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SUPER "IRONT" BOWL XLIV IN MIAMI!!

by Bruce Marshall, Goldsheet.com Editor

As mentioned many times during this postseason, we've seen a lot of pro football in the 53 seasons we've been publishing ***THE GOLD SHEET***. That would include every Super Bowl since the first one between the Packers and Chiefs back on January 15, 1967 at the L.A. Coliseum, *which is also the only Super Bowl I've ever attended.* (Anyone interested in our recollections and observations about the first Super Bowl, *which was indeed called the "Super Bowl" by the media despite not officially getting that label for a few more years,* can check out our "Super Bowl Memories" special on our website this week.) And that game was a lot more interesting than modern-day historians would have you believe, as the AFL upstarts from Kansas City were very much in the game until the 3rd quarter, when Green Bay finally took charge en route to a 35-10 win. Which, in retrospect, was a lot more competitive than many subsequent Super Bowls we've seen over the years.

As can be imagined, we take a lot of questions from readers and other interested observers about the history of the Super Bowl, which holds a special tug for a generation of sports fans who, like us, have been around for all of them. Which is probably the main reason the Super Bowl has become such a contemporary phenomenon, *with its entire history so fresh in the minds of so many*. And why it seems to have a greater connection with the masses than more-venerable sporting institutions such as the World Series or Kentucky Derby, each of which predates us all.

That reader curiosity in our recollections prompted us to embark upon our own nostalgic Super Bowl journey on these pages and those of our website in recent years, as we've gone about ranking all of the Super Bowls, from the best to watch to the worst. While our list (presented inversely, from 43rd, or worst, to first) will appear in is entirety over the next week on www.goldsheet.com, we'll share with you our top five Super Bowls...from the files of ***TGS***.

5-XXIII, San Francisco 20 - Cincinnati 16 (at Miami)... Lots of drama, as despite being outgained by a near 2-to-1 margin, Cincy hung tough thanks to Stanford Jennings' 93-yard kickoff return TD late in the 3rd Q and a couple of missed FGs by 49er PK Mike Cofer, and even held a late 16-13 lead thanks to a Jim Breech FG with only 3:20 to play. But the incomparable Joe Montana cemented his place in Canton by authoring perhaps the best winning drive in Super Bowl history, taking the 49ers 92 yards to the title, culminated by a 10-yard TD toss to John Taylor with just :34 to play.

4-XIII, Pittsburgh 35 - Dallas 31 (at Miami)... Long considered the standard by which great Super Bowls should be measured, this one featured great teams, great players, and great plays, though the most enduring memory of XIII might be veteran Cowboys TE Jackie Smith dropping a sure TD pass that would have leveled the score in the 3rd Q. It was also an unofficial title bout for "team of the decade," as each had won two Super Bowls in the '70s prior to kickoff. All it lacked was a real down-to-the-wire finish, as a belated Dallas rally in the final few minutes narrowed a 35-17 Steeler lead to the 35-31 final margin, though the last TD, scored with 22 seconds to play, caused apoplexy for many wagerers and Vegas sports books, with the pointspread having bounced between 3½-4½ for much of the previous two weeks!

3-XLII, N.Y. Giants 17 - New England 14 (at Glendale, AZ)...A taut affair, with the 12-point underdog Giants flustering the undefeated Patriots with their defense throughout the first three quarters. Then, *not unlike a 10,000-meter race at the Olympics*, both broke into a sprint for the finish line, with three lead changes in the final quarter. In the end, however, it was the surprising Giants on top, with Eli Manning answering Tom Brady's late TD pass with one of his own to Plaxico Burress to win it with 35 seconds to play. A circus catch by WR David Tyree on New York's final drive *(after a Houdini-like escape in the pocket by Eli)* rates alongside Lynn Swann's acrobatics a generation earlier among the best catches in Super Bowl annals.

2-XLIII, Pittsburgh 27 - Arizona 23 (at Tampa)... Although one of the chippiest SBs, big plays and a wild fourth quarter made XLIII one to remember. The Steelers looked on the verge of a KO several times, first after dominating early action, then after LB James Harrison's 100-yard TD interception on the last play of the first half staked Pittsburgh to a 17-7 lead at the break. The Cards' defense grimly kept the Steelers within earshot until the Kurt Warner-led offense finally awakened in the 4th Q, and for a moment it appeared as if Larry Fitzgerald's 64-yard TD catch with 2:37 to play would give the Big Red their first title in 61 years. But Ben Roethlisberger, who had been mostly muffled since the 1st Q, calmly drove Pittsburgh downfield for the winning TD pass in heavy traffic to Santonio Holmes with just 35 seconds to play.

1-XXXVIII, New England 32 - Carolina 29 (at Houston)... Though it took a while for this one to warm up (no scoring until late in 1st half), it turned into a real corker, especially a wild 4th Q (perhaps the best 15 minutes in SB history) that featured three lead changes and a total of 37 points. Carolina, which had rallied to take a 22-21 lead on an 85-yard TD pass from Jake Delhomme to Muhsin Muhammad with 6:53 to play, fell behind 29-22 on a Tom Brady-Mike Vrabel TD pass and Kevin Faulk 2-point PAT, only to level matters on a Delhomme-Ricky Proehl scoring pass with 1:08 to play. Brady then led a textbook game-winning drive, ending in Adam Vinatieri's 41-yard FG at the final gun. Both defenses were spent by the end of the game, when the last team with the ball looked like it was going to win. *And XXXVIII deserves to be remembered for the great game it was, rather than Janet Jackson's malfunctioning wardrobe at halftime!*

It's interesting that the top three Super Bowls on our list have all been played within the past six years, which confirms a no-so-subtle change in the pattern of the games that for a long time were absent almost any drama. *Indeed, blowout results were so expected in Super Bowl games during most of the '80s and '90s that oddsmakers were forced to adjust pointspreads just to address the phenomenon.* Hard as it is to believe, the biggest pointspread of the entire 1994 NFL season came in Super Bowl XXIX, when the price on the favored 49ers ballooned to 18½ over the underdog Chargers. When San Francisco ended up covering that game more handily than the 49-26 final might suggest, it also signified an end of an era when one-sided games were the rule, rather than the exception, in Super Bowl games. In the 15 years since, almost every Super Bowl has been competitive and filled with varying degrees of drama, save for perhaps Denver's comfy win over Atlanta in XXXIII, Baltimore's romp past the Giants in XXXV, and Tampa Bay's cruise past Oakland in XXXVII.

Still, modern Super Bowls are absent some of the emotional edge that was common among the first four of them when the rival NFL and AFL played their own schedules before the respective champions would face off for all of the marbles. *And the Super Bowl is really the last vestige of that intense rivalry between the competing leagues in the '60s, when the animosity also boiled into preseason games between 1967-69*. Although it's hard for modern-day NFL fans to imagine preseason games generating such interest, we have always believed that some of the real boiling points of the old NFL-AFL rivalry happened during the exhibition seasons of those years. Regional matchups between the 49ers and Raiders, Rams and Chargers, and Cowboys and Oilers were instant hits, and to this day we're not sure longstanding New York football fans will ever forget the first time the Giants and Jets squared off, which didn't happen until 1969. It was one of the more ballyhooed preseason games in history, taking place at the historic Yale Bowl in New Haven, with Joe Namath's Jets, helped by rookie DB Mike Battle's punt return exploits, whipping the old-line Giants, 37-14.

But 1967 was the year the AFL-NFL rivalry boiled, when the 16 much-anticipated interleague contests helped define that preseason as the *"Summer of the Little Super Bowls."* Teams really played to win those interleague preseason battles, too, as *The Sporting News'* Larry Felser duly noted at the time. *"'Exhibition' is hardly the word,"* said Felser. *"From the talk around both leagues, at least some of those games, if not all of them, will take on the characteristics of a vendetta."* None played more to win than Hank Stram's Kansas City Chiefs, who used their August 23 preseason game against George Halas' Chicago Bears as an opportunity to avenge that Super Bowl loss seven months earlier vs. the Packers. Which the Chiefs did, ***(continued on page 10)***

SUPER BOWL XLIV

Home team in CAPS. *—indicates night game. Statistics after game writeups are listed in the following order: Score of game, first downs, rushing attempts/rushing yards, passes completed/passes attempted/passes intercepted/passing yards, and fumbles lost. In each statistical category the leader is listed first. Scores and pointspreads (in parentheses) are results of most recent meetings in series. P—Pick Game. SR—Series Record (official league games only), with team leading in series, number of games won, lost and tied. NL—No Line. OPR—Average Opponents' Power Rating (at the time they met) of all **TGS**-rated teams played. **TGS** Key Releases are underlined and denoted with a star (H).

Some frequently-appearing abbreviations. HC—Head Coach (also, college Homecoming Game, when listed in score line). "O"—Offense. "D"—Defense. DDs—Double Digits. OL—Offensive Line or Lineman. DL—Defensive Line or Lineman. KR-Kick Returner. o.c.—Offensive Coordinator. d.c.—Defensive Coordinator. YR—Yards Rushing. YP—Yards Passing. recs.—Receptions. ints.—Interceptions. STs—Special Teams. ypg—Yards per Game. ppg—Points per Game. ypc—Yards per Carry (or Catch, for receivers). LY—Last Year. TY—This Year. Y—Year or Years. TDP—Touchdown Passes. FA—Free Agent. SU—Straight Up. Games are listed in the *Don Best rotation used in the majority of Las Vegas sportsbooks.*

All score predictions are made with Las Vegas pointspreads and over-under lines in mind. *Please note: All selections indicating a preference for the underdog do not necessarily forecast the underdog as the straight-up winner of the game. A predicted victory by the favorite of less than the pointspread on the game indicates the underdog is the preferred side in the game.*

INDIANAPOLIS (16-2) vs. NEW ORLEANS (15-3)

Sunday, February 7, 2010 Night at Miami, FL (Grass Field)

TEAM	SUR	PSR	PF	PA	YR	YP	T-R-P	YR	YP	T-R-P	TO	DIFF	OPR
Indianapolis	16-2	12-6	26	18	80	283	58-16-39	122	216	33-10-21	+4	4.6	4.2
N. Orleans	15-3	9-9	33	21	131	266	74-24-40	124	241	43-24-16	+17	4.9	5.1

(07-INDIANAPOLIS -6 41-10...SR: EVEN 5-5)

LOOKING AT INDIANAPOLIS

Going into 2009, even with the marvelous Peyton Manning leading the offense and the Colts having ended the 2008 campaign with a nine-game regular-season winning streak, not many experts had penciled Indy into Super Bowl XLIV. After all, LY's Colts had lost their initial playoff game (again) and calm, cool, collected coach Tony Dungy had retired, with asst. HC/QBs coach Jim Caldwell (a 54-year-old NFL rookie HC) taking over. Caldwell had an uninspiring head coaching record of 26-63 in eight years at Wake Forest from 1993-2000, posting only one (1) winning record (7-5 in 1999).

This year's ensuing 14-0 start to Caldwell's career was therefore fairly shocking on virtually every level, especially considering Indy's narrow 14-12 victory over Jacksonville in its opener (the Jags failed on a two-point conversion) and then the Colts' 27-23 come-from-behind Game Two triumph at Miami, where Indy controlled the clock for only 14:53, the least for a winning team in 33 years! The Colts later escaped with a much-discussed 35-34 midseason victory over the Patriots, thanks in part to the infamous fourth-down pass ordered late in the game by Bill Belichick. Eight of Indy's fourteen 2009 regular-season victims were within single digits of the Colts, who nonetheless extended their regular-season winning streak to an NFL record 23. And, with the No. 1 seed in the AFC playoffs locked up and the team leading the Jets 15-10 midway in the third quarter at Lucas Oil Stadium in Game 15, Manning and other key starters were pulled from the contest, their heads slumping noticeably as they were denied their chance for perfection, with the Jets then gleefully pouncing on rookie backup QB Curtis Painter as if he were a helpless puppy for a 29-15 victory that eventually helped New York into the postseason.

But Manning, who captured his record fourth league MVP this season, appeared to be at his masterful best in the playoffs vs. the rugged defense of the Colts and then 2009's top defensive unit of the Jets, completing 67.5% for 5 TDs with only 1 interception. Perhaps even more notable is that Manning & the Colts approached perfection this year after phasing out long-time TD target Marvin Harrison and then seeing potential replacement Anthony Gonzalez injured and unable to contribute. However, GM Bill Polian had sagely drafted Pierre Garcon (Mount Union) two years ago and Austin Collie (BYU) this year, and Manning quickly integrated the two youngsters into an attack with old reliables Reggie Wayne & Dallas Clark (100 recs. apiece TY). In Indy's two playoff games this season, Garcon had 16 catches and Wayne, Clark & Collie had 11 each. Most experts agree that in today's QB-friendly NFL, the diligent Manning is the best at studying, reading, adjusting to, and then *re-adjusting to* opponents' defenses. Indeed, Caldwell views Manning (sacked only 10 times in regular season) as a "hypernesiac" who never forgets what opponents do. The heady QB has matched wits several times with Saints' defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, who has spent 11of his 20 NFL seasons as a d.c. in the AFC South with Tennessee & Jacksonville.

With Manning a constant and the aerial game set once Garcon & Collie "arrived" as receivers, HC Caldwell focused much of his attention in his rookie year on attempting to improve a ground attack that was 31st in 2008 (it dipped to 32nd TY) and on shoring up a vulnerable, undersized Indy defense that had the use of inspirational SS Bob Sanders (2007 Defensive Player of the Year) for only two games TY because of injury. In fact, DB injuries plagued the Colts virtually all season (check the status of promising rookie CB Jerraud Powers; foot). But Caldwell & new d.c. Larry Coyer have succeeded in making Indy a bigger, more aggressive stop unit than in the Tony Dungy "Tampa Two" days, and Polian's magic has been evident again, with young backup CBs learning fast and the safety combo of Antoine Bethea (4 ints. TY) and Melvin Bullitt (the key fourth-down tackle vs. New England) developing into one of the league's top duos. Combined with pass rushers Dwight Freeney (13½ sacks; but problematic ankle) & Robert Mathis (9½) and a speedy, underrated group of LBs, the Indy DBs have become among the best at defending in the red zone—making many a key stop to prolong the 23-game regular-season streak. All told this year, the Colts placed ahead of the Saints in pass defense (14th vs. 26th), total defense (18th vs. 25th), and scoring defense (8th vs. 20th).

The biggest negative regarding Indy as far as football purists are concerned is the Colts' bottom-ranking running game, which allows many defenses to send multiple blitzers at the stationary Manning, often reducing him to "hot-read," "dink & dunk" throws. However, Indy was able to gain 101 YR in the playoffs against the rugged Jets, who subsequently admitted the run threat provided by Joseph Addai and quick rookie Donald Brown—who combined for 1109 YR & 13 TDR in the regular season—was enough to slow down the N.Y. blitzers and allow Indy to overcome a 17-6 deficit in the 30-17 AFC title game final.

Manning (9-8 SU in the playoffs) is at the peak of his career. And—except for Dungy, Dwight Harrison & Bob Sanders—the Colts are returning the same core of key coaches and players to the same Miami site where they defeated Chicago 29-17 in Super Bowl XLI three years ago. Indy is 16-0 SU and 12-4 vs. the spread (11-4 when favored) this season in games the Colts went all out to win, with the front-office-orchestrated, Manning-removal losses vs. the Jets & Bills the only two straight-up blemishes on their record.

LOOKING AT NEW ORLEANS

The New Orleans Saints...*in the Super Bowl?*

As mentioned in our ***TGS*** cover story last week, no longer can we say that *"Charlton Heston is the only QB who has taken the Saints to the Super Bowl,"* referencing the 1969 movie, *Number One*, in which Heston's Cat Catlan character led the Saints to the title game. Drew Brees now has that official honor. Still, this season has been quite a departure from the majority of the franchise's history, where winning seasons have been few and playoff successes fewer. It took the Saints 20 years to record their first over-.500 record and playoff berth (1987) and another 13 years before winning a postseason game (2000). Along the way the "Aints" became the butt of jokes while their often-ashamed fans were the first to wear paper bags over their heads to disguise their identity (as famously suggested in 1980 by the late, legendary local sportscaster Buddy Diliberto). *Indeed, for nearly 40 years, the franchise's highlight was the record 63-yard FG at the final gun kicked by Tom Dempsey to beat the Lions, 19-17, in a historic 1970 clash.* And just when things appeared as if they couldn't get any worse, Hurricane Katrina devastated the region in 2005 and forced the Saints into makeshift headquarters in San Antonio, where the team would play most of its "home" games at the Alamodome (along with a couple at LSU's Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge) that disturbing campaign.

