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Milwaukee Brewers @ **Los Angeles Dodgers**

The Dodgers hold a modest home-field advantage, but the forecast accounts for high volatility driven by the risk of early bullpen exposure. If Blake Snell struggles against Milwaukee's top hitters, the Los Angeles relief corps may be forced into action before their typical usage window, potentially shifting the game's momentum. This scenario suggests the home team's edge is fragile and susceptible to early offensive shocks.

Vancouver Whitecaps @ **St. Louis CITY SC**

The forecast positions on a Vancouver Whitecaps upset, capitalizing on St. Louis City's historical tendency to mean-revert in raw goal conversion. This scenario relies on Thomas Müller's individual brilliance to secure a narrow victory, overcoming the typical home-field advantage observed in MLS.

Sporting Kansas City @ **Nashville SC**

The forecast favors Nashville SC due to a significant quality disparity between the league-leading hosts and a struggling Sporting Kansas City side. Historical data supports this position, as home teams in MLS win nearly half of their matches while away teams succeed only a quarter of the time. The low volatility of the matchup further reinforces the stability of this home-win position.

Seattle Sounders FC @ **FC Dallas**

The forecast favors FC Dallas based on the strong historical advantage for home teams in MLS, where they win nearly half of all matches. While Seattle has the potential to secure a draw or

narrow victory through set pieces, the baseline probability supports a home win. This position accounts for medium volatility but leans into the structural edge provided by playing at home.

San Jose Earthquakes @ **Real Salt Lake**

The forecast favors Real Salt Lake based on the historical strength of home teams in MLS, where they secure the majority of victories. A key factor supporting this position is the potential for San Jose to struggle with fatigue due to the altitude, particularly in the second half. This dynamic creates a viable upset scenario where RSL leverages its home-field advantage to secure the win.

Red Bull New York @ **D.C. United**

Historical data indicates a strong home-field advantage in MLS, with home teams winning 58% of matches. However, Red Bull New York presents a viable upset scenario if their underlying performance metrics improve and they exploit D.C. United's recent struggles. This medium-volatility matchup offers a distinct opportunity to position against the typical home-team bias.

Portland Timbers @ **LA Galaxy**

The forecast positions on the home team, leveraging the historical advantage of MLS home sides which win nearly half of all matches. While the away team poses a threat through rapid counterattacks against a high defensive line, the systemic reliability of home performance supports this stance. This medium-volatility play capitalizes on the structural

tendency for home victories in the league.

Philadelphia Union @ **Chicago Fire FC**

The forecast favors an upset scenario where Philadelphia's high-volume attack exploits Chicago's leaky defense on the counter. This position anticipates that Philadelphia will continue to overperform their underlying metrics before mean reversion occurs. The high volatility of the match supports this contrarian view against the typical home-team advantage.

Orlando City SC @ **Toronto FC**

We are taking a position on an upset victory for Orlando City SC, capitalizing on the high volatility of this matchup. The forecast hinges on Martín Ojeda's individual brilliance to score early, which would force Toronto FC into desperate attacks and allow Orlando's defense to absorb pressure and counter effectively.

New York City FC @ **Inter Miami CF**

While home-field advantage provides a baseline edge for Inter Miami, the forecast positions on New York City FC by capitalizing on the high probability of a late equalizer. This outcome relies on NYCFC exploiting defensive fatigue and set-piece opportunities against a Miami side that has struggled to convert possession into goals. The medium volatility environment supports a strategic play on the upset scenario rather than a straightforward home victory.

New England Revolution @ **FC Cincinnati**

FC Cincinnati's volatile home offense poses a significant threat to New England's

defensive structure, creating a scenario where an early goal could force the visitors to abandon their shape. This high-variance dynamic suggests that a high-scoring draw or a narrow away victory is a plausible outcome, challenging the typical home-field advantage observed in MLS.

Minnesota United FC @ **Colorado Rapids**

The forecast favors the Colorado Rapids based on the historical advantage home teams hold in MLS, where they win roughly 53% of matches. Minnesota United faces significant volatility due to the absence of key forward Yeboah, which limits their ability to sustain their recent overperformance in finishing. While a draw remains a possibility if Minnesota capitalizes on Colorado's defensive lapses, the home-field advantage provides a more stable foundation for the position.

Houston Dynamo FC @ **San Diego FC**

The forecast favors San Diego FC, as home teams in MLS win nearly half of all matches, providing a strong baseline advantage. While Houston could exploit defensive vulnerabilities on the left flank, San Diego's urgent need for points at home makes an upset less likely. The medium volatility suggests a competitive match, but the home field edge remains the dominant factor.

