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Posted by Hengst - 2008/04/19 11:52

http://sports.espn.go.com/nba/playoffs2008/columns/story?columnist=hollinger_john&page=playoffpredictions-080418

hollinger likes the jazz to go to the finals.

Personally I don't see them getting past LA or San Antonio, but you never know what's going to happen . . .

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Re:bringing the discussion back to sports

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/19 12:08

I bet spurs get eliminated by the suns...And the lakers will be really beat up because the Nuggets are full of thugs that will hack the crap out of Kobe and the gang. The Jazz will get by the rockets. And I believe they will get through to the Western Conf. Finals for a showdown in the desert against Phoenix. They have a chance, but will need to win atleast one on the road.

I think if the Jazz were able to get a player like Samuel Dalembert without giving up any core players then they could be huge contenders. Dalembert is a solid Low Post Defender and Rebounder...The jazz huge weakness is their lack of a low post defensive presence from a center.

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Re:bringing the discussion back to sports

Posted by BYUROCKS - 2008/04/19 12:19

I was about to post this =D

did you see the other day he said, NO v UT in the WC finales he says should be a best of 9 because it will be awesome

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Re:bringing the discussion back to sports

Posted by Mars - 2008/04/19 15:27

The Jazz won't make it out of the 2nd round.

It will be Lakers (Kobe) versus Suns (Shaq) in the Western Finals.

The Boston Celtics will win it all.

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Re:bringing the discussion back to sports

Posted by Florwood - 2008/04/19 17:30

Cougfan84 wrote:

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Yeah, I thought it was interesting that Rafer Alston: out for a few games, injured in a game with the Nuggets. Deron Williams misses part of a game, injured in a game with...the Nuggets.

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Re:bringing the discussion back to sports

Posted by nuk13 - 2008/04/19 18:16

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I'll never count out the Spurs or the Pistons this year...but there are chinks in that armor now.

I don't think it's as much this year as the next few where the Lakers and Celtics should make hay.

With a healthy Andrew Bynum, Pau Gasol, Lamar Odom, and Kobe Bryant (throw in excellent role players like radmonivic, farmar, walton, etc.) and you have one of the youngest teams in the league with arguably the most talent.

If you look at the young talent of the Portland Trailblazers though, I don't expect Kobes reign to be that long. Portland will be scary good sooner rather than later.

Re:bringing the discussion back to sports

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/19 19:27

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I think you are right in that the Blazers need to get a good PG if they can find one. Jarrett Jack and Steve Blake are serviceable but they could do better. Travis Outlaw really matured quite a bit this year for them also. I think the best news they got this year is that Darius Miles' knee injury is career ending. I only live 40 miles from Portland so I am excited to finally see all of the Jail Blazers leave and get some good quality people in Portland, at least for NBA standards.

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