But things seemed to finally bottom out during the "Katrina season" of 2005. The hiring of respected offensive tactician Sean Payton (off Bill Parcells' staff in Dallas) as HC for 2006 proved a real demarcation point for the franchise, as the Saints soared to an NFC South crown and conference title game in Payton's first year that also marked the Bayou debut of QB Brees, acquired as a FA that offseason. Offensive production wasn't the problem in subsequent playoff-less years of 2007 & 2008; *rather, it was a suspect defense lacking in playmakers that kept New Orleans from returning to the postseason.* To that end, Payton decided to make his most important change this past offseason, hiring respected d.c. Gregg Williams to alter the recipe and revamp the stop unit.

Mission accomplished, *for the most part*, as, at its best, Williams' attack-based 4-3 pressured enemy QBs and disoriented enemy offenses. Especially during the first half of the season when the Saints rocketed to an unbeaten start that eventually extended 13 games into mid-December. Williams' aggressive platoon forced 36 TOs in the first 12 weeks and scored 8 TDs in the process. But the "D" regressed over the last half of the season, and while injuries were partly to blame, New Orleans was nonetheless alarmingly permissive vs. the run as the campaign progressed, allowing nearly 140 ypg on the ground over the last 11 weeks of the regular season. Many believe Williams' defense suffered after CB Jabari Greer went down with a sports hernia injury in Week Eight; *with fellow CB Tracy Porter joining him in the infirmary soon afterwards,*

the big plays began to steadily disappear, as the Saints only forced 3 TOs in their last four regular-season games. It's worth noting, however, that the "D" got healthier after the "bye" week in the wild card round, and only DE Charles Grant is now absent from the defensive core that finally got DT Sedrick Ellis, LBs Scott Fujita, Jonathan Vilma, and Scott Shanle, plus Greer and Porter on the field together in the playoffs for the first time since an early November win over Carolina. *The TO-forcing ways have returned in the playoffs, as the Saints have garnered 7 of 'em (including 5 in the NFC title game vs. the Vikings).* With more faith in now-healthier CBs Greer and Porter (whose interception off Brett Favre ended Minnesota's last threat in regulation), Williams has been able to do more blitzing, freeing up other playmakers and allow another big-play component, FS Darren Sharper, to do more of his customary freelancing in the 2ndary.

But it's on offense where New Orleans really sizzles. Indeed, the Saints were en route to breaking the 2007 Patriots' record for most points before bogging down in late December. *That late slump served as a reminder for the team to rebalance its "O" ASAP, as the attack labored when the infantry (admittedly slowed by a rash of nagging injuries in the RB corps) sputtered, allowing enemy defenses to sit back in coverage and mostly take away Brees' deep balls.* Make no mistake, the Saints are capable of pounding away; they rushed for 2103 yards, 6th best in the league and more than any of Payton's first three New Orleans offenses, effectively setting the table for Brees to complete an NFL-record 70.6% of his passes and for the second straight year notch 34 TDP. Big-play wideouts Marques Colston, Devery Henderson, and Robert Meachem combined for 20 TD catches, while vet TE Jeremy Shockey is a trusted underneath threat. But Brees is at his best when the three-pronged ground game featuring slashing Pierre Thomas, rejuvenated big-play threat Reggie Bush (whose 83-yard punt return TD effectively put the sword to Arizona in the Division Round), and rugged Mike Bell provide the necessary infantry diversion, which along with Brees' accuracy and Payton's shrewd play-calling can provide an irresistible combination. Payton also is likely to have more confidence in ex-Oklahoma PK Garrett Hartley after his 40-yard FG in OT KO'd the Vikings in the NFC title game.

Most importantly, however, the Saints enter Miami appearing to have regained much of their swagger that momentarily disappeared after their 13-game win streak was snapped.

SUPER BOWL XLIV

It's not often that what seems like an inevitable Super Bowl matchup actually materializes. *Indeed, this is the first time since the 1993 season that the respective top seeds have emerged unscathed from their conference playoff gauntlets to meet in the final showdown.* Although it's not the unprecedented battle for the ages between unbeatens that this matchup teased at becoming as late as mid-December, it is nonetheless one of the more compelling championship collisions in recent memory, enhanced in part simply because each avoided the sort of playoff banana peels that have caused numerous top seeds to slip (including both the Titans and Giants a year ago at their first postseason hurdles).

Though we are not convinced of greatness in either side, the oddsmakers and wagering public seem to believe the billing more closely fits the Colts. We also suspect that perceptions from the respective conference championship games have something to do with the not-so-insignificant impost that saddles Indy in the finale. *That the Saints found some rather unconventional ways to subdue the Vikings in the NFC title clash is probably why their chances appear to have been slightly discounted in Miami.*

Forgive us, however, for not being ready to bestow the "great" tag on this particular Indy team...*at least not yet.* That's not to say that we don't consider Peyton Manning as such, as his credentials for Canton are clearly set. But there are enough things that this Colts team *doesn't do* particularly well that make us wonder about their ultimate championship credentials. Indy does not run the football particularly well, or well at all, really, ranking 32nd and last in the league during the regular season. Of course, a team with Manning at the controls doesn't necessarily need a chop-busting infantry to survive (as the Colts proved in their title run three years ago), and Indy did generate a serviceable overland component (101 YR) vs. the Jets in the AFC title game. But at a puny 3.5 ypc, it's not a diversion Manning can normally rely upon. Meanwhile, although the rush defense somewhat contained the one-dimensional Jets two weeks ago, it couldn't consistently stop the run (ranking 24th while allowing 4.3 ypc) this season. That same shortcoming didn't stop the '06 Colts (who ranked last in rush "D") from winning it all, but it should be noted that particular Indy stop unit got healthier toward the end of that campaign and had stemmed some of those rush "D" leaks by playoff time. And it hasn't prevented this Indy edition from advancing to another Super Bowl, although we would suggest that after facing the somewhat flawed offenses of the Ravens and Jets (and their very young QBs) in the first two playoff rounds, the Colt "D" has yet to take on a truly balanced and potent offensive force this postseason.

And the Saints appear capable of doing some things against this Indy defense. Drew Brees has been at his best when complemented by his ground game, something New Orleans should have confidence in establishing for the finale. The Saints' stout OL features All-Pros on the right side (G Jahri Evans & T Jon Stinchcomb), and RBs Pierre Thomas, Reggie Bush, and Mike Bell should all be relatively healthy after a week off. Although Jim Caldwell can deploy lots of cornerbacks (including a previous Super Bowl hero, Kelvin Hayden) to match up against New Orleans' squadron of dangerous wideouts, *it's Bush, in particular, who is often a make-or-break proposition for the Saints' offense, especially in the passing game, and the Colts are going to be gambling that one of their safeties (Antoine Bethea or Melvin Bullitt) can handle Reggie in one-on-one situations.* Indeed, Bush's homerun capabilities (also as a returner) are a dimension unique to this matchup. And despite the presence of the menacing Dwight Freeney at DE, the Saints' pass protection wasn't a problem this season when ranking a solid 4th best in sacks allowed, with Brees' mobility (especially his uncanniness while throwing on the run) a dimension that could further confound Caldwell's defense.

Of course, dealing with Manning, who has been hot (623 YP & 5 TDP) in the playoffs, is another matter for the Saints, although many respected sources believe Gregg Williams' stop unit is constructed as well as any to slow down the Colts attack. With his quick release and sterling protection (Indy allowed the league's fewest sacks), Manning is not easy to disrupt. But Manning is human and is still relying on some relatively-green, *albeit impressive*, receiving targets in rookie Austin Collie and 2nd-year Pierre Garcon, and is likely to get hit by New Orleans' aggressive pass rushers, who eventually made Brett Favre pay in the NFC title game. And the Saints have plenty of difference-makers in their ball-hawking secondary, including big-play FS Darren Sharper, with 3 interception TDs TY and a potential elixir for one of Manning's favorite targets, TE Dallas Clark. *Those seven forced TOs (against seasoned vets like Kurt Warner and Favre) in the playoffs also suggest that Williams' now-healthy D" has rediscovered the mojo that made it so effective the first half of the season.*

Although New Orleans was considered fortunate by many to escape the Viking threat in the NFC title game, we thought the resourcefulness the Saints exhibited in overcoming such a stout opponent spoke volumes about their chemistry and fortitude, something Indy hasn't had to similarly demonstrate in the postseason. We suspect that New Orleans might have already beaten a better team (Minnesota) than the Colts to reach the finale. *Getting a bonus from the oddsmakers is nice, but we don't think it will be necessary for Saints backers to cash their tickets.*

***TGS* SCORE FORECAST:**
NEW ORLEANS 34 - Indianapolis 27

"TOTALS" note...*Although the posted "total" is sitting rather high at 56½ at our press time, we foresee a likelihood of the defenses and special teams getting involved in the scoring act, which can serve to inflate the ultimate scoreline. And given the potent offenses involved, there seem to be more ways this game can go "over" than "under."*

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HOME TEAM in CAPS. Totals in brackets ( ). NL-No Line.

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	TGS	**Sportsbetting**	**SBG**
Indy-New Orleans	I.3½	I.6(56½)	I.5½

INDIANAPOLIS (FT)
(SUR: 15-2 PSR: 11-6 O-U: 8-8-1)

S.13	J'VILLE	L	-6'	14-12	u45
S.21*	Miami	W	-3	27-23	o42
S.27*	Arizona	W	+3	31-10	u48'
O.04	SEATTLE	W	-10	34-17	o44
O.11*	Tenn.	W	-4	31-9	u45
O.18	Open Week				
O.25	St. Louis	W	-14	42-6	o45
N.01	S. FRAN.	L	-12'	18-14	u44'
N.08	HOU.	L	-9	20-17	u49
N.15*	N. ENG.	L	-3	35-34	o49
N.22	Baltimore	W	-1	17-15	u44'
N.29	Houston	W	-3	35-27	o47'
D.06	TENN.	W	-6'	27-17	u46'
D.13	DENVER	W	-7	28-16	n44
D.17*	J'ville	W	-3	35-31	o43
D.27	NY JETS	L	-4	15-29	o40'
J.03	Buffalo	L	+8	7-30	o32'
J.16*	BALT.	W	-6'	20-3	u44
J.24	NY JETS	W	-8	30-17	o40
F. 07*	New Orleans				

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NEW ORLEANS (FT)
(SUR: 14-3 PSR: 9-8 O-U: 8-9)

S.13	DETROIT	W	-13'	45-27	o50
S.20	Phila.	W	-2	48-22	o46
S.27	Buffalo	W	-6	27-7	u51'
O.04	NY JETS	W	-7'	24-10	u46
O.11	Open Week				
O.18	NYG	W	-3	48-27	o47'
O.25	Miami	W	-6'	46-34	o47'
N.02*	ATLANTA	L	-11	35-27	o54'
N.08	CAR.	L	-13	30-20	u51'
N.15	St. Louis	L	-14	28-23	o50
N.22	T. Bay	W	-11	38-7	u51
N.30*	N. ENG.	W	-2	38-17	u56'
D.06	Wash.-OT	L	-9	33-30	o46'
D.13	Atlanta	L	-10	26-23	u50'
D.19*	DALLAS	L	-7'	17-24	u53'
D.27	T. BAY-OT	L	-14	17-20	u49
J.03	Carolina	L	+9	10-23	u42
J.16	ARIZONA	W	-7	45-14	o57
J.24*	MINN - OT	L	-3'	31-28	o54
F.07*	Indianapolis				

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NBA ANALYSIS

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MILWAUKEE by 17 over Indiana (Saturday, February 6)

L.A. LAKERS by 16 over San Antonio (Monday, February 8)

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

ORLANDO 108 - Washington 88—Revenge game for Orlando side that was upset at Washington on Jan. 8. That game came in the middle of the Gilbert Arenas gun controversy, and Washington's Antawn Jamison stepped up with 28 points and 11 rebounds. Wizard C Brendan Haywood pulled down 15 boards, and Washington held a 55-42 rebound edge. That won't happen again, and doubt that Orlando F Rashard Lewis and G Jameer Nelson will be as cold as they were that night (combined 6 for 24 shooting). 09-WASH +7' 104-97 (203); 08-ORL -9' 106-81 (198), Orl -3 105-90 (198), ORL -12' 89-80 (192), Orl -8 112-103 (199)

INDIANA 102 - Detroit 94—Indiana has beaten Detroit 3 straight and has covered the last 5 against the Pistons. The Pacers have been slipping at home of late, dropping their last 4 at Conseco Fieldhouse straight-up and against the number. However, even return to action of G Ben Gordon couldn't pull Detroit out of a slump, as Pistons have lost four in a row SU and vs. the number through Jan. 30. Lack of firepower is the culprit in recent Detroit slump, as it has all season. The Pistons are the second-lowest scoring in the NBA at 92 ppg. The lack of offensive punch has been a real mystery in Motown this year, as Rip Hamilton and Rodney Stuckey lead a lineup that, at least on paper, figures to score more than it has despite the injury to Gordon. 09-Ind +3' 105-93 (200); 08-DET -10 100-94 (188), DET -6 114-110 (200), IND -2 110-106 (OT-202), IND -2 106-102 (206)

BOSTON 101 - New Jersey 93—Boston has won 11 in a row against New Jersey, which is not surprising, covering 8 of those victories. The return to action of Kevin Garnett hasn't exactly lit a fuse for Boston, as the Celts were 2-2 SU and 1-3 vs. the points in first four games after his return. That makes a run of 1-6-1 against the number in last 8 and a 6-13 mark last 19 as a favorite for the Celtics through Jan. 31. For all its problems (and there are many), New Jersey has hung in best as a big dog, covering 8 of 18 chances getting more than 9 points this season (7-19 in all other categories). Net G Devin Harris has missed the last 3 games through Jan. 30 with a wrist injury, but the Nets covered the last 2 of those, beating the Clippers SU in one for their 4th win of the season. 09-Bos -14 86-76 (179), Bos -8 111-87 (189); 08-BOS -10 118-86 (190), Bos -7 105-85 (192), Bos -7 115-111 (194), BOS -10 106-104 (196)

Milwaukee 100 - NEW YORK 96—Milwaukee has held the upper hand against New York the last few seasons, winning 5 of last 6 SU, covering 4 of the last 5. New York has been cautious with F Al Harrington (18 ppg, 6 rpg), who's missed time with a gimpy knee lately. Meanwhile, Milwaukee is gathering momentum and making a push for the playoffs, covering 7 straight and climbing to within three games of the final playoff slot. New York regressed in the second half of January, as point guard Chris Duhon's game came completely unraveled (5 ppg, 29% FGs in first 14 starts of 2010). Buck rookie PG Brandon Jennings scored 14 ppg & handed out 7 apg while getting 1.5 spg in January. 09-MIL -4 102-87 (195); 08-Mil +5' 94-86 (215), MIL -4 104-87 (206), Mil +4' 105-81 (216), Ny +3' 120-112 (223)

ATLANTA 112 - Chicago 103—Losses at San Antonio and Orlando dropped Atlanta out of the top spot in the Southeast Division, but the Hawks are in the friendly confines of Philips Arena tonight, where they have a 19-5 SU and 17-7 spread mark. Mike Woodson's deep and athletic team might have its hands full with suddenly surging Chicago side that won and covered 5 straight road games prior to facing Philly on Wednesday. Bull G Derrick Rose scored 25 ppg and shot 55% in that streak, as Chicago's scoring has been up sharply in January (103 ppg first 15). That's all good, but the Hawks have had the Bulls' number lately, winning 5 of the last 6 SU and covering 4 of the last 5. Atlanta too tough at home to expect Bull road form to continue. *Six straight series meetings have gone "over" the total.* 09-ATL -10' 118-83 (196), CHI +4' 101-98 (OT-196); 08-Atl +4 113-108 (187), ATL -10 129-117 (193), Atl +4' 105-102 (198) CABLE TV—ESPN

