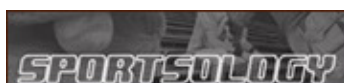


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* Relevant 2015-16 statistical categories are listed, along with rankings for each, the number of games played and rankings in the aforementioned "Stat" category.

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Top 50 Players Regardless of Position

Top 50 Overall		Top 50 Overall	
1	Stephen Curry	26	Trevor Ariza
2	Chris Paul	27	Blake Griffin
3	Russell Westbrook	28	Damian Lillard
4	Anthony Davis	29	Khris Middleton
5	Kawhi Leonard	30	Kenneth Faried
6	DeAndre Jordan	31	Jae Crowder
7	John Wall	32	Thaddeus Young
8	Hassan Whiteside	33	Kevin Love
9	Paul George	34	Carmelo Anthony
10	LeBron James	35	Kristaps Porzingis
11	Ricky Rubio	36	Serge Ibaka
12	DeMarcus Cousins	37	Rudy Gay
13	Kevin Durant	38	Monta Ellis
14	James Harden	39	Klay Thompson
15	Kyle Lowry	40	DeMarre Carroll
16	Paul Millsap	41	Isaiah Thomas
17	Draymond Green	42	DeMar DeRozan
18	Andre Drummond	43	Victor Oladipo
19	Karl-Anthony Towns	44	C.J. McCollum
20	Nerlens Noel	45	Tony Allen
21	Eric Bledsoe	46	Dwight Howard
22	Rajon Rondo	47	Rudy Gobert
23	Giannis Antetokounmpo	48	Julius Randle
24	Kemba Walker	49	Amir Johnson
25	Jimmy Butler	50	Brook Lopez

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	Guards	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
1	Stephen Curry	1641	1	3	79	34.2	0.504	2	0.454	2	0.908	1	5.4	6
2	Chris Paul	1510	2	4	74	32.7	0.462	12	0.371		0.896	4T	4.2	20T
3	Russell Westbrook	1392	3	1T	80	34.4	0.454	20T	0.296		0.812		7.8	1
4	John Wall	1128	7	5T	77	36.2	0.424		0.351		0.791		4.9	10T
5	Ricky Rubio	1220	5	31	76	30.6	0.374		0.326		0.847	30T	4.3	18T
6	James Harden	949	9	1T	82	38.1	0.439		0.359		0.86	21T	6.1	3
7	Kyle Lowry 1X	1175	6	7	77	37	0.427		0.388	24T	0.811		4.7	13
8	Eric Bledsoe	966	8	14T	31	34.2	0.453	23T	0.372	35	0.802		4	23T
9	Rajon Rondo	1304	4	24	72	35.2	0.454	20T	0.365		0.58		6	4
10	Giannis Antetokounmpo	888	10	16	80	35.3	0.506	1	0.257		0.724		7.7	2
11	Kemba Walker	859	13	10	81	35.6	0.427		0.371		0.847	30T	4.4	16T
12	Jimmy Butler	878	11	9	67	36.9	0.455	19	0.311		0.832		5.3	7
13	Damian Lillard	829	15	5T	75	35.7	0.419		0.375	34	0.892	7	4	23T
14	Khrist Middleton 2X	837	14	17	79	36.1	0.444	35	0.396	20	0.888	9T	3.8	29T
15	Monta Ellis	875	12	34	81	33.8	0.427		0.309		0.786		3.3	
16	Klay Thompson	804	18	11	80	33.3	0.47	9	0.425	4	0.873	14	3.8	29T
17	Isaiah Thomas	757	21	12	82	32.2	0.428		0.359		0.871	15	3	
18	DeMar DeRozan	782	19	18	78	35.9	0.446	33T	0.338		0.85	27	4.5	15
19	Victor Oladipo	779	20	14T	72	33	0.438		0.348		0.83		4.8	12
20	C.J. McCollum	708	25	13	80	34.8	0.448	30T	0.417	6	0.827		3.2	
21	Tony Allen 3X	809	16		64	25.3	0.458	15	0.357		0.652		4.6	14
22	Kyrie Irving	682	32	8	53	31.5	0.448	30T	0.322		0.885	12	3	
23	Avery Bradley	735	23		76	33.4	0.447	32	0.361		0.78		2.9	
24	J.J. Redick	745	22		75	28	0.48	6	0.475	1	0.888	9T	1.9	
25	Kentavious Caldwell-Pope	699	27	33	76	36.7	0.42		0.309		0.811		3.7	34T
26	Mike Conley 4X	683	31	21T	56	31.4	0.422		0.363		0.834		2.9	
27	Buddy Hield	NA			NA	NA	NA		NA		NA		NA	
28	Jeff Teague	628		23	79	28.5	0.439		0.4	15T	0.837		2.7	

	Guards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk
1	Stephen Curry	6.7	10	2.1	1T	0.2		3.3		30.1	1
2	Chris Paul	10	4	2.1	1T	0.2		2.6		19.5	16
3	Russell Westbrook	10.4	2	2	5T	0.3	25T	4.3		23.5	4T
4	John Wall	10.2	3	1.9	8T	0.8	2T	4.1		19.9	13
5	Ricky Rubio	8.7	5	2.1	1T	0.1		2.5		10.1	
6	James Harden	7.5	6T	1.7	10T	0.6	6T	4.6		29	2
7	Kyle Lowry 1X	6.4	13T	2.1	1T	0.4	17T	2.9		21.2	8
8	Eric Bledsoe	6.1	17T	2	5T	0.6	6T	3.5		20.4	12
9	Rajon Rondo	11.7	1	2	5T	0.1		3.9		11.9	
10	Giannis Antetokounmpo	4.3		1.2	26T	1.4	1	2.6		16.9	21
11	Kemba Walker	5.2	25T	1.6	13T	0.5	11T	2.1		20.9	9T
12	Jimmy Butler	4.8	28	1.6	13T	0.6	6T	2		20.9	9T
13	Damian Lillard	6.8	9	0.9		0.4	17T	3.2		25.1	3
14	Khrist Middleton 2X	4.2		1.7	10T	0.2		2.3		18.2	19
15	Monta Ellis	4.7	29T	1.9	8T	0.5	11T	2.5		13.8	
16	Klay Thompson	2.1		0.8		0.6	6T	1.7		22.1	7
17	Isaiah Thomas	6.2	15T	1.1	35T	0.1		2.7		22.2	6
18	DeMar DeRozan	4		1		0.3	25T	2.2		23.5	4T
19	Victor Oladipo	3.9		1.6	13T	0.8	2T	2.1		16	25
20	C.J. McCollum	4.3		1.2	26T	0.3	25T	2.5		20.8	11
21	Tony Allen 3X	1.1		1.7	10T	0.3	25T	1.2	21T	8.4	
22	Kyrie Irving	4.7	29T	1.1	35T	0.3	25T	2.3		19.6	14T
23	Avery Bradley	2.1		1.5	16T	0.3	25T	1.4		15.2	30T
24	J.J. Redick	1.4		0.6		0.1	1	14T		16.3	24
25	Kentavious Caldwell-Pope	1.8		1.4	19T	0.2		1.4		14.5	33T
26	Mike Conley 4X	6.1	17T	1.2	26T	0.3	25T	1.5		15.3	28T
27	Buddy Hield	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
28	Jeff Teague	5.9	20	1.2	26T	0.3	25T	2.8		15.7	26

Evaluating Production Across a Spectrum: Lessons of our Proprietary Ultimate Quantitative Baseline Stat

Our "UQB" category (Ultimate Quantitative Baseline) on our draft board calculates the standard deviation from the mean in all relevant hockey categories. In simple English, imagine a spectrum going across from left to right, with negative numbers on the left side, a "zero" in the middle and positive numbers on the right.

We utilize this statistic for football, baseball, basketball, hockey and NASCAR as well as hoops. For hockey, we use all of the standard fantasy categories listed on the draft board to factor in for this statistical compilation. A player's performance in each category is plotted on one of these spectrums, with the most valuable players putting up most of their numbers on the most of their numbers on the positive side. Then, we add up the totals of every category, positive and negative. By using this tool, we can identify not merely how they performed, but how valuable their performances were in each category. Truly, this statistic serves as the ultimate baseline for the previous season's production.

