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Welcome to the most comprehensive pro hoops draft guide available anywhere!



Welcome! In these pages, you'll be able to read our rankings, both overall and by position. You'll be privy to a list of team needs. You'll be able to read rankings of the talent available in this draft. You'll be able to check out other excellent features, including links to prospect highlight videos. And you'll also be able to peruse a mock draft from FantasyDrafthelp.com and you'll be able to fill out one of your own! All this, and much more, here in PRO HOOPS DRAFTOLOGY 2021!

**Two Huge Prizes, Two Pretty Large Prizes,
Another Prize – And Then Many Questions**

Coming off of a 2020 NBA Draft that exceeded its low projections, the star power at the top of the 2021 NBA Draft is all the more exhilarating. Jumbo-sized Oklahoma State point guard Cade Cunningham and state-of-the-art big man Evan Mobley from USC could be the best one-two punch at the top since Greg Oden (remember him?) and Kevin Durant in 2007.

From there, the two Jalens, Suggs (point guard from Gonzaga) and Green (shooting guard from G League Ignite) bring their own brands of explosive talent to the next two teams in the lottery. Green's teammate from last season, forward Jonathan Kuminga has incredible athleticism, if perhaps some questions about the present state of his offensive game. And then many, many questions ensue. For most of the players on the next level below, as well as all of the rest, obviously, the majority of uncertainty comes down to the capacity to fit offensively in the modern NBA.

To the extent that there is a consensus #6 overall pick, it would be Florida State forward Scottie Barnes. On this next level down, there are three SG/SF swingmen on the list, Tennessee's Keon Johnson, Gonzaga's Corey Kispert and Stanford's Ziaire Williams. Other players include UConn SG James Bouknight, Arkansas SG Moses Moody, Baylor PG Davion Mitchell, Duke SF Jalen Johnson, Texas C Kai Jones, Michigan forward Franz Wagner, Illinois guard Ayo Dosunmu and PG Josh Giddey from Australia.

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| | PG | School/Country | Height/Weight |
|----|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Cade Cunningham | Oklahoma St | 6-8, 220 |
| 2 | Jalen Suggs | Gonzaga | 6-4, 205 |
| 3 | Davion Mitchell | Baylor | 6-2, 205 |
| 4 | Josh Giddey | Australia | 6-8, 205 |
| 5 | Miles McBride | West Virginia | 6-2, 200 |
| 6 | Jaden Springer | Tennessee | 6-4, 204 |
| 7 | Jared Butler | Baylor | 6-3, 195 |
| 8 | Nah'Shon Hyland | VCU | 6-3, 175 |
| 9 | Tre Mann | Florida | 6-5, 190 |
| 10 | Sharife Cooper | Auburn | 6-1, 180 |

| | SG | School/Country | Height/Weight |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Jalen Green | G-League Ignite | 6-5, 172 |
| 2 | James Bouknight | UConn | 6-5, 190 |
| 3 | Moses Moody | Arkansas | 6-6, 205 |
| 4 | Keon Johnson | Tennessee | 6-5, 186 |
| 5 | Corey Kispert | Gonzaga | 6-7, 220 |
| 6 | Ziaire Williams | Stanford | 6-8, 185 |
| 7 | Jaden Springer | Tennessee | 6-4, 204 |
| 8 | Cameron Thomas | LSU | 6-4, 210 |
| 9 | Ayo Dosunmu | Illinois | 6-5, 200 |
| 10 | Nah'Shon Hyland | VCU | 6-3, 175 |

| | SF | School/Country | Height/Weight |
|----|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Jonathan Kuminga | G-League Ignite | 6-8, 205 |
| 2 | Scottie Barnes | Florida St | 6-9, 227 |
| 3 | Josh Giddey | Australia | 6-8, 205 |
| 4 | Keon Johnson | Tennessee | 6-5, 186 |
| 5 | Corey Kispert | Gonzaga | 6-7, 220 |
| 6 | Ziaire Williams | Stanford | 6-8, 185 |
| 7 | Jalen Johnson | Duke | 6-9, 220 |
| 8 | Franz Wagner | Michigan | 6-9, 220 |
| 9 | Trey Murphy III | Virginia | 6-9, 206 |
| 10 | Greg Brown | Texas | 6-9, 205 |

