

## I'M BACK!

Think of me as having teacher's or student's hours. I take summers off while I prepare a lesson/game plan for the upcoming start of football season. Well, it's officially here! Now I'm back and ready to resume exactly where I left off. This first column back will be sort of a recap of what we missed during the summer and prepare us for more current news going forward.

## GIANNIS WINS NBA TITLE AND FINALS MVP

Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Milwaukee Bucks won the NBA Finals back in July, with Giannis taking home Finals MVP honors. In the Eastern Conference Finals vs. the Atlanta Hawks, Giannis hyperextended his knee in game three and missed the rest of the series, though the Bucks managed to close out the series in six games. Giannis was back and on a mission in the NBA Finals against the Phoenix Suns, though. After losing the first two games of the Finals, the Bucks bounced back and took the next four to capture their first title since 1971. With two 40-point games, Antetokounmpo closed out the series in game six with a 50-point, 14-rebound, 5-block tour de force to capture the Finals MVP trophy.



Returning home with the trophy, Giannis – it's safe to say – had one hell of a summer!

## SAKKARI'S RUN IN NEW YORK CELEBRATED

Twenty-five-year-old Maria Sakkari is ranked #17 in the world in women's tennis and made history earlier this season by becoming the first Greek woman to reach a semifinal in a major tournament when she made it to the semis in Paris, France at the



French Open. This past week, Sakkari continued her run and reached a second semifinal, this time at the U.S. Open in New York before falling to eventual champion Emma Raducanu from England. Following her win in the quarterfinals over Karolina Pliskova, Sakkari once again showed her love for her country:

“It is a great moment for Greece and I did not have the opportunity to say it on the field, but I dedicate this victory to Greece, because we suffered a lot last month with the fires. Winning for Greece, making Greeks proud and happy, especially in these difficult times, makes me even happier, because you know how much I love my country.” Rock on, Maria! Continue to make us proud!

## KAMBOSOS VS LOPEZ SET FOR OCTOBER 4



The saga of lightweight fighter George Kambošos, Jr. and champ Teofimo Lopez has once again been rescheduled for October 4. Lopez, the unified WBA, IBF, WBO, and Ring Magazine Lightweight Champion, will put all of his belts and his 16-0 record on the line against Kambošos, 19-0, at the

132-pound limit for lightweights. With plenty of obstacles in the way, this fight has been rescheduled multiple times, including over the summer when Lopez contracted Covid-19. Now, the fight is set for October 4 at the Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden in Lopez's home city of New York.

## THOUGHTS AND HUNCHES

Three and a half weeks ago, I posted my first video of the new season, and I already posted my fourth video of the new season this past Friday. I will continue to give you updated picks for NCAA, NFL football and MLB postseason going forward. Every Friday, a new video will be posted to get you ready to get paid for the weekend. [This week's current video is posted here](#) (if clicking on that link doesn't work, type this URL into a new browser window: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IjdoyoQ7gE>). Remember that videos are posted every Friday, so the picks you see in this newsletter may be a few days behind. If you want to stay on the weekly picks reminder, just [click the subscribe button](#) and you'll be notified every time a new video is posted.

Until next time, make sure you remember:

There's money on the streets that can't be ignored.  
To me, the action is the juice.  
To make money, you gotta bet money.

GOODLUCK2YA!

-Stonie