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FANTASY HOOPS –
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Draft Board Decoder

The FantasyDrafthelp.com draft board contains all the relevant information you need right at your fingertips.

* Players are color-coded by their value by round in a 10-team draft. 1st round is gold, 2nd round silver, 3rd round bronze, 4th round orange and 5th round light blue.

* The "Stat" column shows how each player performed on our standard deviation from the mean statistic in 2019-20 (stat details on Page 2).

* Relevant 2019-20 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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http://thefdhlounge.blogspot.com/2019/10/lounge-on-youtube-2019-20-nba-preview.html

The 21st Century Media Alliance

What initially began in 2009 as a small coalition of like-minded growing New Media and creative organizations has flourished into a well-rounded creative juggernaut of more than two dozen entities that transcends the notion of traditional labeling. The 21st Century Media Alliance is an umbrella of cooperative companies and professionals that is pursuing many synergistic opportunities and projects. Possessed of varying yet often complementary skill sets, Alliance members are bound by their core principles of inventiveness, communication, pragmatism and dedication to their efforts and those of the larger group. In a great many creative areas, if you're looking to have a job performed the right way, chances are that you need look no further than The 21st Century Media Alliance.

Top 50 Players Regardless of Position

#	Player
1	Joel Embiid
2	James Harden
3	Giannis Antetokounmpo
4	Russell Westbrook
5	Chris Paul
6	LeBron James
7	Anthony Davis
8	Kawhi Leonard
9	Kyrie Irving
10	Paul George
11	Karl-Anthony Towns
12	Nikola Jokic
13	Stephen Curry
14	Damian Lillard
15	Bradley Beal
16	Jrue Holiday
17	Kemba Walker
18	John Collins
19	Pascal Siakam
20	Kristaps Porzingis
21	Jimmy Butler
22	Draymond Green
23	Blake Griffin
24	Kevin Love
25	Nikola Vucevic
26	Andre Drummond
27	Tobias Harris
28	LaMarcus Aldridge
29	Rudy Gobert
30	Devin Booker
31	Julius Randle
32	Mike Conley
33	Kyle Lowry
34	Donovan Mitchell
35	De'Aaron Fox
36	Danilo Gallinari
37	Luka Doncic
38	Clint Capela
39	Jaren Jackson
40	Zion Williamson
41	Lauri Markkanen
42	Khris Middleton
43	Otto Porter
44	Robert Covington
45	Jayson Tatum
46	Victor Oladipo
47	Trae Young
48	Eric Bledsoe
49	D'Angelo Russell
50	DeMar DeRozan

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	Guards	Exp	UQB	Rk	G	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
1	James Harden	1	2116	1	78	0.442		0.368		0.879	13	6.6	4
2	Russell Westbrook	3T	2006	2	73	0.428		0.29		0.656		11.1	1
3	Chris Paul	13	1491	3	58	0.419		0.358		0.862	22	4.6	16T
4	Kyrie Irving	6T	1310	4	67	0.487	6	0.401	16	0.873	16T	5	9T
5	Stephen Curry	2	1295	5	69	0.472	15T	0.437	4	0.916	2	5.3	8
6	Damian Lillard	3T	1241	7	80	0.444		0.369		0.912	3	4.6	16T
7	Bradley Beal	5	1238	8	82	0.475	13	0.351		0.808		5	9T
8	Jrue Holiday	9	1274	6	67	0.472	15T	0.325		0.768		5	9T
9	Kemba Walker 1X	10	1110	10	82	0.434		0.356		0.844		4.4	21T
10	Devin Booker	8	1024	12	64	0.467	18T	0.326		0.866	19T	4.1	
11	Mike Conley	14	1023	13	70	0.438		0.364		0.845		3.4	
12	Kyle Lowry	15	1176	9	65	0.411		0.347		0.83		4.8	14
13	Donovan Mitchell	17	988	14	77	0.432		0.362		0.806		4.1	
14	De'Aaron Fox	20T	1075	11	81	0.458		0.371		0.727		3.8	
15	Luka Doncic 2X	11T	897	22	72	0.427		0.327		0.713		7.8	3
16	Victor Oladipo	20T	968	16	36	0.423		0.343		0.73		5.6	6
17	Trae Young	16	908	21	81	0.418		0.324		0.829		3.7	
18	Eric Bledsoe	18	950	18	78	0.484	8	0.329		0.75		4.6	16T
19	D'Angelo Russell	23T	963	17	81	0.434		0.369		0.78		3.9	
20	DeMar DeRozan	11T	885	24	77	0.481	10	0.156		0.83		6	5
21	Ben Simmons	6T	861		79	0.563	1	0		0.6		8.8	2
22	CJ McCollum	22	846		70	0.459		0.375		0.828		4	
23	Buddy Hield	23T	871	25	82	0.458		0.427	5	0.886	9	5	9T
24	Malcolm Brogdon		936	19	64	0.505	3	0.426	6T	0.928	1	4.5	19T

	Guards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	Pts	Rk
1	James Harden	7.5	7	2	1T	0.7	3T	5		36.1	1
2	Russell Westbrook	10.7	1	1.9	3	0.5	13T	4.5		22.9	10
3	Chris Paul	8.2	3	2	1T	0.3		2.6		15.6	
4	Kyrie Irving	6.9	10T	1.5	8T	0.5	13T	2.6		23.8	7T
5	Stephen Curry	5.2	23T	1.3	16T	0.4	21T	2.8		27.3	2
6	Damian Lillard	6.9	10T	1.1		0.4	21T	2.7		25.8	4
7	Bradley Beal	5.5	19T	1.5	8T	0.7	3T	2.7		25.6	5T
8	Jrue Holiday	7.7	5T	1.6	6T	0.8	1T	3.1		21.2	12T
9	Kemba Walker 1X	5.9	18	1.2	21T	0.4	21T	2.6		25.6	5T
10	Devin Booker	6.8	12	0.9		0.2		4.1		26.6	3
11	Mike Conley	6.4	13	1.3	16T	0.3		1.9		21.1	15T
12	Kyle Lowry	8.7	2	1.4	12T	0.5	13T	2.8		14.2	
13	Donovan Mitchell	4.2		1.4	12T	0.4	21T	2.8		23.8	7T
14	De'Aaron Fox	7.3	8	1.6	6T	0.6	8T	2.8		17.3	25
15	Luka Doncic 2X	6	16T	1.1		0.3		3.4		21.2	12T
16	Victor Oladipo	5.2	23T	1.7	5	0.3		2.3		18.8	21
17	Trae Young	8.1	4	0.9		0.2		3.8		19.1	20
18	Eric Bledsoe	5.5	19T	1.5	8T	0.4	21T	2.1		15.9	
19	D'Angelo Russell	7	9	1.2	21T	0.2		3.1		21.1	15T
20	DeMar DeRozan	6.2	14	1.1		0.5	13T	2.6		21.2	12T
21	Ben Simmons	7.7	5T	1.4	12T	0.8	1T	3.5		16.9	
22	CJ McCollum	3		0.8		0.4	21T	1.5		21	17
23	Buddy Hield	2.5		0.7		0.4	21T	1.8		20.7	18
24	Malcolm Brogdon	3.2		0.7		0.2		1.4		15.6	