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	Guards	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
29	Bradley Beal	643		25T	55	31.1	0.449	29	0.387	26	0.767		3.4	
30	Reggie Jackson	625		19	79	30.7	0.434		0.353		0.864	18T	3.2	
31	Goran Dragic	625		28	72	32.8	0.477	7	0.312		0.727		3.8	29T
32	Darren Collison	657			74	30	0.486	5	0.401	14	0.858	23	2.3	
33	J.R. Smith	647			77	30.7	0.415		0.4	15T	0.634		2.8	
34	George Hill	628		29	74	34.1	0.441		0.406	11	0.76		4	23T
35	Gary Harris	701	26		76	32.1	0.469	10	0.354		0.82		2.9	
36	Jordan Clarkson	633			79	32.3	0.433		0.347		0.804		4	23T
37	Will Barton	670	34		82	28.7	0.432		0.345		0.806		5.8	5
38	Deron Williams	632			65	32.4	0.414		0.344		0.869	16	2.9	
39	Dennis Schroder	569		25T	80	20.3	0.421		0.322		0.791		2.6	
40	D'Angelo Russell	574			80	28.2	0.41		0.351		0.737		3.4	
41	Michael Carter-Williams	629			54	30.5	0.452	25T	0.273		0.654		5.1	9
42	Tyler Johnson	625			36	24	0.488	4	0.386	27	0.797		3	
43	Dion Waiters	587			78	27.6	0.399		0.357		0.713		2.6	
44	<u>Evan Turner 5X</u>	572			81	28	0.456	16T	0.241		0.827		4.9	10T
45	Jrue Holiday	697	28	21T	65	28.2	0.439		0.336		0.843	33	3	
46	Tyreke Evans	689	30		25	30.6	0.433		0.388	24T	0.796		5.2	8
47	Courtney Lee	690	29		79	29.5	0.454	20T	0.378	33	0.839		2.6	
48	Allen Crabbe	724	24		81	26	0.459	13T	0.393	21	0.867	17	2.7	
49	Marcus Thornton	667	35		61	18.2	0.399		0.337		0.848	28T	2.5	
50	Zach LaVine	597		30	82	28	0.452	25T	0.389	23	0.793		2.8	
51	Rodney Hood	619		32	79	32.2	0.42		0.359		0.86	21T	3.4	
52	Brandon Knight	563		20	52	36	0.415		0.342		0.852	26	3.9	28
53	Elfrid Payton	548			73	29.4	0.436		0.326		0.589		3.6	
54	Danny Green	612			79	26.1	0.376		0.332		0.739		3.8	29T
55	Alec Burks	566			31	25.7	0.41		0.405	12T	0.752		3.5	
56	Derrick Rose	528			66	31.8	0.427		0.293		0.793		3.4	

2016-17 Fantasy Overview

^ Last year, the guard crop was deeper than forward as a whole. This year, there's no difference at the #1 level and the depth edge certainly is at forward through four tiers, but in the late rounds, the guards dominate. So don't get caught flat-footed when the forwards evaporate in the end stages of your draft.

^ More than half of the owners (six) in a 10-team league will end up with a top-flight center, assuming that nobody grabs two. But for those who miss out, patience is very necessary, with a second tier that extends all the way to #19, almost unprecedented in modern times.

	Guards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk
29	Bradley Beal	2.9		1		0.2		2		17.4	20
30	Reggie Jackson	6.2	15T	0.7		0.1		2.8		18.8	18
31	Goran Dragic	5.8	21T	1		0.2		2.6		14.1	
32	Darren Collison	4.3		1		0.1		1.8		14	
33	J.R. Smith	1.7		1.1	35T	0.3	25T	0.8	5T	12.4	
34	George Hill	3.5		1.1	35T	0.2		1.4		12.1	
35	Gary Harris	1.9		1.3	23T	0.2		1.3	29T	12.3	
36	Jordan Clarkson	2.4		1.1	35T	0.1		1.7		15.5	27
37	Will Barton	2.5		0.9		0.5	11T	1.7		14.4	35
38	Deron Williams	5.8	21T	0.9		0.2		2.3		14.1	
39	Dennis Schroder	4.4	33T	0.9		0.1		2.3		11	
40	D'Angelo Russell	3.3		1.2	26T	0.2		2.5		13.2	
41	Michael Carter-Williams	5.2	25T	1.5	16T	0.8	2T	2.8		11.5	
42	Tyler Johnson	2.2		0.7		0.4	17T	1.3	29T	8.7	
43	Dion Waiters	2		1		0.2		1.5		9.8	
44	<u>Evan Turner 5X</u>	4.4	33T	1		0.3	25T	2.1		10.5	
45	Jrue Holiday	6	19	1.4	19T	0.3	25T	2.6		16.8	22
46	Tyreke Evans	6.6	11	1.3	23T	0.3	25T	2.9		15.2	30T
47	Courtney Lee	1.7		1.1	35T	0.4	17T	0.9	9T	9.6	
48	Allen Crabbe	1.2		0.8		0.2		0.8	5T	10.3	
49	Marcus Thornton	1.4		0.8		0.1		0.8	5T	9.7	
50	Zach LaVine	3.1		0.8		0.2		1.9		14	
51	Rodney Hood	2.7		0.9		0.2		1.6		14.5	33T
52	Brandon Knight	5.1	27	1.2	26T	0.4	17T	3.4		19.6	14T
53	Elfrid Payton	6.4	13T	1.2	26T	0.3	25T	2.4		10.7	
54	Danny Green	1.8		1		0.8	2T	0.9	9T	7.2	
55	Alec Burks	2		0.6		0.1		1.6		13.3	
56	Derrick Rose	4.7	29T	0.7		0.2		2.7		16.4	23

Overvalued Players of 2016

Guards: Jrue Holiday, Kyrie Irving, Reggie Jackson, Brandon Knight, Damian Lillard, CJ McCollum, Dennis Schroder, Dwyane Wade
 Forwards: LaMarcus Aldridge, Nicholas Batum, Derrick Favors, Evan Fournier, Tobias Harris, Gordon Hayward, Andre Iguodala, Nikola Mirotic, Jabari Parker, Chandler Parsons, Ben Simmons
 Centers: Al Horford, Nikola Jokic, Karl-Anthony Towns

Undervalued Players of 2016

Guards: Tony Allen, Avery Bradley, Giannis Antetokounmpo, Monta Ellis, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, JJ Redick, Rajon Rondo, Ricky Rubio
 Forwards: Trevor Ariza, Kent Bazemore, DeMarre Carroll, Robert Covington, Jae Crowder, Kenneth Faried, Amir Johnson, Otto Porter, Julius Randle, Thaddeus Young
 Centers: Andre Drummond, Dwight Howard, DeAndre Jordan, Nerlens Noel

2016-17 Fantasy Sleepers

Guards: Jordan Clarkson, Gary Harris, Buddy Hield
 Forwards: Jabari Parker, Otto Porter
 Centers: Jonas Valanciunas

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	Guards	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
57	Jeremy Lin	562			78	26.3	0.412		0.336		0.815		3.2	
58	Kyle Korver	623			80	30	0.435		0.398	19	0.833		3.3	
59	Jose Calderon	615			72	28.1	0.459	13T	0.414	8	0.875	13	3.2	
60	Eric Gordon	633			45	32.9	0.418		0.384	29T	0.888	9T	2.2	
61	Devin Booker	538		35	76	27.7	0.423		0.343		0.84	34T	2.5	
62	Dwyane Wade	486		27	74	30.5	0.456	16T	0.159		0.793		4.1	22
63	Jarrett Jack	671	33		32	32.1	0.391		0.304		0.893	6	4.3	18T
64	<u>Tim Frazier 6X</u>	808	17		16	29.3	0.45	28	0.419	5	0.763		4.4	16T

	Guards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk
57	Jeremy Lin	3		0.7		0.5	11T	1.9		11.7	
58	Kyle Korver	2.1		0.8		0.4	17T	1.2	21T	9.2	
59	Jose Calderon	4.2		0.9		0.1		1.2	21T	7.6	
60	Eric Gordon	2.7		1		0.3	25T	1.6		15.2	30T
61	Devin Booker	2.6		0.6		0.3	25T	2.1		13.8	
62	Dwyane Wade	4.6	32	1.1	35T	0.6	6T	2.7		19	17
63	Jarrett Jack	7.4	8	1.1	35T	0.2		2.9		12.8	
64	<u>Tim Frazier 6X</u>	7.5	6T	1.4	19T	0.1		2.4		13.1	

	Forwards	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
1	Anthony Davis	1331	1	2T	61	35.5	0.493	21T	0.324		0.758		10.3	1
2	Kawhi Leonard	1295	2	4T	72	33.1	0.506	17	0.443	4	0.874	3	6.8	22T
3	Paul George	1153	7	2T	81	34.8	0.418		0.372	30	0.86	6	7	20
4	LeBron James	1181	6	4T	76	35.6	0.52	13	0.309		0.731		7.4	16T
5	Kevin Durant	1071	8	1	72	35.8	0.505	18	0.388	20T	0.898	1	8.2	12
6	Paul Millsap	1247	3	6	81	32.7	0.47	35	0.319		0.757		9	5T
7	Draymond Green 1X	1201	4	7	81	34.7	0.49	24	0.388	20T	0.696		9.5	4
8	Trevor Ariza	1187	5	17	81	35.3	0.416		0.371	31T	0.783	34	4.5	
9	Blake Griffin	944	12	8	35	33.4	0.499	20	0.333		0.727		8.4	10
10	Kenneth Faried	1013	9	34	67	25.3	0.558	4	0.5	1	0.613		8.7	8
11	Jae Crowder	990	10	20T	73	31.6	0.443		0.336		0.82	22	5.1	
12	Thaddeus Young	968	11	27T	73	33	0.514	15	0.233		0.644		9	5T
13	Kevin Love	855	15	14T	77	31.5	0.419		0.36		0.822	21	9.9	3
14	Carmelo Anthony	863	14	9T	72	35.1	0.434		0.339		0.829	19	7.7	15
15	Kristaps Porzingis	830	20	11	72	28.4	0.421		0.333		0.838	13	7.3	19
16	Serge Ibaka	815	22	12	78	32.1	0.479	28	0.326		0.752		6.8	22T
17	Rudy Gay	850	16	18	70	34	0.463		0.344		0.78	35	6.5	25T
18	DeMarre Carroll 2X	930	13		26	30.2	0.389		0.39	18T	0.6		4.7	
19	Julius Randle	840	19	32T	81	28.2	0.429		0.278		0.715		10.2	2

