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Friday, March 16, 7 pm ET (ESPN)



MIAMI

31-11 SU, 20-22 ATS

AT

PHILADELPHIA

25-18 SU, 24-19 ATS



MIAMI LAST 15 GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
2/12	at Atlanta	W 107-87	W (-4)
2/13	at Milwaukee	W 114-96	W (-6)
2/14	at Indiana	W 105-90	W (-2)
2/17	at Cleveland	W 111-87	W (-9½)
2/19	vs Orlando	W 90-78	W (-9½)
2/21	vs Sacramento	W 120-108	L (-13½)
2/23	vs New York	W 102-88	W (-10)
3/1	at Portland	W 107-93	W (-3½)
3/2	at Utah	L 99-98	L (-5)
3/4	at LA Lakers	L 93-83	L (-2½)
3/6	vs New Jersey	W 108-78	W (-14)
3/7	vs Atlanta	W 89-86	L (-12½)
3/10	vs Indiana	W 93-91	L (-9½)
3/13	at Orlando	L 104-98	L (-4)
3/14	at Chicago	L 106-102	L (-3)

The good news about Miami's loss in Chicago Wednesday is that it may have served as a wake-up call for a team that looked unbeatable going into the break. The Heat have simply crushed the 76ers twice this year, including a 20-point win in Philly in February. Including last year's playoff series, the Heat are 9-1 SU (6-4 ATS) against the 76ers since adding LeBron James and Chris Bosh, and they're 24-5 SU (16-13 ATS) with at least one day of rest this year.

PHILADELPHIA LAST 15 GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
2/13	at Charlotte	W 98-89	L (-12)
2/15	at Orlando	L 103-87	L (+3)
2/17	vs Dallas	L 82-75	L (-3½)
2/19	at Minnesota	L 92-91	L (-1)
2/21	at Memphis	L 89-76	L (-1½)
2/22	at Houston	L 93-87	L (+4)
2/28	at Detroit	W 97-68	W (-3½)
2/29	vs Okla City	L 92-88	L (+3)
3/2	vs Golden State	W 105-83	W (-7½)
3/4	vs Chicago	L 96-91	L (+3½)
3/5	at Milwaukee	L 97-93	L (-2)
3/7	vs Boston	W 103-71	W (-6)
3/9	vs Utah	W 104-91	W (-7)
3/11	at New York	W 106-94	W (+2½)
3/14	at Indiana	L 111-94	L (-1)



MIAMI..... 96
 PHILADELPHIA..... 91

PLAY ON: MIAMI -3½

Friday, March 16, 8 pm ET



PORTLAND
20-23 SU, 20-23 ATS

AT

CHICAGO
36-9 SU, 27-18 ATS



PORTLAND LAST 15 GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
2/14	vs Washington	L 124-109	L (-14½)
2/15	at Golden State	W 93-91	W (+5)
2/16	vs LA Clippers	L 74-71	L (+2)
2/18	vs Atlanta	W 97-77	W (-5½)
2/20	at LA Lakers	L 103-92	L (+4)
2/21	vs San Antonio	W 137-97	W (-7½)
2/29	at Denver	L 104-95	L (+3)
3/1	vs Miami	L 107-93	L (+3½)
3/3	vs Minnesota	L 122-110	L (-6½)
3/5	vs New Orleans	W 86-74	W (-10½)
3/7	at Minnesota	L 106-94	L (-1)
3/9	at Boston	L 104-86	L (+2½)
3/10	at Washington	W 110-99	W (-6)
3/13	at Indiana	L 92-75	L (+3)
3/14	at New York	L 121-79	L (+6)

Chicago is 9-1 SU (6-4 ATS) since the All-Star break. But more importantly, it will be hosting a Blazers team that has continually been embarrassed away from home and are in the middle of a house cleaning. Portland has lost six of seven SU and ATS on the road, losing the past two by 17 and 42 points. The team just fired head coach Nate McMillan, dealt two starters—SF Gerald Wallace and C Marcus Camby—and got no immediate help in return.

CHICAGO LAST 15 GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
2/14	vs Sacramento	W 121-115	L (-11½)
2/16	vs Boston	W 89-80	W (-7½)
2/18	vs New Jersey	L 97-85	L (-12)
2/20	vs Atlanta	W 90-79	W (-10½)
2/22	vs Milwaukee	W 110-91	W (-11)
2/28	vs New Orleans	W 99-95	L (-13½)
2/29	at San Antonio	W 96-89	W (+2)
3/2	at Cleveland	W 112-91	W (-10)
3/4	at Philadelphia	W 96-91	W (-3½)
3/5	vs Indiana	W 92-72	W (-7)
3/7	at Milwaukee	W 106-104	L (-7½)
3/8	vs Orlando	L 99-94	L (-6)
3/10	vs Utah	W 111-97	W (-10½)
3/12	vs New York	W 104-99	L (-8)
3/14	vs Miami	W 106-102	W (+3)



PORTLAND..... 93
CHICAGO..... 104

PLAY ON: CHICAGO -9

Friday, March 16, 9:30 pm ET (ESPN)