MEMPHIS 105 - Houston 94—This is definitely a case of two teams headed in opposite directions. Houston fell like a rock in January, covering just 2 of 13 games through Jan. 30. Meanwhile, Memphis has been on an extended 18-9 pointspread run through the end of January, including an 11-1 SU mark at the FedEx Forum. Grizzly F Zach Randolph has led the way, scoring 23 ppg, shooting 50% and snatching 12 rpg in January. Loss of sub Kyle Lowry (9 ppg, 5 apg off bench; out a week with a hyperextended knee) can't help coach Rick Adelman's rotation, despite G Aaron Brooks' fine run of form (23 ppg last 11 games through Jan. 30). 09-HOU -9 104-79 (213); 08-HOU -12 82-71 (191), MEM +6' 109-97 (191), MEM +6 104-93 (195), HOU -14 93-83 (196)

NEW ORLEANS 94 - Philadelphia 92—New Orleans has been an underachiever as a home favorite of late, covering just 3 of last 11 as chalk in New Orleans Arena. Hornet PG Chris Paul is sitting with a knee problem at this writing, and F David West just returned from a sprained ankle. Paul is a warrior and will probably return quickly, but still have to like the technical dynamics of N.O. home failures and Philadelphia's solid record as a road dog. The Sixers are 13-7 getting points away from home, and perhaps inspired in playing for his recovering homeland, Sixer Haitian C Sam Dalembert is playing his best ball of the season lately (10 ppg, 12 rpg, 2.4 blocks first 14 games in January). *"Under" is 7-1-1 last 9 in this series.* 09-PHI -2 96-92 (200); 08-NO -3 101-86 (194), No +2 98-91 (189)

DALLAS 109 - Minnesota 107—Dallas has beaten Minnesota 13 in a row, but can't get too interested in laying points with the Mavs at American Airlines Center. Rick Carlisle's team had two more home chalk failures last week, bringing its mark in that role to 4-17 prior to hosting Golden State on Wednesday. Dallas owner Mark Cuban has said he doesn't see any big deal coming up before the trade deadline, but rumblings are that something will happen despite what the owner says. Mav C Erick Dampier is struggling with a knee issue and his January numbers (6 ppg, 6 rpg) aren't what Dallas needs if they are to challenge the Lakers or Denver in the playoffs, which is obviously Cuban's goal. Minny scored 102 ppg in January thanks to return to G Corey Brewer's contributions (2nd-leading T-wolf at 16 ppg for the month). 09-Dal -10' 89-77 (198); 08-Dal -5' 95-85 (202), DAL -13 107-100 (197), Dal -8 108-88 (200), DAL -11' 96-94 (202)

Phoenix 111 - SACRAMENTO 100—Not afraid to lay points in Arco Arena going against Sacto, as Kings are just 4-9 as a home dog this season prior to hosting San Antonio Wednesday. Kings dropped 11 of last 14 spread decisions through the end of January, and prize rookie Tyreke Evans banged up his hip last Saturday in loss to Charlotte. Granted, Phoenix has its own problems with a 3-9 spread mark (4-8 SU) last 12 through Jan. 30, and star PG Steve Nash has missed practice time and is playing through a groin/abdomen problem. However, Suns likely to put extra effort into assuring a win in this game, coming after a tough stretch of road games (at Houston, N.O. and Denver) and before a rare mini-vacation (only 1 game in next 11 days). 09-PHO -11' 115-107 (226), Pho -2' 113-109 (226); 08-Pho -4 97-95 (OT-205), PHO -15' 129-81 (223), SAC +6 126-118 (236), PHO -14 139-111 (246)

LA LAKERS 113 - Denver 98—Denver has had a very tough time at Staples Center, going 2-16 SU on this court, covering just 4 of those 18 games. The Lakers hadn't been clicking on all cylinders until getting it together on recent road trip, winning 5 of last 6 (4-1-1 vs. the points) prior to visiting Memphis. Denver was without star Carmelo Anthony in last 4 games to end January due to an ankle injury, and it's hard to replace a 30 ppg scorer. Granted Lakers have come up short against some "A" teams this season (most notably Cleveland), but revenge angle in this game is strong. Nuggets served the Lakers a 105-79 humiliation in Denver on Nov. 13, as L.A. shot just 35% as a team and got only 8 points off the bench. Zen master Phil Jackson will elicit a special effort in return match against his main Western Conference rival. 09-DEN -4 105-79 (211); 08-La -8 104-97 (210), LA -8' 104-90 (206), DEN +2' 90-79 (219), LA -9 116-102 (210), *LA -6' 105-103 (213), Den +5' 106-103 (211), La +3' 103-97 (212), DEN -4' 120-101 (209), LA -6 103-94 (209), La +5' 119-92 (209)* CABLE TV—ESPN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

CHARLOTTE 100 - New Orleans 92—Charlotte has been a strong home team this season, notching an 18-5 SU mark at Time Warner Cable Arena. Rested Hornets catch New Orleans coming off a game against Philly last night, and Hornets are a bit banged up with PG Chris Paul nursing an ankle injury. Meanwhile, deep Bobcats not only getting production from G Stephen Jackson and Gerald Wallace, who are combining for 45 ppg in January, but sub Ronald Murray, starting PG Ray Felton, and F Boris Diaw are also contributing double digits. Larry Brown's Bobcats haven't been playing quite the same tough defense the last few weeks, but his attack has stepped up to fill the gap. This is Charlotte's first home game since Jan. 23, so look for a big welcome home from the Bobcat fans. 08-CHA +7' 92-89 (186), NO -13 105-89 (186)

Atlanta 104 - WASHINGTON 92—Atlanta has handled Washington the last few seasons, notching 7 straight wins and a 6-1 spread mark in last 7 meetings against the Wizards. The Hawks blocked 14 shots and held Washington to 40% shooting and 85.5 ppg in first two meetings. Hawks were a decent 13-9 vs. the number on the road in their first 22 chances this season, and Washington situation somewhat poisonous lately, and Wizards are coming off a game in Orlando last night. Washington is just 4-8 against the number this season playing without rest. Although Wizards have been much better as a home dog than a home favorite, and Atlanta has been basically .500 as a road favorite, not interested in bucking Hawk superiority in the series. Hawks own better defense and ball-handling ability, as they commit the fewest turnovers in the league. 09-ATL -6' 100-89 (203), ATL -11 94-82 (203); 08-ATL -7' 91-87 (199), Atl +1' 102-98 (200), ATL -9 111-90 (200), Atl -3' 98-89 (197)

DETROIT 105 - New Jersey 90—Both of these teams played last night, and they faced each other on Tuesday night. New Jersey is 0-10 straight-up last 10 when unrested and has dropped the last 5 of those against the number. Detroit has fared a bit better of late in second night of back-to-back games, winning 2 of last 3 and going 4-3 vs. the number at home in such situations dating back to last season. New Jersey's weak offense (30th in NBA at less than 90 ppg) and

defense (league-worst 48.3% shooting) should be to Pistons' liking. 09-Check 2/2 result; 08-NJ +7' 103-96 (191), DET -6' 83-75 (188), NJ -1' 111-98 (187), DET -7' 100-93 (191)

CLEVELAND 104 - New York 96—Cleveland managed to cover 8-point spread at New York in first meeting this season for the Cavs' sixth straight series win. LeBron James had 33 points and Anderson Varejao and Zydrunas Ilgauskas combined for 25 rebounds off the bench to take the game in hand early, as Cleveland led 40-21 after one quarter. Must play devil's advocate and point out that the Cavs have been a poor play as a big home favorite, covering just 4 of first 14 chances laying more than 9 points at Quicken Loans Arena this season. Meanwhile, New York covered 4 of first 5 as a similar road dog. 09-Cle -8 100-91 (203); 08-Cle -8' 119-101 (212), CLE -15 118-82 (215), Cle -5' 107-102 (208), CLE -10 98-93 (210)

CHICAGO 94 - Miami 93—Miami not in the greatest shape, with guard Dwyane Wade playing through back problems, forward Michael Beasley (16 ppg, 7 rpg) nursing a knee injury, and guard Mario Chalmers suffering from a sprained thumb. However, Chicago played last night against Atlanta and this is Bulls' 4th game in 5 nights. Chicago covered just 3 of first 10 this season when unrested, as the shooting of Luol Deng suffers noticeably when he plays the second of back-to-back nights. Miami has won 5 of last 6 meetings with Chicago SU. *Totals note: the "under" is 6-1 last 7 when these two tangle.* 09-MIA -4 95-87 (195); 08-MIA -5' 90-77 (198), Mia +4 95-93 (196), MIA -5 130-127 (2OT-202), CHI -5' 106-87 (203) TV—NBA NETWORK

MINNESOTA 103 - Memphis 101—Minnesota covered 5 straight at the Target Center through Jan. 30, and Minny, which played last night, has covered all three chances playing unrested at home. Memphis also played last night (hosting Houston), but young Grizzlies haven't fared well on the road, dropping 4 of 6 chances as a visitor playing second night of back-to-backs. The Timberwolves have covered 5 of last 7 meetings in this series, holding the Grizzlies to 97 points in each of first two before losing a 135-110 decision Jan. 15 in Memphis. That most recent meeting was the T-wolves second-worst defensive performance of the season, prompting Minny head coach Kurt Rambis to say, *"Our defense was atrocious. I'm embarrassed about how our guys played."* Rambis had some choice words for his team that night, and he should remind them of what that type of effort produced during film work for this matchup. 09-MEM -9 97-87 (205), Mem -3 97-95 (202), MEM -7' 135-110 (209); 08-MIN -2 108-98 (OT-196), Min +4 94-87 (195), MIN +2' 104-79 (200)

◆◆◆**MILWAUKEE 110 - Indiana 93—**Milwaukee has made the Bradley Center a tough place to play recently, winning 6 in a row SU and covering 5 of those. The Bucks have been strong as a home favorite most of the season, logging an 11-6 mark as home chalk. Milwaukee played last night in New York, but Scott Skiles crew has overachieved in the second night of back-to-back games at home, covering 6 of first 7 chances. The Pacers also played last night (at home against Detroit), and Indiana is just 1-5 vs. the number last 6 facing Milwaukee. 09-Mil +1' 84-81 (199); 08-MIL -4' 121-103 (206), IND -6 107-99 (214), MIL -5 122-110 (218), IND -8 115-108 (223)

HOUSTON 95 - Philadelphia 94—Philadelphia has been solid as a road dog (13-7 prior to facing New Orleans last night), and the Sixers are 7-1 against the number on the road playing without rest. Houston, conversely, limped through January and has dropped 7 straight pointspread decisions at home through Jan. 30. The Sixers had won and covered 4 straight against the Rockets until losing a 5-point decision at the Wachovia Center on Dec. 11. That loss was Philly's 12th straight and marked the low-point in the season for Eddie Jordan's Sixers. Don't expect Rocket bench to outscore Sixer reserves 46-6 as it did in first meeting. 09-Hou -2' 96-91 (193); 08-PHI +3 104-96 (189), Phi +5 95-93 (194)

Denver 106 - UTAH 104—Advantage Denver, which stretched series win streak over Utah to 4 with hat-trick vs. Jazz earlier this season. Included was 10-point win at Salt Lake City Jan. 2 when Nuggets were minus both 'Melo and Chauncey Billups, and rookie Ty Lawson picked up slack with 23 points. *'Melo could be absent again if recent ankle problems haven't abated by tipoff.* Utah has caught an updraft since, winning 9 of last 10 thru Jan. 30 (lone loss at Pepsi Center Jan. 17), although Denver streaking as well (8-1 SU last 9 thru Jan. 30) and knows it can beat Jazz, even if shorthanded. 09-DEN -5' 114-105 (209), Den +6' 105-95 (202), DEN -7 119-112 (213); 08-UTAH -8 98-94 (210), DEN -8 117-97 (215), UTAH -9 97-91 (210), DEN -5 114-104 (209)

PORTLAND 101 - LA Lakers 97—Portland has been L.A.'s bogey team lately, especially when Lakers have traveled to Rose Garden, where their losing streak reached 9 straight in 107-98 loss vs. Blazers Jan. 8. *It would help Portland's cause if Brandon Roy has recovered sufficiently from recent hamstring strain to return to lineup (status was day-to-day at beginning of week),* as he burned Lake Show for 32 in first meeting and serves as a defensive irritant to Kobe Bryant, who missed 23 of 37 shots during first meeting. Note Lakers just 1-9-1 vs. line on road vs. "A" & "B" opposition thru Jan. 30, *so if Roy available, don't mind another Portland recommendation.* 09-POR -4 107-98 (194); 08-LA -8 96-76 (195), LA -11' 100-86 (198), PORT +3 111-94 (202), PORT -1' 106-98 (194)

San Antonio 106 - LA CLIPPERS 92—S.A. has hardly taken a deep breath lately against Clippers, winning last 6 meetings and covering the last five of those, when Spurs won each by 13 points or more. Included were a pair of romps Dec. 13 & 21 when S.A. dissected spotty L.A. defense, hitting 57% % 51% respectively from floor in those wins. *Will just-completed, 8-game road trip back east have taken the starch out of Clippers?* 09-San -5' 115-90 (188), SAN -9 103-87 (194); 08-San +2' 86-83 (176), SAN -13 106-84 (182), San -8' 106-78 (185), SAN -11' 111-98 (193)

Oklahoma City 108 - GOLDEN ST. 101—Ok City (16-7 vs. line away thru Feb. 2) has progressed to the point where it expects to succeed on road. And trips to Oakland aren't as daunting as they used to be, with depleted Golden State forced to dip into D-League ranks to fill roster that continues to be nicked by injuries *(Nellie's crew indeed looked rather feeble in recent home losses vs. Hornets & Bobcats in late January).* Keep in mind that Thunder held Warriors to their lowest-scoring game of the year when rolling 104-88 at Ford Center Dec. 7, and enhanced defense has been a key in Ok City's rise to contending status (Thunder holding foes to 95 ppg and mere 43.7% FGs—the latter the best in the West). *Teams also met last Sunday in Ok City.* 09-OKLA -7 104-88 (222), check 1/31 result; 08-Gs -1' 112-102 (219), OKLA +2 107-100 (219), Okla +6 122-121 (221), GS -7' 133-120 (230)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 Day Games

TORONTO 101 - Sacramento 82—Toronto has offered pretty good value in these Sunday home matinees, covering 6 of its last 7 in role thru Jan. 30. And Raptors have been pretty reliable as Air Canada Centre chalk as well, covering 8 of first 12 in role thru Jan. 30. Meanwhile, the surprise factor that seemed to benefit Sacto earlier in campaign now a distant memory, as Kings have lost the plot since Christmas, dropping 16 of last 19 SU thru Jan. 31. Indeed, Sacto's only wins in January came against teams missing their key performers (Denver without Carmelo Anthony, Golden State minus Monta Ellis). *"Totals" alert—a byproduct of Kings' recent offensive downturn has been a preponderance of "unders" in Sacto games (11-3 last 14 thru Jan. 31).* 08-Tor -2' 107-101 (199), TOR -9 113-97 (211)

Orlando 93 - BOSTON 90—Curious series trend featuring the road underdog continued in Orlando's 96-94 win (but no cover) against Boston at Amway Arena Jan. 28. That marked the third time in as many tries this season that the road dog got the money in Magic-Celtics battles, the only difference being the visitor winning outright in the first two clashes. That pattern was also apparent when teams met a year ago, as the visiting team won 5 of 10 meetings (including playoffs), one of those the Magic'c 101-82 romp at TD Garden in Game 7 of LY's East semis. Orlando not really hitting on all cylinders lately, however, with Vince Carter's recent slump (partly due to sore shoulder) a contributing factor to offensive slowdown. But inclined to back series visitor trend as well as Magic's recent spate of "unders" (17-8 last 25 thru Jan. 30). 09-Orl +6 83-78 (191), Bos +5' 86-77 (191), ORL -3' 96-94 (190); 08-BOS -8' 107-88 (189), Bos +5 90-80 (192), Orl +3 86-79 (197), ORL -3' 84-82 (189), *Orl +1' 95-90 (188), BOS -3' 112-94 (189), ORL -4' 117-96 (189), Bos +4' 95-94 (194), BOS -2' 92-88 (192), ORL -7 83-75 (190), Orl +2' 101-82 (186)* TV—ABC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

