Injury Report, Courtesy of OddsLogic:

Dante Exum (DAL) is doubtful tonight against Cleveland.

Cam Thomas (BKN) is questionable tonight against Orlando.

Terry Rozier (MIA) is questionable tonight against Portland.

Tyler Herro (MIA) is questionable tonight against Portland.

Ben Simmons (BKN) is out tonight against Orlando.

Scout Henderson (POR) is out tonight against Miami.

Jose Alvarado (NOP) is out tonight against New York.

CJ McCollum (NOP) is questionable tonight against New York.

Zion Williamson (NOP) is questionable tonight against New York.

#501 Brooklyn Nets at #502 Orlando Magic

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
501	BKN	22-35	25-29	25-32	112.5-114.9	+2 / 228.5	A	9-18	10-17	10-17	110.8-117.2	+3.5 / 228.5
502	ORL	32-26	37-21	28-29	111.5-110.8	+1 / 224.5	H	18-8	18-8	13-13	114.6-108.8	-1.5 / 224
BKN	L2W	1-4	1-3	1-4	97.2-112.4	+5.5 / 224	A	1-3	1-3	0-4	94-111	+4.5 / 223.5
ORL	L2W	3-2	2-3	3-2	110.2-110.8	-0.5 / 219	H	1-1	1-1	2-0	115.5-113.5	0 / 217

Analysis: The Brooklyn Nets won their first game since interim head coach Kevin Ollie took over with a 111-86 victory last night in Memphis. The Grizzlies played poorly on defense during the first half and could never recover. The Orlando Magic are 2-1 since the All-Star break but they did lose their last game, 109-92, against the Atlanta Hawks despite Trae Young missing the game. Brooklyn is now dealing with injuries themselves as Ben Simmons has already been ruled out after re-aggravating a knee injury and Cam Thomas is questionable after leaving last night's game with an ankle injury that required x-rays. Meanwhile, it looks like Pablo Bancharo is set to return to the Magic lineup after missing the last game against Atlanta. The Magic need every win they can get as they currently occupy the eighth seed in the Eastern Conference. This sets up as a low-scoring game as Orlando ranks seventh in points allowed with 110.8 per game and second in rebounds allowed with only 40.5 per game. Neither team pushes the tempo as they rank 21st and 22nd in pace of play. The Nets did score 124 and 129 points in games against Orlando earlier in the season. However, that was a completely different team as Spencer Dinwiddie (traded) and Cam Thomas (injured) did the majority of the damage. Now Orlando can focus on shutting down Mikal Bridges, making them worthy of being double-digit favorites.

#503 Golden State Warriors at #504 Washington Wizards

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
503	GSW	30-27	30-25	31-26	119.5-117.8	-2 / 233.5	A	14-12	18-8	13-13	122-117.8	+0.5 / 233
504	WAS	9-48	27-29	27-30	114.4-124.2	+8.5 / 239.5	H	3-24	9-18	12-15	113.9-124.7	+7 / 240
GSW	L2W	5-2	5-2	3-4	123.1-117.7	-3.5 / 238	A	3-0	3-0	2-1	136.3-127	0 / 241.5
WAS	L2W	0-5	3-2	3-2	110.2-127.2	+14.5 / 238.5	H	0-1	1-0	0-1	105-114	+13.5 / 235

Analysis: After missing nearly two months of action, Chris Paul is set to make his return for Golden State tonight as they kickoff a four-game east coast trip in Washington taking on the Wizards. Washington owns the league's longest current losing streak at 11 games and could be shorthanded with Landry Shamet, Deni Avdija and Corey Kispert all heading in questionable with rookie Bilal Coulibaly already ruled out. The Warriors could opt to ease Paul back in slowly off the bench as rookie Brandin Podziemski has done a nice job filling in the starting lineup averaging 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists per game in February so far. The Wizards are in free-fall mode and although all 11 losses in this streak are against playoff contenders, they're now becoming non-competitive losing their last five by an average of 17 ppg. Golden State sports a solid 7-4 ATS record when listed as a road favorite with Washington going 3-24 straight up and 9-18 ATS when playing at home this season.

