

SportsTalk

Conversations between YCN's experts with predictions and analysis about the sports world

Airs: Wednesday 6:30pm, Saturdays at 5:30pm, RT: 30m

Airing Week: 4-10-17 to 4-16-17

1st segment:

1. Celtics final regular season game Wednesday night as they host the Bucks
2. Boston is in the driver's seat for #1 seed in Playoffs, with a win they lock it up tonight
3. Took a tough loss to the Cavs last week, but Cavs continue to play uninspired basketball
4. Before playoffs start on Saturday how do you handicap each team's chances in the East

2nd segment:

5. Sox go 1-3 on their first road trip; 4 games in Detroit
6. Offense has been non-existent throughout the first week plus of season
7. What we've seen from Chris Sale is as good as advertised despite still not getting a "win"
8. Should we be more concerned about this offense or has the flu bug really thrown a wrench in the lineup.

3rd segment:

9. Patriots are having trouble finding a place for their 5th banner; Just another reason for other fans to hate them.
10. Reports are that Marshawn Lynch would consider Patriots, if Raiders don't workout
11. Does LaGarette Blount re-sign and come back next year for Patriots?
12. Any truth to the Richard Sherman trade rumors; would he be a good fit on Pats? Could they get him?

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12. NBA Playoffs start Saturday

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13. Warriors the #1 seed out West with Spurs the #2, anyone else have a chance?

14. NBA MVP: Harden or Westbrook and why?

15. Salt Hill Picks: W: Bucks/Celtics, Raptors/Cavs;, Wizards/Heat;,Hawks/
Spurs/Jazz

Airing Week: 4-17-17 to 4-23-17

1st segment:

1. Red Sox still a little inconsistent to start season but offense starting to come alive

2. Mitch Moreland has been a pleasant surprise at the plate, can he keep it up?

3. How long does Sandoval keep his starting spot, struggling at times, but also comes up with big Home Runs

4. Sounds like Hanley might not play as much 1B as originally thought, is that a problem?

2nd segment:

5. Highlight of this starting staff has clearly been Sale, a guy who is a must watch when he starts

6. Are you worried at all about Rick Porcello after a shaky outing against Rays?

7. Bullpen continues to pitch well, despite getting a lot of work recently

8. David Price is on track to be back with Sox in mid-May, what's your outlook on that situation?

3rd segment:

9. If the celtics don't get out of the first round, is this season a failure?

10. Do we blame this rebounding problem on Danny Ainge? It has been a problem all season and never really addressed.

11. With the lack of secondary scoring and no rebounding, what is the C's ceiling this year?

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12. From what we've seen so far is it still GSW/SAN out west and CLE in the East?

4th segment:

12. Jason McCourty released by Titans, can he help patriots?

13. Will Patriots trade back up into 1st or 2nd round?

14. Odds Garoppolo and odds Butler are on the team in week 1?

15. Salt Hill Picks: W: Hawks/Wizards, Thunder/Rockets, Trailblazers/Warriors; TH: Cavs/Pacers; F: Celtics/Bulls

Airing Week: 4-24-17 to 4-30-17

1st segment:

1. Optimism and Pessimism about Red Sox starting rotation

2. Sale continues to pitch lights out, while Eduardo Rodriguez has had a couple encouraging outings.

3. Can Steven Wright stay in this rotation long-term? Will he be on roster all season?

4. Pomeranz and Porcello showing good signs, but still not there yet

2nd segment:

5. Celtics show they aren't dead yet with two road wins to even series 2-2

6. Are the first two games mere bumps in the road for Celtics or should we be more concerned?

7. Every series in East except Cavs/Pacers will go at least 6 games, another advantage for Cleveland

8. Keys for Celtics in game five on Wednesday night? Can they win 4 straight and win series 4-2?

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9. Dustin Pedroia hurt on Manny Machado slide; Dirty or a bad slide as Pedroia explained?
10. Do the Sox really have a lack of leadership on their team? Pedroia said he was good with Machado, yet Barnes still threw at him on Sunday
11. Sandoval on DL and Rutledge back on the team off DL; What's 3B look like this season?
12. Price throwing bullpen session this week; faces hitters Saturday...encouraging news?