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	Exp	UQB	Rk	G	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
25	Lou Williams		851		75	0.425		0.361		0.876	14	3	
26	Zach LaVine	19	865		63	0.467	18T	0.374		0.832		4.7	15
27	Jamal Murray 3X	25	802		75	0.437		0.367		0.848		4.2	24T
28	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander		788		82	0.476	12	0.367		0.8		2.8	
29	Jeremy Lamb		805		79	0.44		0.348		0.888	8	5.5	7
30	Fred VanVleet		740		64	0.41		0.378		0.843		2.6	
31	Joe Harris		783		76	0.5	4	0.474	1	0.827		3.8	
32	Josh Richardson		773		73	0.412		0.357		0.861	23	3.6	
33	Danny Green		756		80	0.465	24T	0.455	2	0.841		4	
34	Spencer Dinwiddie 4X		727		68	0.442		0.335		0.806		2.4	
35	Reggie Jackson		735		82	0.421		0.369		0.864	21	2.6	
36	Derrick White		767		67	0.479	11	0.338		0.772		3.7	
37	Evan Fournier		729		81	0.438		0.34		0.806		3.2	
38	Bogdan Bogdanovic		727		70	0.418		0.36		0.827		3.5	
39	Trey Burke		720		58	0.431		0.352		0.831		1.7	
40	Tomas Satoransky		772		80	0.485	7	0.395	21	0.819		3.5	
41	Justin Holiday 5X		771		82	0.386		0.348		0.896	5	3.9	
42	Marcus Smart		982	15	80	0.422		0.364		0.806		2.9	
43	J.J. Redick		720		76	0.44		0.397	18T	0.894	6	2.4	
44	T.J. McConnell		815		76	0.525	2	0.333		0.784		2.3	
45	Rodney Hood		739		72	0.435		0.356		0.884	11	2.2	
46	Dennis Schroder		711		79	0.414		0.341		0.819		3.6	
47	D.J. Augustin 6X		777		81	0.47	17	0.421	9	0.866	19T	2.5	

	Guards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	Pts	Rk
25	Lou Williams	5.4	21	0.8		0.1		2.4		20	19
26	Zach LaVine	4.5		1		0.4	21T	3.4		23.7	9
27	Jamal Murray 3X	4.8		0.9		0.4	21T	2.1		18.2	22
28	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	3.3		1.2	21T	0.5	13T	1.7		10.8	
29	Jeremy Lamb	2.2		1.1		0.4	21T	1	23T	15.3	
30	Fred VanVleet	4.8		0.9		0.3		1.3		11	
31	Joe Harris	2.4		0.5		0.2		1.6		13.7	
32	Josh Richardson	4.1		1.1		0.5	13T	1.5		16.6	
33	Danny Green	1.6		0.9		0.7	3T	0.9	17T	10.3	
34	Spencer Dinwiddie 4X	4.6		0.6		0.3		2.2		16.8	
35	Reggie Jackson	4.2		0.7		0.1		1.8		15.4	
36	Derrick White	3.9		1		0.7	3T	1.4		9.9	
37	Evan Fournier	3.6		0.9		0.1		1.9		15.1	
38	Bogdan Bogdanovic	3.8		1		0.2		1.7		14.1	
39	Trey Burke	2.7		0.6		0.1		0.8	8T	10.9	
40	Tomas Satoransky	5	25	1		0.2		1.5		8.9	
41	Justin Holiday 5X	1.8		1.5	8T	0.4	21T	1.3		10.5	
42	Marcus Smart	4		1.8	4	0.4	21T	1.5		8.9	
43	J.J. Redick	2.7		0.4		0.2		1.3		18.1	23T
44	T.J. McConnell	3.4		1		0.2		1.2		6.4	
45	Rodney Hood	1.8		0.8		0.2		0.8	8T	11.2	
46	Dennis Schroder	4.1		0.8		0.2		2.2		15.5	
47	D.J. Augustin 6X	5.3	22	0.6		0		1.6		11.7	

2019-20 Fantasy Overview

^ The top tier at forward is far more shallow than guard, but the second tier is incredibly deep, far more so than guard. It's about the same depth through three tiers and then the fourth tier is deeper at forwards again.
^ Just like last year, more than half of the owners (seven) in a 10-team league will end up with a top-flight center, assuming each takes one of them. Clint Capela is essentially a one-man second-tier, so prepare for a big dropoff after him.

Overvalued Players of 2019

Guards: DeMar DeRozan, Zach Levine, Ben Simmons
Forwards: Wendell Carter, Lauri Markkanen, Khris Middleton
Centers: Mitchell Robinson, Domantas Sabonis, Myles Turner, Hassan Whiteside

Undervalued Players of 2019

Guards: De'Aaron Fox, Chris Paul
Forwards: Draymond Green
Centers: none

2019-20 Fantasy Sleepers

Guards: Jeremy Lamb, Josh Richardson
Forwards: Bojan Bogdanovic, Gordon Hayward, Jonathan Isaac
Centers: Steven Adams, Montrezl Harrell

#	Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	G	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
1	Giannis Antetokounmpo	1T	2095	1	72	0.578	1	0.256		0.729		12.5	1
2	LeBron James	4	1560	4	55	0.51	9	0.339		0.665		8.5	7
3	Anthony Davis	1T	1602	3	56	0.517	8	0.331		0.794		12	2
4	Kawhi Leonard	5	1533	5	60	0.496	15	0.371	20	0.854	13	7.3	15T
5	Paul George 1X	3	1923	2	77	0.438		0.386	13	0.839	15	8.2	8
6	John Collins	8T	1107	8	61	0.56	3	0.348		0.763		9.8	4
7	Pascal Siakam	8T	982	12	80	0.549	4	0.369	21	0.785		6.9	19
8	Kristaps Porzingis	11	NA		NA	NA		NA		NA		NA	
9	Jimmy Butler	6	1288	7	65	0.462		0.347		0.855	11T	5.3	
10	Draymond Green	15	1079	9	66	0.445		0.285		0.692		7.3	15T
11	Blake Griffin	7	1013	10	75	0.462		0.362		0.753		7.5	12T
12	Kevin Love	8T	904	18	22	0.385		0.361		0.904	1T	10.9	3
13	Tobias Harris	13	927	15	82	0.487	18	0.397	8	0.866	9	7.9	9
14	Julius Randle	16T	969	13	73	0.524	6	0.344		0.731		8.7	6
15	Danilo Gallinari	19T	940	14	68	0.463		0.433	1	0.904	1T	6.1	25T
16	Jaren Jackson	18	901	19	58	0.506	10	0.359		0.766		4.7	
17	Zion Williamson	16T	NA		NA	NA		NA		NA		NA	
18	Lauri Markkanen	12	894	20	52	0.43		0.361		0.872	7	9	5
19	Khris Middleton	14	816	25T	77	0.441		0.378	14	0.837	16	6	
20	Otto Porter	23	915	16	56	0.465		0.406	5	0.813	25	5.6	
21	Robert Covington	19T	910	17	22	0.433		0.372	19	0.773		5.7	
22	Jayson Tatum 2X	19T	816	25T	79	0.45		0.373	18	0.855	11T	6	
23	Kyle Kuzma		750		70	0.456		0.303		0.752		5.5	
24	Aaron Gordon	24T	773		78	0.449		0.349		0.731		7.4	14
25	Marvin Bagley	24T	735		62	0.504	11T	0.313		0.691		7.6	11
26	Bojan Bogdanovic		770		81	0.497	13T	0.425	3	0.807		4.1	
27	Rudy Gay		816	25T	69	0.504	11T	0.402	6	0.816	23	6.8	20

