



Prediction Challenge! 2026

First Round			Predictions and Results				
Teams		Score	Michael Poplawski	John Woycheshin	Richard Owens	John Lo	Wes Zetaruk
Detroit Pistons Orlando Magic	DET ORL	ORL 1 3	DET 4-2 1	DET 4-0 0	DET 4-2 1	DET 4-1 0	DET 4-1 0
Cleveland Cavaliers Toronto Raptors	CLE TOR	2 2	CLE 4-1 2	CLE 4-2 3	CLE 4-2 3	CLE 4-2 3	CLE 4-2 3
New York Knicks Atlanta Hawks	NYK ATL	2 2	NYK 4-2 3	NYK 4-2 3	NYK 4-1 2	NYK 4-2 3	NYK 4-2 3
Boston Celtics Philadelphia 76ers	BOS PHI	BOS 3 1	BOS 4-1 9 ✓	BOS 4-1 9 ✓	BOS 4-2 8 ✓	BOS 4-1 9 ✓	BOS 4-1 9 ✓
Oklahoma City Thunder Phoenix Suns	OKC PHX	OKC 4 0	OKC 4-0 10 ✓	OKC 4-2 8 ✓	OKC 4-0 10 ✓	OKC 4-1 9 ✓	OKC 4-0 10 ✓
Los Angeles Lakers Houston Rockets	LAL HOU	LAL 3 1	HOU 4-2 1	HOU 4-2 1	HOU 4-3 2	HOU 4-2 1	HOU 4-2 1
Denver Nuggets Minnesota Timberwolves	DEN MIN	MIN 2 3	DEN 4-2 2	DEN 4-2 2	DEN 4-1 1	DEN 4-2 2	DEN 4-2 2
San Antonio Spurs Portland Trail Blazers	SAS POR	SAS 3 1	SAS 4-0 8 ✓	SAS 4-1 9 ✓	SAS 4-1 9 ✓	SAS 4-1 9 ✓	SAS 4-1 9 ✓
Series Winners Correct			3	3	3	3	3
Bonus Points (10)			10	10	10	10	10
Series Game Scores Correct			1	0	1	0	1
Bonus Points (10)			10	0	10	0	10
Total Score (100)			56	45	56	46	57
Rank (out of 5)			2	5	2	4	1

"Results" Explained

Each series is scored out of a total of 20 points:

If the series leader/winner is predicted correctly, 10 points are awarded, ✓ appears

Up to 10 more points are awarded for how close the predicted score is to the actual series score