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In 2014 the NBA Finals changed format from 2-3-2 (back) to 2-2-1-1-1. In this paper we will examine what affect that may have, if any, on the likelihood of winning of the higher (and lower) seeded team and the length of the series. We will use historical data from past NBA Finals to inform our conclusions. This work formed the basis of an undergraduate research project. (Received September 12, 2014)