#505 Dallas Mavericks at #506 Cleveland Cavaliers

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
505	DAL	33-24	30-27	27-29	118.6-117.4	-1.5 / 236	A	15-11	16-10	13-12	116.4-118.7	+0.5 / 236.5
506	CLE	37-19	28-28	24-31	114.4-109.2	-2.5 / 226	H	19-10	14-15	14-14	115.9-110.7	-4 / 226
DAL	L2W	3-1	2-2	0-4	115.5-110.8	-7 / 247	A	0-1	0-1	0-1	111-133	-2 / 251.5
CLE	L2W	2-3	0-5	2-3	109.8-110.6	-8 / 225.5	H	1-2	0-3	2-1	112.7-114.7	-8.5 / 222.5

Analysis: Both the Mavericks and Cavaliers play the front end of a back-to-back tonight in Cleveland with each team at or near the top in their respective divisions. Dallas had a seven-game winning streak snapped last time out in a 133-111 loss at Indiana on Sunday with Luka Doncic and Kyrie Irving combining to score 62 points as Indiana played solid defense down the stretch, holding the Mavericks to just 20 points in the fourth quarter. The Cavaliers are at full strength but failed to cover at Washington, only defeating the Wizards 114-105 which was their fifth straight ATS loss. Since the Mavericks acquired P.J. Washington and Daniel Gafford, their interior game overall has improved which will help them keep this game close in Cleveland tonight going up against Evan Mobley and Jarrett Allen inside. This will be Irving's first game against the Cavaliers as a member of the Mavericks and we can expect him to get up for this matchup. Before their loss to Indiana, Dallas had gone 6-1 ATS in their previous seven games. The under is 8-2 in Dallas' last ten games and the under is 7-3 in Cleveland's last ten games.

#507 Philadelphia 76ers at #508 Boston Celtics

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	
507	PHI	33-24	32-25	32-25	117.3-113.7	-3 / 230	A	15-11	15-11	16-10	117.5-114.7	-1 / 229.5	
508	BOS	45-12	27-27	27-30	120.7-110.4	-8.5 / 231	H	26-3	15-14	14-15	122.6-108.9	-11 / 230	
	PHI	L2W	2-3	2-3	1-4	105-111.2	+3 / 229	A	1-0	1-0	1-0	123-121	+11 / 231
	BOS	L2W	4-0	3-0	2-2	124.8-102.5	-8.5 / 225.5	H	1-0	1-0	0-1	136-86	-12 / 227

Analysis: The Philadelphia 76ers visit the Boston Celtics for the fourth and final game of a four-game regular season series that Boston leads 2-1 after beating Philadelphia 125-119 on December 1. The Celtics have the best record in the NBA after winning their eighth-straight game over the New York Knicks on Sunday. The 76ers dropped to fifth place in the Eastern Conference after losing to the Milwaukee Bucks on Sunday. Philly will be playing without Joel Embiid for the 12th-straight game while Boston is fully healthy and playing at home where they are 26-3 straight-up this season. The Sixers are 4-7 since Embiid went down and they have really struggled to score with only 111 points per game during that stretch. Both teams are middle-of-the-pack in tempo at 14th and 20th in pace of play, but Boston still puts up points in bunches due to being so efficient. The C's also are the league's best team from downtown, leading the NBA in three-point makes and attempts. The total has gone over in the last two head-to-head games, but the Celtic defenders will be able to focus on shutting down Tyrese Maxey without Embiid playing. A potential player prop to consider is Jayson Tatum over 13.5 rebounds plus assists, as he's dominated that combo against Philadelphia. Tatum has recorded at least 14 rebounds plus assists in two of three games against Philadelphia this season and 11 of 14 games over the last two seasons including the playoffs.

#509 San Antonio Spurs at #510 Minnesota Timberwolves

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	
509	SAN	11-47	26-31	28-28	112.1-120.7	+7 / 234	A	6-26	15-17	13-17	110.1-120.4	+8.5 / 235	
510	MIN	40-17	31-24	26-30	113.6-106.4	-4.5 / 223	H	20-6	15-11	8-17	112-102.3	-7 / 223	
	SAN	L2W	1-4	3-2	1-3	112.8-118.6	+9 / 241	A	1-4	3-2	1-3	112.8-118.6	+9 / 241
	MIN	L2W	4-1	4-1	2-3	115.6-99.6	-5 / 220	H	1-1	1-1	0-2	104-99	-6 / 223

Analysis: After losing to the Jazz in Utah, the Spurs continue their road trip with a stop in Minnesota. The Wolves beat the Nets with ease in their last outing, dominating through out the entire game. This is the fourth and final meeting between these two teams, and the Wolves lead the series 2-1. San Antonio won the last outing at home by one point, and the other two outings were close games, but they were much earlier in the season. The Wolves are 20-6 straight-up at home, and they have won four of their last five games. On the other hand, the Spurs have lost four of their last five games, and they have been on the road for a while. San Antonio has played fairly well away from home against the spread, and the Spurs have covered this number in every matchup against the Wolves this season. San Antonio has the size to contend with the Wolves' big men, but their backcourt cannot keep up with Anthony Edwards and Co. The Wolves are one of the best defensive teams in the NBA. The Spurs, despite scoring 118+ points in two of their three games since the All-Star break, have trouble scoring and likely will not be able to keep pace with Minnesota. The Wolves dominated the last three inferior teams they plays. We expect them to win by a margin tonight at home.