| | PF | School/Country | Height/Weight |
|----|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Evan Mobley | USC | 7-0, 215 |
| 2 | Jonathan Kuminga | G-League Ignite | 6-8, 205 |
| 3 | Scottie Barnes | Florida St | 6-9, 227 |
| 4 | Franz Wagner | Michigan | 6-9, 220 |
| 5 | Usman Garuba | Spain | 6-8, 229 |
| 6 | Trey Murphy III | Virginia | 6-9, 206 |
| 7 | Greg Brown | Texas | 6-9, 205 |
| 8 | Charles Bassey | W Kentucky | 6-11, 235 |
| 9 | Kai Jones | Texas | 6-11, 218 |
| 10 | Isaiah Jackson | Kentucky | 6-10, 206 |

| | C | School/Country | Height/Weight |
|----|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Evan Mobley | USC | 7-0, 215 |
| 2 | Usman Garuba | Spain | 6-8, 229 |
| 3 | Charles Bassey | W Kentucky | 6-11, 235 |
| 4 | Kai Jones | Texas | 6-11, 218 |
| 5 | Isaiah Jackson | Kentucky | 6-10, 206 |
| 6 | Alperen Sengun | Turkey | 6-10, 240 |
| 7 | Day'Ron Sharpe | North Carolina | 6-11, 265 |
| 8 | Filip Petrushev | Serbia | 6-11, 235 |
| 9 | Neemias Queta | Utah St | 7-0, 245 |
| 10 | Jericho Sims | Texas | 6-10, 245 |

| | Top 30 Overall | School/Country | Height/Weight |
|----|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Cade Cunningham | Oklahoma St | 6-8, 220 |
| 2 | Evan Mobley | USC | 7-0, 215 |
| 3 | Jalen Suggs | Gonzaga | 6-4, 205 |
| 4 | Jalen Green | G-League Ignite | 6-5, 172 |
| 5 | Jonathan Kuminga | G-League Ignite | 6-8, 205 |
| 6 | Scottie Barnes | Florida St | 6-9, 227 |
| 7 | Davion Mitchell | Baylor | 6-2, 205 |
| 8 | James Bouknight | UConn | 6-5, 190 |
| 9 | Moses Moody | Arkansas | 6-6, 205 |
| 10 | Josh Giddey | Australia | 6-8, 205 |
| 11 | Keon Johnson | Tennessee | 6-5, 186 |
| 12 | Corey Kispert | Gonzaga | 6-7, 220 |
| 13 | Ziaire Williams | Stanford | 6-8, 185 |
| 14 | Jalen Johnson | Duke | 6-9, 220 |
| 15 | Franz Wagner | Michigan | 6-9, 220 |
| 16 | Josh Giddey | Australia | 6-8, 205 |
| 17 | Miles McBride | West Virginia | 6-2, 200 |
| 18 | Jaden Springer | Tennessee | 6-4, 204 |
| 19 | Jared Butler | Baylor | 6-3, 195 |
| 20 | Usman Garuba | Spain | 6-8, 229 |
| 21 | Trey Murphy III | Virginia | 6-9, 206 |
| 22 | Cameron Thomas | LSU | 6-4, 210 |
| 23 | Ayo Dosunmu | Illinois | 6-5, 200 |
| 24 | Nah'Shon Hyland | VCU | 6-3, 175 |
| 25 | Greg Brown | Texas | 6-9, 205 |
| 26 | Charles Bassey | W Kentucky | 6-11, 235 |
| 27 | Kai Jones | Texas | 6-11, 218 |
| 28 | Isaiah Jackson | Kentucky | 6-10, 206 |
| 29 | Tre Mann | Florida | 6-5, 190 |
| 30 | Sharife Cooper | Auburn | 6-1, 180 |

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- 1 Luka Doncic
- 2 Donovan Mitchell
- 3 Nikola Jokic
- 4 Devin Booker
- 5 Zion Williamson
- 6 Trae Young
- 7 Jayson Tatum
- 8 Deandre Ayton
- 9 Ja Morant
- 10 Bam Adebayo

Strength of Draft By Position

GREAT: none
VERY GOOD: none
GOOD: PG, SG
AVERAGE: PF
BELOW-AVERAGE: C, SF
POOR: none
HORRIBLE: none