Charlotte FC @ **Columbus Crew**

The forecast positions on Charlotte FC to secure an upset by capitalizing on defensive vulnerabilities in Columbus's high defensive line. This strategy hinges on exploiting transition moments, particularly if Cucho Hernandez scores an early goal to disrupt

the home side's rhythm. The medium volatility suggests this outcome is plausible but carries inherent risk against the league's historical home-field advantage.

Austin FC @ Los Angeles FC

The forecast positions on a draw, anticipating Austin FC will adopt a defensive strategy to neutralize LAFC's attack and force low-quality attempts. This approach aims to exploit set-piece opportunities to secure a rare away point against the home side.

Atlanta United FC @ CF Montréal

Atlanta United holds a distinct advantage in this matchup, leveraging a resurgent attack led by Almirón to exploit potential defensive vulnerabilities for CF Montréal. While the visitors have recently overperformed their expected goals metrics, the forecast suggests this trend is unsustainable against a disciplined home side. Consequently, the position favors Atlanta United to secure the victory through efficient counter-attacking opportunities.

Phoenix Suns @ San Antonio Spurs

The forecast favors the San Antonio Spurs, aligning with the strong historical advantage home teams hold in the NBA. Phoenix faces a difficult path to victory, requiring Devin Booker to exploit defensive rust while Jalen Green establishes an early scoring rhythm to overcome the home-court edge.

New Orleans Pelicans @ Dallas Mavericks

The forecast favors the Dallas Mavericks based on the strong historical advantage for home

teams in the regular season. While the volatility is medium, the position assumes New Orleans maintains its core rotation, avoiding the specific upset scenario where early heavy minutes for Zion Williamson lead to fourth-quarter fatigue. This home-court edge provides the primary rationale for the current stance.

Detroit Pistons @ Minnesota Timberwolves

The forecast favors the Minnesota Timberwolves, leveraging the historical advantage of home teams in the NBA. While Detroit possesses superior bench depth that could exploit Minnesota's second-unit chemistry, the high volatility of the matchup suggests the home court advantage remains the primary driver for the position.

Denver Nuggets @ LA Clippers

The forecast favors the Denver Nuggets to secure an upset by capitalizing on the LA Clippers' depleted bench depth and enforcing a slower pace that neutralizes Los Angeles' transition offense. This strategy leverages the historical advantage of home teams while targeting specific roster vulnerabilities that could lead to volatility in the game's outcome.

Chicago Bulls @ Milwaukee Bucks

The forecast favors the Milwaukee Bucks based on the strong historical base rate for home victories in the NBA. While the outcome carries high volatility, the Bulls would only secure an upset if their starting lineup connects on early three-pointers and Milwaukee is forced to rely on depleted bench units due to late scratches.

Charlotte Hornets @ Boston Celtics

The forecast favors the Boston Celtics based on the strong historical advantage for home teams in the NBA. While Charlotte possesses high volatility and could secure an upset if LaMelo Ball establishes early three-point dominance, the baseline expectation remains with the home side. This position reflects the structural edge of playing in Boston rather than relying on specific player performance scenarios.

Brooklyn Nets @ Miami Heat

The forecast favors the Miami Heat based on the strong historical baseline of home wins, though the outcome carries high volatility. A potential upset hinges on Miami resting its key players early, which would force bench units into heavy minutes while the Nets' starters play extended stretches.

Western Kentucky Hilltoppers @ Sam Houston Bearkats

The forecast favors Sam Houston securing a narrow victory by capitalizing on Western Kentucky's short-week fatigue and forcing critical turnovers from quarterback Brock Glenn. The Bearkats are positioned to control the clock through a heavy ground attack led by Alton McCaskill, exploiting a medium-volatility matchup to overcome the typical home-field advantage.

Kennesaw State Owls @ Missouri State Bears

The forecast favors a home victory for Missouri State, aligning with the historical base rate for NCAA football.

However, the position carries high volatility due to the potential for an upset if Kennesaw State secures an early lead through a short-field turnover. This scenario would test Missouri State's ability to respond under pressure in a night game.

Montréal Canadiens @ Washington Capitals

While the baseline forecast favors the Washington Capitals due to the historical advantage of home teams, the Montreal Canadiens present a viable upset case if their goaltender maintains elite performance. A hot streak from Jakub Dobes could neutralize Washington's offensive pressure, particularly if Montreal exploits defensive lapses caused by fatigue in the later stages of the game. This high-volatility scenario hinges on specific individual execution rather than general team strength.