#511 New Orleans Pelicans at #512 New York Knicks

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
511	NOP	34-24	31-26	27-30	116.1-112	-2 / 230	A	17-12	15-13	13-15	115.4-112.7	0 / 229.5
512	NYK	35-23	31-26	23-35	114.2-109.8	-2 / 226	H	20-9	15-13	9-20	113.8-107	-4.5 / 225
NOP	L2W	2-2	1-3	2-2	115.3-112.8	-7 / 226.5	A	0-0	0-0	0-0	NAN-NAN	NAN / NAN
NYK	L2W	2-2	1-3	1-3	106.3-110.3	-0.5 / 222.5	H	1-1	0-2	0-2	107.5-113.5	-2.5 / 225

Analysis: The Knicks barely escaped the Pistons last night, and if a controversial call was not made, New York may have lost outright to Detroit. The officials said after the game a foul should have been called on DiVincenzo, but maybe that was a makeup call for when the Knicks had a similar missed call against the Rockets not too long ago. New York has been struggling without OG Anonuby and Julius Randle. The Knicks' defense is not up to par without that duo, and they are struggling to score outside of Jalen Brunson making magic happen every night. The Pelicans are favored and they have the rest advantage, but keep an eye on the injury report through out the day. Jose Alvarado is suspended for tonight's contest, Zion Williamson is questionable and CJ McCollum is a gametime decision. We still give the nod to the Pelicans because we believe New Orleans' defense will be able to handle the Knicks' offense without Randle's scoring. The Pelicans should have a notable edge in both the front and backcourt.

#513 Utah Jazz at #514 Atlanta Hawks

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
513	UTA	27-32	32-27	33-26	118.3-120.7	+2.5 / 234.5	A	9-20	13-16	16-13	112.8-122.8	+4.5 / 233.5
514	ATL	25-32	18-39	29-26	120.8-123.1	-1 / 240.5	H	14-16	9-21	18-11	123.5-124.5	-3 / 240.5
UTA	L2W	1-5	1-5	3-3	123-128.5	-3.5 / 239	A	0-0	0-0	0-0	NAN-NAN	NAN / NAN
ATL	L2W	1-3	1-3	1-2	113.8-118.3	-5.5 / 236.5	H	1-2	1-2	1-1	118.7-117	-4.5 / 235.5

Analysis: The Hawks were dealt with some difficult news yesterday as it was revealed that Trae Young has a torn ligament in his finger and will be out at least a month. In six games without Young this season, the Hawks have gone 3-3 while averaging just 112 ppg compared to their overall season average of 121 ppg. Tonight they get a Jazz team that hasn't been playing great as of late but they did secure a 128-109 home victory last time out as this will be just the second road game they play this month. Utah is just 12-16-1 ATS on the road but this specific road game is special for John Collins as it's the first against his former team he played six seasons for since being traded in the offseason. Considering the circumstances surrounding both teams, it's essentially a toss-up but the Hawks are just 7-15 as a home favorite.

#515 Charlotte Hornets at #516 Milwaukee Bucks

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
515	CHA	15-42	23-34	28-29	108.1-118.1	+8 / 228	A	7-21	10-18	13-15	106.8-118.4	+10 / 227.5
516	MIL	37-21	23-35	30-28	121.8-118.3	-6 / 238.5	H	23-7	12-18	18-12	123.3-117.6	-7.5 / 238.5
CHA	L2W	4-1	4-1	0-5	105-97	+8.5 / 229.5	A	2-1	2-1	0-3	97.3-94.7	+8.5 / 223.5
MIL	L2W	3-2	3-2	1-4	110-107.2	-4.5 / 227	H	1-1	1-1	0-2	104.5-109	-4 / 227

Analysis: The Bucks are 2-0 out of the All-Star break, and they host the Hornets for the third time this season. Milwaukee dominated the first two meetings, and the point spread suggests they should do so again. The Hornets got a win in Portland two nights ago, but that is hardly an inspiring victory as they scored just 93 points in the win against one of the worst teams in the league. Since the break, the Hornets have failed to score 95 points twice in three games, and their offense is a major concern. The Bucks seem to have figured some things out with Doc Rivers as they beat a good T-Wolves team on the road and the Sixers in Philly. Charlotte has no one who can dream of guarding Giannis right now, and the Bucks should be able to get whatever they want on both ends of the floor. The Hornets scored just 99 and 84 points in their two meetings with the Bucks this season, and given the fact that Milwaukee is 23-7 straight-up at home this season, they should pull out another easy win against a far-inferior opponent.

