



NBA Playoffs Prediction Challenge! 2026

			Predictions and Results				
Teams		Score	Michael Poplawski	John Woycheshin	Richard Owens	John Lo	Wes Zetaruk
San Antonio Spurs	SAS	NYK 1	NYK 4-2 90	SAS 4-3 10	SAS 4-0 0	SAS 4-2 0	SAS 4-2 0
New York Knicks	NYK	4	Right!				
Conference Finals (100)			18	64	60	64	60
Second Round (100)			80	80	24	78	68
First Round (100)			59	57	61	59	70
Total Score (400)			247	211	145	201	198

Rank (out of 5)

1

2

5

3

4

"Results" Explained

Series is scored out of **100** points

If the series leader/winner is predicted correctly, **50** points are awarded, the word "Right!" appears

Up to **50** more points are awarded for how close the predicted score is to the actual series score (10 points deducted for ea



Prediction Challenge! 2026

Conference Finals			Predictions and Results				
Teams		Score	Michael Poplawski	John Woycheshin	Richard Owens	John Lo	Wes Zetaruk
New York Knicks	NYK	NYK 4	CLE 4-2 0	NYK 4-2 32 ✓	NYK 4-2 32 ✓	NYK 4-1 36 ✓	NYK 4-2 32 ✓
Cleveland Cavaliers	CLE	0					
Oklahoma City Thunder	OKC	SAS 3	OKC 4-2 8	OKC 4-3 12	OKC 4-2 8	OKC 4-2 8	OKC 4-2 8
San Antonio Spurs	SAS	4					
Series Winners Correct			0	1	1	1	1
Bonus Points (10)			0	10	10	10	10
Series Game Scores Correct			0	0	0	0	0
Bonus Points (10)			10	10	10	10	10
Conference Finals (100)			18	64	60	64	60
First Round (100)			59	57	61	59	70
Conference Semifinals (100)			80	80	24	78	68
Total Score (300)			157	201	145	201	198
Rank (out of 5)			4	1	5	1	3

"Results" Explained

Each series is scored out of **40** points

If the series leader/winner is predicted correctly, **20** points are awarded, ✓ appears

Up to **20** more points are awarded for how close the predicted score is to the actual series score



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Conference Semifinals			Predictions and Results				
Teams		Score	Michael Poplawski	John Woycheshin	Richard Owens	John Lo	Wes Zetaruk
Detroit Pistons	DET	CLE 3	DET 4-3 6	DET 4-3 6	DET 4-2 4	DET 4-2 4	DET 4-3 6
Cleveland Cavaliers	CLE	4					
New York Knicks	NYK	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	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	SAS 4	SAS 4-2 20	SAS 4-2 20	MIN 4-2 2	SAS 4-2 20	SAS 4-1 18
Minnesota Timberwolves	MIN	2	✓	✓		✓	✓
Series Winners Correct			3	3	1	3	3
Bonus Points (10)			10	10	0	10	10
Series Game Scores Correct			1	1	0	1	0
Bonus Points (10)			10	10	0	10	0
Conference Semifinals (100)			80	80	24	78	68
First Round (100)			59	57	61	59	70
Total Score (100)			139	137	85	137	138
Rank (out of 5)			1	3	5	3	2

"Results" Explained

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

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First Round			Predictions and Results				
Teams		Score	Michael Poplawski	John Woycheshin	Richard Owens	John Lo	Wes Zetaruk
Detroit Pistons	DET	DET 4	DET 4-2	DET 4-0	DET 4-2	DET 4-1	DET 4-1
Orlando Magic	ORL	3	9	7	9	8	8
			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cleveland Cavaliers	CLE	CLE 4	CLE 4-1	CLE 4-2	CLE 4-2	CLE 4-2	CLE 4-2
Toronto Raptors	TOR	3	8	9	9	9	9
			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
New York Knicks	NYK	NYK 4	NYK 4-2	NYK 4-2	NYK 4-1	NYK 4-2	NYK 4-2
Atlanta Hawks	ATL	2	10	10	9	10	10
			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boston Celtics	BOS	PHI 3	BOS 4-1	BOS 4-1	BOS 4-2	BOS 4-1	BOS 4-1
Philadelphia 76ers	PHI	4	1	1	2	1	1
Oklahoma City Thunder	OKC	OKC 4	OKC 4-0	OKC 4-2	OKC 4-0	OKC 4-1	OKC 4-0
Phoenix Suns	PHX	0	10	8	10	9	10
			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Los Angeles Lakers	LAL	LAL 4	HOU 4-2	HOU 4-2	HOU 4-3	HOU 4-2	HOU 4-2
Houston Rockets	HOU	2	1	1	2	1	1
Denver Nuggets	DEN	MIN 2	DEN 4-2	DEN 4-2	DEN 4-1	DEN 4-2	DEN 4-2
Minnesota Timberwolves	MIN	4	1	1	0	1	1
San Antonio Spurs	SAS	SAS 4	SAS 4-0	SAS 4-1	SAS 4-1	SAS 4-1	SAS 4-1
Portland Trail Blazers	POR	1	9	10	10	10	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

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