

NBA Playoffs - Who is the favourite?

The 2017-18 regular NBA season is over and this time there aren't any clear favourites who could win the playoffs. The battle to win the playoffs is a three horse race as Western Conference winners Houston Rockets join the Golden State Warriors and Cleveland Cavaliers as the 3 big favourites.

Houston Rockets: The Rockets have been a surprise package of this season. Finally justifying the potential they have on the bench, the Houston based side won the Western Conference with ease. With 65 wins and 17 losses in the regular season, the Rockets are definitely the fan favourite. The resurgence of the Rockets is largely due to the purple patch hit by James Harden who looks all set to win the Most Valuable Player of the year award. The 28 year old Point Guard has been in great form and that makes the 2-time NBA Champions one of the favourites to win the play-offs

2. Golden State Warriors: 2 NBA Championships in last 3 years easily makes the Golden State Warriors a form favourite to win the playoffs. 58 wins, 24 losses in the regular season and the Warriors finished 2nd behind the Rockets in the Western Conference. Steph Curry is injured and is likely to miss the round 1 of the playoffs but his absence hasn't had a major impact on Golden State's plans. The chances of defending champions once again winning the playoffs will majorly depend on Curry. The entire staff appears to be working overtime to get their All-Star Point Guard up and running as soon as possible.

3. Cleveland Cavaliers: The Cavs were down and out against the Indiana Pacers in the opening round of the playoffs but once again as always, it was LeBron James who rescued the side to a win. This sums up the entire season for the Cavaliers who depend heavily on the 14-time NBA All-Star. The Cavs have had played with 18 different combinations to their starting lineups this season with LeBron being the only constant. King James as he is fondly called led the Cavaliers to the NBA title in 2016 and will be once again the only reason why if the Cavaliers win again in 2018.



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