

GOLDSHEET

Friday, February 9

Recommended Wagers

#539 / 540 Charlotte at Milwaukee Over 231

#542 Sacramento Kings -1 vs Denver Nuggets

#543 / 544 New Orleans at Los Angeles Under 234.5

#533 Atlanta Hawks at #534 Philadelphia 76ers

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
533	ATL	22-29	15-36	27-23	121.2-123.7	-0.5 / 240.5	A	10-15	8-17	10-14	118.1-121.5	+2 / 239.5
534	PHI	30-20	29-21	30-20	118.5-113.7	-4 / 230	H	17-9	16-10	15-11	119.7-112.9	-6 / 230.5
ATL	L2W	4-3	4-3	5-2	134-131.9	+0.5 / 246	A	0-1	1-0	0-1	117-125	+12 / 244
PHI	L2W	1-6	2-5	3-4	110-123.6	+3 / 232.5	H	0-3	0-3	1-2	109-127	+1.5 / 236.5

Analysis: Both teams come into this game on losing streaks as the Philadelphia 76ers lost their third-straight game 127-104 at home against the Golden State Warriors while the Atlanta Hawks have lost back-to-back games after falling 125-117 on the road against the Boston Celtics. Both teams are also playing without their anchor in the middle as the 76ers have been left reeling as Joel Embiid will miss extended time with a knee injury while Hawks defensive stalwart Clint Capela remains out. This is the fourth and final regular season meeting between these clubs after Atlanta prevailed 139-132 in an overtime shootout in their last head-to-head game. We should see another high-scoring affair as five of the last six games between these Eastern Conference foes have cleared the total. The Hawks rank third in pace of play and they will surely push the tempo against a Sixers' team who has been playing awful without Embiid (4-12 on the season). Tyrese Maxey only scored 12 points in his last game, but he averages 25.6 points per game on the season and this game sets up as a perfect bounce-back as the Hawks sit near the bottom of the league in defensive efficiency.

#535 Houston Rockets at #536 Toronto Raptors

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
535	HOU	23-27	27-22	24-24	113.7-112.7	+2 / 224	A	5-18	10-13	12-10	111.4-117	+5 / 223
536	TOR	18-33	24-27	27-24	114.2-117.4	+1.5 / 228	H	10-13	10-13	8-15	111.1-111.5	-1 / 226.5
HOU	L2W	3-4	5-2	4-3	118.6-112.6	+1.5 / 230	A	1-3	3-1	2-2	115.3-113.3	+3.5 / 228
TOR	L2W	2-5	3-4	5-2	115.1-126.4	+5.5 / 233	H	0-1	0-1	0-1	107-127	+8 / 236.5

Analysis: The Houston Rockets take their annual trip north of the border to face the Toronto Raptors after beating them at home 135-106 a week ago. Fred VanVleet will be out of the lineup for Houston due to a thigh injury and will miss out on playing against the team where he started his career and won a title. This Raptors team has essentially been dismantled after trading away both Pascal Siakam and OG Anunoby. Toronto has lost 12 of its last 15 games including eight-straight against Western Conference foes. On the opposite side of the spectrum, Houston has covered the spread in five of its last seven games. After finishing last season ranked 29th in defensive rating, the Rockets have turned it around under new head coach Ime Udoka as they now rank seventh this season in comparison. On offense they are still having issues as they rank 24th in field goal percentage and 26th in three-point percentage. Toronto is not the same team, but they will play hard at home and recent addition RJ Barrett has now scored 20+ points in four-straight games and six of his last seven games. However, they have still struggle overall offensively and the total has gone under in five-straight games at Scotiabank Arena.

#537 Washington Wizards at #538 Boston Celtics

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
537	WAS	9-41	23-26	23-27	114.5-123.8	+7.5 / 240	A	6-19	15-9	11-14	114.8-122.4	+8.5 / 239.5
538	BOS	39-12	24-25	24-27	120.4-110.8	-8 / 231.5	H	24-3	14-13	13-14	121.7-109	-10.5 / 230
WAS	L2W	2-4	3-3	1-5	110.8-117.7	+8 / 237	A	2-0	2-0	0-2	118-108.5	+3.5 / 241.5
BOS	L2W	4-2	1-5	2-4	117.3-112.2	-11.5 / 236	H	4-2	1-5	2-4	117.3-112.2	-11.5 / 236

Analysis: This is a case of two teams heading in completely opposite directions as the Boston Celtics boast the NBA's top record at 39-12 while the only thing keeping the Washington Wizards out of the basement in the Eastern Conference is the horrendous play of the Detroit Pistons. The spread is huge in this contest, but the Celtics already covered it once with a 126-107 victory in their first head-to-head meeting. Boston knocked down 19 three-pointers in that game and they also won the battle on the boards 51-40. Now the Wiz are even thinner in the paint as they traded away starting center Daniel Gafford for Richaun Holmes (who may not appear in this contest) and Marvin Bagley III has already been ruled out. Boston ranks fifth with an average of 120.4 points per game and they lead the league with 16.3 three-pointers and 17.6 free throws per game. The Celtics are also lights-out at home with a 24-3 straight up record and they have gone 5-1 against the spread in their last six games against the Wizards. Washington's defense continues to be porous, allowing 123.8 points per game which ranks 29th overall, and while their defense took a hit at the trade deadline, Boston's only got stronger with the addition of Xavier Tillman. Tillman may not play tonight but the C's defense already ranks sixth in the league with only 110.8 points allowed per game.