4th segment:

12. NFL Draft kicks off on Thursday with round one at 8 PM on ESPN
13. After all the talk of quarterbacks and who goes where, how many are drafted in 1st round?
14. Do Patriots trade back into first or second round?
15. Salt Hill Picks: W: Hawks/Wizards, Bulls/Celtics; TH: Spurs/Grizzlies, Raptors/Bucks; F: Clippers/Jazz

Airing Week: 5-01-17 to 5-07-17

1st segment:

1. Celtics onto Eastern Conference Semi-Finals vs. Wizards, beating Bulls in six games.
2. Series sits at 2-0 after two games in Boston, C's really clicking have won 6 straight now.
3. Brad Stevens made adjustments in the opening series, now continues to make adjustments against Wizards to stop Wall and Beal and get Thomas scoring chances
4. With home-court advantage do Celtics need to get into Eastern Conference Finals?

2nd segment:

5. Sox take $\frac{2}{3}$ from defending champ, Cubs, over the weekend; Now in the middle of 4-game set with O's
6. Steven Wright goes to DL after another poor performance Saturday against Cubs

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7. Bigger weakness at this point: Starting rotation or Bullpen?
8. Can Dombrowski pull off any in-season trades to help this club? What does he have left to trade?

3rd segment:

9. Jazz/Warriors Series: Does Utah have a chance at all?
10. Rockets/Spurs Series: Rockets steal home-court advantage in game 1.
11. Cavaliers look in peak form after long layoff before round 2.

4th segment:

12. Patriots Draft recap: only take four picks in actual draft after trading away picks for players
13. Patriots are clearly loading up on "known value" rather than draft picks to make a run for a couple more years before Brady could decline; do you like this idea?
14. With signing of Mike Gillislee it looks like Blount won't return to New England
15. Salt Hill Picks: W: Raptors/Cavs, Rockets/Spurs; TH: Celtics/Wizards, Jazz/Warriors

Airing Week: 5-08-17 to 5-14-17

1st segment:

1. After a lineup tweak by Farrell, Sox bats heat up over **three games**; Is this a sign of things to come?
2. Steven Wright now out for the season; David Price making progress could be back in rotation by the end of May.
3. Should and will Chris Young continue to get playing time over Jackie Bradley Jr.
4. Yankees continue to impress, are you buying this team as being this good? Or will they fade?

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2nd segment:

5. What a difference a week makes...Celtics look lost in two road losses to Wizards
6. Game 5 tonight in Boston, can Celtics hold serve on their home-court?
7. How do the Celtics react to Thomas being shutdown by Wizards (scoring only 13 and 19 in last two games)
8. How do Celtics stop John Wall and Bradley Beal?

3rd segment:

9. Rockets continue to **contend with** Spurs, **after OT loss**, can they send series to a game 7?
10. Good or bad for the NBA the way the Warriors and Cavs have destroyed opponents in the playoffs this year?
11. Assuming the Warrior and Cavs are on a collision course to meet in finals, can that series at least be competitive?

4th segment:

12. MLB Power Rankings: (We each rank the top 5 Teams in MLB at this point of the season; Use the screen to outline these before transitioning to the "Salt Hill Pub Picks of the Week")
13. Salt Hill Picks: W: Wizards/Celtics; TH: Spurs/Rockets (Game 6)

Airing Week: 5-15-17 to 5-21-17

1st segment:

1. NBA Lottery was held Tuesday night; **Celtics get 1st Pick**
2. Cavs/Celtics tips off Wednesday night; How close can the celtics keep this series?
3. Key's for game 1: Can Celtics use the momentum and get the early win? Will Cavs show any rust?

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4. In your mind is this already a successful season?

2nd segment:

5. Another injury to a Red Sox starter; What can we expect from Pomeranz **going forward**, who has only pitched 6 innings twice this year?

6. **Hector Velazquez will get the start on Thursday in Oakland, maybe 2 starts depending on Price?**

7. What kind of trade magic can Dombrowski pull off this year: 3B, Starter, Relief Pitching?

8. Dombrowski inherited good young players, gutted the Sox farm system and made some questionable trades, how much blame goes on him for the situation they are in currently?

