NBA 2022 W/L Predictor

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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, team and game data was combined to produce our input data



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



Round 1

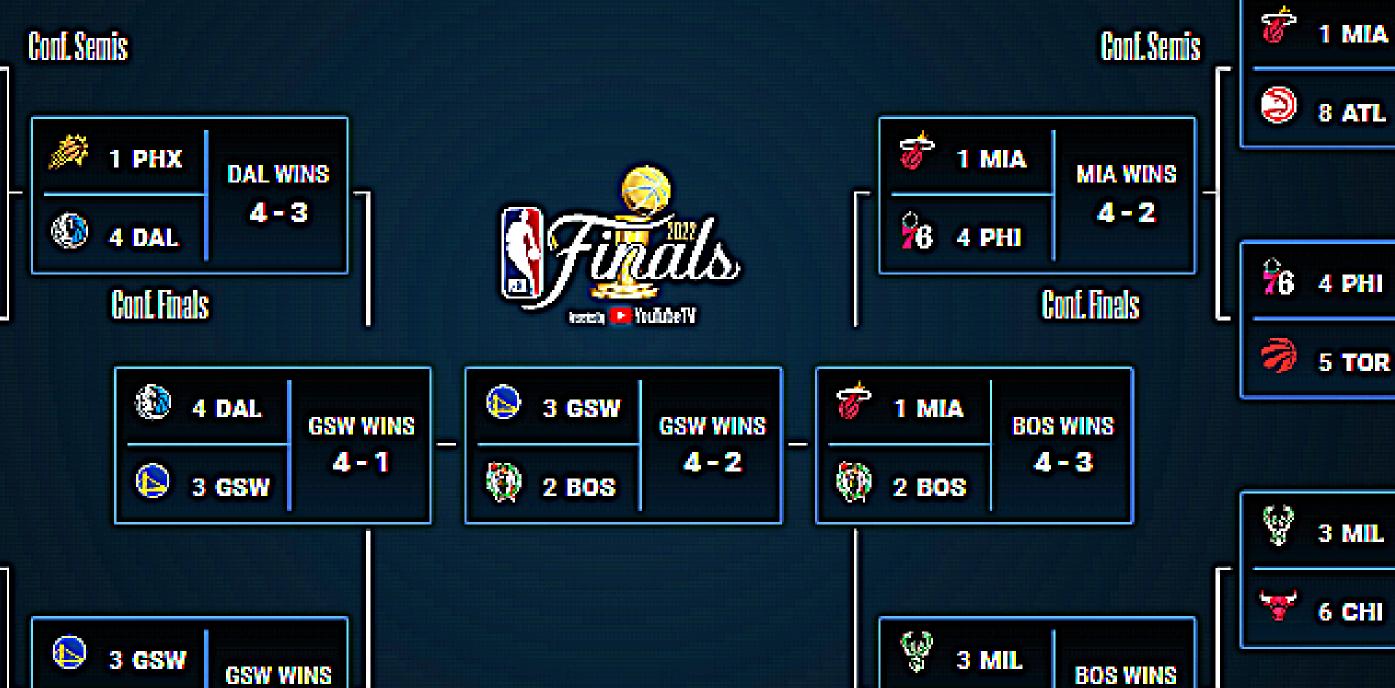
Overall Results

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Conclusion

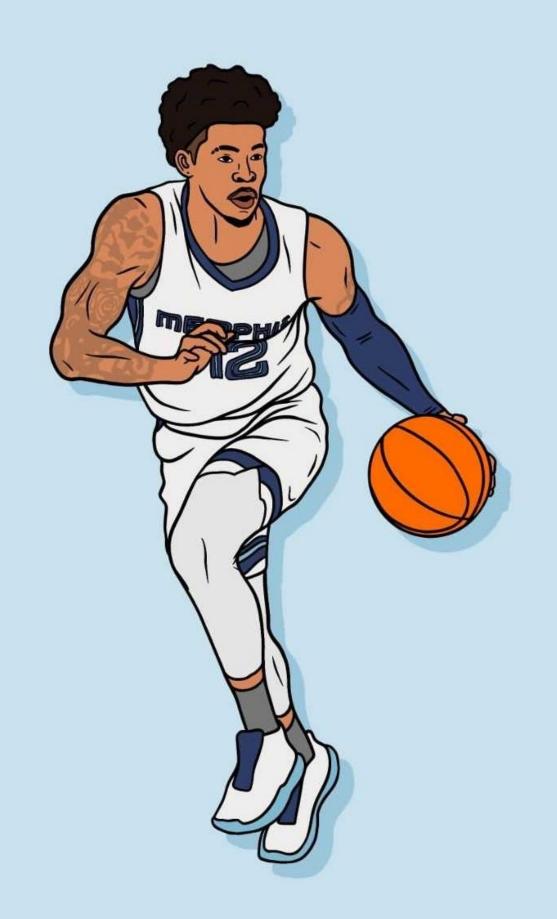
- Model would have predicted bracket winner
- Human aspect
- SUCCESS



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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