	Forwards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk
1	Anthony Davis	1.9	28T	1.3	13T	2	1	2		24.3	3
2	Kawhi Leonard	2.6	14	1.8	3T	1	12T	1.5		21.2	7
3	Paul George	4.1	7	1.9	2	0.4		3.3		23.1	4
4	LeBron James	6.8	2	1.4	10T	0.6	24T	3.3		25.3	2
5	Kevin Durant	5	4	1	19T	1.2	8	3.5		28.2	1
6	Paul Millsap	3.3	11	1.8	3T	1.7	4	2.4		17.1	15
7	Draymond Green 1X	7.4	1	1.5	8T	1.4	7	3.2		14	28
8	Trevor Ariza	2.3	19T	2	1	0.3		1.4		12.7	32T
9	Blake Griffin	4.9	5	0.8	35T	0.5	32T	2.4		21.4	6
10	Kenneth Faried	1.2		0.5		0.9	14T	1.4		12.5	35
11	Jae Crowder	1.8	32T	1.7	5T	0.5	32T	1.1	26T	14.2	25
12	Thaddeus Young	1.8	32T	1.5	8T	0.5	32T	1.9		15.1	21
13	Kevin Love	2.4	17T	0.8	35T	0.5	32T	1.8		16	18
14	Carmelo Anthony	4.2	6	0.9	24T	0.5	32T	2.4		21.8	5
15	Kristaps Porzingis	1.3		0.7		1.9	2T	1.7		14.3	24
16	Serge Ibaka	0.8		0.5		1.9	2T	1.4		12.6	34
17	Rudy Gay	1.7		1.4	10T	0.7	19T	2		17.2	14
18	DeMarre Carroll 2X	1		1.7	5T	0.2		1.1	26T	11	
19	Julius Randle	1.8	32T	0.7		0.4		1.8		11.3	

Don't Be That Guy

^ Don't sleep on stat-sheet fillers who aren't as well-publicized as some of the megastars. Examples include Nicolas Batum, Marco Belinelli and Jose Calderon.

^ Don't show up unprepared to deal with the specificities of your league's scoring system. Be prepared on all of the details.

^ Don't "punt" categories in a rotisserie league. You must try to be competitive in all areas in order to win.

^ Don't assemble too many injury question marks.

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We recommend that you hold your auction or serpentine-style draft with 10 owners, selecting 12 players (4 guards, 4 forwards, 2 centers). In case of an auction, use a financial system that allots an average of \$11 per player.

Our preferred style of play is head-to-head rotisserie, in which teams compete on a week-to-week head-up basis. Recommended categories are points, rebounds, assists, steals, blocks, 3-pointers, 3-point percentage, field goal percentage, free throw percentage and least turnovers. First place in each category would yield 10 points, second place 9 points, etc.

A rotating tiebreaker category should be utilized in the case of a 5-5 category tie. The starting lineup should consist of 2 guards, 2 forwards and 1 center.

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	Forwards	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
20	Amir Johnson	848	17		79	22.8	0.585	3	0.233		0.57		6.4	28T
21	Otto Porter	846	18	31	75	30.3	0.473	33T	0.367	34T	0.754		5.2	
22	Andrew Wiggins	747	33	25	81	35.1	0.459		0.3		0.761		3.6	
23	Kent Bazemore	787	25		75	27.8	0.441		0.357		0.815	23	5.1	
24	LaMarcus Aldridge	393		14T	74	30.6	0.513	16	0		0.858	7	8.5	9
25	Dirk Nowitzki	768	29	27T	75	31.5	0.448		0.368	33	0.893	2	6.5	25T
26	Danilo Gallinari	749	31T	30	53	34.7	0.41		0.364		0.868	5	5.3	
27	Marvin Williams	766	30	29	81	28.9	0.452		0.402	13	0.833	15T	6.4	28T
28	Robert Covington 3X	828	21		67	28.4	0.385		0.353		0.791	28	6.3	31
29	Gordon Hayward	781	26	9T	80	36.2	0.433		0.349		0.824	20	5	
30	Nicolas Batum	723		16	70	35	0.426		0.348		0.849	11	6.1	32T
31	Chandler Parsons	749	31T	19	61	29.5	0.492	23	0.416	9	0.684		4.7	
32	Jabari Parker	698		23T	76	31.7	0.493	21T	0.257		0.768		5.2	
33	Tobias Harris 4X	723		23T	76	33.1	0.469		0.335		0.831	17T	6.7	24
34	Harrison Barnes	699			66	30.9	0.466		0.383	24T	0.761		4.9	
35	Evan Fournier	708		20T	79	32.5	0.462		0.4	14T	0.836	14	2.8	
36	Aaron Gordon	717			78	23.9	0.473	33T	0.296		0.668		6.5	25T
37	Michael Kidd-Gilchrist	773	27		7	29.3	0.541	9	0.429	5T	0.69		6.4	28T
38	Nikola Mirotic	683		32T	66	24.9	0.407		0.39	18T	0.807	24	5.5	
39	Ryan Anderson	709		26	66	30.4	0.427		0.366		0.873	4	6	34T
40	Luol Deng	717			74	32.4	0.454		0.342		0.755		6	34T
41	David West	773	28		78	18	0.545	7	0.429	5T	0.788	30	4	
42	Zach Randolph 5X	692			68	29.6	0.475	32	0.231		0.796	26	7.8	14
43	Ben Simmons	NA		22	NA	NA	NA		NA		NA		NA	
44	Marcus Morris	690			80	35.7	0.434		0.362		0.749		5.1	
45	Al-Farouq Aminu	674			82	28.5	0.416		0.361		0.737		6.1	32T
46	Derrick Favors	485		13	62	32	0.515	14	0		0.709		8.1	13
47	Andre Iguodala	688		35	65	26.6	0.478	29T	0.351		0.614		4	

Players Most Disproportionately Valuable in Points-Only Leagues

Guards: DeMar DeRozan, Reggie Jackson, Brandon Knight, Damian Lillard, Isaiah Thomas, Klay Thompson, Dwyane Wade
 Forwards: LaMarcus Aldridge, Ryan Anderson, Carmelo Anthony, Derrick Favors, Danilo Gallinari, Gordon Hayward, Dirk Nowitzki, Andrew Wiggins
 Centers: Brook Lopez, Jahlil Okafor, Nikola Vucevic

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	Forwards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk
20	Amir Johnson	1.7		0.7		1.1	9T	1.2	35T	7.3	
21	Otto Porter	1.6		1.4	10T	0.4		0.9	15T	11.6	
22	Andrew Wiggins	2	27	1	19T	0.6	24T	2.2		20.7	8
23	Kent Bazemore	2.3	19T	1.3	13T	0.5	32T	1.8		11.6	
24	LaMarcus Aldridge	1.5		0.5		1.1	9T	1.3		18	13
25	Dirk Nowitzki	1.8	32T	0.7		0.7	19T	1.1	26T	18.3	12
26	Danilo Gallinari	2.5	15T	0.8	35T	0.4		1.5		19.5	10
27	Marvin Williams	1.4		0.7		1	12T	0.8	8T	11.7	
28	Robert Covington 3X	1.4		1.6	7	0.6	24T	2.1		12.8	30T
29	Gordon Hayward	3.7	9	1.2	15T	0.3		2.5		19.7	9
30	Nicolas Batum	5.8	3	0.9	24T	0.6	24T	2.9		14.9	22
31	Chandler Parsons	2.8	12	0.8	35T	0.3		1.6		13.7	29
32	Jabari Parker	1.7		0.9	24T	0.4		1.5		14.1	26T
33	Tobias Harris 4X	2.2	23	0.9	24T	0.5	32T	1.4		14.7	23
34	Harrison Barnes	1.8	32T	0.6		0.2		0.9	15T	11.7	
35	Evan Fournier	2.7	13	1.2	15T	0		1.7		15.4	19
36	Aaron Gordon	1.6		0.8	35T	0.7	19T	0.8	8T	9.2	
37	Michael Kidd-Gilchrist	1.3		0.4		0.4		1.1	26T	12.7	32T
38	Nikola Mirotic	1.5		0.9	24T	0.7	19T	1.5		11.8	
39	Ryan Anderson	1.1		0.6		0.4		1.4		17	16
40	Luol Deng	1.9	28T	1	19T	0.4		1.1	26T	12.3	
41	David West	1.8	32T	0.6		0.7	19T	0.9	15T	7.1	
42	Zach Randolph 5X	2.1	24T	0.6		0.2		1.5		15.3	20
43	Ben Simmons	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
44	Marcus Morris	2.5	15T	0.8	35T	0.3		1.8		14.1	26T
45	Al-Farouq Aminu	1.7		0.9	24T	0.6	24T	1.5		10.2	
46	Derrick Favors	1.5		1.2	15T	1.5	6	1.7		16.4	17
47	Andre Iguodala	3.4	10	1.1	18	0.3		1.2	35T	7	