#	Forwards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	Pts	Rk
1	Giannis Antetokounmpo	5.9	3T	1.3	11T	1.5	2	3.7		27.7	2
2	LeBron James	8.3	1	1.3	11T	0.6	21T	3.6		27.4	3
3	Anthony Davis	3.9	11	1.6	5T	2.4	1	2		25.9	6
4	Kawhi Leonard	3.3	15T	1.8	4	0.4		2		26.6	4
5	Paul George 1X	4.1	9	2.2	2	0.4		2.7		28	1
6	John Collins	2		0.4		0.6	21T	2		19.5	11
7	Pascal Siakam	3.1	17T	0.9	22T	0.7	16T	1.9		16.9	19
8	Kristaps Porzingis	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
9	Jimmy Butler	4	10	1.9	3	0.6	21T	1.5		18.7	12T
10	Draymond Green	6.9	2	1.4	10	1.1	7T	2.6		7.4	
11	Blake Griffin	5.4	6	0.7		0.4		3.4		24.5	7
12	Kevin Love	2.2		0.3		0.2		1.9		17	18
13	Tobias Harris	2.8	19	0.6		0.5		1.8		20	9
14	Julius Randle	3.1	17T	0.7		0.6	21T	2.8		21.4	8
15	Danilo Gallinari	2.6	20T	0.7		0.3		1.5		19.8	10
16	Jaren Jackson	1.1		0.9	22T	1.4	3	1.7		13.8	
17	Zion Williamson	NA		NA		NA		NA		NA	
18	Lauri Markkanen	1.4		0.7		0.6	21T	1.6		18.7	12T
19	Khris Middleton	4.3	7T	1		0.1	19T	2.3		18.3	15
20	Otto Porter	2.1		1.5	8T	0.6	21T	1.2	21T	13.9	
21	Robert Covington	1.5		2.3	1	1.1	7T	1.1	17T	14.5	25T
22	Jayson Tatum 2X	2.1		1.1	17T	0.7	16T	1.5		15.7	22
23	Kyle Kuzma	2.5	23T	0.6		0.4		1.9		18.7	12T
24	Aaron Gordon	3.7	12T	0.7		0.7	16T	2.1		16	21
25	Marvin Bagley	1		0.5		1	11	1.6		14.9	24
26	Bojan Bogdanovic	2		0.9	22T	0		1.7		18	17
27	Rudy Gay	2.6	20T	0.8		0.5		1.7		13.7	

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 Gorgui Jieng, Patrick Beverley and Robert Covington.

^ 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.

Suggested League Guidelines

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	Exp	UQB	Rk	G	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
28	Jerami Grant 3X		852	23	80	0.497	13T	0.392	10	0.71		5.2	
29	Wendell Carter	22	648		44	0.485	19	0.188		0.795		7	18
30	Paul Millsap		811		70	0.484	20	0.365	23T	0.727		7.2	17
31	Gordon Hayward		751		72	0.466	25	0.333		0.834	18	4.5	
32	Jonathan Isaac		791		75	0.429		0.323		0.815	24	5.5	
33	Taj Gibson		990	11	70	0.566	2	0.324		0.757		6.5	22T
34	Thaddeus Young		890	21	81	0.527	5	0.349		0.644		6.5	22T
35	Joe Ingles		857	22	82	0.448		0.391	11	0.707		4	
36	Kelly Oubre		778		69	0.445		0.32		0.775		4.7	
37	Jabari Parker		703		64	0.493	16	0.313		0.712		6.6	21
38	Harrison Barnes		679		77	0.42		0.395	9	0.824	19T	4.7	
39	Andrew Wiggins 4X		694		73	0.412		0.339		0.699		4.8	
40	Trevor Ariza		738		69	0.399		0.334		0.793		5.4	
41	Al-Farouq Aminu		765		81	0.433		0.343		0.867	8	7.5	12T
42	Nicolas Batum		775		75	0.45		0.389	12	0.865	10	5.2	
43	P.J. Tucker		734		82	0.396		0.377	15	0.695		5.8	
44	Nemanja Bjelica 5X		726		77	0.479	21	0.401	7	0.761		5.8	
45	Dario Saric		713		81	0.437		0.365	23T	0.88	6	5.6	
46	Marcus Morris		724		75	0.447		0.375	16T	0.844	14	6.1	25T
47	Kelly Olynyk		709		79	0.463		0.354		0.822	22	4.7	
48	Marvin Williams 6X		710		75	0.422		0.366	22	0.767		5.4	

	Forwards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	Pts	Rk
28	Jerami Grant 3X	1		0.8		1.3	4T	0.8	7T	13.6	
29	Wendell Carter	1.8		0.6		1.3	4T	1.5		10.3	
30	Paul Millsap	2		1.2	14T	0.8	13T	1.4		12.6	
31	Gordon Hayward	3.4	14	0.9	22T	0.3		1.5		11.5	
32	Jonathan Isaac	1.1		0.8		1.3	4T	1	15T	9.6	
33	Taj Gibson	1.2		0.8		0.6	21T	1	15T	10.8	
34	Thaddeus Young	2.5	23T	1.5	8T	0.4		1.5		12.6	
35	Joe Ingles	5.7	5	1.2	14T	0.2		2.4		12.1	
36	Kelly Oubre	1.2		1.2	14T	0.9	12	1.5		15.2	23
37	Jabari Parker	2.4		0.7		0.5		2.4		14.5	25T
38	Harrison Barnes	1.5		0.6		0.2		1.3		16.4	20
39	Andrew Wiggins 4X	2.5	23T	1	19T	0.7	16T	1.9		18.1	16
40	Trevor Ariza	3.7	12T	1.3	11T	0.3		1.5		12.5	
41	Al-Farouq Aminu	1.3		0.8		0.4		0.9	12T	9.4	
42	Nicolas Batum	3.3	15T	0.9	22T	0.6	21T	1.6		9.3	
43	P.J. Tucker	1.2		1.6	5T	0.5		0.8	7T	7.3	
44	Nemanja Bjelica 5X	1.9		0.7		0.7		1.1	17T	9.6	
45	Dario Saric	1.6		0.6		0.1		1.2	21T	10.6	
46	Marcus Morris	1.5		0.6		0.3		1.2	21T	13.9	
47	Kelly Olynyk	1.8		0.7		0.5		1.4		10	
48	Marvin Williams 6X	1.2		0.9	22T	0.8	13T	0.6	2T	10.1	

