

How they rank

BEN BOLCH'S RANKINGS, COMMENTS THROUGH SATURDAY

FAB FIVE

1. IND. (49-17) Andrew Bynum should have been listed as DNP-SR (Safety Reasons) vs. 76ers. (1)
2. SAN ANT. (49-16) Lakers feel as if Spurs rub it in with pregame injury report reading "None." (4)
3. OKC (48-17) Thunder returns to NBA portion of its schedule Sunday after facing Lakers. (3)
4. MIAMI (44-19) Heat's slide the beginning of the end or something to be forgotten in June. (2)
5. CLIPPERS (47-20) Words heard most this season: The L.A. Clippers will not practice tomorrow. (5)

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6. HOUSTON (44-21) Perfect gift for Dwight Howard: Smiley face T-shirt saying "Have a nice day!" (7)
7. PORT. (43-23) Blazers hope LaMarcus Aldridge's hard fall isn't metaphor for rest of season. (6)
8. GOLD. ST. (41-26) Even with excused absence of Klay Thompson, loss to Cavs is impermissible. (8)
9. DALLAS (39-27) Idea: Pair Nowitzki with Kobe Bryant for one season until Kevin Love arrives. (9)
10. MEMPH. (39-27) Grizzlies not sure they miss Greivis Vasquez even after he helps beat old team. (11)
11. PHO. (37-28) Eric Bledsoe returns, prompting mysterious disappearance of Gerald Green. (10)

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12. TOR. (37-27) Kyle Lowry tells Lakers he's not interested either, he wants to go to playoffs. (12)
13. CHI. (37-29) Forget the Bulls, somebody put Tom Thibodeau in charge of national defense. (13)
14. WASH. (35-31) Going to OT to beat Magic a tribute to iron man courtside fan Cal Ripken Jr. (14)
15. BROOK. (33-31) Late-season surge is similar to Lakers' last year. Nets hope ending's different. (15)
16. CHARL. (32-34) Bobcats' eight-game home winning streak isn't enough for them. (17)
17. MINN. (32-32) Kevin Love goes scoreless in second half Friday, Nikola Pekovic goes down. (16)
18. ATLANTA (29-35) Winning three of 10 games in Eastern Conference known as a playoff push. (18)

RUPP'S RUNTS

19. DENVER (29-37) Victory over Heat may be Nuggets' "One Shining Moment" in bad season. (19)
20. N. ORL. (26-39) Vote of confidence in Pelicans' coach should be known as the Full Monty. (20)
21. N.Y. (27-40) Phil Jackson's great. Steve Kerr would be great. Now about that roster ... (23)
22. CLEVE. (26-40) Cavs trying to become first team to make playoffs and be in draft lottery. (22)
23. DETROIT (25-41) On the bright side, opening day for the Tigers is only a few weeks away. (21)
24. SAC. (23-43) Cowbells ring in front office whenever team rises out of last place. (24)
25. UTAH (22-44) It's never fun when you're 16½ games out of playoffs with 16 games left. (25)

FIDDLIN' FIVE

26. LAKERS (22-44) Lawrence Tanter, Laker Girls relieved to be left out of Kobe Bryant's rant. (26)
27. BOSTON (22-44) New T-shirts being sold outside TD Garden: WE WERE THE CELTICS. (27)
28. ORL. (19-48) Season's so bad that NBA TV's "The Starters" are more entertaining. (28)
29. PHIL. (15-51) Starting lineup of Cromwell, Patton, Leopard, Panzer and M1 Abrams. (29)
30. MILW. (13-53) Only numbers that matter: Sixty-five days until lottery, 102 days until draft. (30)