SAN ANTONIO

28-13 SU, 24-16-1 ATS

AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

33-10 SU, 24-19 ATS



SAN ANTONIO LAST 15 GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
2/8	at Philadelphia	W 100-90	W (+3½)
2/11	at New Jersey	W 103-89	W (-9½)
2/14	at Detroit	W 99-95	L (-8)
2/15	at Toronto	W 113-106	P (-7)
2/18	at LA Clippers	W 103-100	W (+2½)
2/20	at Utah	W 106-102	W (-2½)
2/21	at Portland	L 137-97	L (+7½)
2/23	at Denver	W 114-99	W (-4)
2/29	vs Chicago	L 96-89	L (-2)
3/2	vs Charlotte	W 102-72	W (-15)
3/4	vs Denver	L 99-94	L (-7)
3/7	vs New York	W 118-105	W (-7½)
3/9	vs LA Clippers	L 120-108	L (-4)
3/12	vs Washington	W 112-97	W (-14)
3/14	vs Orlando	W 122-111	W (-7½)

For all of the Thunder's recent success, the Spurs simply have their number. They have won seven of eight SU and six of eight ATS against OKC, and four of five SU and ATS at Oklahoma City. Even worse, the Spurs are excellent when they have time to rest and prepare. San Antonio is 22-9 SU and 19-12 ATS (61%) this season when it has at least one day off before a game. The Spurs have also gone 16-2 SU and 14-3-1 ATS with Tony Parker in the lineup since Jan. 30.

OKLAHOMA CITY LAST 15 GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
2/15	at Houston	L 96-95	L (-3)
2/17	vs Golden State	W 110-87	W (-9½)
2/19	vs Denver	W 124-118	L (-8)
2/20	vs New Orleans	W 101-93	L (-10½)
2/22	vs Boston	W 119-104	W (-8½)
2/23	vs LA Lakers	W 100-85	W (-7½)
2/29	at Philadelphia	W 92-88	W (-3)
3/1	at Orlando	W 105-102	W (-1)
3/3	at Atlanta	L 97-90	L (-6)
3/5	vs Dallas	W 95-91	L (-7)
3/7	vs Phoenix	W 115-104	W (-9½)
3/9	vs Cleveland	L 96-90	L (-13)
3/10	vs Charlotte	W 122-95	W (-17½)
3/13	vs Houston	L 104-103	L (-11½)
3/15	at Denver	W 103-90	W (-2)



SAN ANTONIO..... 99
OKLAHOMA CITY..... 102

PLAY ON:

SAN ANTONIO +3½

Saturday, March 17, 9 pm ET (NBA TV)



SAN ANTONIO

28-13 SU, 24-16-1 ATS

AT

DALLAS

25-20 SU, 21-23-1 ATS



SAN ANTONIO LAST 15 GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
2/11	at New Jersey	W 103-89	W (-9½)
2/14	at Detroit	W 99-95	L (-8)
2/15	at Toronto	W 113-106	P (-7)
2/18	at LA Clippers	W 103-100	W (+2½)
2/20	at Utah	W 106-102	W (-2½)
2/21	at Portland	L 137-97	L (+7½)
2/23	at Denver	W 114-99	W (-4)
2/29	vs Chicago	L 96-89	L (-2)
3/2	vs Charlotte	W 102-72	W (-15)
3/4	vs Denver	L 99-94	L (-7)
3/7	vs New York	W 118-105	W (-7½)
3/9	vs LA Clippers	L 120-108	L (-4)
3/12	vs Washington	W 112-97	W (-14)
3/14	vs Orlando	W 122-111	W (-7½)
3/16	at Okla City		

The Mavs have been uneven all season and have especially underachieved of late, failing to cover the spread in five straight games, with two straight lack-luster SU wins. Meanwhile, the Spurs are getting healthy and looking like one of the NBA's best teams again. They'll be coming off a tough road game in Oklahoma City on Friday night, but they've had the Mavs' number of late, winning five in a row ATS against them, including three straight in Dallas.

DALLAS LAST 15 GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
2/17	at Philadelphia	W 82-75	W (+3½)
2/19	at New York	L 104-97	L (-2)
2/20	vs Boston	W 89-73	W (-9½)
2/22	vs LA Lakers	L 96-91	L (-4½)
2/28	vs New Jersey	L 93-92	L (-10½)
2/29	at Memphis	L 96-85	L (+2½)
3/2	at New Orleans	L 97-92	L (-7)
3/3	vs Utah	W 102-96	L (-8)
3/5	at Okla City	L 95-91	W (+7)
3/6	vs New York	W 95-85	W (-2½)
3/8	at Phoenix	L 96-94	L (-3½)
3/9	at Sacramento	L 110-97	L (-1½)
3/10	at Golden State	L 111-87	L (+4)
3/13	vs Washington	W 107-98	L (-12½)
3/15	vs Charlotte	W 101-96	L (-14)



SAN ANTONIO..... 96
DALLAS..... 94

PLAY ON:

