

Today's LIVE Bets: 04/15/2025

MLB: San Francisco vs. Philadelphia - 1 Unit (+130) - 6:45pm ET

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Philadelphia -1.5

Analysis:

The 12-4 Giants have been one of baseball's early-season surprises, firing on nearly all cylinders — with one glaring exception: Justin Verlander. The 42-year-old veteran has looked every bit his age through his first few starts, struggling to a concerning 6.92 ERA and 1.69 WHIP. Manager Bob Melvin may be quietly growing uneasy, especially after Verlander's last two outings where he was far from sharp. In both appearances — against Seattle and Cincinnati — Verlander was rescued by timely offensive outbursts and extra-inning heroics, a formula that may not hold up against stronger competition. Tonight's matchup against the Phillies presents a real test, especially with offseason acquisition Jesús Luzardo on the mound. Luzardo has dazzled out of the gate, posting a dominant 1.50 ERA and 1.00 WHIP, racking up 25 strikeouts to just 5 walks over 18 innings. He's looked every bit like a future ace, perhaps even giving Zack Wheeler a run for top-rotation status. If Luzardo continues this form, the Phillies bullpen could be taking over with a lead — and the Giants' early-season shine might face a serious challenge. **The early public bets are in our favor as 90% of the bets on the runline are on the Phillies to cover.**

NBA: Orlando Magic vs. Atlanta - 1 Unit (-115) - 7:30pm ET

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Magic -5

Analysis:

The Orlando Magic have reestablished their defensive prowess in the latter part of the season, a resurgence that has been pivotal in their push for playoff contention. Central to this turnaround is Paolo Banchero, who has returned to his MVP-caliber form, consistently delivering high-scoring performances that energize the team and the home crowd. The Magic have been formidable at home, covering the spread in four of their last six games and boasting a 22-19 record against the spread (ATS) at home this season. Their recent success includes a 5-1 straight-up record in their last six games, highlighting their momentum heading into the playoffs. In contrast, the Atlanta Hawks have faced challenges against playoff-caliber teams, losing four of their last five matchups in such scenarios. Their defense has been a concern, with opponents averaging 123.0 points per game in those contests. Additionally, key players like Trae Young

have struggled with efficiency; Young has a 26.7% three-point shooting percentage against the Magic over his career. The Magic's ability to control the game's pace and their physical style of play could exploit these weaknesses, positioning them favorably in this matchup. **The public is slightly against us on this one with just 45% of the bets on the Magic to cover the spread here.**