

Free Picks – February 24^h Weekend

We're back to the WINNING ways you've come to expect over the last eight months, with a huge 3-for-4 weekend. **Hansel Wei** proved once again why he's an ALL-STAR EXPERT, cleverly choosing the underdog East to **win the game outright**, and bucking the trend to take the **under** in what is normally a shoot-out. His side and total picks for the NBA All-Star Game **cashed** and padded YOUR wallet.

A quick recap of what Hansel told you justifying his picks, and what actually happened (with direct quotes from last week's picks):

- "More pure scorers [on the East]" – LeBron had 29, Dwyane had 20.
- "Better defensive frontline" – Ben Wallace, Chris Bosh, and Shaq each had 8 or more boards, and Wallace had two HUGE game-saving blocks.
- "Better teamwork" – Hansel knew that having the four Detroit Pistons on the floor would be the difference.
- "Shaq will be ready to flatten Yao" – O'Neal had 17 pts, 9 rbs, and 4 ast; Yao had 5 / 2 / 1. Enough said.

Hansel is now **a perfect 4-for-4** in All-Star Game picks, with both his MLB picks cashing in July!

In NBA action, the Clip Ship appears to be sinking. After getting out to a ridiculous first-half start, the Clippers have slowly begun to fade, and things don't get better as they take on the Lakers tonight at the Staples Center. The Clippers are on a five-game losing streak, and while their defense has been ok, their offense is flagging. The Lakers have picked things up on "D", holding three of their last four opponents to under 90 points. The Clippers have cracked 100 in just one of their last eight, while holding six of their opponents under 100 in that same span. Both teams buckle down on defense tonight hoping to keep playoff hopes alive and generate momentum. **Play the Under.**

We'll now turn to the college side of things, and we've isolated a tasty total in Ivy League action. Princeton hosts Dartmouth tonight in New Jersey, and comes into the game second in Ivy League action. Folks, this is NOT the Tiger team that stumbled to a 21-point game against Monmouth earlier in the season. Coach Joe Scott has motivated his guys to play hard and believe in the team. One thing he's also done is taught the team to bounce back from losses. Tonight's game also fits into a perfect system: in Ivy League play this season, the Tigers have put up 66 points or more in every home game immediately following a loss. Last week the Tigers lost by 1 point to Columbia – led by Noah Savage, they're going to be angry and ready to win. Dartmouth has put up 49 or more points in their last five games, and the offense appears to be clicking, led by Mike Lang. **Play the Over.**

Finally, we're pleased to present our first of what will be a weekly Parlay Play. We consider parlays a great way to maximize your cash. This week, we're advocating a two-teamer, taking the "over" in the 76ers-Bucks game, and siding with newly-acquired Steve Francis and the Knicks against the New Jersey Nets. Here's why: the Sixers are a terrible defensive team, giving up 106 points per game over their last five, but have matched it with an increase in offense. They've gone over the total in their last four, and that continues tonight. This one should go over easily. For the Knicks, they meet up against a team that is just 2-4 ATS in their last six, and have nothing to lose against their cross-river rivals. The Knicks will be inspired to show the home crowd that they are on the right track with their recent personnel moves, and we predict they cover tonight against the Nets. **Play the "over" for 76ers / Bucks, and the Knicks.**

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