#517 Detroit Pistons at #518 Chicago Bulls

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
517	DET	8-49	29-28	30-27	112.8-121.8	+8.5 / 231.5	A	4-25	15-14	18-11	113.8-123.7	+10.5 / 232
518	CHI	27-30	30-26	31-26	111.8-113.1	+1 / 222.5	H	15-13	14-13	15-13	112.1-111	-1.5 / 221.5
DET	L2W	0-5	2-3	0-5	109.2-119	+11.5 / 236	A	0-4	1-3	0-4	109.3-120.8	+12 / 238.5
CHI	L2W	1-2	2-1	1-2	110.3-114.3	+7.5 / 224	H	0-1	0-1	1-0	112-129	+8.5 / 224

Analysis: Detroit caught a tough break last night losing 113-111 at New York as they were seconds away from picking up a big road win before a no-call on a loose ball foul ultimately cost them in the end. Tonight they're back on the court in Chicago taking on a Bulls team that picked up a nice road win at New Orleans last time out 114-106. This will be the first time this season Chicago is listed as a double-digit favorite with Detroit playing the Central tough going 6-5-1 ATS against divisional foes. The Pistons are 8-4 ATS across their past 12 games and actually match up well against Chicago. These two last met way back on Nov 12 which was a 119-108 win for Chicago but that was when Detroit was rolling out a lineup with much less talent than they have right now. Detroit keeps it within single digits again despite playing with no rest going 5-5 ATS in that scenario this season. We'll also lean towards the "under" as well with Detroit playing to six straight "under" results.

#519 Houston Rockets at #520 Oklahoma City Thunder

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
519	HOU	25-32	29-27	26-28	113.1-113.1	+2 / 224.5	A	5-22	10-17	14-12	111-117.3	+5 / 224
520	OKC	40-17	36-21	31-22	121.5-113.3	-3.5 / 234	H	23-6	20-9	15-11	124-112.4	-5.5 / 233
HOU	L2W	2-3	2-3	2-2	109.4-116.8	+2.5 / 227.5	A	0-2	0-2	2-0	109-124	+2.5 / 223
OKC	L2W	4-0	4-0	2-0	131.5-109	-7 / 233.5	H	2-0	2-0	1-0	138-106.5	-9 / 239.5

Analysis: Oklahoma City has been showing no mercy on opponents lately winning five straight games by an average of 20 ppg hosting the Rockets in a second leg of a home-and-home after defeating them in Houston 123-110 on Sunday. As a home favorite OKC is 17-7 ATS with Houston sitting dead last in the NBA ATS as a road underdog at 7-15-1. We have no choice but to back the Thunder in tonight's game with how consistently great they've been playing. Not only have they been winning by margin but they've been doing it on both ends of the floor scoring 130 ppg during their current run. The Rockets are just 2-5 ATS in their last seven games and don't really have much to play for sitting 4.5 games back in the Western Conference play-in. Take OKC by double digits once again tonight going "over" the total with the Thunder going 6-0-3 to the "over" across their past nine as well.

#521 Miami Heat at #522 Portland Trailblazers

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
521	MIA	32-25	28-28	22-35	110.7-110.1	-0 / 223	A	17-12	16-12	9-20	108.4-107.3	+2.5 / 221.5
522	POR	15-41	25-31	26-30	107.4-116.5	+7.5 / 226	H	9-19	11-17	13-15	109-114.9	+5 / 226
MIA	L2W	4-0	4-0	1-3	114.8-101.5	+5 / 223.5	A	4-0	4-0	1-3	114.8-101.5	+5 / 223.5
POR	L2W	0-4	0-4	3-1	98-117.3	+5.5 / 215	H	0-4	0-4	3-1	98-117.3	+5.5 / 215

Analysis: Fresh off a surprisingly-dominant win in Sacramento, the Heat are on the second leg of a back-to-back as they face the Blazers in Portland. Playing on no rest is certainly a disadvantage, but not everyone took the court in Sacramento last night. Jimmy Butler was serving a suspension and Tyler Herro and Terry Rozier were both announced out prior to the game. Miami got 54 combined points from Jaime Jaquez Jr. and Bam Adebayo in the 11-point road win over the Kings. Butler will return tonight with Herro and Rozier both questionable. Portland is coming off an embarrassing home loss to the Hornets where the Blazers failed to score more than 80 points. Portland has lost five-straight and we are quickly approaching the point of the season where ping pong balls and lottery position mean more than wins.