3rd segment:

9. Spurs/Warriors series could be over before it heads to San Antonio

10. Spurs were big underdogs before Leonard now with him out do they even have a chance?

11. Was the play Leonard was injured on, dirty? Maybe it was a foul, but seems like Popovich was overreacting?

4th segment:

12. NFL Season win totals (Pick Over or Under): Patriots 12.5, Steelers 10.5, Texans 8, Raiders 9.5, Cowboys 9.5, Lions 7.5, Falcons 9.5, Seahawks 10.5

13. Salt Hill Picks: W: Cavs/Celtics; SAT: Warriors/Spurs

Airing Week: 5-22-17 to 5-28-17

1st segment:

1. Celtics **can't hold onto halftime lead, fall to Cavs; Cavs lead series 3-1**

2. Is this team actually better without Thomas (do they rely on him too much when he's healthy)?

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3. What role does the Thomas injury play when deciding the future of this team?

4. Can Celtics steal another game at home and send it back to Cleveland for game 6?

2nd segment:

5. Sox started 6 game homestand last night w/ Porcello on the mound, continue tonight with Sale

6. At this point in the season what is their biggest need? Do they trade for a SP or 3B?

7. Who is on the hotseat: Farrell or Dombrowski?

8. Are you bailing on this team winning the AL East?

3rd segment:

9. Clearly the Patriots are setting up a for short run over the next two years with all their acquisitions; Are they mortgaging the future a little bit, by not taking many draft picks this year?

10. Does this team have as much talent as the 2007 team? Could they go undefeated?

11. NFL make some rule changes: Players allowed to celebrate more now, and OT rules changed to 10 minutes instead of 15; Are these big deals?

4th segment:

12. Ranking the current Quarterbacks in the NFL (1-5):

BRETT: 5. Flacco, 4. Luck, 3. Newton 2. Rodgers 1. Brady

JEREMY: 5. Luck, 4. Ryan, 3. Wilson, 2. Rodgers 1. Brady

13. Salt Hill Pub Picks of the Week: Thursday: Cavs/Celtics (Game 5)

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Airing Week: 5-29-17 to 6-04-17

1st segment:

1. Red Sox offense starting to pick up, scoring over 6.5 runs per game the last 910 games (8-2)
2. David Price made his first start Mon. against White Sox, he will pitch again Sat. against Orioles
3. Pedroia on DL, still not sure how long he'll be out of lineup.
4. Sandoval being called up, Marrerro will play 2B while Sandoval and Rutledge platoon at 3B?

2nd segment:

5. Celtics season finally ended last week, losing in Eastern Conference Finals to Cavs 4-1
6. Overall what is your grade for the Celtics this past season?
7. NBA Finals start Thursday Night in Golden State
8. Are people unfairly counting out the Cavs in the Finals?

3rd segment:

9. Patriots in the middle of Voluntary OTA's and will start mini-camp next week.
10. It appears the off-season is behind everyone and they are focused on this year, especially Malcolm Butler's positive comments about the off-season and his future with the team.
11. As we talked about this team has the most talent on paper, although it doesn't guarantee anything, how big of favorites is this team in the AFC this year?

4th segment:

12. NBA Finals are starting this week, Lebron reaches his 7th straight; Let's rank our Top 5 NBA Players of all time:

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Bird, Bryant, Duncan, Jordan, Kareem, Lebron, Magic, Olajuwon, Robertson, Russell, Shaq, Wilt

Jeremy: 5. Magic 4. Kareem 3. Wilt 2. Lebron 1. Jordan

13. Salt Hill Pub Picks of the Week: Thursday: Cavs/Warriors (Game 1)

Airing Week:6-05-17 to 6-11-17

1st segment:

1. Red Sox in the middle of 3-game series at Yankee Stadium this week ; how important is this series?
2. David Price with a great second start, are you now more confident in the Starting Staff?
3. Eduardo Rodriguez on DL after injuring knee last week, can't afford to miss him for too long
- 4.Red Sox still reaping rewards from Ben Cherrington's stay as GM

2nd segment:

5. NBA Finals, GSW up 2-0 over Cavs
6. Lebron James doing all he can, but so far just not enough
7. If Warriors go undefeated in playoffs will this be greatest team ever?
8. Is the lack of parity a good/bad thing for NBA?

