

How they rank

BEN BOLCH'S RANKINGS, COMMENTS THROUGH SATURDAY

DRAKE COULD WEAR A TEAM HAT IN LOCKER ROOM COME LATE JUNE

1. SAN ANT. (62-18) In 2-2-1-1-1 finals format, Spurs would face Game 6 demons on road. (1)
2. OKC (58-21) Kevin Durant would likely trade MVP for two healthy Russell Westbrook knees. (2)
3. MIAMI (54-26) Wade's bid to win a fourth title to go down as Battle of Wounded Knee. (3)
4. CLIPPERS (56-24) Quest to have something besides player pictures to hang in the rafters begins. (4)
5. INDIANA (54-26) Pacers have gone from trendy Finals pick to possible upset special. (5)

SECOND ROUND OR BUST

6. HOUSTON (53-27) Early playoff ouster could be prelude to another Dwigthmare in a few of years. (6)
7. PORT. (52-28) Hasn't made it past first round since conference finals loss to Lakers in 2000. (7)
8. GOLD. ST. (49-30) Sure, now you come back: David Lee returns when team clinches playoff berth. (8)
9. DALLAS (49-32) P.A. announcer's Twitter rant on refs makes him a company man to Cuban. (9)
10. PHOENIX (47-33) Adam Silver's first big act should ensure teams this good make playoffs. (11)
11. MEMPH. (47-32) Matchup with Suns on Monday could be NBA's equivalent of a play-in game. (10)

ONE AND UNDONE

12. CHICAGO (47-32) Whatever happens in playoffs, Nate Robinson won't be coming to the rescue. (13)
13. TORONTO (46-33) Winning Atlantic Division like getting first prize in a sprint with four tortoises. (12)
14. BROOK. (43-36) Paul Pierce scores 25,000th point. Garnett will be lucky to get 25 more. (14)
15. CHARL. (41-39) Difference between Nos. 6-7 seeds: chance for 2nd round vs. swept in 1st. (17)
16. WASH. (42-38) April showers of turmoil for John Wall, Bradley Beal could bring May glowers. (15)
17. ATLANTA (37-43) Winning No. 8 seed in East is much ado about a team that will do nothing. (19)

ON THE FIRST FLIGHT TO CANCUN COME THURSDAY MORNING

18. MINN. (40-39) All Corey Brewer needs is for Kevin Love to go down to score 51 points. (16)
19. DENVER (36-44) Unleash the Mozgov! Twenty-three points, 29 rebounds is a season's worth. (18)
20. N.Y. (34-45) Looks like Lamar Odom could be coming and Mike Woodson going. (20)
21. N. ORL. (32-48) Pelicans done long before shutting down Anthony Davis with back soreness. (21)
22. CLEVE. (32-49) Loss to league-worst Bucks is perfect bookend to a disastrous season. (22)
23. DETROIT (29-51) New D League affiliate in Grand Rapids is best development of season. (23)

STARTED MAKING OFF-SEASON PLANS BACK IN NOVEMBER

24. SACRA. (27-53) New-age approach gets same old results in debut season of Vivek Ranadive. (24)
25. LAKERS (25-54) If Lakers can't reach deal with Nick Young, he'll become Swaggy Flee. (25)
26. UTAH (24-56) Jabari Parker sounds as if he's on a Mormon mission not to play for Jazz. (26)
27. BOSTON (25-55) Danny Ainge will have busy summer since fewer Celtics who return, the better. (27)
28. ORLAN. (23-56) If Victor Oladipo isn't rookie of the year, he could be NBA's turnover king. (28)
29. PHILA. (17-63) Fun while it lasted: Hard to believe 76ers went undefeated five days. (29)
30. MILW. (15-65) New owners will want to remain anonymous for fear of embarrassment. (30)