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	Forwards	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
48	Jared Sullinger	744	34		81	23.6	0.435		0.282		0.64		8.3	11
49	Luis Scola	704			76	21.5	0.45		0.404	11T	0.726		4.7	
50	Markieff Morris	654			64	25.5	0.425		0.303		0.735		5.5	
51	Tristan Thompson	533			82	27.7	0.588	2			0.616		9	5T
52	<u>Justise Winslow 6X</u>	614			78	28.6	0.422		0.276		0.684		5.2	

	Forwards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk
48	Jared Sullinger	2.3	19T	0.9	24T	0.6	24T	1.3		10.3	
49	Luis Scola	0.9		0.6		0.4		0.9	15T	8.7	
50	Markieff Morris	1.9	28T	0.9	24T	0.5	32T	2.1		12	
51	Tristan Thompson	0.8		0.5		0.6	24T	0.7	5T	7.8	
52	<u>Justise Winslow 6X</u>	1.5		0.9	24T	0.3		1.2	35T	6.4	

	Centers	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
1	DeAndre Jordan	1384	1	5	77	33.7	0.703	1	0		0.43		13.8	2
2	Hassan Whiteside	1356	2	3	73	29.1	0.606	5			0.65		11.8	3T
3	DeMarcus Cousins	1182	3	2	65	34.6	0.451		0.333	11T	0.718		11.5	5
4	Andre Drummond	1145	4	10T	81	32.9	0.521		0.333	11T	0.355		14.8	1
5	Karl-Anthony Towns	857	8	1	82	32	0.543		0.341	9	0.811	6T	10.4	8
6	<u>Nerlens Noel 1X</u>	1087	5	15	67	29.3	0.521		0.5	2	0.59		8.1	
7	Dwight Howard	889	6		71	32.1	0.62	3	0		0.489		11.8	3T
8	Rudy Gobert	816	9	7	61	31.7	0.559	15			0.569		11	6T
9	Brook Lopez	812	10	6	73	33.7	0.511		0.143		0.787	13	7.8	
10	Pau Gasol	879	7	9	72	31.8	0.469		0.348	7	0.792	12	11	6T
11	Marc Gasol	772	13	8	52	34.4	0.464		0.667	1	0.829	2	7	
12	Al Horford	762	14	4	82	32.1	0.505		0.344	8	0.798	9	7.3	
13	Nikola Vucevic	781	11	12	65	31.3	0.51		0.222		0.753		8.8	12T
14	Gorgui Dieng	779	12	13T	82	27.1	0.532		0.3	14	0.827	3	7.1	
15	Nikola Jokic	723		10T	80	21.7	0.512		0.333	11T	0.811	6T	7	
16	Jonas Valanciunas	696		13T	60	26	0.565	11T			0.761	15	9.1	11
17	Steven Adams	727			80	25.2	0.613	4			0.582		6.7	
18	Marcin Gortat	751	15		75	30.1	0.567	10	0		0.705		9.9	9
19	<u>Greg Monroe 2X</u>	728			79	29.3	0.522		0		0.74		8.8	12T
20	Jahlil Okafor	658			53	30	0.508		0.167		0.686		7	
21	Willie Cauley-Stein	648			66	21.4	0.563	14	0		0.648		5.3	

Rk	Centers	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk
1	DeAndre Jordan	1.2		0.7		2.3	2	1.4		12.7	15T
2	Hassan Whiteside	0.4		0.6		3.7	1	1.9		14.2	11
3	DeMarcus Cousins	3.3	4	1.6	2	1.4	13T	3.8		26.9	1
4	Andre Drummond	0.8		1.5	3	1.4	13T	1.9		16.2	8
5	Karl-Anthony Towns	2	12T	0.7		1.7	6T	2.2		18.3	3
6	<u>Nerlens Noel 1X</u>	1.8	14	1.8	1	1.5	11T	2.4		11.1	
7	Dwight Howard	1.4		1	5T	1.6	8T	2.3		13.7	12
8	Rudy Gobert	1.5		0.7		2.2	3	1.9		9.1	
9	Brook Lopez	2	12T	0.8	10T	1.7	6T	2.4		20.6	2
10	Pau Gasol	4.1	1	0.6		2	4	2.3		16.5	7
11	Marc Gasol	3.8	2T	1	5T	1.3		2.3		16.6	6
12	Al Horford	3.2	5	0.8	10T	1.5	11T	1.3		15.2	10
13	Nikola Vucevic	2.8	6T	0.8	10T	1.1		1.9		18.2	4
14	Gorgui Dieng	1.7	15T	1.1	4	1.2		1.7		10.1	
15	Nikola Jokic	2.4	9	1	5T	0.6		1.3		10	
16	Jonas Valanciunas	0.7		0.4		1.3		1.4		12.8	14
17	Steven Adams	0.8		0.5		1.1		1.1	12T	8	
18	Marcin Gortat	1.4		0.6		1.3		1.6		13.5	13
19	<u>Greg Monroe 2X</u>	2.3	10T	0.9	8T	0.8		1.6		15.3	9
20	Jahlil Okafor	1.2		0.4		1.2		2.3		17.5	5
21	Willie Cauley-Stein	0.6		0.7		1		0.7	2T	7	

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Centers													TOP TIER	
	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk	
22	Myles Turner	603		60	22.8	0.498		0.214		0.727		5.5		1 Duke (1)
23	Enes Kanter	630		82	21	0.576	9	0.476	3	0.797	10	8.1		2 Oregon (5)
24	Andrew Bogut	680		70	20.7	0.627	2	1		0.48		7		3 Kentucky (2)
25	Al Jefferson	668		47	23.3	0.485				0.649		6.4		4 Michigan State (9T)
26	Timofey Mozgov	519		76	17.4	0.565	11T	0.143		0.716		4.4		5 Kansas (4)
27	Clint Capela	490		77	19.1	0.582	8	0		0.379		6.4		6 North Carolina (6)
28	Joakim Noah	292		29	21.9	0.383		0		0.489		8.8	12T	7 Villanova (3)
29	Tyson Chandler	665		66	24.5	0.583	7	0		0.62		8.7	15	8 Virginia (8)
30	Ian Mahinmi	719		71	25.6	0.589	6			0.587		7.1		9 Xavier (7)
31	Robin Lopez	620		82	27.1	0.539		0		0.795	11	7.3		10 Arizona (9T)
32	<u>Cody Zeller 1X</u>	674		73	24.3	0.529		0.1		0.754		6.2		11 Wisconsin (11)
Rk	Centers	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk			SECOND TIER
22	Myles Turner	0.7		0.4		1.4	13T	1.1	12T	10.3				12 UCLA (12)
23	Enes Kanter	0.4		0.3		0.4		1.4		12.7	15T			13 Gonzaga (16)
24	Andrew Bogut	2.3	10T	0.5		1.6	8T	1.2		5.4				14 Louisville (13)
25	Al Jefferson	1.5		0.6		0.9		0.7	2T	12				15 St. Mary's (17T)
26	Timofey Mozgov	0.4		0.3		0.8		0.9	9T	6.3				16 UConn (17T)
27	Clint Capela	0.6		0.8	10T	1.2		0.8	5T	7				17 Indiana (14)
28	Joakim Noah	3.8	2T	0.6		1		1.8		4.3				18 Purdue (15)
29	Tyson Chandler	1		0.5		0.7		1.4		7.2				19 Maryland (20)
30	Ian Mahinmi	1.5		0.9	8T	1.1		1.4		9.3				20 USC (21T)
31	Robin Lopez	1.4		0.2		1.6	8T	1.6		10.3				THIRD TIER
32	<u>Cody Zeller 1X</u>	1		0.8	10T	0.9		0.9	9T	8.7				21 Rhode Island (23)