★ **Dallas Stars @ Colorado Avalanche**

The forecast positions on the Dallas Stars to secure a road victory by leveraging Jake Oettinger's proven ability to replicate his playoff-level dominance at Ball Arena. This outcome hinges on the Avalanche's secondary scorers failing to penetrate Dallas's elite penalty kill, thereby neutralizing Colorado's offensive volatility. The high-variance nature of this matchup supports a contrarian stance against the historical home-team advantage.

Resolved Contests

Correct: 5 · Incorrect: 4 · 55.6% correct

Preseason (burn-in): 3/5 correct — not counted in the record

Cleveland Guardians @ Tampa Bay Rays

*Final 3-1 · Winner: Tampa Bay Rays · **Correct** · Us 56.9% vs market 56.5%*

The Tampa Bay Rays defeated the Cleveland Guardians 3-1, led by Freddy Peralta's six scoreless innings. The Rays capitalized on a fourth-inning defensive error

by Liam Hicks to secure the victory.

Portland Trail Blazers @ Sacramento Kings

Final 98-110 · Winner: Portland Trail Blazers · **Correct** · Us 76.4% vs market 59.5%

The Portland Trail Blazers defeated the Sacramento Kings 110-98, with Deni Avdija leading the way by scoring 26 points and grabbing 9 rebounds. Portland capitalized on the Kings' depleted roster, particularly the absence of Domantas Sabonis, to secure the victory on the road.

New York Knicks @ Toronto Raptors

Final 148-98 · Winner: Toronto Raptors · **Incorrect** (Predicted: New York Knicks) · Us 58.5% vs market 24.0%

The Toronto Raptors defeated the New York Knicks 148-98 in a preseason matchup where Kawhi Leonard scored 21 points in his debut. The blowout occurred after the Knicks rested their entire starting lineup, including Brunson and Towns, while Toronto played its starters heavily.

Indiana Pacers @ Oklahoma City Thunder

Final 114-112 · Winner: Oklahoma City Thunder · **Correct** · Us 86.4% vs market 71.5%

The Oklahoma City Thunder defeated the Indiana Pacers 114-112 in a close road contest. Despite managing minutes and utilizing experimental lineups, OKC's roster depth proved superior to Indiana's, securing the two-point victory.

Golden State Warriors @ Los Angeles Lakers

Final 89-101 · Winner: Golden State Warriors · **Incorrect**

(Predicted: Los Angeles Lakers) · Us 84.6% vs market 56.5%

The Golden State Warriors defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 101-89 in a matchup where the Lakers rested their entire starting lineup, including Luka Doncic and Walker Kessler. The Warriors capitalized on a Lakers bench unit featuring Bronny James and Quentin Grimes to secure the victory.

Cleveland Cavaliers @ Orlando Magic

Final 132-116 · Winner: Orlando Magic · **Correct** · Us 57.5% vs market 48.5%

The Orlando Magic defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 132-116 in their rematch, leveraging a rest advantage over the fatigued Cavaliers. Orlando capitalized on Cleveland's reduced minutes from their previous night's win to secure the victory on the road.

Florida International Panthers @ Jacksonville State Gamecocks

Final 27-24 · Winner: Jacksonville State Gamecocks · **Correct** · Us 72.9% vs market 56.5%

Jacksonville State defeated Florida International 27-24 in a tightly contested defensive battle. The Gamecocks leveraged home-field advantage to stifle FIU's offensive momentum and secure the narrow victory.

Delaware Blue Hens @ Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders

Final 33-30 · Winner: Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders · **Incorrect** (Predicted: Delaware Blue Hens) · Us 58.8% vs market 52.5%

Middle Tennessee defeated Delaware 33-30 despite playing

on short rest, as backup quarterback Tyler Bell threw for 306 yards and two touchdowns. The Blue Raiders overcame the absence of Delaware's starter Nick Minicucci to secure the victory in a close contest.

Vegas Golden Knights @ Nashville Predators

Final 2-5 · Winner: Vegas Golden Knights · **Correct** · Us 50.4% vs market 53.5%

The Vegas Golden Knights defeated the Nashville Predators 5-2, outscoring their opponents significantly to secure the victory. Vegas's superior offensive talent and possession metrics proved decisive in the three-goal win.

Toronto Maple Leafs @ Utah Mammoth

Final 5-4 · Winner: Utah Mammoth · **Correct** · Us 58.0% vs market 58.5%

The Utah Mammoth defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-4 in a high-scoring contest where special teams likely played a decisive role. Utah controlled possession and leveraged home-ice advantage to secure the narrow victory.