Players Most Disproportionately Valuable in Points-Only Leagues

Guards: DeMar DeRozan, Buddy Hield, Zach Lavine, D'Angelo Russell
Forwards: Danilo Gallinari, Julius Randle, Andrew Wiggins
Centers: none

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	Centers	Exp	UQB	Rk	G	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb
1	Joel Embiid	2T	2433	1	64	0.484		0.3		0.804	8	13.6
2	Karl-Anthony Towns	1	1728	2	77	0.518		0.4	3	0.836	3	12.4
3	Nikola Jokic	2T	1588	3	80	0.511		0.307		0.821	5T	10.8
4	Nikola Vucevic	6	1292	5	80	0.518		0.364	8	0.789	11	12
5	Andre Drummond	4	1397	4	79	0.533		0.132		0.59		15.6
6	LaMarcus Aldridge	8	1147	6	81	0.519		0.238		0.847	1	9.2
7	Rudy Gobert 1X	5	1087	7	81	0.669	2			0.636		12.9
8	Clint Capela 2X	7	915	8	67	0.648	3			0.636		12.7
9	Deandre Ayton	9	729	12	71	0.585		0		0.746		10.3
10	Marc Gasol		730	11	79	0.448		0.363	9T	0.759		7.9
11	Montrezl Harrell		685		82	0.615	8	0.176		0.643		6.5
12	Myles Turner	10	782	10	74	0.487		0.388	4	0.736		7.2
13	DeAndre Jordan	14T	797	9	69	0.641	4			0.705		13.1
14	Domantas Sabonis	12	568		74	0.59	13T	0.529	1	0.715		9.3
15	Hassan Whiteside	13	707	15	72	0.571		0.125		0.449		11.3
16	Steven Adams		682		80	0.595	11	0		0.5		9.5
17	Jonas Valanciunas		706		49	0.559		0.292		0.795	10	8.6
18	Al Horford		691		68	0.535		0.36	11	0.821	5T	6.7
19	Mitchell Robinson 3X	14T	470		66	0.694	1			0.6		6.4

	Centers	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	Pts	Rk
1	Joel Embiid	3.7	5	0.7		1.9	6T	3.5		27.5	1
2	Karl-Anthony Towns	3.4	7	0.9	11T	1.6	9	3.1		24.4	2
3	Nikola Jokic	7.3	1	1.4	4	0.7		3.1		20.1	5
4	Nikola Vucevic	3.8	4	1	9T	1.1		2		20.8	4
5	Andre Drummond	1.4		1.7	1	1.7	8	2.2		17.3	6
6	LaMarcus Aldridge	2.4	12T	0.5		1.3		1.8		21.3	3
7	Rudy Gobert 1X	2		0.8		2.3	3	1.6		15.9	11
8	Clint Capela 2X	1.4		0.7		1.5	10T	1.4		16.6	7T
9	Deandre Ayton	1.8		0.9	11T	0.9		1.8		16.3	9T
10	Marc Gasol	4.4	2	1.1	7T	1.1		2		13.6	
11	Montrezl Harrell	2		0.9	11T	1.3		1.6		16.6	7T
12	Myles Turner	1.6		0.8		2.7	1	1.4		13.3	
13	DeAndre Jordan	2.3	14	0.6		1.1		2.2		11	
14	Domantas Sabonis	2.9	11	0.6		0.4		2.2		14.1	15
15	Hassan Whiteside	0.8		0.6		1.9	6T	1.3	15T	12.3	
16	Steven Adams	1.6		1.5	2T	1		1.7		13.9	
17	Jonas Valanciunas	1.4		0.4		1.1		1.8		15.6	12T
18	Al Horford	4.2	3	0.9	11T	1.3		1.5		13.6	
19	Mitchell Robinson 3X	0.6		0.8		2.4	2	0.5	1	7.3	

College Hoops Fantasy Team Game Suggested Guidelines & Draft Board

^ 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 2, January 6, January 20, February 3, February 17 and March 3. 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.

^ NOTE: The number in the "Rank" category is the team's average in a composite of major poll rankings.

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12 Texas Tech (13)
13 Kansas (4T)
14 Seton Hall (14)
FOURTH TIER
15 Baylor (16)
16 Ohio State (15)
17 St. Mary's (17)
18 Utah State (16)
19 Purdue (19)
20 Auburn (21)
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22 Arizona (22)
23 Oregon (23T)
24 LSU (20)
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26 Tennessee (28)
27 Colorado (25)
28 Xavier (27)
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30 Houston (33)
31 Davidson (30T)
32 Michigan (32)
33 Illinois (30T)

	Nate	Samm	Mike P	Jeff	Ben
1	James Harden	Giannis Antetokounmpo	Joel Embiid	Kawhi Leonard	Russell Westbrook
2	Mike Conley	Kristaps Porzingis	Pascal Siakam	Kemba Walker	Jimmy Butler
3	Blake Griffin	Rudy Gobert	Jrue Holiday	Kyle Lowry	Devin Booker
4	Trae Young	DeMar DeRozan	Zion Williamson	Lauri Markkanen	LaMarcus Aldridge
5	Deandre Ayton	Victor Oladipo	Jaren Jackson	Andre Drummond	Ben Simmons
6	Robert Covington	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	Marvin Bagley	Rudy Gay	Jonathan Isaac
7	Gordon Hayward	Kelly Oubre	Jamal Murray	Marc Gasol	Hassan Whiteside
8	Myles Turner	Jonas Valanciunas	Bojan Bogdanovic	Fred VanVleet	Kyle Kuzma
9	Jerami Grant	Spencer Dinwiddie	Derrick White	Reggie Jackson	Danny Green
10	Evan Fournier	Al-Farouq Aminu	Justin Holiday	Joe Ingles	Nicolas Batum
11	Dennis Schroder	Cedi Osman	Jordan Clarkson	Jabari Parker	Collin Sexton
12	Michael Kidd-Gilchrist	Emmanuel Mudiay	Mitchell Robinson	George Hill	OG Anunoby

	Russ	Jason	Rick	Mike V	Dave
1	Paul George	LeBron James	Anthony Davis	Nikola Jokic	Chris Paul
2	Damian Lillard	Bradley Beal	Kyrie Irving	Stephen Curry	Karl-Anthony Towns
3	John Collins	Kevin Love	Nikola Vucevic	Draymond Green	Tobias Harris
4	Clint Capela	Luka Doncic	De'Aaron Fox	Donovan Mitchell	Danilo Gallinari
5	Buddy Hield	Montrezl Harrell	Julius Randle	Jayson Tatum	Khris Middleton
6	Aaron Gordon	CJ McCollum	Otto Porter	D'Angelo Russell	Eric Bledsoe
7	Wendell Carter	Malcolm Brogdon	Steven Adams	Domantas Sabonis	DeAndre Jordan
8	Al Horford	Larry Nance Jr	Zach LaVine	Paul Millsap	Lou Williams
9	Joe Harris	Trevor Ariza	Jeremy Lamb	Josh Richardson	Harrison Barnes
10	Tomas Satoransky	Marcus Smart	Taj Gibson	P.J. Tucker	Dario Saric
11	J.J. Redick	Justise Winslow	Andrew Wiggins	Marcus Morris	Patrick Beverley
12	Mikal Bridges	Ersan Ilyasova	Bogdan Bogdanovic	Landry Shamet	Tim Hardaway

ROUND 1: Nobody really went off the board here.