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- ^ A standard serpentine-style draft serves as the best place to begin.
- ^ The ideal distribution of talent would be as follows: 5 teams drafted by 8 owners, 6 teams drafted by 7 owners, 7 teams drafted by 6 owners or 8 teams drafted by 5 owners.
- ^ Points should be divided equally between success in the regular season/conference tournaments and in the NCAA tournament.
- ^ Regular season point distribution should come in the form of a "snapshot" of the Associated Press Top 25 poll on the following dates: December 5, January 9, January 23, February 6, February 20 and March 6. On those dates, points would be allocated in the following manner: 1st place (100 points), 2nd place (94 points), 3rd place (91 points), 4th place (88 points), 5th place (85 points), 6th place (78 points), 7th place (75 points), 8th place (72 points), 9th place (68 points), 10th place (65 points), 11th place (58 points), 12th place (55 points), 13th place (52 points), 14th place (48 points), 15th place (45 points), 16th place (40 points), 17th place (36 points), 18th place (32 points), 19th place (28 points), 20th place (25 points), 21th place (22 points), 22nd place (18 points), 23rd place (15 points), 24th place (12 points), 25th place (10 points). Additionally, 90 points are to be awarded to the winner of a regular season conference title and an additional 90 points to the winner of a conference title tournament.
- ^ The other half of the points, in the form of NCAA tournament points, are to be distributed as follows: 50 points for qualifying for the tournament, 100 points for one of your teams qualifying as a #1, #2, #3, #4 seed in any region, 40 points for qualifying as a #5, #6, #7 or #8 seed in any region, 40 points for winning a first-round tournament game, 75 points for winning a second-round tournament game, 150 points for winning a third-round tournament game, 175 for winning a regional final game, 250 points for winning a national semifinal game and 500 points for winning the national title.
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1	LeBron James	Stephen Curry	Anthony Davis	James Harden	Kawhi Leonard
2	Blake Griffin	Paul Millsap	Kyle Lowry	Nerlens Noel	Draymond Green
3	Kemba Walker	Jimmy Butler	Giannis Antetokounmpo	Rajon Rondo	Klay Thompson
4	Dwight Howard	Kenneth Faried	Julius Randle	Serge Ibaka	Rudy Gobert
5	Victor Oladipo	C.J. McCollum	Andrew Wiggins	Kyrie Irving	Isaiah Thomas
6	Danilo Gallinari	Al Horford	Nikola Vucevic	J.R. Smith	Reggie Jackson
7	Mike Conley	Kent Bazemore	Nikola Jokic	Dirk Nowitzki	Jabari Parker
8	Steven Adams	Jonas Valanciunas	Aaron Gordon	Gorgui Dieng	Michael Kidd-Gilchrist
9	Gary Harris	Chandler Parsons	D'Angelo Russell	Tobias Harris	Dennis Schroder
10	Luol Deng	Robert Covington	Jordan Clarkson	Jrue Holiday	Michael Carter-Williams
11	Deron Williams	Evan Turner	Nikola Mirotic	Timofey Mozgov	Andre Igoudala
12	Jared Sullinger	Rodney Hood	Allen Crabbe	Luis Scola	Myles Turner

	Mike P	Jeff	Kyle	Rick	Nate
1	Russell Westbrook	Chris Paul	John Wall	DeAndre Jordan	Hassan Whiteside
2	Andre Drummond	Karl-Anthony Towns	DeMarcus Cousins	Paul George	Kevin Durant
3	Kevin Love	Carmelo Anthony	Ricky Rubio	Eric Bledsoe	Damian Lillard
4	Kristaps Porzingis	DeMar DeRozan	Jae Crowder	Trevor Ariza	Khrist Middleton
5	Gordon Hayward	Rudy Gay	DeMarre Carroll	Monta Ellis	LaMarcus Aldridge
6	Buddy Hield	Thaddeus Young	J.J. Redick	Brook Lopez	Goran Dragic
7	Bradley Beal	Tony Allen	Nicolas Batum	Amir Johnson	Marc Gasol
8	Kentavious Caldwell-Pope	Otto Porter	Harrison Barnes	Avery Bradley	Al-Farouq Aminu
9	Evan Fournier	George Hill	Dion Waiters	Jeff Teague	Tyler Johnson
10	Willie Cauley-Stein	Pau Gasol	Jahlil Okafor	Marvin Williams	Derrick Favors
11	Zach LaVine	Darren Collison	Will Barton	Ryan Anderson	Ben Simmons
12	Marcus Morris	Zach Randolph	Justise Winslow	Tyreke Evans	Elfrid Payton

This draft was held on October 1, 2016, with the point guidelines listed on Page 4 in a serpentine draftmaster style. Position selections were as follows: 5G, 5F, 2C. Participants were as follows: 1 FDH Senior Editor Jason Jones 2 That NBA Lottery Pick Managing Editor Ben Chew 3 FDH Niche Sports Contributor Mike Vili 4 FDH Entertainment Editor Samantha Jones 5 Sportsology proprietor Russ Cohen 6 FDH Lounge Motorsports Editor Mike Ptak 7 FDH Lounge Dignitary Jeff Maslanich 8 FDH Lounge Dignitary Kyle Ross 9 FDH Managing Partner Rick Morris 10 FDH Director of Research Nate Noy

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ROUND 1: There were no real reaches or surprises here, with the closest one perhaps being Samm taking Harden, but it's not uncommon to see him taken this high in 2016.

ROUND 2: A mini-run on centers materialized early in the round.

ROUND 3: Russ reached a bit to put the Golden State combo together. Kyle got a nice value with Rubio, who forms the best 1-2 punch at PG of any team.

ROUND 4: Kenneth Faried proved to be a great value for Ben.

ROUND 5: Jeff, Kyle and Rick went on a value binge later in the round. Mike P got unlucky with the Hayward injury after the draft.

ROUND 6: Jeff scoops up great value again with Young. Hield is a high-upside pick for Mike P.

ROUND 7: Jeff and Rick end up with the last players on the FDH Top 50 Overall here.

ROUND 8: There was an early run on centers, but it dried up quickly.

ROUNDS 9-12: Amid the predictable crop of young players and centers, Nate made an intriguing play on the health of Ben Simmons.

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Surplus Centers	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
Joel Embiid	NA			NA	NA	NA		NA		NA		NA	
Festus Ezeli	556			46	16.7	0.548				0.53		5.6	
Channing Frye	429			70	17.1	0.438		0.387	5T	0.857	1	3.3	
John Henson	520			57	16.8	0.564	13	0		0.59		3.9	
Jordan Hill	597			73	20.7	0.506		0		0.712		6.2	
Frank Kaminsky	381			81	21.1	0.41		0.337	10	0.73		4.1	
Alex Len	504			78	23.3	0.423		0.143		0.728		7.6	
Jusuf Nurkic	472			32	17.1	0.417		0		0.616		5.5	
Zaza Pachulia	612			76	26.4	0.466		0		0.768	14	9.4	10
Mason Plumlee	666			82	25.4	0.516		0		0.642		7.7	
Jason Smith	470			76	15.5	0.485		0.25	15	0.806	8	2.9	
Marreese Speights	360			72	11.6	0.432		0.387	5T	0.825	4	3.3	
Tyler Zeller	354			60	11.8	0.476				0.815	5	3	

Surplus Centers	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk
Joel Embiid	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
Festus Ezeli	0.7		0.4		1.1		0.8	5T	7	
Channing Frye	1		0.4		0.4		0.6	1	6.1	
John Henson	0.9		0.3		1.9	5	1.1	12T	7	
Jordan Hill	1.2		0.5		0.5		1.3		8.8	
Frank Kaminsky	1.2		0.5		0.5		0.7	2T	7.5	
Alex Len	1.2		0.5		0.8		1.9		9	
Jusuf Nurkic	1.3		0.8	10T	1.4	13T	1.7		8.2	
Zaza Pachulia	1.7	15T	0.8	10T	0.3		1.6		8.6	
Mason Plumlee	2.8	6T	0.8	10T	1		1.9		9.1	
Jason Smith	0.8		0.4		0.9		0.8	5T	7.2	
Marreese Speights	0.8		0.3		0.5		0.9	9T	7.1	
Tyler Zeller	0.5		0.2		0.4		0.8	5T	6.1	

Surplus Guards	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
Arron Afflalo	514			71	33.4	0.443		0.382	31	0.84	34T	3.7	34T
D.J. Augustin	481			62	19	0.423		0.405	12T	0.805		1.5	
J.J. Barea	441			74	22.5	0.446	33T	0.385	28	0.771		2.1	
Jerryd Bayless	626			52	28.9	0.423		0.437	3	0.778		2.7	
Marco Belinelli	483			68	24.6	0.386		0.306		0.833		1.7	
Patrick Beverley	611			71	28.7	0.434		0.4	15T	0.682		3.5	
Aaron Brooks	390			69	16.1	0.401		0.357		0.766		1.5	
Trey Burke	499			64	21.3	0.413		0.344		0.817		1.8	
Isaiah Canaan	547			77	25.5	0.36		0.363		0.833		2.3	
Mario Chalmers	628			61	22.5	0.41		0.309		0.832		2.6	
Norris Cole	560			45	26.6	0.405		0.324		0.8		3.4	
Jamal Crawford	591			79	26.9	0.404		0.34		0.904	3	1.8	

Surplus Guards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk
Arron Afflalo	2		0.4		0.1		1.2	21T	12.8	
D.J. Augustin	3.2		0.6		0.1		1.4		7.5	
J.J. Barea	4.1		0.4		0		1.5		10.9	
Jerryd Bayless	3.1		0.9		0.2		1.4		10.4	
Marco Belinelli	1.9		0.5		0		1.2	21T	10.2	
Patrick Beverley	3.4		1.3	23T	0.4	17T	1.3	29T	9.9	
Aaron Brooks	2.6		0.4		0.1		1.2	21T	7.1	
Trey Burke	2.3		0.5		0.1		1.3	29T	10.6	
Isaiah Canaan	1.8		0.7		0.2		1.2	21T	11	
Mario Chalmers	3.8		1.4	19T	0.2		1.8		10.3	
Norris Cole	3.7		0.8		0.1		1.7		10.6	
Jamal Crawford	2.3		0.7		0.2		1.4		14.2	

The Meaning of The Cavs' Championship

By Rick Morris/The FDH Lounge

Wonderment at the year 2016 has already become a cliché, especially in social media, with almost one-quarter of the year remaining. It takes different forms in different arenas:

^ Politically, it generally takes the form of despair, as chaos, heartbreaking bloodshed and the two least-popular general election nominees of recent times have led to a constant, cynical mood of "What's next?"