Pittsburgh Penguins @ Chicago Blackhawks

Final 5-3 · Winner: Chicago Blackhawks · **Incorrect** (Predicted: Pittsburgh Penguins) · Us 60.4% vs market 58.5%

The Chicago Blackhawks defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-3, overcoming a depleted forward corps to capitalize on Pittsburgh's scheduling fatigue. The victory highlighted the inconsistency of Penguins goaltender Arturs Silovs, who allowed five goals in the loss.

Minnesota Wild @ Winnipeg Jets

Final 5-2 · Winner: Winnipeg Jets · **Incorrect** (Predicted: Minnesota Wild) · Us 56.1% vs market 49.5%

The Winnipeg Jets defeated the Minnesota Wild 5-2 at home on October 13, 2026. The victory was fueled by the Jets' home-ice advantage and the Wild's struggles with fatigue following a back-to-back schedule.

Colorado Avalanche @ Dallas Stars

Final 2-3 · Winner: Colorado Avalanche · **Correct** · Us 51.8% vs market 51.5%

The Colorado Avalanche defeated the Dallas Stars 3-2, leveraging a 34-28 shot advantage and converting three of eight power play opportunities to overcome Dallas goaltending. Despite a strong performance from Dallas netminder, Colorado's sustained pressure and special teams efficiency proved decisive in the one-goal victory.

Calgary Flames @ Anaheim Ducks

Final 2-4 · Winner: Calgary Flames · **Incorrect** (Predicted: Anaheim Ducks) · Us 62.0% vs market 64.5%

The Calgary Flames defeated the Anaheim Ducks 4-2, overcoming a slow start as the Ducks struggled offensively without injured star forward Cutter Gauthier.

Today's Forecasts

Matchup	Date/Time	Forecast	Conf
MLB			
 Milwaukee Brewers @  Los Angeles Dodgers	10/15 12:00AM	Milwaukee Brewers	52%
MLS			
 Vancouver Whitecaps @  St. Louis CITY SC	10/15 12:30AM	St. Louis CITY SC	44%
 Sporting Kansas City @  Nashville SC	10/15 12:30AM	Nashville SC	56%

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 Seattle Sounders FC @  FC Dallas	10/15 12:30AM	FC Dallas	48%
 San Jose Earthquakes @  Real Salt Lake	10/15 01:30AM	Real Salt Lake	44%
 Red Bull New York @  D.C. United	10/14 11:30PM	D.C. United	42%
!  Portland Timbers @  LA Galaxy	10/15 02:30AM	LA Galaxy	48%
!  Philadelphia Union @  Chicago Fire FC	10/15 12:30AM	Chicago Fire FC	44%
!  Orlando City SC @  Toronto FC	10/14 11:30PM	Toronto FC	44%
 New York City FC @  Inter Miami CF	10/14 11:30PM	Inter Miami CF	56%
 New England Revolution @  FC Cincinnati	10/14 11:30PM	FC Cincinnati	50%
!  Minnesota United FC @  Colorado Rapids	10/15 01:30AM	Colorado Rapids	42%
!  Houston Dynamo FC @  San Diego FC	10/15 02:30AM	San Diego FC	48%
!  Charlotte FC @  Columbus Crew	10/14 11:30PM	Columbus Crew	44%
 Austin FC @  Los Angeles FC	10/15 02:30AM	Los Angeles FC	56%
!  Atlanta United FC @  CF Montréal	10/14 11:30PM	CF Montréal	47%
NBA			
 Phoenix Suns @  San Antonio Spurs	10/15 12:00AM	San Antonio Spurs	83%
!  New Orleans Pelicans @  Dallas Mavericks	10/15 12:00AM	New Orleans Pelicans	52%
!  Detroit Pistons @  Minnesota Timberwolves	10/15 12:00AM	Detroit Pistons	59%
!  Denver Nuggets @  LA Clippers	10/15 02:30AM	LA Clippers	52%
!  Chicago Bulls @  Milwaukee Bucks	10/15 12:00AM	Milwaukee Bucks	52%
 Charlotte Hornets @  Boston Celtics	10/14 11:30PM	Boston Celtics	61%
 Brooklyn Nets @  Miami Heat	10/14 11:30PM	Miami Heat	83%
NCAA FOOTBALL			
 Western Kentucky Hilltoppers @  Sam Houston Bearkats	10/15 12:00AM	Western Kentucky Hilltoppers	68%
!  Kennesaw State Owls @  Missouri State Bears	10/14 11:30PM	Missouri State Bears	50%
NHL			
 Montréal Canadiens @  Washington Capitals	10/14 11:30PM	Washington Capitals	53%
 Dallas Stars @  Colorado Avalanche	10/15 12:30AM	Colorado Avalanche	59%

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