ROUND 2: Irving dropping to Rick was nice value. Ben reached may have reached slightly for Butler, but then Nate said "Hold my beer!"

ROUND 3: Well, nobody's going to have better length than Samm! Mike P and Russ picked up good value.

ROUND 4: With Luca and Lebron, Jason's going to have wide-ranging production at some key positions.

ROUND 5: Jeff might have tallied the value of the draft in taking Drummond here.

ROUND 6: Indicative of a fairly tight draft, Nate nabbed the final player in the FDH Top 50 Overall at the end of the round.

ROUND 7: Jordan could end up as a steal for Dave here.

ROUNDS 8-12: Sexton, Horford and Barnes were all high-upside picks.

Surplus Centers	Exp	UQB	Rk	G	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
Alex Len		473		77	0.494		0.363	9T	0.648		5.5	
Ante Zizic		240		59	0.553				0.705		5.4	
Bam Adebayo		470		82	0.576		0.2		0.735		7.3	
Brook Lopez		575		81	0.452		0.365	7	0.842	2	4.9	
Derrick Favors		584		76	0.586	15T	0.218		0.675		7.4	
Dewayne Dedmon		573		64	0.492		0.382	6	0.814	7	7.5	
Dwight Powell		464		77	0.597	10	0.307		0.772	15	5.3	
Enes Kanter		571		67	0.549		0.294		0.787	12	9.8	12
Gorgui Dieng		84		76	0.501		0.339	12	0.83	4	4.1	
Ivica Zubac		393		59	0.559				0.802	9	6.1	
Jahlil Okafor		262		59	0.586	15T	0.2		0.663		4.7	
Jarrett Allen		570		80	0.59	13T	0.133		0.709		8.4	
JaVale McGee		606		75	0.624	6	0.083		0.632		7.5	
Jusuf Nurkic		721	13	72	0.508		0.103		0.773	14	10.4	10
Kevon Looney		208		80	0.625	5	0.1		0.619		5.2	
Larry Nance Jr		579		67	0.52		0.337	13	0.716		8.2	
Mason Plumlee		396		82	0.593	12	0.2		0.561		6.4	
Richaun Holmes		323		70	0.608	9			0.731		4.7	
Robin Lopez		281		74	0.568		0.226		0.724		3.9	
Serge Ibaka		617		74	0.529		0.29		0.763		8.1	
Thomas Bryant		512		72	0.616	7	0.333	14	0.781	13	6.3	
Willie Cauley-Stein		605		81	0.556		0.5	2	0.551		8.4	
Willy Hernangomez		202		58	0.519		0.385	5	0.694		5.4	
Zach Collins		113		77	0.473		0.331	15	0.746		4.2	

Surplus Centers	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	Pts	Rk
Alex Len	1.1		0.4		0.9		1.3	15T	11.1	
Ante Zizic	0.9		0.2		0.4		1	8T	7.8	
Bam Adebayo	2.2	15	0.9	11T	0.8		1.5		8.9	
Brook Lopez	1.2		0.6		2.2	4	1	8T	12.5	
Derrick Favors	1.2		0.7		1.4	13T	1.1	13	11.8	
Dewayne Dedmon	1.4		1.1	7T	1.1		1.3	15T	10.8	
Dwight Powell	1.5		0.6		0.6		0.9	6T	10.6	
Enes Kanter	1.7		0.5		0.4		1.8		13.7	
Gorgui Dieng	0.9		0.6		0.5		0.8	4T	6.4	
Ivica Zubac	1.1		0.2		0.9		1.2	14	8.9	
Jahlil Okafor	0.7		0.3		0.7		0.9	6T	8.2	
Jarrett Allen	1.4		0.5		1.5	10T	1.3	15T	10.9	
JaVale McGee	0.7		0.6		2	5	1.4		12	
Jusuf Nurkic	3.2	8T	1	9T	1.4	13T	2.3		15.6	12T
Kevon Looney	1.5		0.6		0.7		0.6	2	6.3	
Larry Nance	3.2	8T	1.5	2T	0.6		1.4		9.4	
Mason Plumlee	3	10	0.8		0.9		1.5		7.8	
Richaun Holmes	0.9		0.6		1.1		0.7	3	8.2	
Robin Lopez	1.2		0.1		1.1		1.3	15T	9.5	
Serge Ibaka	1.3		0.4		1.4	13T	1.5		15	14
Thomas Bryant	1.3		0.3		0.9		0.8	4T	10.5	
Willie Cauley-Stein	2.4	12T	1.2	6	0.6		1	8T	11.9	
Willy Hernangomez	1		0.3		0.3		1	8T	7.3	
Zach Collins	0.9		0.3		0.9		1	8T	6.6	