^ In pop culture, it gets invoked as "Who's next?" We've lost countless icons this year, notably in the category of music, but pretty much all across the landscape.

^ And in sports, it has come to signify incredible championships from franchises given the silly-but-persistent tag of "cursed." Leicester City was perhaps the most unlikely Premier League Champions of all time and also overseas, the Western Bulldogs went on a miracle run to capture their first Australian Football League Premiership since their lone banner of 1954 (coincidentally and happily, when I got back into the AFL some years ago, I began rooting for the Bulldogs, identifying with their long
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Surplus Guards	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
Matthew Dellavedova	497			76	24.6	0.405		0.41	9T	0.864	18T	2.1	
Toney Douglas	628			61	20.7	0.411		0.399	18	0.848	28T	2.3	
Wayne Ellington	623			76	21.3	0.389		0.358		0.857	24	2.3	
Raymond Felton	559			80	27.4	0.406		0.282		0.847	30T	3.2	
Manu Ginobili	599			58	19.6	0.453	23T	0.391	22	0.813		2.5	
Archie Goodwin	392			57	19.5	0.418		0.235		0.674		2.5	
Gerald Green	638			69	22.6	0.392		0.323		0.783		2.4	
Gerald Henderson	589			72	19.9	0.439		0.353		0.767		2.9	
Brandon Jennings	418			48	18.1	0.368		0.329		0.731		2	
Cory Joseph	538			80	25.6	0.439		0.273		0.764		2.6	
Sean Kilpatrick	576			31	19.9	0.456	16T	0.342		0.896	4T	1.8	
Jeremy Lamb	623			66	18.6	0.451	27	0.309		0.727		3.8	29T
Shane Larkin	557			78	22.4	0.442		0.361		0.776		2.3	
Shelvin Mack	507			52	20.3	0.439		0.312		0.738		2.5	
Kevin Martin	544			55	19.9	0.372		0.36		0.89	8	2	
Wesley Matthews	662			78	33.9	0.388		0.36		0.863	20	3.1	
O.J. Mayo	523			41	26.6	0.371		0.321		0.775		2.6	
Ben McLemore	582			68	21.2	0.429		0.362		0.718		2.2	
Patrick Mills	576			81	20.5	0.425		0.384	29T	0.81		2	
Emmanuel Mudiay	428			68	30.4	0.364		0.319		0.67		3.4	
Gary Neal	641			40	20.2	0.465	11	0.41	9T	0.855	25	2.1	
Tony Parker	666			72	27.5	0.493	3	0.415	7	0.76		2.4	
Austin Rivers	582			67	21.9	0.438		0.335		0.681		1.9	
Ramon Sessions	545			82	20.3	0.473	8	0.324		0.756		2.5	
Iman Shumpert	543			54	24.4	0.374		0.295		0.784		3.8	29T
Marcus Smart	564			61	27.3	0.348		0.253		0.777		4.2	20T
Ish Smith	636			77	29.1	0.411		0.329		0.693		4	23T
Nik Stauskas	515			73	24.8	0.385		0.326		0.771		2.5	

Surplus Guards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk
Matthew Dellavedova	4.4	33T	0.6		0.1		1.5		7.5	
Toney Douglas	2.6		1.1	35T	0.1		1	14T	8.7	
Wayne Ellington	1.1		0.6		0.1		0.6	1T	7.7	
Raymond Felton	3.6		0.9		0.2		1.5		9.5	
Manu Ginobili	3.1		1.1	35T	0.2		1.7		9.6	
Archie Goodwin	2.1		0.5		0.2		1.8		8.9	
Gerald Green	0.8		0.6		0.3	25T	0.7	3T	8.9	
Gerald Henderson	1		0.5		0.3	25T	0.9	9T	8.7	
Brandon Jennings	3.5		0.6		0.1		1.2	21T	6.9	
Cory Joseph	3.1		0.8		0.3	25T	1.3	29T	8.5	
Sean Kilpatrick	0.9		0.4		0.1		1	14T	11.1	
Jeremy Lamb	1.2		0.6		0.5	11T	0.8	5T	8.8	
Shane Larkin	4.4	33T	1.2	26T	0.2		1.9		7.3	
Shelvin Mack	3.6		0.7		0.1		1.8		8.6	
Kevin Martin	1.1		0.5		0.1		1	14T	9.3	
Wesley Matthews	1.9		1		0.2		1	14T	12.5	
O.J. Mayo	2.9		1.2	26T	0.2		1.8		7.8	
Ben McLemore	1.2		0.8		0.1		1.5		7.8	
Patrick Mills	2.8		0.7		0.1		0.9	9T	8.5	
Emmanuel Mudiay	5.5	23	1		0.5	11T	3.2		12.8	
Gary Neal	1.2		0.5		0		0.7	3T	9.8	
Tony Parker	5.3	24	0.8		0.2		1.8		11.9	
Austin Rivers	1.5		0.7		0.1		0.9	9T	8.9	
Ramon Sessions	2.9		0.6		0.1		1.4		9.9	
Iman Shumpert	1.7		1		0.4	17T	1.1	20	5.8	
Marcus Smart	3		1.5	16T	0.3	25T	1.3	29T	9.1	
Ish Smith	6.5	12	1.1	35T	0.3	25T	2.3		12.6	
Nik Stauskas	1.9		0.6		0.3	25T	1.3	29T	8.5	

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struggle and loyal, predominantly blue-collar fanbase). And most notably in America, the Cleveland Cavaliers ended the city's 52-year reign of futility going back to the last Browns title of 1964. It is that one that we address here as this is a basketball publication and I just happen to be a lifelong Clevelander and Cavs fan.

As the Cavs begin their unprecedented campaign to defend a championship, the ability to comprehend the full meaning of the journey to the title is still not fully understood nationally – and it may never be. Certainly, in the moment, ABC's Mike Breen did all that any broadcaster could to convey the emotions that we Cavs fans felt at the final buzzer of Game 7, the abuse that we'd long taken from other fanbases about being losers who supported losers and the many heartbreaks that we'd faced through this decades-long run of futility in the town's three major sports (four, when you count the few years of the Cleveland Crusaders in the WHL and the Cleveland Barons in the NHL). Breen's preparation for that moment and his commitment to painting as full of a picture as humanly possible was admirable – but no statement was as true as the one about people not being able to completely comprehend

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Surplus Guards	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
Rodney Stuckey	510			58	22	0.413		0.241		0.829		2.7	
Hollis Thompson	554			77	28	0.397		0.38	32	0.719		3.5	
Lou Williams	612			67	28.5	0.408		0.344		0.83		2.5	
Mo Williams	396			41	18.2	0.437		0.353		0.905	2	1.8	
Nick Young	460			54	19.1	0.339		0.325		0.829		1.8	

Surplus Guards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk	Steve Kallas.com: Sports, law & more!		
Rodney Stuckey	2.4		0.7		0.1		1.3	29T	8.9				
Hollis Thompson	1.3		0.5		0.3	25T	1	14T	9.8				
Lou Williams	2.5		0.9		0.3	25T	1.6		15.3	28T			
Mo Williams	2.4		0.3		0.1		1.4		8.2				
Nick Young	0.6		0.4		0.1		0.6	1T	7.3				

Surplus Forwards	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
Matt Barnes	614			76	28.8	0.381		0.322		0.804	25	5.5	
Brandon Bass	309			66	20.3	0.549	6	0		0.845	12	4.3	
Michael Beasley	737	35		20	18.2	0.522	12	0.333		0.776		4.9	
Bojan Bogdanovic	571			79	26.8	0.433		0.382	27T	0.833	15T	3.2	
Chris Bosh	801	24		53	33.5	0.467		0.365		0.795	27	7.4	16T
Corey Brewer	497			82	20.4	0.384		0.272		0.75		2.4	
Omri Casspi	733			69	27.2	0.481	25T	0.409	10	0.648		5.9	35
Ed Davis	555			81	20.8	0.611	1			0.559		7.4	16T
Jared Dudley	683			81	25.9	0.478	29T	0.42	8	0.735		3.5	
Mike Dunleavy	554			31	22.7	0.41		0.394	16	0.784	31T	2.7	
James Ennis	629			22	15	0.478	29T	0.448	3	0.735		1.9	
Taj Gibson	310			73	26.5	0.525	11	0		0.692		6.9	21
Jerami Grant	700			77	26.8	0.419		0.24		0.658		4.7	
Jeff Green	665			80	28.2	0.43		0.315		0.745		4.2	
Jordan Hamilton	661			11	27.6	0.422		0.289		0.667		5.6	
Nene Hilario	323			57	19.2	0.544	8	0		0.578		4.5	
Ersan Ilyasova	697			74	25.4	0.424		0.371	31T	0.721		5.4	
Brandon Ingram	NA			NA	NA	NA		NA		NA		NA	
Stanley Johnson	542			73	23.1	0.375		0.307		0.784	31T	4.2	
Joe Johnson	676			81	33.4	0.439		0.383	24T	0.831	17T	3.6	
Terrence Jones	645			50	20.9	0.452		0.316		0.664		4.2	
Carl Landry	808	23		36	15.8	0.556	5	0.462	2	0.736		4.1	

