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Pro Basketball Forecast: 2005-2006



Synopsis

The roundball revolution continues, and John Hollinger is El Jefe. With the Pro Basketball Forecast, Hollinger takes an in-depth and insightful look at the game. Downplayed are all the per-game statistics; in their place are points, rebounds, and assists per forty minutes. Hollinger also examines how many possessions each player uses and what percentage of his team's rebounds he collects. Why? Because teams use players in different ways, and comparing everyone on an even scale makes much more sense. When is a player averaging ten points a game more valuable than one averaging fifteen? How about if he plays twenty minutes to the latter's forty and plays for a team that walks the ball up the court instead of fast-breaking? If he's given a starting position or traded to a new team, he could "unexpectedly" break out-unexpected to everyone but Forecast readers, that is. Hollinger shows you which players, given more time or a fresh start, can ratchet their game up to all-star levels. He also shows which ones are scoring more than their backups solely because of proportion of time and should find themselves on the bench more this year. On top of all this, Hollinger also continues to improve his groundbreaking method of valuing a player's personal defense and sharpens his projections for regulars, offering predictions for the forthcoming season. Hollinger adds his thoughts on every team-where they've been and where they're going-as well as a discussion of every player and draft pick. You may watch hoops, but you haven't seen everything until you've seen the Forecast.

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Customer Reviews

Forget the magazines, this is the preview guide you want if you're an NBA fan. The statistical

analysis is fascinating and every player in the league is covered along with overviews of each team. And it's not just a dry reference - the writing is full of wit and humor. This is my favorite sports book and I look forward to it each year.

In the past, I always enjoyed the Bill James Baseball Abstract annuals. These days, in each of the three major sports, there are quality annuals that try to follow in James's path. Baseball Prospectus, Pro Football Prospectus and John Hollinger's Pro Basketball Forecast. These are all annuals that look at the game from an intelligent, statistical standpoint. It's not all numbers though - it's the numbers that he uses to tell the story of a team or player. Having read Hollinger's previous annuals, I'm getting used to his style and some of the stats that he came up with. He's not afraid to give an opinion, even a very negative one...and that is GREAT for the reader! I will continue to pick up his annuals before the start of every basketball season. Leave the annual basketball magazines alone, and pick up this one. It's more expensive but more than worth the price compared to those magazines.

Similar to Pro Football Prospectus 2005, this book is FULL of revolutionary statistics AND opinion based on those stats. Who cares if the author prefers the Cavs, that's a prediction, and this book contains so much pertinent data that it doesn't matter who he picked . . . this book is ideal for any basketball fan who is tired of the usual points, rebounds and assists (per game) that you are used to seeing for the last 30-40 years.

For the love of God don't waste your time. Hollinger couldn't be more bias, at least not in a more accurate way. The man honestly believes that the Cavs will somehow finish ahead of both Detroit AND Indiana to win the Central Division. Gets worse though, he actually thinks that the Suns won't make the play-offs! Wake up, Amare isn't sitting out the whole season, and Steve Nash is still alive. I'd advise getting anything else, unless you're a Cavs fan of course...

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