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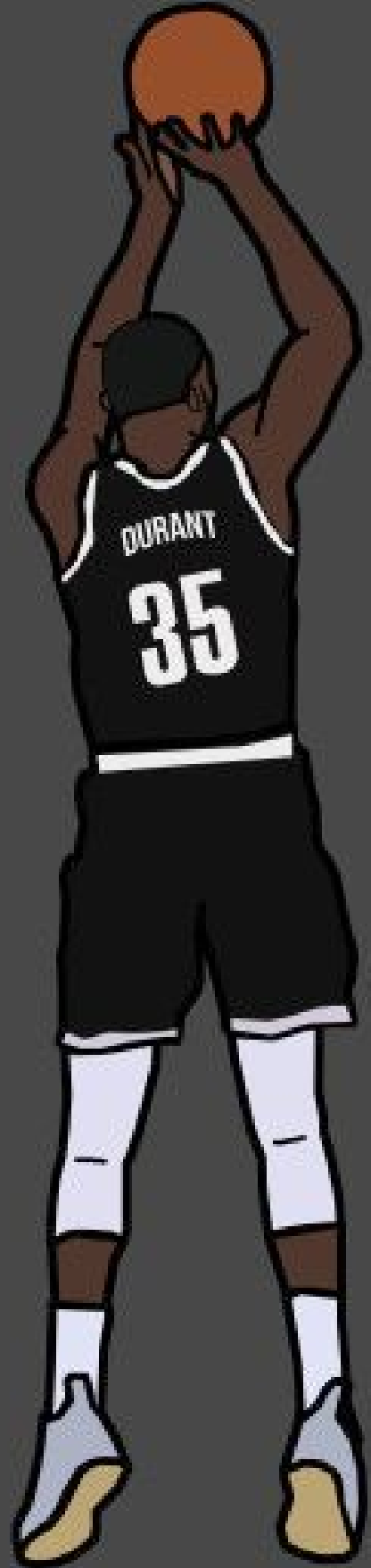
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Overview