Surplus Guards	Exp	UQB	Rk	G	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
Alec Burks		594		64	0.405		0.363		0.823		3.7	
Allonzo Trier		572		64	0.448		0.394	22T	0.803		3.1	
Avery Bradley		659		63	0.408		0.351		0.86	24	2.8	
Bryn Forbes		685		82	0.456		0.426	6T	0.885	10	2.9	
Collin Sexton		674		82	0.43		0.402	13T	0.839		2.9	
Cory Joseph		552		82	0.412		0.322		0.698		3.4	
DeAndre' Bembry		514		82	0.446		0.289		0.64		4.4	21T
Delon Wright		718		75	0.434		0.298		0.793		3.5	
Emmanuel Mudiay		689		59	0.446		0.329		0.774		3.3	
Eric Gordon		654		68	0.409		0.36		0.783		2.2	
Evan Turner		441		73	0.46		0.212		0.708		4.5	19T
Frank Jackson		452		61	0.434		0.314		0.74		2.2	
George Hill		652		60	0.452		0.314		0.824		2.5	
Gerald Green		477		73	0.4		0.354		0.838		2.5	
Ian Clark		495		60	0.394		0.327		0.892	7	1.5	
Iman Shumpert		534		62	0.374		0.348		0.8		3	
Jalen Brunson		607		73	0.467	18T	0.348		0.725		2.3	
Jamal Crawford		598		64	0.397		0.332		0.845		1.3	
Jaylen Brown		525		74	0.465	24T	0.344		0.658		4.2	24T
Jeremy Lin		654		74	0.44		0.294		0.838		2.4	
Jordan Clarkson		713		81	0.448		0.324		0.844		3.3	
Josh Hart		498		67	0.407		0.336		0.688		3.7	
Josh Jackson		570		79	0.413		0.324		0.671		4.4	21T
Kent Bazemore		681		67	0.402		0.32		0.726		3.9	
Kentavious Caldwell-Pope		689		82	0.43		0.347		0.867	18	2.9	
Kevin Huerter		644		75	0.419		0.385		0.732		3.3	
Klay Thompson		889	23	78	0.467	18T	0.402	13T	0.816		3.8	
Kyle Korver		518		70	0.416		0.397	18T	0.822		2.3	
Landry Shamet		634		79	0.431		0.422	8	0.806		1.7	
Langston Galloway		536		80	0.388		0.355		0.844		2.1	
Luke Kennard		580		63	0.438		0.394	22T	0.836		2.9	
Malik Beasley		694		81	0.474	14	0.402	13T	0.848		2.5	
Malik Monk		546		73	0.387		0.33		0.882	12	1.9	
Marco Belinelli		613		79	0.413		0.372		0.903	4	2.5	
Monte Morris		835		82	0.493	5	0.414	10	0.802		2.4	
Norman Powell		667		60	0.483	9	0.4	17	0.827		2.3	
Pat Connaughton		556		61	0.466	23	0.33		0.725		4.2	24T
Patrick Beverley		678		78	0.407		0.397	18T	0.78		5	9T
Patty Mills		691		82	0.425		0.394	22T	0.854		2.2	
Quinn Cook		477		74	0.465	24T	0.405	12	0.769		2.1	
Reggie Bullock		661		63	0.412		0.377		0.859	25	2.7	
Ricky Rubio		815		68	0.404		0.311		0.855		3.6	
Ryan Arcidiacono		671		81	0.447		0.373		0.873	16T	2.7	
Seth Curry		582		74	0.456		0.45	3	0.846		1.6	
Terrence Ross		718		81	0.428		0.383		0.875	15	3.5	
Terry Rozier		635		79	0.387		0.353		0.785		3.9	
Tim Hardaway		687		65	0.393		0.34		0.841		3.4	
Tyreke Evans		563		69	0.389		0.356		0.719		2.9	
Tyus Jones		725		68	0.415		0.317		0.841		2	
Wesley Matthews		672		69	0.4		0.372		0.81		2.5	

2019-20 Team UQB Rankings

FantasyDrafthelp.com and The FDH Lounge are expanding the UQB concept to team sports. Our rankings are a mashup of the following measures: a strength of schedule metric, offensive rating, defensive rating, EFG, TS%, Asst/TO ratio, 3% and a modified Win Share formula.

1 Golden State		16 Brooklyn	
2 Milwaukee		17 New Orleans	
3 Toronto		18T Charlotte	
4 Utah		18T Minnesota	
5 Boston		20 LA Lakers	
6 Philadelphia		21 Washington	
7 Denver		22 Dallas	
8 Houston		23 Detroit	
9 Indiana		24 Miami	
10 San Antonio		25 Memphis	
11 Portland		26 Atlanta	
12 LA Clippers		27 Cleveland	
13 Sacramento		28T Chicago	
14 Oklahoma City		28T Phoenix	
15 Orlando		30 New York	

Top 10 For The Next 10

The FDH Top 10 for the Next 10 is a list attempting to identify the best players in the league -- not necessarily in a pure fantasy sense -- over the course of the entire next decade. It's not a pure 25-and-under draft, but it skews heavily in that direction because most big-time stars are past their primes in their late 30s. Players who are both very young and very skilled already have the biggest edges.

1 Giannis Antekoumpo
2 Luka Doncic
3 Nikola Jokic
4 Karl-Anthony Towns
5 Donovan Mitchell
6 Bradley Beal
7 De'Aaron Fox
8 Devin Booker
9 Joel Embiid
10 Pascal Siakam

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Surplus Guards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	Pts	Rk
Alec Burks	2		0.6		0.3		1	23T	8.8	
Allonzo Trier	1.9		0.4		0.2		1.8		10.9	
Avery Bradley	2.4		0.7		0.3		1.4		9.9	
Bryn Forbes	2.1		0.5		0		1	23T	11.8	
Collin Sexton	3		0.5		0.1		2.3		16.7	
Cory Joseph	3.9		1.1		0.3		1	23T	6.5	
DeAndre' Bembry	2.5		1.3	16T	0.5	13T	1.7		8.4	
Delon Wright	3.3		1.2	21T	0.4	21T	1	23T	8.7	
Emmanuel Mudiay	3.9		0.7		0.3		2.4		14.8	
Eric Gordon	1.9		0.6		0.4	21T	1.3		16.2	
Evan Turner	3.9		0.5		0.2		1.6		6.8	
Frank Jackson	1.1		0.4		0		0.8	8T	8.1	
George Hill	2.3		0.9		0.1		0.9	17T	7.6	
Gerald Green	0.5		0.5		0.4	21T	0.8	8T	9.2	
Ian Clark	1.6		0.4		0.1		1	23T	6.7	
Iman Shumpert	1.8		1		0.4	21T	0.8	8T	7.5	
Jalen Brunson	3.2		0.5		0.1		1.2		9.3	
Jamal Crawford	3.6		0.5		0.2		1.5		7.9	
Jaylen Brown	1.4		0.9		0.4	21T	1.3		13	
Jeremy Lin	3.1		0.6		0.2		1.7		9.6	
Jordan Clarkson	2.4		0.7		0.2		1.7		16.8	
Josh Hart	1.4		1		0.6	8T	0.9	17T	7.8	
Josh Jackson	2.3		0.9		0.7	3T	2.2		11.5	
Kent Bazemore	2.3		1.3	16T	0.6	8T	1.8		11.6	
Kentavious Caldwell-Pope	1.3		0.9		0.2		0.8	8T	11.4	
Kevin Huerter	2.9		0.9		0.3		1.5		9.7	
Klay Thompson	2.4		1.1		0.6	8T	1.5		21.5	11
Kyle Korver	1.2		0.4		0.2		0.8	8T	8.6	
Landry Shamet	1.5		0.5		0.1		0.6	3T	9.1	
Langston Galloway	1.1		0.5		0.1		0.3	1	8.4	
Luke Kennard	1.8		0.4		0.2		0.9	17T	9.7	
Malik Beasley	1.2		0.7		0.1		0.7	5T	11.3	
Malik Monk	1.6		0.5		0.3		1.2		8.9	
Marco Belinelli	1.7		0.4		0.1		0.9	17T	10.5	
Monte Morris	3.6		0.9		0		0.6	3T	10.4	
Norman Powell	1.5		0.7		0.2		1.1		8.6	
Pat Connaughton	2		0.5		0.4	21T	0.5	2	6.9	
Patrick Beverley	3.8		0.9		0.6	8T	1.1		7.6	
Patty Mills	3		0.6		0.1		1.1		9.9	
Quinn Cook	1.6		0.3		0		0.7	5T	6.9	
Reggie Bullock	2		0.6		0.2		1	23T	11.3	
Ricky Rubio	6.1	15	1.3	16T	0.1		2.6		12.7	
Ryan Arcidiacono	3.3		0.8		0		0.8	8T	6.7	
Seth Curry	0.9		0.5		0.2		0.8	8T	7.9	
Terrence Ross	1.7		0.9		0.4	21T	1.1		15.1	
Terry Rozier	2.9		0.9		0.3		0.9	17T	9	
Tim Hardaway	2.4		0.8		0.1		1.6		18.1	23T
Tyreke Evans	2.4		0.8		0.3		1.7		10.2	
Tyus Jones	4.8		1.2	21T	0.1		0.7	5T	6.9	
Wesley Matthews	2.3		0.8		0.2		1.3		12.2	

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.

