



Prediction Challenge! 2026

| Conference Semifinals | | | Predictions and Results | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Teams | | Score | Michael Poplawski | John Woycheshin | Richard Owens | John Lo | Wes Zetaruk |
| Detroit Pistons | DET | 2 | DET 4-3 4 | DET 4-3 4 | DET 4-2 6 | DET 4-2 6 | DET 4-3 4 |
| Cleveland Cavaliers | CLE | 2 | | | | | |
| New York Knicks | NYK | 4 | NYK 4-2 16 | NYK 4-2 16 | PHI 4-3 0 | NYK 4-1 18 | NYK 4-2 16 |
| Philadelphia 76ers | PHI | 0 | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Oklahoma City Thunder | OKC | 4 | OKC 4-1 18 | OKC 4-1 18 | OKC 4-1 18 | OKC 4-2 16 | OKC 4-1 18 |
| Los Angeles Lakers | LAL | 0 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| San Antonio Spurs | SAS | 2 | SAS 4-2 6 | SAS 4-2 6 | MIN 4-2 6 | SAS 4-2 6 | SAS 4-1 4 |
| Minnesota Timberwolves | MIN | 2 | | | | | |
| Series Winners Correct | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Bonus Points (10) | | | 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| Series Game Scores Correct | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bonus Points (10) | | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Conference Semifinals (100) | | | 64 | 64 | 40 | 66 | 62 |
| First Round (100) | | | 59 | 57 | 61 | 59 | 70 |
| Total Score (100) | | | 123 | 121 | 101 | 125 | 132 |
| Rank (out of 5) | | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 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, and ✓ appears

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