Surplus Forwards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk	Tomorrow Will Be Televised: Blog and podcasts covering the intersection of TV and technology https://www.mediavillage.com/channel/tomorrow-will-be-televised		
Matt Barnes	2.1	24T	1	19T	0.8	16T	1.6		10				
Brandon Bass	1.1		0.5		0.8	16T	0.6	1T	7.2				
Michael Beasley	0.8		0.6		0.5	32T	1.2	35T	12.8	30T			
Bojan Bogdanovic	1.3		0.4		0.1		1.5		11.2				
Chris Bosh	2.4	17T	0.7		0.6	24T	1.5		19.1	11			
Corey Brewer	1.3		1	19T	0.2		1	21T	7.2				
Omri Casspi	1.4		0.8	35T	0.2		1.4		11.8				
Ed Davis	1.1		0.7		0.9	14T	0.8	8T	6.5				
Jared Dudley	2.1	24T	0.9	24T	0.2		1	21T	7.9				
Mike Dunleavy	1.3		0.5		0.3		0.8	8T	7.2				
James Ennis	1		0.7		0.2		0.9	15T	7.2				
Taj Gibson	1.5		0.6		1.1	9T	1.1	26T	8.6				
Jerami Grant	1.8	32T	0.7		1.6	5	1.4		9.7				
Jeff Green	1.7		0.7		0.5	32T	1.2	35T	11.7				
Jordan Hamilton	2.3	19T	0.7		0.3		1.5		11.4				
Nene Hilario	1.7		0.9	24T	0.5	32T	1.3		9.2				
Ersan Ilyasova	0.9		0.7		0.4		1	21T	10.4				
Brandon Ingram	NA		NA		NA	NA	NA		NA				
Stanley Johnson	1.6		0.8	35T	0.2		1.6		8.1				
Joe Johnson	3.9	8	0.8	35T	0		2		12.2				
Terrence Jones	0.8		0.5		0.8	16T	1	21T	8.7				
Carl Landry	0.9		0.3		0.3		0.6	1T	9.8				

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what this moment meant unless you were one of us. To similar degrees, ESPN's Believeland documentary gave some sense nationally of what the vast hunger for a championship really meant, but it too was limiting in the ability of not being able to artificially inject the passion into those trying to understand us.

The different levels of meaning begin with the franchise itself, having been in existence since 1970. Super-lean early years gave way to the "Miracle of Richfield" in 1976, a shocking run to the Eastern Conference Finals that ended prematurely due to an injury to star center Jim Chones. Later near-misses (including "The Shot") against the powerful Bulls of the late 1980s and early 1990s were devastating, because no less an authority than Magic Johnson pronounced the Price-Daugherty-Nance-Hot Rod-Harper Cavs "The Team of the '90s." But then team owner Gordon Gund decided that Ron Harper had to go, Mark Price and Brad Daugherty saw their careers cut short by injury and the window slammed shut.

Almost a decade later, though, from just down the road in Akron, the most highly-anticipated high school basketball player of modern times, LeBron James, (Continued on Page 11)

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Surplus Forwards	UQB	Rk	Exp	G	MP	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
David Lee	218			55	16.4	0.531	10	0		0.763		5.5	
Meyers Leonard	473			61	21.9	0.448		0.377	29	0.761		5.1	
Jon Leuer	687			67	18.7	0.481	25T	0.382	27T	0.762		5.6	
Trey Lyles	536			80	17.3	0.438		0.383	24T	0.695		3.7	
Doug McDermott	523			81	23	0.452		0.425	7	0.857	8T	2.4	
C.J. Miles	617			64	22.9	0.409		0.367	34T	0.75		2.7	
Donatas Motiejunas	518			37	14.8	0.439		0.281		0.642		2.9	
Shabazz Muhammad	556			82	20.5	0.465		0.289		0.764		3.3	
Patrick Patterson	635			79	25.6	0.414		0.362		0.853	10	4.3	
Terrence Ross	658			73	23.9	0.431		0.386	22	0.79	29	2.5	
Dario Saric	NA			NA	NA	NA		NA		NA		NA	
Lance Stephenson	613			69	19.9	0.481	25T	0.385	23	0.784	31T	3.2	
Mirza Teletovic	615			79	21.3	0.427		0.393	17	0.774		3.8	
Lance Thomas	535			59	22.3	0.442		0.404	11T	0.857	8T	2.2	
Noah Vonleh	453			78	15.1	0.421		0.239		0.745		3.9	
T.J. Warren	731			47	22.8	0.501	19	0.4	14T	0.703		3.1	
Derrick Williams	596			80	17.9	0.45		0.293		0.758		3.7	

Surplus Forwards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	PTS ▼	Rk
David Lee	1.5		0.4		0.5	32T	1.2	35T	7.8	
Meyers Leonard	1.5		0.1		0.3		1.3		8.4	
Jon Leuer	1.1		0.6		0.4		1.1	26T	8.5	
Trey Lyles	0.7		0.3		0.2		0.8	8T	6.1	
Doug McDermott	0.7		0.2		0.1		0.7	5T	9.4	
C.J. Miles	1		0.8	35T	0.5	32T	1.1	26T	11.8	
Donatas Motiejunas	1.1		0.5		0.1		1.2	35T	6.2	
Shabazz Muhammad	0.6		0.3		0.1		0.9	15T	10.5	
Patrick Patterson	1.2		0.7		0.4		0.8	8T	6.9	
Terrence Ross	0.8		0.7		0.3		0.6	1T	9.9	
Dario Saric	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
Lance Stephenson	1.9	28T	0.6		0.1		1.4		8.3	
Mirza Teletovic	1.1		0.4		0.3		1.1	26T	12.2	
Lance Thomas	0.9		0.4		0.1		1	21T	8.2	
Noah Vonleh	0.4		0.3		0.3		0.6	1T	3.6	
T.J. Warren	0.9		0.8	35T	0.3		0.7	5T	11	
Derrick Williams	0.9		0.4		0.1		0.8	8T	9.3	

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The Meaning of The Cavs' Championship

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was drafted by a Cleveland franchise that frankly succeeded in tanking for the best chance of obtaining him. But, not yet knowing how to be a fully-formed winner at the pro level, he used his influence with the franchise poorly, agitating for the acquisition of players that he would later deem (possibly correctly, in retrospect) insufficient for winning a championship when he unceremoniously left the town behind in 2010. 40 years in, that was clearly the low point in franchise history, as four years of unmitigated misery followed – although they paved the way for the drafting of fellow franchise player and #1 overall pick Kyrie Irving. LeBron's return coincided with a rarer-than-a-unicorn phenomenon in Cleveland sports – a bona fide superstar

with no connections to the area choosing to come to town, as Kevin Love engineered a trade to form a new “Big Three.”

The two-year journey to the championship was rough from start to finish, as new Cavs coach David Blatt was put in the win-now circumstance that LeBron's presence demanded, rather than the slow rebuild that he had been hired to generate. Additionally, severe injuries to Irving and Love doomed the Cavs in the 2015 Finals and all of these factors created a hangover into the following season, leading to a fitful reintegration into the team by Kyrie and the shocking end of Blatt's tenure. New coach Tyronn Lue, however, began learning how to press the right buttons and he was able to channel the adversity of the previous 23 months into leveraging the tenacity to overcome the greatest regular-season team in NBA history that was brandishing a 3-1 lead in the Finals.

But unlike other championships in other cities, the joy went well beyond the franchise. Yes, Red Sox fans had gone from 1918 to 2004 without a World Series title, but they'd racked up over two dozen titles in the other major sports over that period of time. The same holds true with long-suffering Cubs fans, who have had the Bears, Blackhawks and, especially in recent decades, the aforementioned Bulls to give them joy. There are many examples of this, with fanbases cherry-picking a particular kind of heartbreak even as they celebrated other championships.

The saga of Believeland, which grew from ESPN's omnipresent “misery porn” reel celebrating the various downfalls of Cavs, (Continued on Page 14)

Correlation of Top Players to NBA Titles

This list correlates to the rankings of present players on Page 14. Top-tier players are defined as those very few capable of winning a championship without a fellow super-elite player. The second tier represents players who were at an All-Star level at the time. Each year's champions are examined separately; for example, you will notice that Magic Johnson's star teammates were rated at different levels at different points of the 1980s dynasty. This list helps to go beyond the cliches about superstar players and their surrounding cast on championship teams to identify the specific dynamics most and least at play. It is interesting as well to study the anomalies on the list, the combinations of star players that have led to the least titles during these years.

