Lakers Eliminated from Playoffs: Free Agents, Contracts, Draft Picks, Roster Entering 2022 NBA Off Season

"Last season, the Suns knocked the Lakers out in the first round of the playoffs. This season, the Suns helped eliminate the Lakers from playoff contention by defeating them on Tuesday. The Lakers entered the night trailing the Spurs for the final spot in the Play-In Tournament by two games," reports Scott Rafferty in The Sporting News.

"Since San Antonio won on Tuesday and owns the tiebreaker, Los Angeles can no longer finish higher than 11th in the Western Conference standings with only three games remaining in its season. It brings an end to a disappointing season for the Lakers, who entered with the second-best odds to win the championship. The problem! They are."

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