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| | Team | Player | School/Country | Ht/Wt | Position |
|----|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Detroit | Cade Cunningham | Oklahoma St | 6-8, 220 | PG |
| 2 | Houston | Jalen Green | G-League Ignite | 6-5, 172 | SG |
| 3 | Cleveland | Evan Mobley | USC | 7-0, 215 | C/PF |
| 4 | Toronto | Jalen Suggs | Gonzaga | 6-4, 205 | PG |
| 5 | Orlando | Scottie Barnes | Florida St | 6-9, 227 | PF/SF |
| 6 | Oklahoma City | Jonathan Kuminga | G-League Ignite | 6-8, 205 | PF/SF |
| 7 | Golden State | James Bouknight | UConn | 6-5, 190 | SG |
| 8 | Orlando | Keon Johnson | Tennessee | 6-5, 186 | SG/SF |
| 9 | Sacramento | Franz Wagner | Michigan | 6-9, 220 | PF/SF |
| 10 | New Orleans | Moses Moody | Arkansas | 6-6, 205 | SG |
| 11 | Charlotte | Kai Jones | Texas | 6-11, 218 | C/PF |
| 12 | San Antonio | Josh Giddey | Australia | 6-8, 205 | PG |
| 13 | Indiana | Jalen Johnson | Duke | 6-9, 220 | SF |
| 14 | Golden State | Chris Duarte | Oregon | 6-6, 190 | SG |
| 15 | Washington | Corey Kispert | Gonzaga | 6-7, 220 | SG/SF |
| 16 | Oklahoma City | Davion Mitchell | Baylor | 6-2, 205 | PG |
| 17 | Memphis | Trey Murphy III | Virginia | 6-9, 206 | PF/SF |
| 18 | Oklahoma City | Alperen Sengun | Turkey | 6-10, 240 | C/PF |
| 19 | New York | Jaden Springer | Tennessee | 6-4, 204 | PG/SG |
| 20 | Atlanta | Cameron Thomas | LSU | 6-4, 210 | SG |
| 21 | New York | Usman Garuba | Spain | 6-8, 229 | C/PF |
| 22 | LA Lakers | Tre Mann | Florida | 6-5, 190 | PG |
| 23 | Houston | Miles McBride | West Virginia | 6-2, 200 | PG |
| 24 | Houston | Ziaire Williams | Stanford | 6-8, 185 | SG/SF |
| 25 | LA Clippers | Ayo Dosunmu | Illinois | 6-5, 200 | PG/SG |
| 26 | Denver | Jared Butler | Baylor | 6-3, 195 | PG |
| 27 | Brooklyn | Isaiah Jackson | Kentucky | 6-10, 206 | C/PF |
| 28 | Philadelphia | Nah'Shon Hyland | VCU | 6-3, 175 | PG/SG |
| 29 | Phoenix | Sharife Cooper | Auburn | 6-1, 180 | PG |
| 30 | Utah | Joshua Primo | Alabama | 6-5, 190 | SG |

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Preview Of FantasyDrafthelp.com Ultimate Fantasy Hoops Stat For 2021-22 Season

This is the FantasyDrafthelp.com statistic, the Ultimate Quantitative Baseline, based on the statistical principle of standard deviation from the mean. We utilize the standard fantasy categories: PPG, RPG, APG, ST, BL, TO, FG%, FT% and 3%. In each category, a spectrum is calculated from the best performance to the worst on a per-game basis. The numbers in each category are added together to create our statistic. An additional equalizer is injected to apply more points to each player at the positions of scarcer depth. What this stat truly does is to quantify beyond doubt how the stronger and weaker performances in each category add up to the absolute fantasy value for each player. As such, it establishes a baseline for performance that is more comprehensive than anything ever developed. A number over 1000 is considered elite. We have listed below the top 25 forwards and guards, top 15 centers and top 50 overall.