ORLANDO 104 - New Orleans 97—Tricky scheduling for Orlando in quick turnaround after yesterday's showdown at Boston, although note that Magic have covered first three tries this season in game immediately after facing Celtics. New Orleans, however, has quietly put together a 3-game road win streak and 4-game cover streak away, accomplished at some difficult sites (recent wins at Portland & Memphis, and cover at Denver). Before considering Hornets, would want to make sure that Chris Paul has returned to lineup after missing Jan. 30 game vs. Grizzlies with leg injury, though UCLA rookie Darren Collison stepped in nicely with 17 points and 18 assists in win at Memphis. 08-ORL -5 88-68 (190), NO -1' 117-85 (189) CABLE TV—TNT

◆◆◆**LA LAKERS 102 - San Antonio 86—**L.A. in definite revenge mode against San Antonio side that buried Lakers by 20 at AT&T Center Jan. 12. Expect more from Kobe, in particular, after a rather muted performance when he took only 10 shots and sat out the entire 4th Q with back spasms. And Tim Duncan (who dominated paint in that meeting with 25 points) will have to deal with Pau Gasol this time after the Spaniard sat out first clash with a strained hamstring. Duncan was rather muted in first meeting, taking only 10 shots en route to subpar 16-point outing. 09-SAN -3 105-85 (194); 08-SAN -3 112-111 (200), LA -7 99-85 (201), La +2' 102-95 (194) CABLE TV—TNT

Dallas 117 - GOLDEN ST. 109—Dallas continuing its "inside-out" pattern this season, strangely ineffective vs. line at home (just 5-17 vs. spread at AA Center thru Feb. 2) but a much better 15-10 against number on road (thru Jan. 31). Doubt Mavs offense will meet much resistance from depleted Golden State squad that allows NBA's second-worst 107.5 pg, although Warriors always have a puncher's chance if Monta Ellis (who torched Dallas for 37 points in 111-103 upset win in Big D Nov. 24) finds his range. 09-Gs +13 111-103 (218), check for 2/3 result; 08-DAL -7 117-93 (225), GS +1 119-110 (223), DAL -10 128-106 (224)

NBA SPREAD CATEGORY ANALYSIS (totals on pg 11)

	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
	ATLANTA						MILWAUKEE				
TE	2-2	3-2	4-1	8-2	17-7	HOME FAVORITE	5-3	4-0	1-3	1-0	11-6
	-	-	-	-	0-0	HOME DOG	1-1	1-0	1-1	-	3-2
TE	1-2	3-2	2-1	-	6-5	ROAD FAVORITE	1-0	-	-	-	1-0
	1-3	3-1	3-0	-	7-4	ROAD DOG	5-2	0-3	4-2	3-3	12-10
	BOSTON						MINNESOTA				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	1-0	0-3	0-2	5-9	6-14	HOME FAVORITE	2-3	-	-	-	2-3
	-	-	-	-	0-0	HOME DOG	7-0	0-1	3-4	1-3	11-8
TE	2-0	3-2	2-4	1-3	8-9	ROAD FAVORITE	-	-	-	-	0-0
	2-0	2-3	-	-	4-3	ROAD DOG	-	2-1	2-7	7-5	11-13
	CHARLOTTE						NEW JERSEY				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	6-1	3-2	1-2	-	10-5	HOME FAVORITE	0-2	0-1	-	-	0-3
	3-3	1-1	-	-	4-4	HOME DOG	3-2	1-2	2-3	2-2	8-9
TE	2-1	-	-	-	2-1	ROAD FAVORITE	0-1	-	-	-	0-1
	3-2	4-3	2-2	3-1	12-8	ROAD DOG	-	0-4	1-4	6-8	7-16
	CHICAGO						NEW ORLEANS				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	2-1	1-3	2-5	-	5-9	HOME FAVORITE	2-2	2-2	1-2	0-4	5-10
	3-0	1-0	-	1-1	5-1	HOME DOG	3-1	1-0	1-0	-	5-1
TE	1-1	-	-	-	1-1	ROAD FAVORITE	2-4	-	-	-	2-4
	2-1	4-3	4-3	1-4	11-11	ROAD DOG	3-3	1-2	3-3	4-1	11-9
	CLEVELAND						NEW YORK				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	1-0	0-2	3-1	4-10	8-13	HOME FAVORITE	2-4	2-2	2-0	1-0	7-6
	-	-	-	-	0-0	HOME DOG	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-0	5-7
TE	1-1	5-6	3-2	1-1	10-10	ROAD FAVORITE	0-2	-	-	-	0-2
	4-0	1-0	-	-	5-0	ROAD DOG	2-3	1-5	2-1	4-1	9-10
	DALLAS						OKLAHOMA CITY				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	1-0	1-7	2-7	0-3	4-17	HOME FAVORITE	1-3	6-3	3-1	-	10-7
	-	1-0	-	-	1-0	HOME DOG	0-3	1-1	1-0	-	2-4
TE	3-4	3-2	1-0	1-0	8-6	ROAD FAVORITE	1-1	1-0	0-1	-	2-2
	2-1	4-1	1-2	-	7-4	ROAD DOG	4-2	3-1	5-0	2-2	14-5
	DENVER						ORLANDO				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	1-0	4-3	3-2	3-6	11-11	HOME FAVORITE	1-2	1-1	3-2	7-5	12-10
	-	1-0	-	-	1-0	HOME DOG	-	-	-	-	0-0
TE	0-8	0-2	2-2	1-0	3-12	ROAD FAVORITE	3-3	2-3	3-4	0-1	8-11
	2-3	-	2-0	-	4-3	ROAD DOG	1-0	1-1	1-0	-	3-1
	DETROIT						PHILADELPHIA				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	4-4	2-4	-	-	6-8	HOME FAVORITE	2-5	1-4	1-0	0-1	4-10
	1-2	1-2	3-1	-	5-5	HOME DOG	1-3	0-2	0-3	-	1-8
TE	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	ROAD FAVORITE	1-1	0-1	-	-	1-2
	1-1	2-6	3-2	2-3	8-12	ROAD DOG	3-4	4-0	1-2	5-1	13-7
	GOLDEN STATE						PHOENIX				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	1-3	2-1	2-1	-	5-5	HOME FAVORITE	2-1	3-2	1-4	5-4	11-11
	2-2	3-1	2-1	-	7-4	HOME DOG	1-0	-	-	-	1-0
TE	0-1	-	-	-	0-1	ROAD FAVORITE	4-2	0-1	0-2	1-0	5-5
	3-0	1-5	2-2	6-2	12-9	ROAD DOG	1-3	3-0	1-4	1-1	6-8
	HOUSTON						PORTLAND				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	1-3	3-4	3-1	0-2	7-10	HOME FAVORITE	1-2	3-2	3-4	2-3	9-11
	4-1	-	-	-	4-1	HOME DOG	1-1	2-1	-	-	3-2
TE	2-1	1-1	0-1	-	3-3	ROAD FAVORITE	5-2	-	2-1	-	7-3
	1-2	3-1	4-6	-	8-9	ROAD DOG	1-2	3-3	1-1	3-0	8-6
	INDIANA						SACRAMENTO				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	1-5	4-0	0-1	-	5-6	HOME FAVORITE	3-2	3-0	1-1	-	7-3
	1-3	2-2	1-2	1-0	5-7	HOME DOG	3-4	1-5	-	-	4-9
TE	1-0	1-0	-	-	2-0	ROAD FAVORITE	0-2	-	-	-	0-2
	1-5	2-2	2-5	4-1	9-13	ROAD DOG	0-1	1-2	4-3	6-3	11-9
	L.A. CLIPPERS						SAN ANTONIO				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	5-1	1-2	1-1	-	7-4	HOME FAVORITE	2-2	2-4	6-2	4-4	14-12
	1-3	1-2	3-1	-	5-6	HOME DOG	1-0	-	-	-	1-0
TE	0-1	-	0-1	-	0-2	ROAD FAVORITE	3-4	3-0	-	-	6-4
	4-2	3-2	1-4	2-3	10-11	ROAD DOG	2-4	0-1	-	-	2-5
	L.A. LAKERS						TORONTO				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	-	0-1	4-4	9-8	13-13	HOME FAVORITE	3-0	3-1	2-3	-	8-4
	-	-	-	-	0-0	HOME DOG	3-4	2-1	-	-	5-5
TE	0-2	3-4	4-1	1-1	8-8	ROAD FAVORITE	1-1	-	-	-	1-1
	0-3	1-1	-	-	1-4	ROAD DOG	5-4	2-2	3-3	1-3	11-12
	MEMPHIS						UTAH				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	2-3	3-3	3-1	-	8-7	HOME FAVORITE	2-0	2-0	7-6	3-2	14-8
	3-1	1-0	2-1	-	6-2	HOME DOG	2-0	-	-	-	2-0
TE	2-1	-	-	-	2-1	ROAD FAVORITE	1-0	0-1	1-2	-	2-3
	2-2	3-3	3-1	2-4	10-10	ROAD DOG	3-1	4-3	1-0	1-2	9-6
	MIAMI						WASHINGTON				
	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL		1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL
TE	1-2	2-3	5-3	0-2	8-10	HOME FAVORITE	2-8	1-1	0-1	-	3-10
	2-1	1-1	-	-	3-2	HOME DOG	2-3	2-1	2-1	-	6-5
TE	3-1	-	-	-	3-1	ROAD FAVORITE	0-3	-	-	-	0-3
	4-4	2-2	1-4	2-0	9-10	ROAD DOG	2-1	3-1	4-3	0-4	9-9

NBA RATINGS

Stats thru Sat.,Jan. 30, 2010.

KEY: HCV—Home Court Value. CR—Current Power Rating. PSR—Ptsprd Record. SUH—Straight-up home. SUA—Straight-up Away. PF-PA—Avg Pts For-Pts Against at home & on road. **ALL TEAMS MEASURED FROM BASE RATING OF ZERO.** Team with CR 6 would be 7-pt. fav. over team with CR 13 on neutral floor. Give allotted pts. for HCV to home team. Teams in **BOLD** have had their rating moved more than two pts. either for the better (+) or worse (-) since last posting. *—SU Home & Away avgs include only those games listed on the LV Line.

			HOME		AWAY			HOME	AWAY
HCV	TEAM	CR	FAV	DOG	FAV	DOG	PICK	PF-PA	PF-PA
4	Atlanta	7	17-7	0-0	6-5	7-4	0-0	106-95	97-98
3	Boston	7	6-14	0-0	8-9	4-3	0-0	100-94	98-93
4	**Charlotte+**	**12**	10-5	4-4	2-1	12-8	0-0	97-89	91-96
3	Chicago	10	5-9	5-1	1-1	11-11	0-0	94-93	95-101
3	Cleveland	7	8-13	0-0	10-10	5-0	0-1	101-93	100-95
3	Dallas	9	4-17	1-0	8-6	7-4	0-0	99-97	100-96
2	Denver	11/8*	12-10	1-0	4-11	4-3	0-0	112-102	100-101
3	Detroit	15	6-8	5-5	1-0	8-12	0-0	90-94	92-100
3	Golden St.	13	5-5	7-4	0-1	12-9	0-0	110-110	104-111
2	Houston	12	7-10	4-1	3-3	8-9	0-0	100-99	98-100
3	Indiana	15	5-6	4-8	2-0	9-13	0-0	99-101	98-107
2	LA Clippers	16/14*	7-4	5-6	0-2	10-11	0-0	96-96	96-102
3	LA Lakers	4	13-13	0-0	8-8	1-4	0-0	106-95	99-98
5	**Memphis+**	**13**	8-7	6-2	2-1	10-10	0-0	102-98	104-107
3	**Miami-**	**12**	8-10	3-2	3-1	9-10	0-0	97-93	97-100
4	Milwaukee	12	11-6	3-2	1-0	12-10	0-0	101-96	94-98
3	Minnesota	16	2-3	11-8	0-0	11-13	0-0	96-102	97-111
2	New Jersey	22/20*	0-3	8-9	0-1	7-16	0-0	90-100	90-104
3	**New Orleans+**	**14/11***	5-10	5-1	2-4	11-9	0-0	99-97	99-102
4	New York	15	7-6	5-7	0-2	9-10	0-0	102-102	98-102
3	Okla. City	10	10-7	2-4	2-2	14-5	0-0	98-94	97-96
3	Orlando	6	12-10	0-0	8-11	3-1	0-0	104-94	98-98
2	Philadelphia	16	4-10	1-8	1-2	13-7	0-0	95-98	99-101
3	**Phoenix-**	**11**	11-11	1-0	5-5	6-8	0-0	113-105	107-110
3	Portland	15/11*	9-11	3-2	7-3	8-6	0-0	101-96	93-93
3	Sacramento	18	7-3	4-9	0-2	11-9	0-0	104-104	97-105
3	San Antonio	10/7*	14-12	1-0	6-4	2-5	0-0	104-96	95-94
3	Toronto	12	8-4	5-5	1-1	10-13	0-0	104-101	103-108
4	Utah	10/7*	14-8	2-0	2-3	9-6	1-0	105-96	97-98
3	Washington	19	3-10	6-5	0-3	9-9	0-0	99-101	96-102

*-Adjust 2 points for availability of Den F Anthony-3, LAC C Kaman-2, NJ G Harris-2, NO G Paul-3, Port G Roy-4, San G Parker-3, & Utah F Boozer-3.

NBA OVER-UNDER RESULTS, STRAIGHT-UP HOME & AWAY RECORDS AND SPREAD RECORDS AFTER A WIN OR LOSS & IN 2ND OF BACK-TO-BACK GAMES

The following are each team's totals (over-under) results at home and away, straight-up records home and away, and each team's pointspread mark in the game immediately following a straight-up win or loss. Key: SUR-Straight-Up Record, PSR-Pointspread Record. BACK-TO-BACK-Spread Record in 2nd or 3rd night of back-to-back games. **Through Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010.**

	OVER-UNDER		STRAIGHT-UP		PS AFTER		BACK-TO-BACK		
	HOME	AWAY	HOME	AWAY	WIN	LOSS	HOME	AWAY	TOTAL
Atlanta	14-8	9-12	19-5	11-11	17-13	12-3	2-0	4-5	6-5
Boston	9-10	12-11	13-7	16-8	13-16	4-10	1-2	1-5	2-7
Charlotte	13-10	14-8	18-5	6-17	16-7	12-10	1-2	9-1	10-3
Chicago	9-12	9-14	14-7	9-15	13-9	8-13	1-3	2-4	3-7
Cleveland	10-11	11-13	18-3	19-8	16-19	7-4	1-4	4-4	5-8
Dallas	13-9	12-13	14-8	16-9	12-18	8-8	0-3	5-4	5-7
Denver	13-11	8-14	21-3	10-12	15-15	5-9	2-1	3-5	5-6
Detroit	10-13	11-9	11-13	4-17	9-6	10-19	2-3	2-5	4-8
Golden St.	12-9	10-13	9-13	4-19	8-4	16-14	1-1	6-3	7-4
Houston	12-10	10-14	14-8	11-13	11-12	11-10	2-3	2-4	4-7
Indiana	9-12	10-14	10-13	6-18	8-8	12-18	1-4	6-3	7-7
LA Clippers	7-16	13-10	14-9	6-17	10-10	11-13	3-2	2-4	5-6
LA Lakers	12-13	11-10	23-3	13-8	16-19	6-5	1-1	5-5	6-6
Memphis	11-12	16-6	17-6	8-15	19-6	7-13	2-2	2-4	4-6
Miami	10-14	11-11	13-11	11-12	10-13	12-10	1-0	2-6	3-6
Milwaukee	14-8	10-12	15-7	5-18	12-7	15-10	6-1	2-1	8-2
Minnesota	8-16	15-9	7-17	3-21	4-5	19-19	3-0	2-7	5-7
New Jersey	7-13	8-14	3-18	1-23	2-2	13-26	1-3	2-4	3-7
New Orleans	8-13	15-11	16-5	10-16	11-14	12-9	1-0	5-4	6-4
New York	11-14	8-13	11-14	7-14	8-10	13-14	3-1	0-5	3-6
Okla. City	9-13	11-11	13-10	12-11	10-14	17-4	1-1	5-2	6-3
Orlando	12-9	8-17	18-4	13-12	14-15	8-7	2-2	3-3	5-5
Philadelphia	7-16	11-11	7-16	8-15	4-11	15-15	0-2	7-1	7-3
Phoenix	12-10	11-13	18-6	9-15	12-14	11-9	1-2	2-6	3-8
Portland	14-11	14-10	16-9	12-12	14-13	12-9	1-1	7-2	8-3
Sacramento	12-9	8-14	13-10	3-20	9-7	13-15	2-4	2-3	4-7
San Antonio	15-12	6-11	19-9	8-9	14-12	8-9	0-1	3-4	3-5
Toronto	10-11	16-8	16-6	9-16	14-10	9-13	1-0	2-8	3-8
Utah	14-11	12-8	19-6	9-12	15-11	13-5	1-0	5-2	6-2
Washington	11-12	8-14	9-15	7-15	5-10	12-17	3-4	1-4	4-8
TOTALS	328-348	328-348	428-266	266-428	341-330	331-340	47-53	103-118	150-171