TOP TIER
1 Kawhi Leonard (6)
2 Kevin Durant (2) *
2 Stephen Curry (4)
3 James Harden (3)
4 Giannis Antetokounmpo (11)
5 LeBron James (1)
6 Nikola Jokic (24)
7 Paul George (21)
8 Anthony Davis (5)
SECOND TIER
9 Damian Lillard (15)
10 Klay Thompson (7) *
10 Karl-Anthony Towns (18)
11 Bradley Beal (26)
12 Kemba Walker (NA)
13 Russell Westbrook (9)
14 Khris Middleton (NA)
15 Victor Oladipo (14)
16 Luka Doncic (NA)
17 Joel Embiid (13)
18 CJ McCollum (22)
19 Kyrie Irving (10)
20 Donovan Mitchell (17)
21 Devin Booker (23)
22 De'Aaron Fox (NA)
23 Buddy Hield (NA)
24 D'Angelo Russell (NA)
25 Jimmy Butler (25)
26 DeMar DeRozan (30)
27 Blake Griffin (NA)
28 Chris Paul (8)
29 Nikola Vucevic (NA)
30 John Collins (NA)

DeMarcus Cousins (12)
Draymond Green (16)
Jayson Tatum (19)
Ben Simmons (20)
John Wall (27)
Kyle Lowry (28)
Gordon Hayward (29)

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Surplus Forwards	Exp	UQB	Rk	G	FG%	Rk	3P%	Rk	FT%	Rk	Reb	Rk
Cedi Osman		667		76	0.427		0.348		0.779		4.7	
Darius Miller		496		69	0.39		0.365	23T	0.789		1.9	
Davis Bertans		707		76	0.45		0.429	2	0.883	5	3.5	
DeMarre Carroll		526		67	0.395		0.342		0.76		5.2	
Doug McDermott		395		77	0.491	17	0.408	4	0.835	17	1.4	
Ersan Ilyasova		576		67	0.438		0.363		0.824	19T	4.5	
Harry Giles		70		58	0.503		0		0.637		3.8	
Jae Crowder		615		80	0.399		0.331		0.721		4.8	
Jeff Green		773		77	0.475	23	0.347		0.888	3	4	
Justise Winslow		633		66	0.433		0.375	16T	0.628		5.4	
Kevin Knox		450		75	0.37		0.343		0.717		4.5	
Mario Hezonja		565		58	0.412		0.276		0.763		4.1	
Maxi Kleber		646		71	0.453		0.353		0.784		4.6	
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist		580		64	0.476	22	0.34		0.772		3.8	
Mikal Bridges		846	24	82	0.43		0.335		0.805		3.2	
Mike Muscala		448		64	0.402		0.348		0.824	19T	3.8	
Miles Bridges		649		80	0.464		0.325		0.753		4	
Noah Vonleh		705		68	0.47	24	0.336		0.712		7.8	10
OG Anunoby		314		67	0.453		0.332		0.581		2.9	
Rodions Kurucs		616		63	0.45		0.315		0.783		3.9	
Rondae Hollis-Jefferson		424		59	0.411		0.184		0.645		5.3	
Stanley Johnson		448		66	0.389		0.288		0.781		3.3	

Surplus Forwards	Asst	Rk	St	Rk	Blk	Rk	TO	Rk	Pts	Rk
Cedi Osman	2.6	20T	0.8		0.1		1.5		13	
Darius Miller	2.1		0.6		0.3		0.9	12T	8.2	
Davis Bertans	1.3		0.5		0.4		0.6	2T	8	
DeMarre Carroll	1.3		0.5		0.1		1.1	17T	11.1	
Doug McDermott	0.9		0.2		0.1		0.5	1	7.3	
Ersan Ilyasova	0.8		0.5		0.3		0.7	5T	6.8	
Harry Giles	1.5		0.5		0.4		1.3		7	
Jae Crowder	1.7		0.8		0.4		1.1	17T	11.9	
Jeff Green	1.8		0.6		0.5		1.3		12.3	
Justise Winslow	4.3	7T	1.1	17T	0.3		2.2		12.6	
Kevin Knox	1.1		0.6		0.3		1.5		12.8	
Mario Hezonja	1.5		1	19T	0.1		1.5		8.8	
Maxi Kleber	1		0.5		1.1	7T	0.8	7T	6.8	
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist	1		0.5		0.6	21T	0.7	5T	6.7	
Mikal Bridges	2.1		1.6	5T	0.5		0.9	12T	8.3	
Mike Muscala	1.2		0.3		0.6	21T	0.8	7T	7	
Miles Bridges	1.2		0.7		0.6	21T	0.6	2T	7.5	
Noah Vonleh	1.9		0.7		0.8	13T	1.3		8.4	
OG Anunoby	0.7		0.7		0.3		0.8	7T	7	
Rodions Kurucs	0.8		0.7		0.4		1.2	21T	8.5	
Rondae Hollis-Jefferson	1.6		0.7		0.5		1.2	21T	8.9	
Stanley Johnson	1.3		0.9	22T	0.2		1.2	21T	6.9	

Media Narratives Whiff on Cavs (Again!)

By Rick Morris/The FDH Lounge

Ever since drafting the one and only Lebron James in the 2003 NBA Draft, the team that I've rooted for my whole life, the Cleveland Cavaliers, has been a magnet for media hot takes and false narratives. The best example of this phenomenon occurred in Lebron's second C-Town stint, when the team won four consecutive Eastern Conference Crowns and an NBA Title and was completely buried by the media midseason in each of the four campaigns. I've written copiously about the Cavs in this spot many times over the years because I've been provided plenty of material by the media's shoddy (and shady) approach to covering them.

Admittedly, as a lifelong fan rooting for the "one year, take a knee" scenario that yielded Tim Duncan to the Spurs and Andrew Luck to the Colts, I was devastated by the team falling out of the top three in the 2019 lottery in a draft with only three "sure things." And yet, the way that everything panned out may have put the Cavs as the second-biggest winner in the draft, only behind their great former GM David Griffin and his Pelicans with the Big Z.

Start with Darius Garland, a smooth second-generation star who does many of the same things as last year's gem in the draft, Collin Sexton, but does many of them just a bit better. Sure, it's hard to pick against Sexton as a pure penetrator, but Garland is a more natural point guard and, as much as Sexton was a pleasant surprise in terms of his outside shooting (albeit a mild one, as he wasn't terrible at Alabama), Garland could be one of the league's better perimeter shooters even in his rookie season. Yes, this is an undersized backcourt, even more so than Portland's, but it's arguably as potentially explosive as theirs is.

