

## Pro Basketball Forecast: 2005-2006

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**John Hollinger : Pro Basketball Forecast: 2005-2006** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pro Basketball Forecast: 2005-2006:

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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. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. If you're an NBA fan then buy this book. By Dylan Ginsburg. 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.

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.

About the Author John Hollinger authored the 2004-05 Pro Basketball Forecast and the 2002-03 and 2003-04 editions of the Pro Basketball Prospectus, with his work garnering rave reviews from publications such as the Wall Street Journal, Toronto Star, and Salon.com. Hollinger writes for ESPN.com as one of its NBA Insiders, and also inks regular basketball columns for the New York Sun. Since 1996, he's spearheaded a more analytical approach to pro basketball from his Web site, Alleyoop.com. Hollinger lives in Atlanta.