



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	DET 4 3	DET 4-2 9 ✓	DET 4-0 7 ✓	DET 4-2 9 ✓	DET 4-1 8 ✓	DET 4-1 8 ✓
Cleveland Cavaliers Toronto Raptors	CLE TOR	CLE 4 3	CLE 4-1 8 ✓	CLE 4-2 9 ✓	CLE 4-2 9 ✓	CLE 4-2 9 ✓	CLE 4-2 9 ✓
New York Knicks Atlanta Hawks	NYK ATL	NYK 4 2	NYK 4-2 10 ✓	NYK 4-2 10 ✓	NYK 4-1 9 ✓	NYK 4-2 10 ✓	NYK 4-2 10 ✓
Boston Celtics Philadelphia 76ers	BOS PHI	PHI 3 4	BOS 4-1 1	BOS 4-1 1	BOS 4-2 2	BOS 4-1 1	BOS 4-1 1
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 4 2	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 4	DEN 4-2 1	DEN 4-2 1	DEN 4-1 0	DEN 4-2 1	DEN 4-2 1
San Antonio Spurs Portland Trail Blazers	SAS POR	SAS 4 1	SAS 4-0 9 ✓	SAS 4-1 10 ✓	SAS 4-1 10 ✓	SAS 4-1 10 ✓	SAS 4-1 10 ✓
Series Winners Correct			5	5	5	5	5
Bonus Points (10)			10	10	10	10	10
Series Game Scores Correct			2	2	2	2	3
Bonus Points (10)			0	0	0	0	10
Total Score (100)			59	57	61	59	70
Rank (out of 5)			3	5	2	3	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