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Recommended Wagers

#653 Wake Forest -6.5 at Notre Dame

#660 Colorado State -7.5 vs Nevada

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#639 BYU at #640 Kansas

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	AOPR	Avg. Line	H/(A/N)	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
639	BYU	19-8	15-12	13-14	82.8-69.3	16	-11 / 149.5	A	3-6	2-7	4-5	74.2-75.3	-2 / 149
640	KU	20-7	12-14	13-14	76.8-67.7	15	-11.5 / 145	H	16-1	9-7	9-8	79.9-65.7	-13.5 / 144.5
BYU	L5G	3-2	1-4	3-2	79.4-80.4	11	-6 / 148	A	0-2	0-2	2-0	78.5-88.5	-2 / 148.5
KU	L5G	3-2	2-3	2-3	67.4-67.8	7	-3.5 / 145	H	2-0	1-1	1-1	75-64	-6.5 / 147.5

Analysis: BYU romped its way through the non-conference portion of the schedule, earning a top-5 spot in the KenPom ratings at one point. But life in the Big XII has predictably proven to be a challenge for the Cougars, who are just 7-7 in their first year in the conference. BYU's first year in the Big XII probably explains the difference between them and say, Iowa State, who also played a weak non-conf schedule. But the Cyclones, veterans of the Big XII grind, are 10-4 in conference play. Anyway, also predictable is that BYU is REALLY struggling on the road in conference play because traveling from Provo, Utah to some of these conference destinations is simply not easy. The Cougars are 2-5 straight-up and 1-6 against the spread in conference road games so far, and just lost as an underdog to Kansas State over the weekend. Now they go to Phog Allen where Kansas is a perfect 14-0 this season (one of 17 teams in the country without a home loss). All of the above seems to justify this being a multi-possession spread in a matchup that is admittedly between two teams most would have power rated fairly similarly a couple weeks ago. That being said, the Jayhawks' leading scorer Kevin McCullar Jr. is still injured and will be out for the fifth time in the last eight games. Kansas is not a deep team, although the Jayhawks did just beat Texas by 19 without McCullar. BYU strangely decided to fly home after Saturday's loss in Manhattan and now heads back to the Sunflower State. Three-point variance will be the key for BYU, who is second nationally in three-point attempts per game (32.4). They were only 6-of-31 from behind the arc against K-State. Improvement in this area is a must for tonight because Kansas defends the rim well (No. 10 nationally in two-point defense). An inability to defend in transition will ultimately cost the road team here.

#643 Boise State at #644 Air Force

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	AOPR	Avg. Line	H/(A/N)	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
643	BSU	17-8	13-11	13-12	74-67.2	17	-3.5 / 139	A	5-5	4-6	6-4	71.9-73.1	+2 / 141
644	AFA	9-17	8-18	19-7	67.3-71.3	22	+2 / 134.5	H	4-10	2-12	10-4	65.6-71.4	-1.5 / 135.5
BSU	L5G	3-2	3-2	2-3	77.4-68.6	18	-6 / 142	A	1-1	1-1	1-1	76.5-76	-2 / 145.5
AFA	L5G	1-4	1-4	4-1	63.4-73.4	15	+7.5 / 135	H	0-2	0-2	1-1	54.5-70	+2.5 / 131.5

Analysis: We've got an interesting situation here as Air Force is coming off a shocking win at New Mexico on Saturday night, 78-77 as 18.5-point underdogs. That snapped a miserable 0-7 SU/ATS stretch for the Falcons, who only have two conference wins all season and both were on the road (the other was 90-58 at UNLV as 11-point 'dogs). So Air Force seems to strike when you least expect it. Here in Colorado Springs, the Falcons are a dismal 2-12 against the spread this season, including 0-7 ATS in conference play! Tonight, Boise State will pay a visit and the Broncos have New Mexico on deck in what would seem to be a more pivotal matchup for them. Boise is on a three-game win streak right now, with every victory coming by at least 20 points. The blue-and-orange are in a favorable stretch, which has them facing the bottom teams in the Mountain West with three wins were over Fresno State, San Jose State and Wyoming. In the first meeting of the season, Boise was a runaway 94-56 winner as 12-point home chalk as the Broncos shot 60-percent from the floor for the game, including 15-of-27 from three-point range. Season-long numbers tell us that Air Force has little chance here, but the Falcons have been known to spring an upset out of nowhere.