- **205 Sports Solutions' goal is to predict the NBA Playoff Champion**

- **Playoff outcome is based on regular season individual player rankings**

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Data

- **NBA, ESPN & Basketball-Reference**

- **Player ranking, players on team and game data**

- **Player rankings to predict points scored**

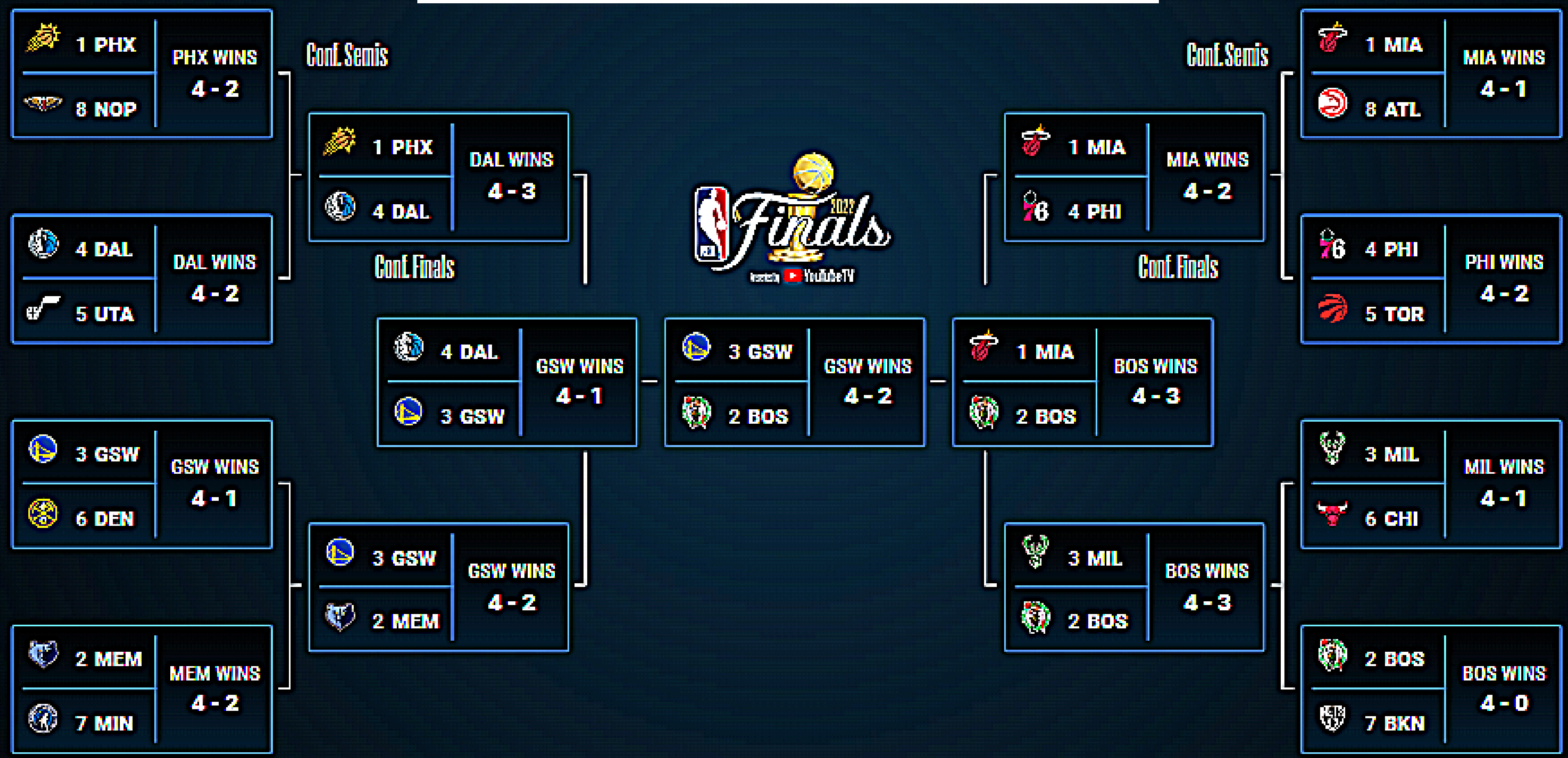- **Games from 2001-2022**

- **Trained model on 2001-2021**

Model

- XGBoosted model
- Predicted scores have an average error of +/- 11.52 points
- The max error is 38.13 points
- Only 28% of variance is explained

Overall Results

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Round 1

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Round 1

Conf. Semis

Conf. Finals

Conf. Semis

Conf. Finals

2022 Finals

presented by YouTube TV

Western Conference

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- 4 DAL / 5 UTA — **DAL WINS 4 - 2**
- 3 GSW / 6 DEN — **GSW WINS 4 - 1**
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Conf. Semis:
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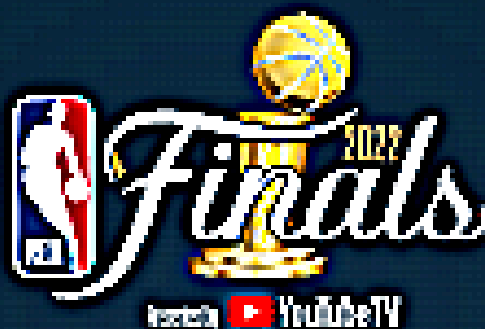
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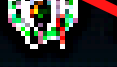
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4 DAL
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DAL WINS
4 - 2

1.7

Conf. Semis

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3.8

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4 PHI
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4 - 2

0.4

4 PHI
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4.9

Conf. Finals

1 MIA
2 BOS
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13.8

3 MIL
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Conclusion

- **Model would have predicted bracket winner**
- **Human aspect is missing**
- **SUCCESS**

Future Work

- **Add injury/inactive column**
- **More data = more training for the model**
- **App/Website to predict individual game outcomes**

Thank you!

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