And while the story of the draft is not complete without mentioning small-school stalwart Dylan Windler, whose shooting and rebounding could make him a nice part of the nucleus for a long time – along with other improving talents like Cedi Osman and Larry Nance, Jr. – the true second-half of the 1-2 punch in the draft is Kevin Porter, Jr. A supremely talented combo guard who has modeled his game after James Harden – earning himself, however

jokingly, the "Baby Harden" nickname from FDH Lounge Dignitary Ben Chew – this do-it-all wing completes one of the most skilled young scoring trios in the league along with Sexton and Garland. And although he was projected in the backcourt by many teams – and his defensive wingspan would be truly elite at the 2 – he's big enough to play the 3 and get on the court at the same time with his scoring and playmaking brethren.

Combine these fine pieces of clay with the coaching acumen of John Beilein, an incredible teacher who's had success at every level he's ever been at – and is willing to implement a system that puts all three of his young studs on the floor at the same time, similar to formations that he once used as Michigan – and you've got the keys to not just success, but potentially huge success in the medium term. While some of the young assistants that the Cavs interviewed for their head coaching job were very intriguing to me – not least of whom Jordi Fernandez, their former Canton Charge coach and a key assistant on the best team in the league at elevating young talent, Denver – it's tough to imagine a first-time head coach coming in and implementing a daring, high-tempo system that utilizes all key

Correlation of Top Players to NBA Titles

This list correlates to the rankings of present players on Page 12. 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
2019	Toronto	Kawhi Leonard				
2018	Golden State	Stephen Curry	Klay Thompson			
		Kevin Durant				
2017	Cleveland	Lebron James	Kyrie Irving	Kevin Love		
2016	Golden State	Stephen Curry	Klay Thompson			
		Kevin Durant				
2015	Golden State	Stephen Curry	Klay Thompson			
2014	San Antonio			Tony Parker	Kawhi Leonard	
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-Jabbar			
1979	Seattle			Jack Sikma	Gus Williams	
1978	Washington			Elvin Hayes	Bob Dandridge	
1977	Portland	Bill Walton		Maurice Lucas		

FDH NBA 2019-20 Season Predictions

ATLANTIC
X-Philadelphia 56-26
Y-Brooklyn 51-31
Y-Boston 45-37
Y-Toronto 42-40
New York 27-55

CENTRAL
X-Milwaukee 58-24
Y-Indiana 49-33
Detroit 37-45
Chicago 30-52
Cleveland 28-54

SOUTHEAST
X-Orlando 44-38
Y-Atlanta 41-41
Miami 40-42
Washington 16-66
Charlotte 16-66

SOUTHWEST
X-Houston 55-37
San Antonio 43-39
Dallas 40-42
New Orleans 36-46
Memphis 20-62

NORTHWEST
X-Denver 58-24
Y-Utah 56-26
Y-Portland 49-33
Minnesota 41-41
Oklahoma City 27-55

PACIFIC
X-LA Clippers 59-23
Y-LA Lakers 50-32
Y-Golden State 45-37
Y-Sacramento 44-38
Phoenix 27-55

CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS
1 Milwaukee over 8 Atlanta in 5
2 Philadelphia over 7 Toronto in 6
3 Brooklyn over 6 Orlando in 6
4 Indiana over 5 Boston in 7
1 LA Clippers over 8 Sacramento in 5
2 Denver over 7 Golden State in 6
3 Utah over 6 Portland in 6
5 LA Lakers over 4 Houston in 6

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
1 Milwaukee over 4 Indiana in 6
2 Philadelphia over 3 Brooklyn in 7
1 LA Clippers over 5 LA Lakers in 6
2 Denver over 3 Utah in 7

CONFERENCE FINALS
1 Milwaukee over 2 Philadelphia in 6
1 LA Clippers over 2 Denver in 6

NBA FINALS
LA Clippers over Milwaukee in 6

AWARDS
NBA MVP: Giannis Antetokounmpo
NBA Finals MVP: Kawhi Leonard
Rookie of the Year: Zion Williamson
Coach of the Year: Brent Brown

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talents to their best abilities in the way that Beilein can. He's the right man in the right place at the right time, trying to change the paradigm in the same way that Steve Kerr did when he first took the Warriors job.

And those who try to change the paradigm often get slept on when they get their chance. Nobody in the pundit community foresaw Kerr elevating Golden State in the manner that he immediately did. Similarly, pundits are only viewing the Cavs in terms of the potential downside. Beilein is a longtime college coach in a league where that designation does not often lead to success – never mind, again, that he's a top teacher on a young team desperately in need of that skill set. Sexton was an analytics whipping boy last year – never mind that his subpar defense was in part a product of the garbage defense around him and that, as I anticipated, every facet of his game looked dramatically better at the end of the season when he was finally able to benefit from playing with Kevin Love. Garland was injured for almost all of last season – never mind that his game compares well with Ja Morant, a consensus top three player in the 2019 draft and that the big-time pick who came to the Cavs with a similar rap was Kyrie Irving. Porter, Jr. was suspended at USC and got the rap as a malcontent during a disappointing freshman season – never mind that him slipping all the way to the end of the round was a disproportionate rap for a player of his immense upside and that the right nurturing situation, which by all accounts he has found thus far in Cleveland, has a good chance of unleashing said ceiling.

The aforementioned Ben Chew indicates that 35 wins and even a playoff run could be in the offing this year – with the caveat that Love stays healthy all year long. I'm certainly more conservative at a 28-win projection, but even that modest prediction flies in the face of the national "LOL Cavs" narrative that mindlessly and cynically forecasts endless misery with this roster.

Personally, this is an odd posture for me, as I'm almost always (slightly) more bearish on the prospects of Cleveland franchises than the popular consensus, but I'm legitimately baffled as to why the talent injection in the last two drafts is so completely slept on by so many. Certainly, there's an assumption that the pieces will never fit together, and there's no complete assurance that they will, but again, the negative air is definitely disproportionate to the reality. It's likely that some of the nice complementary parts that exist presently that don't necessarily factor into future plans, such as Tristan Thompson, Jordan Clarkson, Brandon Knight, John Henson and perhaps even Matthew Dellavedova will be flipped for future considerations, but assuming that they hang onto Love for at least a year or two – which the smart money says they will do because of the positive effect that he's already had on Sexton's game and will likely have on Garland's and Porter's – and can keep Osman, Nance and Windler healthy, then you've already got seven of your rotation players right there. Big man Ante Zizic is also somebody capable of tallying minutes at backup center, so that brings the potential number to eight.

At any rate, sleeping on the acquisition of big-time talent in the NBA is never a smart take. Granted, teams like the Sacramento Kings – between their early 2000s hot period and the last year – were garbage despite not lacking for high-ceiling talent because they weren't cohesive and the challenge for the Cavaliers will be to make the pieces fit. But, given the off-the-court work that's been done early, the assemblage of a coaching staff completely built around the culture of teaching and the willingness to implement an explosive-yet-daring system in an attempt to change the game, the Cavs are off to the kind of start to this era that they so desperately need.