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Top 10 Teams!



1. Oklahoma City Thunder

The Oklahoma City Thunder are the clear number 1. They are coming off of a championship and they have arguably the best player in the league in Shai Gilgeous-Alexander. They have a great team built around him with an all-star last season in Jalen Williams and possibly a future all-star in Chet Holmgren. They have all the pieces to repeat and it is very likely that they will. They are the favorites going into this season.

2. Denver Nuggets

The Denver Nuggets have gotten a lot better this offseason getting a real backup center and replacing Micheal Porter jr with Cam Johnson. They have also an arguable best player in the league with Jokic on the squad. Jokic averages basically a triple double every year. He is no doubt going to be in the MVP talk. We have also seen how good Jamal Murray really can be and if he is playing like that the Nuggets are real contenders.

3. Cleveland Cavaliers

The Cavaliers were good last year they made a few trades and made the team even better. They traded Isaac Okoro for Lonzo Ball who when is healthy he can really make a difference to a team. Also they were the one seed in the east but they lost in the second round. We expect them to make it to at least the conference finals. The defensive player of the year Evan Mobely has also put on a ton of muscle and it looks like he is going to be an even better player than he was last year.

4. Houston Rockets

With the new addition of Kevin Durant the Rockets are looking way better than they did last year. They also got rid of Jalen Green and that automatically makes a team better. Amen Thompson is one of the most athletic players in the league and he is only going to get better as his career goes on. Fred Vanvleet is out for the season so that could hurt their team a lot. However they still have a great roster and will at least make it deep in the playoffs.



5. Dallas Mavericks

The Dallas Mavericks could be very good this season but their injuries could also send them to the bottom of the power rankings. If the 1st overall pick Cooper Flagg is as good as people say he is, the Mavericks could be a really tough team to matchup against. Also if Kyrie's ACL is healed and he is playing like he was before the injury and works with the team well then this team could be great. Anthony Davis could make this team's defense so much better if he can stay healthy for a while. They picked up De'angelo Russel this offseason who can only play good basketball 50% of the time and the other 50% he looks like he's never played before. So this team is going to be a hit or miss only because of injuries.



6. New York Knicks

The New York Knicks have the pieces to be a wicked good team but it all depends on how the team plays in the playoffs. The Knicks last year played a great regular season. They also made it into the conference finals but they had no answer for Haliburton and his Pacers. The east is weak this year and they can easily make it to at least the conference finals. Jalen Brunson is really good and if he played like he did last year then the Knicks are going to be really good. Karl Anthony-Towns is a great player and can bring a team's shooting way up. They also have really good defenders like Josh Hart and OG Anunoby. They also made a good move acquiring Jordan Clarkson who could be good off the bench when given the chance.



7. Los Angeles Lakers

The Lakers are in win now mode because LeBron is closing in on the end of his career. He has not shown any sign of slowing down but he will retire soon. If Luka Doncic can stay healthy and DeAndre Ayton plays well and can defend bigs then the Lakers can be a serious threat. The Lakers have the chance to make it far in the playoffs and if they want to make a deep run they have to do it now.



8. Minnesota Timberwolves

Minnesota has what many consider "The Future of the NBA" with Anthony Edwards. He is only 24 and already leads the Timberwolves in 3pt leader and he is a guaranteed all-star every single year. If Julius Randle plays well with the rest of the team there is a high chance that the Timberwolves make a deep playoff run. If Jaden McDaniels played almost exactly how he did last season just a little bit better then this team could be a real threat to the west. They have a very well rounded team and if they make very little changes then this team will be very promising.





9. The Philadelphia 76ers

The 76ers have a great rotation healthy including Joel Embiid, Jarred McCain, Paul George, Tyrese Maxey, VJ Edgecomb and a ton of great role players. They can have a great playoff run if they figure out a good rotation and a huge part is they need to stay healthy. They have great defense and can really do it all on offense including great 3pt shooters and can really destroy the rim on poster dunks. If Paul George can stay healthy he might be able to go back to playing good. When Embiid was healthy he won MVP and led the league in scoring. Maxey is also one of the best 3pt shooters in the NBA and has gotten better every season. Also they have their rookie VJ Edgcomb who has one of the best chances to win rookie of the year. So basically if they're healthy they have a good shot at winning it all.



10. Atlanta Hawks

The Atlanta Hawks have always been around making the playoffs. Now with their new recruitments including Kristops Porzingus and Nickeal-Alexander-Walker their roster is one of the best in the NBA. Their starting lineup consists of Trae Young, Dyson Daniels, Zacharie Risacher, Jalen Johnson, and Kristops Porzingis. They might have one of the highest ppg (points per game) because of how much shooting they have and because Trae Young will probably lead the league in assists this year. Their defense is great because they have Dyson Daniels who lead the league in steals and they have great centers like Porzingis and Onyeka Okongwu. So as long as the coaching and roster is consistent the hawks will have a deep playoff run.