#653 Wake Forest at #654 Notre Dame

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	AOPR	Avg. Line	H/(A/N)	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
653	WAKE	18-9	15-12	16-10	79.6-69.7	16	-5.5 / 147.5	A	2-7	3-6	5-4	72.3-74.1	+1.5 / 149.5
654	ND	10-17	13-14	9-18	63.1-65.6	17	+3.5 / 133	H	7-9	6-10	5-11	63.8-64.2	-0 / 133
WAKE	L5G	3-2	3-2	3-2	74.6-68.4	8	-1.5 / 146.5	A	0-2	1-1	0-2	58-63	+5 / 143
ND	L5G	3-2	3-2	2-3	68.4-66	15	+6 / 133.5	H	2-0	1-1	1-1	66-60.5	+1 / 132

Analysis: Notre Dame has ten wins this season. Eight of the ten wins have come against teams ranked outside of KenPom's top-100. Micah Shrewsberry is working with a pretty simple formula in his first season in South Bend: Beat the teams you're supposed to beat, and do your best against those that are superior. The Irish are 5-11 in conference play thus far, and four of those five wins have come against teams that are below .500 in the ACC this season. When the Irish have taken a jump up in class and played a top-50 opponent, here are the results: Lost by 24 to Auburn; Lost by 12 to South Carolina; Lost by 19 to Marquette; Lost by eight to Duke; Lost by 18 to Duke. Notre Dame has managed to make it to the end of February without playing North Carolina (14-3 in ACC), Wake Forest (10-6) or Clemson (9-7) in conference play. You may have some analysts looking for a letdown angle from the Deacs after their win over Duke, but we're not really buying it. First, Wake Forest was a 2.5-point favorite in that contest. That wasn't an upset. Second, Wake Forest is still firmly on the NCAA Tournament bubble. That wasn't a win in December where you can get lazy and sloppy in your next game. The Deacs are still firmly on the bubble and can't afford a let-down here. Wake Forest has comfortably handled the bottom of the ACC this season, including a 29-point win over Georgia Tech, a 29-point win over Syracuse and a 25-point win over Louisville.

#659 Nevada at #660 Colorado State

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	AOPR	Avg. Line	H/(A/N)	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	
659	NEV	21-6	18-9	10-17	75.9-66.7	18	-6 / 144	A	9-3	9-3	4-8	75.3-70.3	-1 / 144.5	
660	CSU	18-8	15-11	10-16	75.4-68.6	17	-4.5 / 147	H	14-1	10-5	9-6	80.5-69.3	-8 / 147	
	NEV	L5G	4-1	4-1	2-3	76.2-67.2	16	-5.5 / 145	A	2-0	2-0	1-1	76.5-64.5	-4.5 / 141
	CSU	L5G	2-3	3-2	0-5	64.4-61.4	10	-1.5 / 145.5	H	1-0	1-0	0-1	75-55	-6 / 148

Analysis: The top-half of the Mountain West has been incredibly competitive this season, but we've noticed a recent trend where oddsmakers are seemingly putting a lot of weight on home court advantage in this league. Nevada closed as a 3.5-point home favorite over Colorado State less than five weeks ago, and now the Wolf Pack are getting 7.5 in Fort Collins? It may seem like a big overadjustment, but in our opinion, the spread is justified. Nevada beat a then-ranked Colorado State squad 77-64 in that first meeting, but the Rams have been a much different team at home. Colorado State has lost its last three road games, dropping its road record to 1-7 straight-up, 2-6 against the spread in conference play. The Rams are 7-0 straight-up, 6-1 against the spread at home. Colorado State is a top-25 team in the country in defensive efficiency, and the Rams' last three opponents have scored 62, 47 and 55 at Moby Arena. Nevada star Kenan Blackshear suffered a scary moment when he fell on his knee in the Wolf Pack's win over Wyoming last Tuesday. He played in Friday's win over San Jose State, but only scored four points in 29 minutes. Nevada is likely due for some three-point regression, and there's not better spot for it to kick in than Fort Collins.

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