



# Prediction Challenge! 2026

| First Round                                 |            |               | Predictions and Results |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|---|------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Teams                                       |            | Score         | Michael Poplawski       | John Woycheshin    | Richard Owens      | John Lo            | Wes Zetaruk        |
| Detroit Pistons<br>Orlando Magic            | DET<br>ORL | ORL<br>1<br>3 | DET 4-2<br>1            | DET 4-0<br>0       | DET 4-2<br>1       | DET 4-1<br>0       | DET 4-1<br>0       |
| Cleveland Cavaliers<br>Toronto Raptors      | CLE<br>TOR | 2<br>2        | CLE 4-1<br>2            | CLE 4-2<br>3       | CLE 4-2<br>3       | CLE 4-2<br>3       | CLE 4-2<br>3       |
| New York Knicks<br>Atlanta Hawks            | NYK<br>ATL | NYK<br>3<br>2 | NYK 4-2<br>9<br>✓       | NYK 4-2<br>9<br>✓  | NYK 4-1<br>8<br>✓  | NYK 4-2<br>9<br>✓  | NYK 4-2<br>9<br>✓  |
| Boston Celtics<br>Philadelphia 76ers        | BOS<br>PHI | BOS<br>3<br>2 | BOS 4-1<br>8<br>✓       | BOS 4-1<br>8<br>✓  | BOS 4-2<br>9<br>✓  | BOS 4-1<br>8<br>✓  | BOS 4-1<br>8<br>✓  |
| Oklahoma City Thunder<br>Phoenix Suns       | OKC<br>PHX | OKC<br>4<br>0 | OKC 4-0<br>10<br>✓      | OKC 4-2<br>8<br>✓  | OKC 4-0<br>10<br>✓ | OKC 4-1<br>9<br>✓  | OKC 4-0<br>10<br>✓ |
| Los Angeles Lakers<br>Houston Rockets       | LAL<br>HOU | LAL<br>3<br>1 | HOU 4-2<br>1            | HOU 4-2<br>1       | HOU 4-3<br>2       | HOU 4-2<br>1       | HOU 4-2<br>1       |
| Denver Nuggets<br>Minnesota Timberwolves    | DEN<br>MIN | MIN<br>2<br>3 | DEN 4-2<br>2            | DEN 4-2<br>2       | DEN 4-1<br>1       | DEN 4-2<br>2       | DEN 4-2<br>2       |
| San Antonio Spurs<br>Portland Trail Blazers | SAS<br>POR | SAS<br>4<br>1 | SAS 4-0<br>9<br>✓       | SAS 4-1<br>10<br>✓ | SAS 4-1<br>10<br>✓ | SAS 4-1<br>10<br>✓ | SAS 4-1<br>10<br>✓ |
| Series Winners Correct                      |            |               | 4                       | 4                  | 4                  | 4                  | 4                  |
| Bonus Points (10)                           |            |               | 10                      | 10                 | 10                 | 10                 | 10                 |
| Series Game Scores Correct                  |            |               | 1                       | 1                  | 2                  | 1                  | 2                  |
| Bonus Points (10)                           |            |               | 0                       | 0                  | 10                 | 0                  | 10                 |
| <b>Total Score (100)</b>                    |            |               | <b>52</b>               | <b>51</b>          | <b>64</b>          | <b>52</b>          | <b>63</b>          |
| <b>Rank (out of 5)</b>                      |            |               | 3                       | 5                  | 1                  | 3                  | 2                  |

### "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