COLLEGE BASKETBALL FORECAST

◆◆◆◆◆KEY RELEASES◆◆◆◆◆

SAINT LOUIS by 6 over La Salle (Saturday, Feb. 6 Day Game)
DRAKE by 6 over Illinois State (Saturday, February 6)
NEW MEXICO STATE by 19 over San Jose State (Sat., Feb. 6)

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

CORNELL 81 - Yale 51—Now that Cornell has firmly established control of the Ivy race following its 36-point domination of Harvard Jan. 30, doubt Big Red *(win margin of 30 ppg first three Ivy home tilts)* takes eyes off business against Yale, which shocked Ithaca bunch in LY's second meeting at New Haven. Cornell sr. weapons F Wittman, C Foote, & G Dale now have enhanced Big Dance prospects in sight (regional observers believe Big Red could move into single-digit NCAA seed territory with continuing success). 08-COR -14 64-36, YALE +4' 72-60

Penn over DARTMOUTH by 1 to 3—08-DART +5 63-60, Dart +11 69-59

COLUMBIA over Brown by 1 to 3—08-COL -4' 65-59, Col +3' 70-57

HARVARD 55 - Princeton 52—Princeton not about to readily concede role as top Ivy challenger to Harvard, and Tigers won't lack confidence after sweeping Crimson year ago. Sydney Johnson's capable backcourt duo of soph D. Davis (14.1 ppg) & jr. Mavraides (11.5 ppg) effectively orchestrating Tigers' motion offense that worked smoothly in road romps past Brown & Yale last week. Points work with tempo-conscious visitor. 08-Prin +6' 77-71, PRIN -5 58-55

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Day Games

PROVIDENCE 82 - Marquette 76—Now that PC notched its first signature win of year with 81-66 upset of nationally-ranked UConn Jan. 27, Friars prepared to hold serve vs. middle-rung Big East Marquette squad that embarrassed them by 30 pts. on Jan. 17. You can count on an inspired effort from PC's top scorer F Peterson (18 ppg, 10 rpg), who was ejected in first H of that contest for a flagrant foul. Low-flying Eagles 1-6 SU as a visitor, including inexplicable 51-50 upset loss at lowly DePaul Jan. 20. 09-MAR -9' 93-63; 08-Mar -1' 91-82

Akron over BALL ST. by 5 to 7—08-AKR -15 63-55

West Virginia over ST. JOHN'S by 4 to 6—08-WVA -17' 75-52 CABLE TV—ESPNU

GEORGETOWN over Villanova by 1 to 2—09-VIL -4' 82-77; 08-Gtwn +6' 56-54 CABLE TV—ESPN

DELAWARE 70 - NC Wilmington 61—Reeling UNCW hardly responded positively to HC Benny Moss' Jan. 29 ouster in ensuing loss vs. lowly Towson. Meanwhile, U-Dee playing in some bad luck lately *(five OT games in CAA play already!),* but it seems a better option since underutilized 6-9 soph C Adam Pegg's recent emergence as a scoring threat on the blocks, adding an extra dimension to Blue Hen attack that was previously over-reliant on Gs Jawan Carter (17.8 ppg) & Alphonso Dawson (12.4 ppg). 08-NCW +5' 75-72

DAYTON over Xavier by 2 to 4—09-XAV -6 78-74; 08-DAY +3 71-58, XAV -10 76-59 CABLE TV—ESPN2

VIRGINIA 74 - Wake Forest 69—In this critical ACC battle between contenders, favor payback-minded, disciplined UVa (only 10 TOs pg), which saw its 8-game win skein snapped in brick-shooting (*34% FGs, 5 of 21 from arc*) 69-57 setback at Winston-Salem Jan. 18. *Cavs also went 10 minutes without a FG when star G Landesberg was on bench with foul trouble.* 09-WFU -5' 69-57; 08-Wfu -6' 70-60

TEXAS TECH over Oklahoma St. by 1 to 2—09-OSU -7 81-52; 08-OSU -12 81-80, Osu -1 92-82

FLORIDA over Mississippi St. by 3 to 5—08-MSU +1 80-71

ARKANSAS over Auburn by 7 to 9—08-Aub +3' 73-51, AUB -6 75-62

SOUTH ALABAMA over Middle Tenn. St. by 3 to 5—08-Mts +2' 82-67, Usa +5' 63-57

North Texas 75 - FLORIDA INTL. 66—Isiah Thomas still seeking to gain some traction in his maiden run at FIU, as the Golden Panthers' inconsistencies *(reflected in explosive F Marvin Roberts' recent yo-yo pattern—28 pts. UALR on Jan. 23 followed by a mere 7 in blowout loss vs. FAU a week ago)* and defensive shortcomings proving hard to overcome as team stays rooted at foot of Sun Belt East table. On the other hand, UNT (10-3 vs. line last 13 thru Feb. 3) providing a lot more value as HC Johnny Jones' well-balanced attack features four starters (led by Gs Josh White & Tristan Thompson) averaging DDs. 09-Fiu +15 80-70 (OT); 08-Unt +1 80-75

WESTERN MICHIGAN over Bowling Green by 2 to 4—08-BGU -4 68-61

Charlotte over FORDHAM by 11 to 14—08-CHA -19' 73-55

VALPARAISO over Detroit by 1 to 3—09-DE -10 77-67; 08-VA -6 64-41, DE -3 56-55

BUTLER 60 - Wright St. 55—Not sure Butler can extend the margin beyond a more significant impost than it had to overcome at the Nutter Center Jan. 8, when the Bulldogs hit a sizzling 50% beyond arc (8 of 16) in 12-point win. Brad Brownell's pace-conscious Wright State usually within earshot (all 8 losses thru Feb. 3 by 12 points or fewer), and savvy Raider Gs Vaughn Duggins & Todd Brown are hard to fluster. 09-But +1 77-65; 08-BUT -10 64-48, But -2 69-51, BUT -10 62-57 (CT)

Kansas St. over IOWA ST. by 7 to 9—08-KSU -12 65-50, Ksu -3' 50-46 TV—ESPN2

Duke over BOSTON COLLEGE by 1 to 2—09-DUKE -16 79-59; 08-BC +7' 80-74, Duke -10' 66-65 (CT-neut.) CABLE TV—ESPN

GEORGE WASHINGTON over Duquesne by 2 to 4—08-DUQ -10' 88-83

Minnesota over PENN ST. by 1 to 3—09-MI -13 75-70; 08-MI -7 79-59, PS -2' 68-63

RHODE ISLAND over Massachusetts by 13 to 16—08-Riu -2 71-59, Mass +10' 72-71

RICHMOND over Temple by 1 to 2—08-TEM -11 74-65 CABLE TV—ESPNU

Uab over RICE by 18 to 21—08-UAB -18' 78-40

TULANE over Smu by 1 to 2—08-SMU -2' 60-51

Gonzaga over MEMPHIS by 1 to 3—08-Mem +4' 68-50 CABLE TV—ESPN2

California 74 - UCLA 63—Payback angle worth considering with capable Cal, which endured miserable (and uncharacteristic) woes from the perimeter when hitting just 2 of 18 triples in bitter home OT loss vs. UCLA back on Jan. 6. Expect better showings from Gs Randle & Christopher (only 2 of 13 combined treys in first meeting), as the Bears exorcize recent demons vs. TY's beatable Bruins, who have won last 3 meetings. 09-Ucla +14' 76-75 (OT); 08-UCLA -10 81-66, Ucla -2' 72-68 REGIONAL TV—CBS

Kentucky 79 - LSU 59—While South Carolina had explosive 5-8 G Downey (30 pts. vs. UK) to propel its upset of the previously top-ranked Wildcats in late January, SEC doormat LSU has nobody to do the same, even at Baton Rouge, where the scatter-shooting Tigers dropped their first 3 league games (prior to Tenn. Feb. 4). Brick-laying LSU *(frigid 25% from tripleville in last 6 games thru Feb. 3)* ill-equipped to either slow the pace or play catch-up vs. high-powered, straight-shooting UK (82 ppg, 50% FGs), led by flashy 6-4 frosh G Wall, perhaps the top overall pick in the next NBA draft. 08-Lsu +4' 73-70, Lsu -1 67-58 (CT-neut.)

AIR FORCE 58 - Tcu 53—AFA finally getting a bit healthier, as leading scorer 6-7 C-F Grant Parker has returned to the lineup after missing 10 games. And Falcs have looked rather crisp since, including breaking their recent MWC regular-season slide (which extended from March '08) with their 70-63 home win over Wyo Jan. 30 when 6-4 soph G Evan Washington scored a career-high 23. Hard to trust TCU bunch that lost 9 straight on MWC trail. 09-TCU -9' 59-50; 08-Tcu -1' 57-54, TCU -10 62-50

◆◆◆Saint Louis 72 - LA SALLE 66—Since La Salle is shorthanded with key wing players 6-6 sr. G Barrett (13 ppg, 3 apg) & 6-5 sr. G Guillandeaux (773 career pts; out since Nov.) on the sidelines with foot injuries, endorse fast-maturing SLU, which is 5-2-1 last 6 as an A-10 road dog**.** Billikens' savvy mentor Majerus has squad digging in on "D" (just 38% FGs), while Explorers permitting more points at home (74 ppg) than away (73 ppg). 08-Las +3 68-62, Slu +3 62-60 (CT-OT-neut.)

Old Dominion 60 - VA. COMMONWEALTH 59—VCU's KO power quite tangible, especially when Rams can get their devastating transition game (which is often set up by defensive pressure) in gear. But well-schooled ODU not about to allow Shaka Smart's charges to implement their feared running game. And it took Northeastern hitting an uncommon 60% from the floor to stop the recent Monarch uptick, fueled by stop end work that had held five foes previous to Huskies to a mere 50 ppg. 08-VCU -8 61-44, ODU -1' 69-65, VCU -4' 61-53 (CT)

Youngstown St. over ILL.-CHICAGO by 1 to 3—09-YSU -6 76-67; 08-YSU +6 80-70, Ysu +10' 68-60, Uic -2' 73-68 (CT)

LOYOLA-CHICAGO over Cleveland St. by 1 to 3—09-CSU -9 62-57; 08-CSU -12' 76-50, Csu -6' 83-70

Miami-Ohio 68 - NORTHERN ILLINOIS 58—Don't look now, but Charlie Coles' Miami-O is beginning to stir, winning 5 of last 7 thru Feb. 3 to climb into thick of MAC East race. RedHawks (who emerged battle-tested after a severe non-conference schedule) finding more offense lately from F Nick Winbush (double figures in four straight thru Feb. 3), who has flourished since being moved to sixth-man role, and Coles' conscientious defense routinely neutralizing opponents' big guns, which is bad news for main NIU weapons Gs Xavier Silas & Jake Anderson. *Huskies' "D" springing a lot of leaks lately, allowing 97 ppg in home losses vs. Ohio & Buffalo last week.* 08-MIA -16 80-52

UNLV 79 - Byu 70—Matchups have not worked badly of late for UNLV against BYU, as Lon Kruger's defensive schemes have mostly neutralized the Cougar firepower. And rest assured the Rebels are itching for another crack at the Provo bunch after letting a late lead slip away in agonizing 77-73 loss at

Marriott Center Jan. 6. Regional sources say BYU defense still vulnerable to opponents with plenty of quicks, and Cougs again hard-pressed to keep pace with Rebs' on-fire swingman Tre'Von Willis (scored 24 in first meeting and 21.2 ppg in league play thru Feb. 2). 09-BYU -8 77-73; 08-Unlv +8 76-70, UNLV -1' 75-74

SAINT JOSEPH'S over St. Bonaventure by 1 to 2—09-STB -8' 68-65; 08-Stj -4 62-51, STJ -10 73-62

Northeastern over HOFSTRA by 7 to 10—08-NEU -7' 73-50, HOF +4 57-52

James Madison 71 - TOWSON 65—Recent efforts vs. top-tier CAA foes William & Mary (which JMU beat Jan. 27) and George Mason (which the Dukes pushed to the limit in 2-point loss Jan. 30) suggest Matt Brady's Harrisonburg bunch closer to a breakthrough than Pat Kennedy's Towson crew that recently endured a *59-point* shellacking at VCU. Tigers' main post defender 6-8 Robert Nwankwo (3.4 blocks pg) could not contain JMU's 6-10 Texas A&M transfer Denzel Bowles (scored 21) in first meeting, won by Dukes Jan. 9. 09-JMU -9 69-66; 08-TOW -1' 58-57, JMU -9' 70-59

DREXEL 59 - George Mason 52—Drexel-GMU meetings have evolved into a tactician's delight in recent years, and another strategic chess match between Bruiser Flint & Jim Larranaga awaits. But emergence of explosive frosh G Chris Fouch a major development for the ascending Dragons, who served warning to the rest of CAA's upper-echelon when putting Northeastern's 11-game win streak to the sword in Boston Jan. 27. Patriots on an uptick of their own (won last 7 thru Feb. 2), though Colonial observers wondering if GMU becoming a bit too reliant on hot-shooting G Cam Long in recent games. 08-Gmu -5 56-55, GMU -8' 49-48

LOUISVILLE over Rutgers by 22 to 25—08-Lvl -10' 78-59

MICHIGAN over Wisconsin by 1 to 3—09-WIS -8' 54-48; 08-Wis +3 73-61, WIS -7' 60-55 REGIONAL TV—CBS

GEORGIA TECH over North Carolina St. by 5 to 7—08-NCS -4 76-71 (OT), Ncs +3' 86-65

VIRGINIA TECH over Clemson by 1 to 2—08-Clem +1 86-82, Tech +10 80-77

Missouri over COLORADO by 2 to 4—08-MO -17' 107-62, Mo -12 66-53

Texas over OKLAHOMA by 3 to 5—08-OKLA -4' 78-63, TEX -1 73-68 TV—ESPN

TEXAS A&M over Baylor by 1 to 2—08-TAM +1' 84-73, BAY -5 72-68

Ohio over EASTERN MICHIGAN by 1 to 2—08-OHIO -15' 57-45

Bradley 72 - EVANSVILLE 61—MVC insiders report youthful E'Ville feeling the effects of early defections of 3 of top 6 recruits from 2012 class. Hence, agonizing Aces (0-10 in MVC thru Jan. 30**)** continue free fall vs. Bradley squad hustling more on "D" (*less than 40% FGs allowed 4 of last 5 games thru Jan. 30*)**.** Braves' potent 6-0 jr. G Maniscalco (15.6 ppg last 9 thru Feb. 1) on a tear after laboring with early-season ankle problems, while more assertive 6-8 soph C Egolf becoming steady post scorer. 09-BRAD -11' 74-64; 08-BRAD -5' 86-79, EVA -4' 56-49

NEW MEXICO over San Diego St. by 8 to 11—09-SDS -3' 74-64; 08-SDS -5' 81-76, UNM -5 75-49