#539 Charlotte Hornets at #540 Milwaukee Bucks

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
539	CHA	10-40	18-32	27-23	108.7-120.4	+8 / 228	A	5-19	8-16	13-11	108.9-121.3	+9.5 / 228
540	MIL	33-19	19-33	29-23	123-120	-6 / 239.5	H	21-6	10-17	18-9	124.9-119.5	-7.5 / 239.5
CHA	L2W	0-8	2-6	6-2	108.5-123.8	+9.5 / 225.5	A	0-1	0-1	1-0	106-126	+15.5 / 225
MIL	L2W	2-6	2-6	2-6	114-118	-1 / 239.5	H	1-2	1-2	2-1	115.3-119.3	-2.5 / 234.5

Analysis: Potential blowout incoming as we get an angry Bucks team playing at home against a vulnerable Hornets team that saw it trade away PJ Washington, Gordon Hayward (injured), and Ish Smith. They got Seth Curry and Grant Williams in return but it's unsure if they'll play tonight on such a quick turnaround. Nonetheless, the Hornets have lost nine-straight and now head on the road where they're just 8-16 against the spread as an underdog. Although Milwaukee sits 21-6 at home straight up they're just 10-14-1 against the number when listed as a home favorite which leads us to an "over" play tonight in this game. As a home favorite the Bucks are 17-8 to the "over" with Charlotte coming in at 13-11 to the "over" as a road underdog and have gone "over" in four of their past five games. Milwaukee has only played to one "over" in their past six games but the five "under" results all had totals listed over tonight's 231 total listed for this game.

#541 Denver Nuggets at #542 Sacramento Kings

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
541	DEN	36-16	22-29	19-32	114.8-110.5	-5.5 / 227.5	A	15-12	10-16	9-18	110.4-111.1	-3 / 227
542	SAC	29-21	26-23	25-24	118.4-118.1	-3 / 236.5	H	14-9	10-13	15-7	121.3-121.4	-5 / 236.5
DEN	L2W	5-1	3-3	1-5	111.7-105.7	-7.5 / 226.5	A	1-1	2-0	0-2	107-105.5	+1.5 / 227.5
SAC	L2W	4-3	3-4	4-3	116.4-118.6	-3.5 / 235.5	H	0-1	0-1	1-0	120-133	-13.5 / 238.5

Analysis: The Kings returned from their seven-game road trip and were handled by the Pistons 133-120 as they welcome in the Nuggets tonight. Denver is off a 114-106 win at the Lakers last night and are just 3-6 against the spread when playing off no rest this season. With a rest advantage, the Kings are 10-4-1 against the number as the Nuggets sit worst in the NBA against the spread with a rest disadvantage at 1-5. Now that the Kings have had a couple more days to settle back in at home and get into their home routine, they should be locked in tonight and playing pretty much at full health as well. Although the Kings scored 120 points against the Pistons, De'Aaron Fox only scored 12, Harrison Barnes scored eight and Keegan Murray scored zero. We see all three having some type of bounce-back performance tonight. In conference games this season the Kings sit 16-14 against the spread with Denver third-worst in the NBA in that scenario going 12-18-1 ATS against Western Conference foes. This is a must-win game for the Kings as they head back out on the road for three games starting Sunday at OKC, at Phoenix and at Denver in a rematch. Expect Sac-Town to be much more focused than they were against Detroit and pick up a home win against a possibly drained Nuggets team in the second of a back-to-back.

#543 New Orleans Pelicans at #544 Los Angeles Lakers

Gm#	Tm	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line	H/A	SUR	ATS	O/U	PF-PA	Avg. Line
543	NOP	30-21	29-21	24-26	116.9-112.5	-1 / 230.5	A	15-11	14-11	12-13	116.8-113.8	+1 / 230
544	LAL	28-26	24-30	29-25	116.2-116.9	-1 / 231.5	H	18-9	13-14	10-17	116.6-111.9	-3.5 / 232
NOP	L2W	4-3	4-3	2-5	113-112	0 / 235	A	3-2	3-2	1-4	114-115.4	+2 / 235
LAL	L2W	4-3	3-4	4-3	120.4-122.7	+2 / 236	H	0-1	0-1	0-1	106-114	+3 / 233

Analysis: The Pelicans are flying high after their fourth-straight win at the Clippers on Wednesday night as they'll stay put in LA and take on the Lakers at crypto.com Arena. The Lakers suffered a 114-106 loss last night with LeBron James and Anthony Davis combining for 57 of the team's points, but the team as a whole shot just 32-percent from beyond the arc. New Orleans has allowed just 104 points per game during their winning streak with Brandon Ingram, Zion Williamson and CJ McCollum all averaging 22+ points through three games this month. You can already expect LeBron James and Anthony Davis to be listed as questionable, but keep an eye on D'Angelo Russell who missed last night's game and Max Christie who was injured and didn't return last night as well. Los Angeles is just 1-7 against the spread playing off no rest this season with New Orleans sitting 8-5 against the number with a rest advantage. The Pelicans are top-10 in the NBA against the spread when playing on the road at 14-10-1 with the Lakers coming in at 2-4 ATS when listed as a home underdog. Important to note Jonas Valanciunas left the Pelicans' last game with a calf injury so be sure to monitor his status heading in.

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