3rd segment:

9. What should Patriots do with Jimmy Garoppolo after this season?
10. What will the Patriots do with Malcolm Butler after this season?
11. As of right now who is the biggest challenger to Patriots in AFC?
12. Biggest challenger in NFC?

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13. Our top 5 Favorite Red Sox of all time:
14. Salt Hill Pub Picks of the Week: Wednesday: Warriors/Cavs (Game 3)

Airing Week:6-12-17 to 6-18-17

1st segment:

1. David Price pitches for the 4th time on Tuesday night; reaction to his start
2. Are David Price's off the field actions a concern? Do you think he opts out after next year?
3. How does this team address the black-hole, both offensively and defensively, at 3B?
4. Despite all the struggles and questions the Red Sox are only a few games behind Yankees.

2nd segment:

5. Warriors win NBA finals 4-1, Durant wins Finals MVP
6. Warriors look to be bigger favorites next year, can anyone keep up? Was this best team of all time?
7. How do Cavs retool their roster? Is Kevin Love gone this offseason?
8. Despite the lopsided finals, it was one of the most watched; maybe a dynasty not a bad thing

3rd segment:

9. Patriots extend Julian Edelman; he could have made more money via free agency, why sign now?
10. With Gronk's new deal and now Edelman's, how will Malcolm Butler respond after not getting extension this offseason.
11. Vegas came out with the most likely SB matchup, which is Patriots vs. Cowboys, will that happen?

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12. Who's more dominant in their sport: Patriots or Warriors?

4th segment:

13. As the summer baseball season gets into full swing, let's name our top 5 AL MVP candidates at this point

Airing Week:6-19-17 to 6-25-17

1st segment:

1. NBA Draft is Thursday night; Celtics now have the #3 pick [after trading with 76'ers](#)

2. Do you like the trade the Celtics made to move back and acquire the #3 pick plus another

3. Is Danny Ainge stockpiling picks for a big trade? Any chance Pelicans would part with Anthony Davis

4. Who do the Celtics ultimately pick on Thursday night?

2nd segment:

5. Red Sox wrapping up 3-game series with Royals today; head home for a 7-game homestand

6. Yankees [continue to struggle 3-7 L10](#), sox [lead AL East coming into today](#), who can sustain their season longer?

7. Does Pablo Sandoval [now on DL](#), [does he](#) end the year on this Red Sox Roster? Talk of him being cut, just no room for a mediocre hitter at best and a poor fielder.

8. Bullpen continues to be a bright spot for this team, can it continue?

3rd segment:

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12. Tom Brady on his promotional trip to china, mentioned that he'd love to play a game in China. Will that ever happen? Will we see a full-time team overseas anywhere?

4th segment:

13. Top 5 Greatest Celtics of all time:

Airing Week:6-26-17 to 6-30-17

1st segment:

1. Celtics draft Jayson Tatum with 3rd overall pick, your reaction?

2. Clearly this pick does not put them over the top, which free agents should they target?

3. Beyond signing a free agent what other moves do you see the Celtics making?

4. What do they need to compete with Cavs next year?

2nd segment:

5. Celtics building a team to compete now, but also looking at long-term as they build

6. Who could/should celtics give up if they are looking to make a trade (Crowder, Smart, etc)?

7. Should they keep and make the draft picks they've acquired or trade some for a superstar?

8. Russell Westbrook wins NBA MVP beating out James Harden

3rd segment:

9. Red Sox sign Doug Fister, his first start was Sunday in close loss to Angels, how much can they rely on him?

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10. Porcello with a nice start last time out, goes Wednesday night; what can we expect?

11. Offense a little sluggish maybe finding it's form last night, but a little and banged up right now, can they tread water until fully healthy?

12. A team with this many holes/question marks is still in first place

4th segment:

13. Let's name our American League All-Star starting lineup:

Jeremy: SP, 1B, 3B, OF, OF

Andrew: C, 2B, SS, OF, DH