NORTHERN IOWA 74 - Southern Illinois 56—MVC scouts continue to rave about UNI's smothering, trapping defense (55 ppg). So, must "lay it" vs. offensively-limited SIU, which hit just 35% FGs and trailed by DDs for all but first 5 mins. of earlier 61-49 loss at Carbondale Jan. 6. Panthers' mammoth 7-1, 290 sr. C Eglseder (17 pts, 14 rebs. in first tilt) should have his way in paint again, as classy UNI enhances its NCAA résumé here. *Ben Jacobson's squad is highly-profitable 20-7 vs. spread last 27 on board prior to Wichita State Feb . 3.* 09-Nia P 61-49; 08-Nia +7 59-51, NIA -5' 81-55 TV—ESPN2

Night Games

GEORGIA ST. 52 - William & Mary 51—Although GSU skidding lately, Rod Barnes' Panthers putting up a decent fight most nights and weren't embarrassed in recent road swing thru dangerous VCU & ODU. W&M becoming a bit triple-happy in recent outings *(hoisted 30+ beyond arc in recent losses at ODU & JMU),* contributing to Tribe's recent downturn. 08-Gsu +4 58-51

HOUSTON 74 - Southern Miss 69—C-USA sources tell us frenetic-paced UH having difficulty in games when it can't control the tempo, which could be the case here vs. methodical, defensively-active Southern Miss (yielding only 53 ppg last 5 conference outings prior to SMU Feb. 2). Eagles' productive frontline duo of 6-8 F Flowers (15 ppg, 8 rpg) & 6-10 C Bolden (11 ppg,7 rpg) problematic for Cougs' soft interior "D" *(allowing C-USA worst 77 ppg).* 08-USM -1' 83-76

TENNESSEE over South Carolina by 8 to 11—08-TEN -10 82-79, Ten +2 86-70 CABLE TV—ESPN

MISSISSIPPI over Alabama by 8 to 11—08-ALA -6' 76-73, Ala +5' 90-69

OREGON ST. over Oregon by 4 to 6—09-Os +8 64-57; 08-OS -4 57-54, OR -1' 79-69

Florida Atlantic 76 - DENVER 72—Sure, it's one of the bizarre road trips we get only in the Sun Belt *(Miami and Denver-based schools in the same league?).* But evidence is mounting that Mike Jarvis is quickly turning the corner at FAU, especially with hotshot frosh G Greg Gantt (20.4 ppg last 8) on fire and fellow frosh backcourt mate Raymond Taylor leading the Belt in assists (6.4 pg). *Soaring Owls have won last 5 and covered 7 of last 8 on board prior to test at North Texas Feb. 4.* 08-DEN -2 66-55, FAU -1 67-61

KANSAS over Nebraska by 21 to 24—09-Kan -12 84-72; 08-Kan -4' 68-62, KAN -12 70-53 CABLE TV—ESPNU

PITTSBURGH over Seton Hall by 5 to 7—09-SET -3 64-61; 08-Pitt -10 89-78

MARSHALL over East Carolina by 15 to 18—09-Mar -6' 83-65; 08-MAR -8' 72-64, Mar +1' 76-62

HARVARD over Penn by 17 to 20—08-Penn +5 66-60, Har +5' 66-60

COLUMBIA over Yale by 1 to 3—08-COL -1 53-42, YALE -6 57-49

Princeton 59 - DARTMOUTH 44—After briefly displaying a pulse following dismissal of HC Terry Dunn and promotion of assistant Mark Graupe, Dartmouth regressed last weekend in ugly losses vs. Cornell (understandable) and Columbia (not as much so). If Princeton isn't too drained after taking its shot at contending Harvard last night, like Tigers' chances of replicating their recent road successes at Yale & Brown when allowing Eli and Bears to hit only a combined 32.5% from floor. 08-Prin -2' 59-54, Dart +8 66-63

CORNELL over Brown by 30 or more—08-COR -14 90-58, Cor -8 85-45

Buffalo over TOLEDO by 12 to 15—08-BUF -15 56-43

CENTRAL MICHIGAN over Kent St. by 1 to 2—08-KSU -12' 61-57

SOUTHERN CAL 48 - Stanford 46—With probation-saddled USC understandably losing some focus now that its postseason hopes are dashed, not sure how far Trojans can extend margin on Stanford despite the revenge motive from previous 1-point loss at Palo Alto Jan. 6. SC's ongoing lack of consistency from perimeter resulting in extended droughts on attack end, and the Cardinal patient enough to deal with Kevin O'Neill's myriad defensive looks. 09-STAN -1' 54-53; 08-USC -6 70-69, STAN -2 75-63

Vanderbilt 73 - GEORGIA 66—Acknowledge Georgia's surprising resistance, as first-year HC Mark Fox making SEC take note of his scrappy Bulldogs. But multi-dimensional Vandy a more complete package at this stage, and Kevin Stallings' bench much deeper than Fox's. 08-VAN -10' 50-40, GA +5 61-57

Arkansas St. over NEW ORLEANS by 1 to 3—08-ASU -11' 71-56, NO +2 73-63

MISSOURI ST. over Creighton by 4 to 6—09-CRE -3' 76-72; 08-CRE -11 75-51, Cre -6 65-59

◆◆◆**DRAKE 73 - ILLINOIS ST. 67—**Drake continues to play with a "*quiet confidence,"* according to second-year HC Mark Phelps. So, despite 16-pt. loss vs. league frontrunner UNI Jan. 27, will confidently "take" vs. ISU squad that's just a so-so 5-6 last 11 as Valley home chalk**.** Des Moines observers tell us Bulldogs doing an excellent job of spacing and that all five starters can shoot, dribble and pass. *Drake is noteworthy 8-3 last 11 as MVC dog prior to Bradley Feb. 2.* 09-DRA +5 69-59; 08-ISU -8' 65-61, Isu +1 67-45

WICHITA ST. over Indiana St. by 13 to 16—09-Wsu -4 84-73; 08-Wsu -1' 64-58, WSU -9 76-70

CONNECTICUT over DePaul by 19 to 22—08-Conn -13' 71-49

WIS.-GREEN BAY over Wis.-Milwaukee by 1 to 3—09-UWM -5 71-51; 08-Wgb +1 77-75 (OT), WGB -9' 72-68

LONG BEACH ST. over CS Northridge by 1 to 3—09-Lbs +2' 69-68; 08-LBS -4 74-68, CSN -5 95-74

FLORIDA ST. 77 - Miami-Florida 64—With season unraveling for skidding Miami (4 straight losses thru Jan. 30, three of those by DDs), must support more harmonious FSU, looking to stay in good stead with NCAA selection committee. Defensively-stingy Seminoles (58 ppg) should limit Hurricanes to one shot per possession, thanks to formidable frontline tandem of 6-9 soph F Singleton (11 ppg, 8 rpg, 2 bpg) & 7-1 soph C Alabi (13 ppg,7 rpg, 3 bpg), who'll control glass—*on both ends*—vs. thin Miami forecourt. 08-MIA -6' 75-69, FSU -3' 80-67 CABLE TV—ESPNU

WESTERN KENTUCKY over Troy by 3 to 5—09-TROY +1 77-69; 08-WKY -12 99-76, TROY +1 87-82

LA.-LAFAYETTE over Arkansas-L.R. by 8 to 11—09-ALR -1' 76-69; 08-Alr +1' 79-71 (OT), ALR -8 67-60

WASHINGTON ST. over Arizona by 5 to 7—09-Wsu +2' 78-76; 08-ARI -5 66-56, WSU -3 69-53

SAN DIEGO over Santa Clara by 7 to 10—09-Usd -3' 55-46; 08-Usd +1 55-50, Scu +5' 64-62 (OT), Scu P 80-69 (CT-neut.)

◆◆◆**NEW MEXICO STATE 96 - San Jose St. 77—**We don't mind supporting an ascending NMS squad that is itching to make amends vs. San Jose after blowing a DD lead in misleading 93-84 loss at Event Center Jan. 23. Aggies proved their resilience when bouncing back to thrash WAC contender La Tech at Ruston in subsequent outing and enter Pan Am Center on 10-2 SU and 9-3 pointspread run. Plenty of firepower at HC Menzies' disposal now that 7-0 soph C Hamidu Rahman (scored 22 at La Tech) and rugged 6-6 F Wendell McKines (whose eligibility in late December roughly coincides with the NMSU uptick) now effectively complementing explosive G combo of Jahmar Young (21.2 ppg) & Jonathan Gibson (18.8 ppg). 09-SJS -3 93-84; 08-Nms +2 75-73, NMS -6 89-81

COLORADO ST. over Wyoming by 7 to 10—09-Csu +4 83-73; 08-WYO -8 83-74, Wyo +3 82-79

Idaho over BOISE ST. by 1 to 3—09-BOI +4' 77-67 (OT); 08-ID -4 63-59, Id +6 56-54

Michigan St. 71 - ILLINOIS 64—With MSU getting the crucial on-court leadership (from gifted G Kalin Lucas) that Illinois is usually not, favor road-confident Spartans, who've captured 11 of past 12 Big Ten away games (8-4 vs. spread) prior to Wisconsin Feb. 2. Illini HC Weber bemoans, "*Not everyone is playing as hard as they need to."* And volatile jr. G McCamey tends to lose his poise when opponents run a second defender at him. *Recall that Izzo's squad led 64-41 with 8 mins. left before subbing liberally in eventual non-covering 73-63 victory in Ann Arbor Jan. 16.* 09-MSU -11 73-63; 08-MSU -8 63-57, Msu +1' 74-66 CABLE TV—ESPN

CS FULLERTON over UC Riverside by 4 to 6—09-Csf +2' 69-56; 08-CSF -6' 58-52, UCR -2' 63-60, CSF -2' 59-46 (CT)

PACIFIC 75 - Cal Poly SLO 57—UOP (7-1 SU last 8 thru Feb. 3) beginning to take charge of Big West race and is demonstrating some KO power in the process, with its last 3 wins thru Feb. by DD margins. Tigers carved up Cal Poly "D" at San Luis Obispo Jan. 8, hitting 10 of 18 beyond arc in 73-63 win. 09-Pac -6 73-63; 08-Slo +14' 76-60, Pac -6 66-58

UC DAVIS over UC Santa Barbara by 4 to 6—09-UCSB -9' 68-47; 08-UCD -2' 89-75, UCSB -6 66-64

UTEP 73 - Tulsa 63—With UTEP in position to achieve one of HC Barbee's goals of winning the C-USA reg.-season title following upsets at Memphis & UAB, will lay short price vs. home-lovin' Tulsa (21 successive wins at Reynolds Center), which is *vincible* on the road, evidenced by 65-55 defeat at UAB Jan. 26. Hurricane Gs Hurtt & Udoh in a mini shooting slump. And unselfish (16 apg), supremely-balanced Miners (*all starters avg. DDs)* revved-up for this double-revenger. 08-Tls +4' 78-70, TLS -4' 76-65 TV—ESPN2

UTAH ST. over Nevada by 6 to 8—09-Usu +3 79-72 (OT); 08-USU -8' 72-61, NEV +1 84-71, Usu +1 72-62 (CT) CABLE TV—ESPNU

WASHINGTON over Arizona St. by 8 to 11—09-ASU -4 68-51; 08-Wash +5' 84-71, WASH -4 73-70 (OT), Asu P 75-65 (CT-neut.)

LOYOLA-MARYMOUNT over Pepperdine by 8 to 11—09-PEP +3 79-75; 08-PEP -7' 59-57, Pep -1 58-43

SAINT MARY'S over San Francisco by 21 to 14—09-Stm -10' 83-62; 08-Stm -9' 66-54, STM -17' 79-58

Fresno St. over HAWAII by 3 to 5—09-FSU -9' 78-64; 08-HI -2 69-43, Hi +4 73-69, Fsu +1 62-58 (CT-neut.)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 Day Games

NOTRE DAME over South Florida by 9 to 12—09-Und -1' 74-73; 08-UND -13' 67-57

OHIO ST. over Iowa by 18 to 22—09-Os -10' 65-57; 08-OS -8 68-65, Osu -1 60-58

Syracuse over CINCINNATI by 6 to 8—08-SYR -8 87-63

MARYLAND over North Carolina by 1 to 2—08-NC -21' 108-91, MD +12 88-85 (OT)

NORTHWESTERN over Indiana by 13 to 16—08-NWU -13' 77-75, Nwu -4 75-53

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

W. VIRGINIA over Villanova by 1 to 2—08-WVA -4 93-72 CABLE TV—ESPN

BUTLER over Loyola-Chicago by 13 to 16—09-But -12 48-47; 08-But -6' 78-55, Loy +18' 71-67

VALPARAISO over Ill.-Chicago by 14 to 17—09-Val +2 64-58; 08-UIC -11 77-52, Uic +1 83-76

NEW MEXICO ST. over Louisiana Tech by 9 to 12—09-Nms +10' 91-77; 08-NMS -8 65-63, LTU -2' 80-71

Kansas 84 - TEXAS 78—Texas demonstrating vulnerability lately, with ongoing FT woes (Horns rank 318th at 61.8%!) and emerging TO issues (frosh G Bradley in particular) beginning to undermine Rick Barnes' crew and contributing to quick tumble from top of rankings. Meanwhile, KU responded a bit better to adversity after suffering its first loss Jan. 10 at Tennessee, winning 6 straight (thru Feb. 2) since. Matchups not bad for Jayhawks, who have the length and athleticism to cope with Texas' most-consistent threat, 6-7 Damion James (18.2 ppg), while 7-0 C Cole Aldrich and the Morris twins can tag-team on Horns' 6-10 Dexter Pittman on the blocks. 08-KAN -8 83-73 CABLE TV—ESPN

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	1-3'	4-6	6'-9	9'+	TOTAL TOTAL
HOME FAVORITE	59-64	62-63	64-61	52-65	237-253
HOME DOG	50-41	25-25	22-20	6-6	103-92
ROAD FAVORITE	41-50	25-25	20-22	6-6	92-103
ROAD DOG	64-59	63-62	61-64	65-52	253-237

KEY TO COLLEGE HOOP RATINGS ON PAGE 11

KEY: HCV—Home Court Value. CR—Current Power Rating. PSR—Pointspread Record (including neutral site and pick games). SUH—Straight-up record at home. SUA—Straight-up Record Away. PF-PA—Average Points For-Points Against at home & on the road. **ALL TEAMS MEASURED FROM BASE RATING OF ZERO.** Team with a CR of 6 would be a 7-point favorite over a team with a CR of 13 on a neutral floor. Give allotted points for HCV to home team. Teams in **BOLDFACE** type have had their rating moved more than two points either for the better (+) or worse (-) since last posting. *—Straight-up Home and Away records and scoring averages include only those games listed on the Las Vegas Line. **Records through Saturday, January 30.**

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(SUPER "IRONY BOWL cont'd from pag 1) and then some, running up a 66-24 scoreline that finally made the old, established league take notice and reportedly brought a tear to the eyes of the "Papa Bear" when the game was complete. As the score mounted that night at old Municipal Stadium, Bears DB Richie Petitbon asked Kansas City WR Chris Burford if the Chiefs were going to ease up. *"Not tonight, Richie,"* said Burford, as the carnage continued. And any old AFL fan will have fond memories of the first of those 16 interleague exhibitions in 1967, when pesky Denver upset Detroit, 13-7, at DU Stadium, bruising the Lions in the process when rushing for 222 yards, 89 of those by big Cookie Gilchrist (who scored the Broncos' only TD). All-Pro DT Alex Karras had famously said he would *"walk back to Detroit"* if his Lions lost, something the press in the Rockies had a lot of fun with the week after the game (*"Alex Karras reached Omaha today"*). When the dust settled, the established NFL had won 13 of those 16 "exhibitions" in the summer of '67, but many came down to the wire, and by the next preseason in 1968, the AFL would end up with the advantage.