Year	Team	Top Tier	Top Tier	Second Tier	Second Tier	Second Tier
2016	Cleveland	LeBron James	Kyrie Irving	Kevin Love		
2015	Golden State	Stephen Curry	Klay Thompson			
2014	San Antonio			Tony Parker		
2013	Miami	LeBron James	Dwyane Wade	Chris Bosh		
2012	Miami	LeBron James	Dwyane Wade	Chris Bosh		
2011	Dallas	Dirk Nowitzki				
2010	LA Lakers	Kobe Bryant		Pau Gasol		
2009	LA Lakers	Kobe Bryant		Pau Gasol		
2008	Boston	Kevin Garnett		Paul Pierce	Ray Allen	
2007	San Antonio	Tim Duncan		Tony Parker		
2006	Miami	Shaquille O'Neal	Dwyane Wade			
2005	San Antonio	Tim Duncan				
2004	Detroit			Chauncey Billups	Rip Hamilton	Rasheed Wallace
2003	San Antonio	Tim Duncan				
2002	LA Lakers	Shaquille O'Neal	Kobe Bryant			
2001	LA Lakers	Shaquille O'Neal	Kobe Bryant			
2000	LA Lakers	Shaquille O'Neal	Kobe Bryant			
1999	San Antonio	Tim Duncan		David Robinson		
1998	Chicago	Michael Jordan		Scottie Pippen		
1997	Chicago	Michael Jordan		Scottie Pippen		
1996	Chicago	Michael Jordan		Scottie Pippen		
1995	Houston	Hakeem Olajuwon		Clyde Drexler		
1994	Houston	Hakeem Olajuwon				
1993	Chicago	Michael Jordan		Scottie Pippen		
1992	Chicago	Michael Jordan		Scottie Pippen		
1991	Chicago	Michael Jordan		Scottie Pippen		
1990	Detroit			Isiah Thomas	Joe Dumars	
1989	Detroit			Isiah Thomas	Joe Dumars	
1988	LA Lakers	Magic Johnson		James Worthy		
1987	LA Lakers	Magic Johnson		James Worthy		
1986	Boston	Larry Bird		Kevin McHale	Robert Parish	
1985	LA Lakers	Magic Johnson		Kareem Abdul-Jabar	James Worthy	
1984	Boston	Larry Bird		Kevin McHale	Robert Parish	
1983	Philadelphia	Moses Malone	Julius Erving			
1982	LA Lakers	Magic Johnson		Kareem Abdul-Jabar		
1981	Boston	Larry Bird		Robert Parish		
1980	LA Lakers	Magic Johnson	Kareem Abdul-Jabar			
1979	Seattle			Jack Sikma		
1978	Washington			Elvin Hayes		
1977	Portland	Bill Walton				

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FDH NBA 2016-17 Season Predictions

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

X-Toronto 54--28
Y-Boston 51-31
New York 36-46
Philadelphia 22-60
Brooklyn 18-64

CENTRAL DIVISION

X-Cleveland 60-22
Y-Detroit 45-37
Y-Chicago 44-38
Y-Indiana 43-39
Milwaukee 41-41

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

X-Atlanta 46-36
Y-Orlando 42-40
Washington 39-43
Charlotte 37-45
Miami 27-55

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

X-San Antonio 63-19
Y-Memphis 43-39
Dallas 38-44
New Orleans 37-45
Houston 36-46

NORTHWEST DIVISION

X-Oklahoma City 47-35
Y-Portland 46-36
Y-Utah 42-40
Y-Minnesota 40-42
Denver 35-47

PACIFIC DIVISION

X-Golden State 66-16
Y-LA Clippers 55-37
LA Lakers 28-54
Phoenix 27-55
Sacramento 21-61

CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS

1 Cleveland over 8 Orlando in 4
2 Toronto over 7 Indiana in 6
3 Boston over 6 Chicago in 5
5 Detroit over 4 Atlanta in 6
1 Golden State over 8 Minnesota in 5
2 San Antonio over 7 Utah in 5
3 LA Clippers over 6 Memphis in 7
4 Oklahoma City over 5 Portland in 7

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

1 Cleveland over 5 Detroit in 4
3 Boston over 2 Toronto in 7
1 Golden State over 4 Oklahoma City in 5
2 San Antonio over 3 LA Clippers in 6

CONFERENCE FINALS

1 Cleveland over 3 Boston in 5
1 Golden State over 2 San Antonio in 5

NBA FINALS

Golden State over Cleveland in 6

NBA MVP: LeBron James

FINALS MVP: Kevin Durant

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Ben

Simmons

COACH OF THE YEAR: Tom

Thibodeau

The FDH Lounge Top 30 (Non-Fantasy) Players in the World

NOTE: These are the top 30 players in the NBA at the present time – averaging one per team in the league – by determination of FDH Managing Partner Rick Morris. Their ranking in last year's analysis is in parentheses. Players who were included last year, but not this year, are listed below.

The Meaning of The Cavs' Championship (Continued From Page 12)

Browns and Indians teams at the worst moments, went a long way towards acquainting the wider world with the full depth of what we fans have endured over the past decades. 52 years of such futility, with so many colorful downfalls, is unlikely to be repeated anytime in the future for a city with more than two franchises in major American sports. Consider that the closest that any city came recently was Philadelphia's drought of 25 years – less than half of Cleveland's – from 1983 to 2008, with a tiny fraction of the "woulda, coulda, shoulda" near-misses that Cleveland endured.

But it's not even so much the championship itself, as amazing as it was, that completely defined the moment. It was also the end of the era of anticipated misery. BelieveIand did do a good job of portraying how we the fans would always get up for one of the team's big runs and how we would buy in, only to feel the knife-blade of disappointment in the end and then question ourselves as to how we could have fallen for it again. As if to signal that this time was different, the Cavs created an "All-In" marketing campaign that was more profound than it might have seemed. It really took off on Cleveland social media, as fans never missed an opportunity to tag their posts with #AllIn. Several weeks after the championship, catching up with a married couple with Cavs season tickets that I'm friends with, the wife admitted that she really wanted to be "All In," but that there was a tiny piece of her holding back out of fear of having her heart broken again. When I said to her, "We never have to feel that way again; now we can believe that anything is possible," she smiled broadly and nodded. That's the kind of transformation that this title brought to us all, the lifting of that brutal weight.

And it was that transformation that so many of us felt right afterward, reaching out to our friends and crying those tears of joy. In a way that I never anticipated, I felt that it bound me to my friends even more, those shared memories of pain now washed away with the rapturous joy of a championship – and the knowledge that it could only mean that much to those of us with the shared DNA of so much failure over time. In those moments of great happiness, we were speaking a language that the outside world simply could not understand, no matter the honest efforts of Mike Breen or BelieveIand to convey it to them. As the saying goes, you had to be there.

For many of us, there was also the phantom limb effect, the inability to share the moment personally with those we loved who did not live to see it. Very poignantly, a wonderful man from my monthly poker club missed the victory by less than 24 hours, perishing from a heart attack the evening before. Those of us who made it to the finish line should never take for granted how lucky we were.

But it's impossible for any of these imperfections to wash away the enormity of the moment and the absolute positive nature of it. The griches of the world who refuse to see the positivity of sports had to be willfully blind on the day of the victory parade, with 1.3 million people amassing for by far the biggest celebration in the region's history (one of the top 70 peaceful gatherings in human history, according to Wikipedia). We see every day how sports reflects the underbelly of society and human nature in ways that disgust us, unfortunately. But in the joy that it brings us in its finest moments and how it brings us together like few things ever do, we would do well to remember the other side of the coin as well. In the end, remarkably and after more sports misery than anyone would have thought possible, it is Cleveland that delivers that message of triumph and unity more powerfully than anyone could have imagined.

TOP TIER

1 LeBron James (1)
2 Stephen Curry (2)
3 Russell Westbrook (4)
4 Kevin Durant (5)

SECOND TIER

5 James Harden (3)
6 Anthony Davis (6)
7 DeMarcus Cousins (11)
8 Kawhi Leonard (17)
9 Kyrie Irving (9)
10 Klay Thompson (10)

THIRD TIER

11 LaMarcus Aldridge (8)
12 Paul George (22)
13 Chris Paul (7)
14 Damian Lillard (19)
15 Draymond Green (NA)
16 Carmelo Anthony (14)
17 Jimmy Butler (13)
18 Blake Griffin (12)
19 DeMar DeRozan (28)
20 Kevin Love (21)
21 John Wall (15)
22 CJ McCollum (NA)
23 Kyle Lowry (18)

FOURTH TIER

24 Isaiah Thomas (NA)
25 Dwyane Wade (23)
26 Karl-Anthony Towns (NA)
27 Andrew Wiggins (NA)
28 Giannis Antetokounmpo (NA)
29 Nikola Vucevic (20)
30 Kemba Walker (NA)

Derrick Rose (16)
Dwight Howard (24)
Zack Randolph (25)
Bradley Beal (26)
Dirk Nowitzki (27)
Gordon Hayward (29)
Kobe Bryant (30)