SAN ANTONIO -1*

* = estimated line

Sunday, March 18, 7 pm ET (ESPN)



ORLANDO
28-16 SU, 24-20 ATS

AT

MIAMI
31-11 SU, 20-22 ATS



ORLANDO LAST 15 GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
2/17	vs Milwaukee	W 94-85	W (-7½)
2/19	at Miami	L 90-78	L (+9½)
2/20	at Milwaukee	W 93-90	W (-1)
2/22	at New Jersey	W 108-91	W (-6½)
2/23	at Atlanta	L 83-78	L (-5)
2/29	at Washington	W 102-95	L (-8½)
3/1	vs Okla City	L 105-102	L (+1)
3/3	vs Milwaukee	W 114-98	W (-9½)
3/5	at Toronto	W 92-88	L (-6½)
3/6	at Charlotte	L 100-84	L (-9)
3/8	at Chicago	W 99-94	W (+6)
3/11	vs Indiana	W 107-94	W (-5½)
3/13	vs Miami	W 104-98	W (+4)
3/14	at San Antonio	L 122-111	L (+7½)
3/16	vs New Jersey		

On Tuesday, Miami lost at Orlando in OT, a win that helped the Magic convince franchise C Dwight Howard to stay with the team for at least another year. But the Heat are tough to beat when motivated, and they handled the Magic easily at home a month ago, 90-78. Plus, Miami has been better when getting at least one day of rest (24-5 SU, 16-13 ATS). And Orlando hasn't been sharp on the road of late. The Magic have failed to cover in five of their past six road games.

MIAMI LAST 15 GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
2/13	at Milwaukee	W 114-96	W (-6)
2/14	at Indiana	W 105-90	W (-2)
2/17	at Cleveland	W 111-87	W (-9½)
2/19	vs Orlando	W 90-78	W (-9½)
2/21	vs Sacramento	W 120-108	L (-13½)
2/23	vs New York	W 102-88	W (-10)
3/1	at Portland	W 107-93	W (-3½)
3/2	at Utah	L 99-98	L (-5)
3/4	at LA Lakers	L 93-83	L (-2½)
3/6	vs New Jersey	W 108-78	W (-14)
3/7	vs Atlanta	W 89-86	L (-12½)
3/10	vs Indiana	W 93-91	L (-9½)
3/13	at Orlando	L 104-98	L (-4)
3/14	at Chicago	L 106-102	L (-3)
3/16	at Philadelphia		



ORLANDO..... 88
MIAMI..... 98

PLAY ON: MIAMI -7½*

* = estimated line

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PORTLAND
20-23 SU, 20-23 ATS

AT

OKLAHOMA CITY
33-10 SU, 24-19 ATS



PORTLAND LAST 15 GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
2/15	at Golden State	W 93-91	W (+5)
2/16	vs LA Clippers	L 74-71	L (+2)
2/18	vs Atlanta	W 97-77	W (-5½)
2/20	at LA Lakers	L 103-92	L (+4)
2/21	vs San Antonio	W 137-97	W (-7½)
2/29	at Denver	L 104-95	L (+3)
3/1	vs Miami	L 107-93	L (+3½)
3/3	vs Minnesota	L 122-110	L (-6½)
3/5	vs New Orleans	W 86-74	W (-10½)
3/7	at Minnesota	L 106-94	L (-1)
3/9	at Boston	L 104-86	L (+2½)
3/10	at Washington	W 110-99	W (-6)
3/13	at Indiana	L 92-75	L (+3)
3/14	at New York	L 121-79	L (+6)
3/16	at Chicago		

Oklahoma City got defensive stalwart SG Thabo Sefolosha back in the lineup on Thursday, giving it a complete rotation for the first time since January. Entering Friday, the Thunder were 17-1 SU when Sefolosha plays 10+ minutes this year. Conversely, the Blazers have been a mess on the road all season, where they're 6-16 SU and 7-15 ATS on the season entering Friday. Portland is a train wreck and can't be expected to hang with the NBA's elite right now.

OKLAHOMA CITY LAST 15 GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
2/17	vs Golden State	W 110-87	W (-9½)
2/19	vs Denver	W 124-118	L (-8)
2/20	vs New Orleans	W 101-93	L (-10½)
2/22	vs Boston	W 119-104	W (-8½)
2/23	vs LA Lakers	W 100-85	W (-7½)
2/29	at Philadelphia	W 92-88	W (-3)
3/1	at Orlando	W 105-102	W (-1)
3/3	at Atlanta	L 97-90	L (-6)
3/5	vs Dallas	W 95-91	L (-7)
3/7	vs Phoenix	W 115-104	W (-9½)
3/9	vs Cleveland	L 96-90	L (-13)
3/10	vs Charlotte	W 122-95	W (-17½)
3/13	vs Houston	L 104-103	L (-11½)
3/15	at Denver	W 103-90	W (-2)
3/16	vs San Antonio		



PORTLAND..... 93
OKLAHOMA CITY..... 106

PLAY ON: OKLA CITY -10½*

* = estimated line