Things figure to be more civil next Sunday in Miami, although we think it ironic that neither the Indianapolis Colts nor New Orleans Saints even existed when the first Super Bowl was played in January of '67. *Of course, the Colts were then based in Baltimore, and the Saints were a year away from making their debut as an NFL expansion team.* And the Saints' journey has been a colorful, if not particularly successful, one in the 42 years since, although no team was christened with a bigger bang than New Orleans, when rookie John Gilliam took the opening kickoff back for a 94-yard TD against the Rams (Miami's Joe Auer had done the same for the expansion Dolphins the previous year). The first time the Saints and Colts tangled was late in that 1967 campaign, when New Orleans' ex-Colt QB Gary Cuozzo actually outpassed his old teammate Johnny Unitas 214-148 yards, although Unitas' Baltimore won handily, 30-10. The Saints, though usually entertaining, did a lot of losing for the next generation, failing to make the playoffs until 1992 or to win a postseason game until 2000.

Another irony about this matchup is that Colt QB Peyton Manning grew up a Saints fan in New Orleans, where his dad Archie was QB from 1971-82. Archie never quite became the savior of the franchise as many expected after his opening game in '71, when he scored a last-play TD to beat the Rams in a pulsating 24-20 thriller. Unfortunately, that might have been Archie's greatest moment as a Saint. And had New Orleans fans known then that a Manning would be playing at QB the first time the Saints would reach the Super Bowl, they would have never believed it would be more than 38 years later, and that it would be Archie's son taking the snaps...for the opposing team. *Ironic, indeed!*

The recent trend of competitive Super Bowls is reflected in improved performance of the underdogs, who have now covered 6 of the last 8 in the "Supe" after an extended run of chalk-dominated results prior. Overall, SB favorites still lead underdogs by a 22-18-2 count (with one pick 'em in SB XVI between the 49ers and Bengals), although that chalk edge has been shrinking in recent years. And even though we have been treated to a number of thrillers in recent Super Bowls, almost half of them (21 of 43) have still been decided by 14 points or more.

Which team do we like in Miami this week? Check out our detailed forecast to find out. And remember, for more interesting ***TGS*** Super Bowl tidbits this week, please check out www.goldsheet.com.

THANKS AND SEE YOU NEXT FALL!

As we close another football publishing season at ***THE GOLD SHEET***, we often reflect on the just-completed campaign, which for us starts early each spring when we begin work on our ***College & NFL Preview edition*** and all that has happened in our lives over the past 10 months or so. And, inevitably, we then reflect upon all of the past seasons we have covered, which now total 53, and wonder where the time has gone. Certainly, the old saying *"Nothing is work unless you'd rather be doing something else"* applies to each and every one of us at ***TGS!***

It's also nice to know that we have some friends, which in this case means our readers. And to all of you, we not only thank you for another season of patronage, but renew our commitment at ***TGS*** to produce an even better publication and product mix for all to enjoy. We're excited about adding some new dimensions to our weekly featured selection menu next season that we believe will be well-received by our audience, in addition to providing more entertainment and information for everybody on our new-look www.goldsheet.com website that has been met with rave reviews since its introduction a few months ago. As always, we can't wait for the next football season to begin.

In the meantime, our work is hardly complete; heck, the fun is just beginning, as we switch gears to focus completely on hoops and commence our third season of our comprehensive, twice-weekly, online-only basketball issues. No serious hoop aficionado should be without it, and we invite you to join us for an exciting ride into March Madness and the NBA playoffs. As well as our aforementioned football preview issue, which, before we know it, will be available once again FREE online in late June. Indeed, the best is yet to come!

—TGS Staff

SCORES AND LINES OF PAST SUPER BOWLS

Posted Over/Under line in parentheses. NL—No Line.

KEY: Information listed as follows: Super Bowl Number, Year of Game, Straight-up Winner, Consensus Line, Loser, Score. Ptspread Winner and Ptspread Role. Consensus Total. Opening Spread, Move (in the '67 game, for example, the spread on the favorite went down from the opening before going up at the close), and Consensus Closing Line.

	Year	SU	Winner/Opponent	Vs. Spread	O/U	Open	Move	Closing
1.	1967	G.B.	-14 def. K.C. 35-10	G.B., Fav.	No Total	G.14	G.13	G.14
2.	1968	G.B	. -13½ def. Oak. 33-14	G.B., Fav.	(43) O	G.13½		G.14
3.	1969	Jets	+18 def. Balt. 16-7	NYJ, Dog	(40) U	B.17	B.19	B.18
4.	1970	K.C.	+12 def. Minn. 23-7	K.C., Dog	(39) U	M.11	M.13	M.12½
5.	1971	Balt.	+2½ def. Dallas 16-13	Balt., Dog	(36) U	D.2½	D.3	D.2
6.	1972	Dall.	-6 def. Miami 24-3	Dall., Fav.	(34) U	D.4		D.6
7.	1973	Mia.	-1½ def. Wash. 14-7	Mia., Fav.	(33) U	M.1	M.2½	M.2
8.	1974	Mia.	-6½ def. Minn. 24-7	Mia., Fav.	(33) U	M.6½	M.7	M.5½/6
9.	1975	Pitt.	-3 def. Minn. 16-6	Pitt., Fav.	(33) U	P.3		P.3½
10.	1976	Pitt.	-6½ def. Dall. 21-17	Dall., Dog	(36) O	P.6½	P.7	P.6½
11.	1977	Oak.	-4½ def. Minn. 32-14	Oak., Fav.	(38) O	O.4½		O.4½
12.	1978	Dall.	-6 def. Den. 27-10	Dall., Fav.	(39) U	Da.4½		Da.6
13.	1979*	Pitt.	-3½ def. Dall. 35-31	Pitt., Fav.	(37) O	P.2½		P.4/4½
14.	1980	Pitt.	-10½ def. Rams 31-19	Pitt., Fav.	(36) O	P.10	P.11	P.10½
15.	1981	Oak.	+3 def. Phil. 27-10	Oak., Dog	(37½) U	P.3	P.2½	P.3
16.	1982	S.F.	(Pick) def. Cin. 26-21	S.F., Pick	(48) U	Pick	S.2	C.1
17.	1983	Wsh.	+3 def. Miami 27-17	Wash., Dog	(36½) O	M.3		M.3
18.	1984	Raid.	+3 def. Wash. 38-9	L.A., Dog	(48) U	W.3½	W.2½	W.3
19.	1985	S.F.	-3 def. Miami 38-16	S.F., Fav.	(53½) O	S.2		S.3
20.	1986	Chic.	-10 def. N.E. 46-10	Chic., Fav.	(37½) O	C.10	C.10½	C.10
21.	1987	Gia.	-9½ def. Den. 39-20	N.Y., Fav.	(40) O	N.8	N.10	N.9½
22.	1988	Wsh.	+3½ def. Den. 42-10	Wash., Dog	(47) O	D.3	D.4	D.3
23.	1989	S.F.	-7 def. Cin. 20-16	Cin., Dog	(48) U	S.5	S.7½	S.7
24.	1990	S.F.	-12 def. Den. 55-10	S.F., Fav.	(48) O	S.10	S.13	S.11½
25.	1991	Gia.	+6½ def. Buff. 20-19	N.Y., Dog	(40½) U	B.5		B.7
26.	1992	Wsh.	-7 def. Buff. 37-24	Wash., Fav.	(48½) O	W.5½		W.7½
27.	1993	Dall.	-6½ def. Buff. 52-17	Dall., Fav.	(44½) O	D.7		D.6½
28.	1994	Dall.	-10½ def. Buff. 30-13	Dall., Fav.	(50½) U	D.9	D.11	D.10½
29.	1995	S.F.	-18 def. S.D. 49-26	S.F., Fav.	(54) O	S.17½	S.19	S.18½
30.	1996	Dall.	-13½ def. Pitt. 27-17	Pitt., Dog	(52) U	D.12		D.13½
31.	1997	G.B.	-14 def. N.E. 35-21	Push	(49½) O	G.13		G.14
32.	1998	Den.	+11½ def. G.B. 31-24	Den., Dog	(49) O	G.14		G.11½
33.	1999	Den.	-7½ def. Atl. 34-19	Den., Fav.	(53) Push	D.7		D.7½
34.	2000	St. L.	-7 def. Tenn. 23-16	Push	(48) U	S.7		S.7
35.	2001	Balt.	-3 def. Giants 34-7	Balt., Fav.	(33) O	B.1		B.3
36.	2002	N.E.	+14 def. St. L. 20-17	N.E., Dog	(53½) U	S.15		S.14
37.	2003	T.B.	+4 def. Oak. 48-21	T.B., Dog	(44) O	O.3½	O.4	O.3½
38.	2004	N.E.	-7 def. Car. 32-29	Car., Dog	(37½) O	N.7	N.6½	N.7
39.	2005	N.E.	-7 def. Phil. 24-21	Phil.,Dog	(47½) U	N.6½		N.7
40.	2006	Pitt.	-4 def. Seattle 21-10	Pitt., Fav.	(47) U	P.4	P.4	P.4
41.	2007	Ind	-7 def Chicago 29-17	Ind., Fav.	(48) U	I. 6	I 6½	I. 7
42.	2008	NYG	+12½ def. N.E. 17-14	N.Y., Dog	(54½) U	NE 14		NE 12
43.	2009	Pitt.	-7 def Arozpma 27-23	AZ. Dog	46½ O	P. 7		P. 7

*Late action on the 1979 game allowed many Dallas backers to win as well, as Steelers rose to 4½-point favorite at many sportsbooks.

SB PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN

Favorites/Underdogs	22-18-2 (1 pick)
Favorites straight up	30-12 (1 pick)
Favored by 0-3	4-4
Favored by 3½-6	7-4
Favored by 7-9½	4-4-1
Favored by 10-13½	5-4
Favored by 14 or more	2-2-1
Overs/Unders	20-21-1

MARGINS OF VICTORY

MARGIN	NO. OF GAMES
1-3 Points	6
4-6 Points	5
7-10 Points	7
11-13 Points	4
14 or more	21

—No total listed for Super Bowl I; totals "push" for Denver-Atlanta in '99.

