

A full-page photograph of a basketball player standing on an outdoor court at sunset. The player, a man with a muscular build, is wearing a bright yellow jersey and white shorts. He is holding a basketball in his right hand, looking off to the side. The court is wet, reflecting the bright orange and yellow light of the setting sun. In the background, a basketball hoop and backboard are visible, along with a chain-link fence and some trees. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds.

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Hello fellow NBA fans from around the world!

As mentioned to the members of my Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ProfessorMJ/>), I will be providing live “in-play” picks at halftime of the 6 games which start at 8pm Eastern Time. So be there around 9:15pm – 9:45pm as I have been fine-tuning the method and I’m really looking forward to it (come join the group if you haven’t done so already!). Here are today’s projections:

Date/time: FEBRUARY 24, 2017								
	SPREAD		MONEY LINE					
	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	PICK	ROI
Wizards	-8	-7.8	-350	-328	1,29	1,30		-1,5%
76ers	+8	+7.8	+305	+328	4,05	4,28		-5,4%
Tip: Avoid betting this game.								
	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	PICK	ROI
Grizzlies	-1	+0.5	-109	+104	1,92	2,04		-6,0%
Pacers	+1	-0.5	-101	-104	1,99	1,96		1,5%
Tip: Avoid betting this game.								
	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	PICK	ROI
Celtics	+4	+5.1	+155	+203	2,55	3,03		-15,8%
Raptors	-4	-5.1	-172	-203	1,58	1,49	X	5,9%
Tip: Bet the Raptors.								

	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	PICK	ROI
Suns	+6	+6.2	+219	+246	3,19	3,46		-7,8%
Bulls	-6	-6.2	-246	-246	1,41	1,41		0,0%
Tip: Avoid betting this game.								
	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	PICK	ROI
Jazz	-3	-2	-147	-118	1,68	1,85		-9,0%
Bucks	+3	+2	+133	+118	2,33	2,18	X	6,9%
Tip: Bet the Bucks.								
	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	PICK	ROI
Lakers	+10	+10.2	+483	+549	5,83	6,49		-10,2%
Thunder	-10	-10.2	-580	-549	1,17	1,18		-0,8%
Tip: Avoid betting this game.								
	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	PICK	ROI
Mavs	+3.5	+3	+155	+140	2,55	2,40	X	6,3%
Twolves	-3.5	-3	-172	-140	1,58	1,71		-7,8%
Tip: Avoid betting this game.								
	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	PICK	ROI
Heat	+3	+4.3	+136	+177	2,36	2,77		-14,8%
Hawks	-3	-4.3	-150	-177	1,67	1,56	X	6,5%
Tip: Bet the Hawks.								
	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	PICK	ROI
Nets	+10	+6.2	+487	+241	5,87	3,41	X	72,1%
Nuggets	-10	-6.2	-585	-241	1,17	1,41		-17,2%
Tip: BET THE NETS!!!								
	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	BOOKMAKER	PROF. MJ	PICK	ROI
Spurs	-4	-4.9	-175	-194	1,57	1,52		3,7%
Clippers	+4	+4.9	+158	+194	2,58	2,94		-12,2%
Tip: Avoid betting this game, but keep track of the Spurs line...								

“AMAZING BET” (5 stars / 5):

The last time I was as excited about a bet was February 13th when I recommended the Clippers +8.5 in Utah. They ended up beating the spread by 24 points! I’m not saying it’s going to happen again tonight, but I’m pretty confident about this one: take the Nets +10 in Denver.

Jeremy Lin will be available tonight for Brooklyn, which should help. The combination of my statistical models and my own judgement estimate the Nuggets’ win probability to be around 80-85% at home against Brooklyn. After accounting for the fact that Denver is playing the second of back-to-back games, it goes down to around 71%, which explains my projected money lines of +241 -241. I know, Brooklyn is on a 14-game losing streak. But did you know they haven’t lost by 10 points or more over their past 9 games? They are definitely improving. 89% of the money has been going on Denver. I love this pick even more. Take the Nets +10 in a heartbeat!!

“PROCEED WITH CAUTION” BETS (1 star / 5):

- Take the Raptors -4 at home against Boston. The Celtics second highest scorer Avery Bradley most likely won't play. Meanwhile, Toronto gets to see their newest acquisitions: Ibaka and Tucker. Both will definitely improve the team defensively. Boston has been playing much better than the Raptors of late: they have won 11 of their last 13, while Toronto has lost 11 of their last 16. However, the Canadian team has beaten the Celtics 2 times out of 3 this year.
- I'm going with Milwaukee +3 at home against Utah. Milwaukee has won its last 3 games. They lost Jabari Parker for the season, but got Middleton back. The Jazz have been struggling recently, having lost 3 of their last 4. It is worth mentioning that they have beaten Milwaukee 5 straight times (including 2 on the road). I expect that streak to end tonight.
- I'm not super excited about this one, but the numbers are telling me to go with Dallas +3.5 in Minnesota. The Mavericks latest acquisition Noel won't play tonight. The team was on a 8-3 streak before losing the last two before the All-Star break. As for the Timberwolves, they started the year with a 11-26 record, but have gone 11-9 since then. The loss of LaVine for the rest of the season hurts though.
- Finally, I'm picking Atlanta -3 against the Heat. Miami surprised everybody by winning 13 straight games, but they lost their last 2. Notice the Hawks have decided to suspend Schroder for tonight's game, but that was taken into account in my projections.

Good luck with your plays and I hope to see you tonight for the live picks!

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