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HCV	TEAM	CR	PSR	SUH*	PF-PA*	SUA*	PF-PA*	HOME FAV	HOME DOG	ROAD FAV	ROAD DOG
5	**Air Force+**	**19**	8-6	2-4	56-65	0-7	52-64	2-1	0-3	0-0	5-2
6	Akron	12	9-8	7-2	73-60	3-3	71-75	4-4	1-0	2-1	1-1
5	Alabama	10	9-9	6-5	67-62	2-3	60-58	5-3	0-3	1-1	1-1
5	Arizona	10	11-8	6-3	77-72	3-4	64-64	4-3	1-1	0-0	4-3
5	Arizona State	7	8-10	8-3	71-60	2-3	63-63	5-6	0-0	2-1	0-2
5	Arkansas	11	7-6	4-5	68-71	0-3	66-83	1-2	4-1	0-0	1-2
5	Ark.-Little Rock	22	6-12	3-4	68-71	0-11	64-76	1-1	2-3	0-2	3-6
5	Arkansas State	16	11-5	6-3	69-67	4-4	66-68	4-0	1-3	2-0	4-2
4	Auburn	14	7-9	4-4	72-73	1-5	70-79	1-4	1-1	0-2	3-1
5	**Ball State+**	**20**	8-7	4-3	63-61	2-6	56-65	1-2	3-1	0-0	4-4
5	Baylor	3	10-3	3-1	80-63	4-2	74-70	3-1	0-0	1-1	4-0
5	Boise State	17	7-13	4-4	70-69	3-7	73-77	2-4	0-2	1-0	4-5
3	Boston College	10	8-10	5-4	71-69	3-3	67-71	2-6	1-0	0-0	4-2
4	Bowl. Green	17	8-9	3-3	65-65	5-6	58-67	2-2	0-2	1-0	5-5
3	Bradley	15	8-12	5-4	72-70	3-6	61-67	1-7	1-0	1-0	4-4
3	Brown	29	4-6	0-4	55-67	1-4	65-77	0-2	0-2	0-0	4-1
5	Buffalo	13	8-6	2-2	73-67	5-3	74-81	1-2	1-0	2-0	3-3
6	Butler	4	9-12	8-0	76-62	9-1	66-57	3-5	0-0	4-4	1-1
6	BYU	2	10-9	10-0	82-58	6-2	76-68	5-5	0-0	3-1	1-2
5	California	4	10-9	10-1	81-63	3-4	77-80	7-4	0-0	2-1	1-3
4	Cal Poly SLO	24	6-10	4-2	72-72	2-8	67-80	1-3	0-2	0-0	5-5
5	CS Fullerton	17	7-7	4-1	76-69	2-5	69-74	2-2	1-0	0-0	4-3
4	CS Northridge	17	9-9	3-3	71-70	1-8	68-79	3-3	0-0	0-1	5-3
6	Cent. Mich.	18	9-5	4-1	68-59	3-6	56-64	4-1	0-0	1-0	4-4
5	Charlotte	9	8-7	4-1	68-65	5-4	72-77	0-2	1-1	1-0	4-4
4	Cincinnati	8	5-10	6-1	75-69	1-5	63-68	1-5	0-0	1-2	1-2
6	Clemson	4	9-9	6-2	75-60	5-3	74-67	6-1	0-1	3-3	0-2
5	Cleveland St.	14	6-11	5-2	68-66	1-7	62-70	1-5	1-0	0-2	4-2
5	Colorado	12	8-9	6-1	77-65	1-7	69-77	3-2	1-1	0-2	3-3
4	Colorado St.	19	11-9	8-2	71-63	1-7	61-75	5-2	1-2	0-0	3-5
4	Columbia	28	3-3	1-2	53-67	0-3	55-73	1-0	0-2	0-0	2-1
4	Connecticut	5	7-11	10-2	75-66	0-4	67-73	4-7	1-0	0-2	1-0
6	Cornell	8	13-3	4-1	78-59	6-2	71-67	4-1	0-0	3-0	4-1
5	Creighton	11	6-12	6-1	68-65	2-7	68-73	3-3	0-0	1-1	2-5
4	Dartmouth	32	2-6	0-2	50-60	0-6	50-74	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-5
4	Dayton	6	10-8	7-1	69-59	4-3	67-62	5-3	0-0	2-3	2-0
3	Delaware	24	10-6	2-5	65-72	1-8	64-79	1-1	2-3	0-0	6-2
6	Denver	17	5-13	9-1	72-63	0-8	56-67	5-4	0-1	0-2	0-6
5	**DePaul+**	**18**	9-8	4-4	59-62	0-5	60-77	1-2	3-2	0-0	2-3
4	Detroit	13	13-7	8-3	74-67	3-5	66-67	5-3	1-1	1-1	5-1
6	Drake	14	11-6	4-4	70-71	3-5	62-67	1-1	4-2	0-0	5-3
5	Drexel	15	12-9	6-3	67-64	5-7	60-65	4-2	1-1	1-2	5-4
6	Duke	-3	13-7	12-0	88-59	1-4	69-74	9-3	0-0	1-4	0-0
4	Duquesne	16	3-9	2-2	75-76	1-6	59-72	0-3	0-1	0-1	3-2
4	East Carolina	23	8-7	0-5	64-78	2-6	65-72	0-1	1-3	1-0	4-2
5	E. Michigan	21	6-10	4-2	66-59	1-7	63-75	3-3	0-0	1-0	1-6
3	Evansville	22	8-9	2-6	66-69	1-8	62-73	2-1	1-4	0-1	5-3
5	Florida	6	8-7	6-4	70-64	3-1	73-70	4-4	0-2	1-0	1-1
6	**Fla. Atlantic+**	**14**	10-6	5-2	82-74	3-6	65-70	3-2	1-1	0-0	6-2
5	Florida Intl.	25	10-9	3-5	71-76	2-9	65-76	1-1	2-4	0-0	7-4
4	Florida State	8	5-11	9-1	70-63	2-4	61-68	2-7	1-0	0-0	2-4
4	Fordham	28	7-6	0-5	58-74	0-7	60-75	0-0	3-2	0-0	4-3
6	Fresno State	18	10-10	7-3	69-62	2-8	66-72	3-3	2-2	1-1	4-4
4	George Mason	15	9-10	8-1	65-58	4-3	68-68	2-5	2-0	1-0	3-3
4	George Wash.	15	7-8	3-4	68-68	4-4	68-70	3-3	0-1	1-2	3-2
5	Georgetown	1	9-7	7-1	74-65	3-3	68-65	3-4	1-0	2-0	1-3
6	Georgia	12	10-8	8-2	69-62	0-8	65-77	3-3	4-0	0-0	3-5
5	Georgia State	20	10-9	4-3	69-69	1-8	55-63	3-2	0-2	0-0	5-3
5	Georgia Tech	4	11-4	5-1	71-62	3-3	75-71	4-1	1-0	2-1	2-1
4	Gonzaga	5	9-8	6-1	86-73	5-3	73-74	2-4	0-0	2-2	3-1
5	Harvard	13	7-4	4-0	79-62	4-3	68-70	3-1	0-0	2-1	2-2
6	Hawaii	24	4-12	3-8	68-74	0-5	62-81	2-4	1-4	0-0	1-4
5	Hofstra	17	9-12	6-4	70-65	2-7	64-72	3-6	0-1	1-0	5-3
5	Houston	9	8-9	5-4	83-76	3-3	80-77	4-4	0-1	3-0	0-3
6	Idaho	16	6-8	4-4	69-64	2-5	72-78	3-4	0-1	0-0	3-3
4	Illinois	10	6-13	9-2	77-67	3-3	70-70	3-6	0-1	1-2	2-1
3	Ill.-Chicago	23	10-10	4-5	59-62	0-11	58-74	2-2	3-2	0-0	5-6
6	Illinois State	12	9-10	9-2	71-61	3-5	69-70	5-6	0-0	1-2	3-2
5	Indiana	17	10-10	7-5	73-67	1-3	59-70	3-4	3-2	0-0	2-2
5	Indiana State	17	9-9	4-3	67-66	4-5	63-68	2-2	1-2	2-1	3-3
5	Iowa	18	7-13	6-7	64-65	1-6	55-65	1-5	3-3	0-0	3-4
5	Iowa State	14	8-10	7-3	76-71	2-4	72-73	4-4	1-1	1-1	1-3
5	James Madison	20	8-10	4-2	68-66	1-9	67-74	1-4	1-0	1-0	5-4
5	Kansas	-5	9-8	11-0	88-66	5-1	79-67	7-4	0-0	2-3	0-0
6	Kansas State	2	12-4	6-2	80-65	4-1	83-77	6-1	1-0	2-0	2-1
5	Kent State	13	8-9	5-2	78-70	4-4	61-63	3-4	0-0	2-0	2-4
6	Kentucky	-4	10-9	12-0	84-65	3-1	78-71	6-6	0-0	2-2	0-0
4	La Salle	14	5-11	1-3	71-74	4-6	68-72	0-3	0-1	3-1	1-5
4	Long Beach St.	17	10-9	4-3	71-69	3-8	70-79	2-2	2-1	1-2	4-4
5	La.-Lafayette	18	6-8	5-2	70-65	1-7	63-71	3-4	0-0	1-0	2-4
4	La.-Monroe	23	8-9	3-4	68-68	2-9	61-75	1-0	4-2	0-0	3-7
5	Louisiana Tech	9	10-7	5-1	82-74	6-3	73-75	4-2	0-0	1-3	3-2
5	Louisville	3	6-10	6-3	79-72	1-5	76-76	3-6	0-0	1-2	1-2
4	Loyola-Chi.	19	8-8	4-3	61-62	3-6	61-71	0-3	4-0	0-0	4-5
4	Loy.-M'mount	20	10-9	3-5	75-78	3-6	69-76	2-3	1-2	0-2	5-2
4	LSU	17	4-13	5-4	66-63	0-6	57-71	2-6	0-1	0-0	2-4
6	Marquette	4	10-5	4-2	76-64	1-6	64-66	4-1	0-1	0-2	4-1
5	Marshall	11	9-6	6-2	75-65	3-3	72-77	4-3	0-1	3-0	1-2
5	Maryland	4	9-6	6-1	78-64	4-1	82-65	4-3	0-0	3-0	2-0
2	Massachusetts	19	6-10	2-4	69-74	1-8	66-77	0-2	1-3	0-0	5-4
5	Memphis	5	5-11	6-2	78-62	4-3	69-69	3-5	0-0	1-5	0-1
5	Miami-Florida	12	6-6	2-1	68-68	2-4	69-72	1-2	0-0	1-0	2-3
6	Miami-Ohio	14	12-9	7-2	62-57	0-10	62-71	6-0	1-2	0-2	4-4
6	Michigan	8	10-7	5-3	65-59	1-5	59-65	3-3	2-0	0-2	4-0
3	Michigan State	-1	8-13	12-0	75-61	5-2	72-67	4-8	0-0	2-2	1-2
5	M. Tenn. St.	16	8-8	4-2	61-57	4-5	66-66	2-3	1-0	2-2	3-2
5	Minnesota	6	9-10	10-1	82-60	1-4	67-71	7-4	0-0	1-1	0-3
5	Mississippi	5	11-5	6-1	83-70	4-2	75-70	4-3	0-0	3-1	2-0
4	Mississippi St.	5	9-7	5-1	80-68	4-3	67-64	3-3	0-0	3-2	1-1
7	Missouri	5	9-6	8-0	89-67	1-3	76-82	6-2	0-0	1-1	0-2
4	Missouri State	12	11-11	11-2	74-63	4-5	71-71	4-6	3-0	4-2	0-2
6	Nebraska	14	4-8	3-2	66-61	1-5	56-65	2-2	0-0	0-1	1-4
5	Nevada	11	9-9	7-1	81-72	2-6	74-78	4-4	0-0	2-1	1-4
6	New Mexico	6	15-6	13-1	78-63	6-1	77-69	10-3	0-0	4-2	0-1
6	New Mexico St.	14	8-7	2-3	71-76	6-5	76-82	1-0	1-3	0-0	6-4
3	**New Orleans-**	**30**	8-9	2-3	58-60	1-8	57-69	1-2	2-0	0-0	5-4
4	North Carolina	5	7-11	9-2	83-69	1-5	75-81	4-7	0-0	1-2	1-2
5	N. Carolina St.	10	11-8	5-5	69-66	3-3	75-75	2-4	2-1	1-0	4-1
3	NC Wilmington	22	8-12	2-5	60-65	2-8	62-73	1-3	0-3	1-0	3-6
5	North Texas	15	10-5	3-2	75-72	4-6	70-75	3-2	0-0	1-0	6-3
5	Northeastern	10	14-7	8-2	68-60	4-3	63-57	6-4	0-0	3-0	3-1
4	Northern Illinois	21	7-9	3-5	74-75	2-6	57-69	3-1	1-3	0-1	3-4
6	Northern Iowa	6	14-6	9-0	67-53	7-1	61-55	7-2	0-0	2-1	3-1
5	Northwestern	9	12-5	8-3	69-64	2-4	67-71	4-1	3-3	0-0	5-1
5	Notre Dame	10	7-9	7-2	82-75	1-5	68-75	4-3	1-1	0-3	1-2
6	Ohio	15	7-8	5-3	74-65	2-5	70-73	4-3	0-0	2-0	1-4
6	Ohio State	2	10-10	11-0	81-53	2-5	62-68	8-3	0-0	0-1	1-5
6	Oklahoma	13	8-10	7-1	74-68	1-6	64-76	4-3	1-0	0-1	2-4
6	Oklahoma State	7	10-5	6-0	79-63	2-4	69-78	6-0	0-0	0-0	2-4
5	Old Dominion	8	6-12	8-0	67-52	5-4	64-62	2-5	0-0	3-2	1-3
6	Oregon	17	7-11	7-5	72-65	2-4	76-89	4-6	1-1	0-0	2-4
5	Oregon State	15	11-5	4-3	62-62	2-7	58-62	3-2	1-1	0-1	7-1
5	Pacific	15	10-9	9-1	68-59	5-5	63-62	5-3	1-1	3-2	1-3
3	Penn	30	2-9	0-5	62-75	1-5	55-80	0-1	1-3	0-0	1-5
4	Penn State	14	8-10	4-5	68-63	1-5	62-64	2-5	0-2	0-1	5-0
3	Pepperdine	24	5-12	4-8	69-74	0-7	67-78	0-2	3-6	0-0	2-4
5	Pittsburgh	5	10-6	9-1	70-59	4-1	70-64	5-4	0-0	1-0	3-0
6	Portland	11	11-6	5-2	80-66	5-4	66-65	4-1	0-1	3-0	3-3
4	Princeton	20	7-3	1-0	61-54	6-3	62-59	1-0	0-0	3-0	3-3
5	Providence	11	8-9	4-4	83-82	4-5	81-82	1-5	1-1	1-0	5-3
4	Purdue	2	8-12	11-1	77-59	3-2	71-69	5-7	0-0	2-3	0-0
4	Rhode Island	9	9-8	6-1	81-74	7-2	75-69	1-6	0-0	3-1	4-1
3	Rice	22	7-10	5-5	68-67	1-7	59-69	3-3	1-2	0-0	3-5
4	Richmond	7	10-8	7-1	69-59	3-5	64-67	4-4	0-0	1-2	3-2
5	Rutgers	20	6-11	7-4	67-67	0-6	64-84	4-2	1-4	0-0	1-5
3	St. Bonaventure	16	10-6	3-2	70-71	1-7	66-78	0-3	1-1	0-0	6-2
4	St. John's	12	9-8	6-3	67-63	1-5	61-68	3-4	1-1	0-0	4-2
4	Saint Joseph's	18	6-12	4-2	71-68	1-7	70-82	1-4	1-0	1-0	1-6
5	Saint Louis	14	7-8	6-1	66-54	1-5	57-65	2-1	3-1	0-0	2-4
5	Saint Mary's	9	16-5	9-2	85-66	8-0	81-70	8-3	0-0	5-1	2-0
4	San Diego	18	8-11	1-4	65-71	3-6	58-62	0-1	2-2	2-3	2-2
5	San Diego St.	8	10-8	7-1	74-58	5-5	66-68	4-3	0-0	3-3	2-2
4	San Francisco	23	7-12	4-4	71-72	1-8	64-80	0-3	3-2	0-1	3-5
5	San Jose State	15	10-7	7-1	78-71	2-8	68-76	5-0	1-1	1-1	3-5
4	Santa Clara	22	8-11	2-10	63-70	2-5	63-74	0-1	5-6	0-0	3-4
5	Seton Hall	6	4-8	5-3	74-72	1-3	75-78	2-2	1-2	0-1	1-2
5	**SMU+**	**16**	5-7	2-5	62-62	1-1	59-57	1-1	2-3	1-0	1-0
5	South Alabama	19	7-13	4-5	66-68	5-6	70-72	1-5	0-2	1-2	5-3
5	South Carolina	11	8-10	9-3	75-69	1-5	65-70	5-5	1-1	0-1	2-3
5	South Florida	13	13-6	6-3	69-63	2-4	72-78	4-2	2-1	1-0	3-2
5	Southern Cal	10	9-10	7-3	62-54	1-6	55-62	2-6	1-0	0-2	3-1
5	Southern Illinois	14	6-11	5-3	69-64	3-5	70-70	2-5	0-0	2-1	2-3
5	Southern Miss	12	11-4	2-1	65-55	4-5	62-64	2-0	1-0	2-0	5-2
5	Stanford	14	8-11	8-1	73-61	0-8	69-84	5-4	0-0	0-1	1-6
5	Syracuse	-2	13-5	11-1	83-65	6-0	77-68	6-4	2-0	4-1	1-0
3	TCU	17	6-13	5-5	69-69	1-7	62-72	1-6	0-3	0-0	4-4
4	Temple	5	13-9	10-2	64-57	8-2	66-57	6-4	1-1	3-4	3-0
5	Tennessee	6	9-7	7-1	80-66	2-2	62-68	3-4	1-0	1-2	1-0
4	Texas	-1	7-9	9-1	87-68	3-2	80-77	5-5	0-0	0-3	0-1
6	Texas A&M	10	9-8	8-0	71-59	1-4	69-75	4-4	0-0	1-0	1-3
5	Texas Tech	13	9-6	7-1	83-75	1-6	72-85	5-1	1-1	1-0	2-4
3	Toledo	30	6-12	0-7	53-64	0-9	53-73	0-1	3-3	0-0	3-6
3	Towson	24	8-9	1-8	66-74	2-6	62-73	0-3	3-3	0-0	5-3
6	Troy	17	7-12	5-2	73-67	3-8	72-80	2-3	1-1	1-3	2-5
4	Tulane	21	9-7	2-6	59-64	1-4	66-76	2-2	1-3	0-0	4-1
5	Tulsa	7	7-11	10-0	78-61	4-2	65-64	5-5	0-0	1-3	1-1
4	UAB	6	10-9	8-1	68-60	6-2	68-63	4-4	1-0	3-2	1-2
5	UC Davis	24	9-7	3-1	72-68	2-8	60-72	1-1	2-0	0-0	5-5
5	UCF	17	9-8	5-5	67-66	1-6	62-76	4-1	2-3	0-0	3-4
4	UC Irvine	21	8-11	4-4	66-67	2-7	63-72	3-4	0-1	0-1	4-4
5	UCLA	13	10-9	6-7	66-67	2-3	67-70	4-3	4-1	0-0	2-3
5	UC Riverside	23	6-10	3-4	59-64	2-8	57-65	2-3	1-1	0-2	3-4
5	UC Santa Barb.	18	11-7	7-2	71-64	2-6	61-71	6-1	1-1	1-0	2-5
4	UNLV	7	13-6	7-2	76-69	7-1	75-66	4-4	1-0	4-1	3-0
6	Utah	12	8-10	5-4	70-65	2-5	67-74	3-5	1-0	0-2	3-2
6	Utah State	7	11-7	8-1	79-61	4-5	64-63	6-3	0-0	3-2	2-2
4	UTEP	6	7-9	6-2	72-62	5-3	79-72	2-6	0-0	2-0	3-3
5	Valparaiso	17	11-7	4-1	68-61	3-9	71-79	1-2	2-0	0-1	8-2
6	Vanderbilt	5	11-7	8-1	81-66	5-2	74-71	5-4	0-0	2-0	3-2
4	Villanova	-1	15-4	8-0	88-68	4-1	81-74	7-1	0-0	3-1	1-0
5	Virginia	10	7-6	5-2	73-65	1-3	61-66	4-3	0-0	0-0	2-2
6	Va. Common.	9	8-9	10-1	81-65	3-4	74-74	5-4	1-0	2-3	0-1
4	Virginia Tech	8	7-6	5-0	69-58	3-3	64-67	2-3	0-0	1-0	3-2
6	Wake Forest	7	8-8	7-1	80-68	4-4	71-72	4-4	0-0	1-1	3-3
5	Washington	8	6-14	13-1	85-68	0-5	67-81	6-8	0-0	0-3	0-2
4	Washington St.	13	7-12	6-2	76-73	3-5	68-75	1-6	0-1	1-0	3-4
3	West Virginia	0	7-12	8-1	74-60	5-2	74-67	3-6	0-0	3-3	0-1
5	W. Kentucky	16	8-13	9-3	72-65	2-7	64-72	5-6	1-0	0-2	2-4
5	W. Michigan	18	8-8	4-2	71-62	1-6	68-75	3-0	1-2	1-2	1-3
6	Wichita State	8	9-5	8-1	71-62	3-3	66-66	6-2	0-1	1-1	2-1
5	William & Mary	13	10-6	4-2	71-68	6-4	70-69	0-3	3-0	1-2	6-1
5	Wisconsin	6	11-8	10-0	73-55	2-4	60-60	5-3	2-0	2-1	1-2
5	Wis.-Green Bay	15	7-10	6-3	75-72	3-3	62-68	2-4	2-1	1-0	2-3
6	Wis.-Milwaukee	14	10-7	5-2	68-65	2-5	66-70	2-4	1-0	2-1	3-1
6	Wright State	10	10-10	7-1	68-55	3-7	63-63	5-3	0-0	2-5	2-1
5	Wyoming	16	10-5	6-3	78-75	0-6	63-74	2-2	4-1	0-0	4-2
5	Xavier	4	12-7	10-0	83-65	2-4	72-74	8-2	0-0	2-0	1-3
3	Yale	24	7-4	1-2	57-60	1-3	70-78	1-1	0-1	0-0	3-1
5	Youngstown St.	20	6-8	2-4	62-69	1-8	63-75	2-1	0-3	0-0	4-4

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