| Guards | | | Forwards | | | Top 50 Overall | | |
|--------|-------------------------|------|----------|-----------------------|------|----------------|-----------------------|------|
| 1 | Kyrie Irving | 1388 | 1 | Giannis Antetokounmpo | 1937 | 1 | Giannis Antetokounmpo | 1937 |
| 2 | James Harden | 1275 | 2 | Anthony Davis | 1692 | 2 | Nikola Jokić | 1772 |
| 3 | Stephen Curry | 1218 | 3 | Jimmy Butler | 1616 | 3 | Anthony Davis | 1692 |
| 4 | T.J. McConnell | 1214 | 4 | Domantas Sabonis | 1552 | 4 | Jimmy Butler | 1616 |
| 5 | Chris Paul | 1181 | 5 | Kevin Durant | 1452 | 5 | Domantas Sabonis | 1552 |
| 6 | Damian Lillard | 1093 | 6 | Kawhi Leonard | 1301 | 6 | Kevin Durant | 1452 |
| 7 | Bradley Beal | 1090 | 7 | Zion Williamson | 1261 | 7 | Kyrie Irving | 1388 |
| 8 | Jrue Holiday | 1059 | 8 | DeMar DeRozan | 1075 | 8 | Rudy Gobert | 1365 |
| 9 | Fred VanVleet | 1051 | 9 | Julius Randle | 1064 | 9 | Kawhi Leonard | 1301 |
| 10 | Shai Gilgeous-Alexander | 1030 | 10 | Jayson Tatum | 1018 | 10 | James Harden | 1275 |
| 11 | Jeremy Lamb | 992 | 11 | John Collins | 1002 | 11 | Zion Williamson | 1261 |
| 12 | Derrick White | 992 | 12 | Jerami Grant | 947 | 12 | Stephen Curry | 1218 |
| 13 | Zach LaVine | 970 | 13 | Tobias Harris | 940 | 13 | T.J. McConnell | 1214 |
| 14 | Bogdan Bogdanović | 926 | 14 | Michael Porter Jr. | 932 | 14 | Chris Paul | 1181 |
| 15 | Delon Wright | 908 | 15 | Mikal Bridges | 930 | 15 | Nikola Vučević | 1150 |
| 16 | Jaylen Brown | 905 | 16 | Robert Covington | 927 | 16 | Myles Turner | 1123 |
| 17 | LeBron James | 904 | 17 | P.J. Washington | 924 | 17 | Damian Lillard | 1093 |
| 18 | Russell Westbrook | 871 | 18 | Brandon Ingram | 899 | 18 | Bradley Beal | 1090 |
| 19 | Seth Curry | 868 | 19 | Pascal Siakam | 832 | 19 | Joel Embiid | 1090 |
| 20 | Jamal Murray | 845 | 20 | Oshae Brissett | 830 | 20 | DeMar DeRozan | 1075 |
| 21 | De'Aaron Fox | 826 | 21 | Andrew Wiggins | 759 | 21 | Bam Adebayo | 1067 |
| 22 | Luka Dončić | 823 | 22 | OG Anunoby | 756 | 22 | Julius Randle | 1064 |
| 23 | Kendrick Nunn | 822 | 23 | Miles Bridges | 753 | 23 | Jrue Holiday | 1059 |
| 24 | Lonzo Ball | 813 | 24 | Khris Middleton | 745 | 24 | Andre Drummond | 1059 |
| 25 | Ben Simmons | 809 | 25 | Kyle Anderson | 726 | 25 | Fred VanVleet | 1051 |

| | | |
|----|-------------------------|------|
| 26 | Robert Williams | 1037 |
| 27 | Shai Gilgeous-Alexander | 1030 |
| 28 | Jayson Tatum | 1018 |
| 29 | Clint Capela | 1014 |
| 30 | John Collins | 1002 |
| 31 | Jeremy Lamb | 992 |
| 32 | Derrick White | 992 |
| 33 | Jonas Valančiūnas | 982 |
| 34 | Zach LaVine | 970 |
| 35 | Jerami Grant | 947 |
| 36 | Tobias Harris | 940 |
| 37 | Michael Porter Jr. | 932 |
| 38 | Mikal Bridges | 930 |
| 39 | Robert Covington | 927 |
| 40 | Bogdan Bogdanović | 926 |
| 41 | P.J. Washington | 924 |
| 42 | Delon Wright | 908 |
| 43 | Jaylen Brown | 905 |
| 44 | LeBron James | 904 |
| 45 | Brandon Ingram | 899 |
| 46 | Kelly Olynyk | 889 |
| 47 | Russell Westbrook | 871 |
| 48 | Richaun Holmes | 870 |
| 49 | Seth Curry | 868 |
| 50 | Deandre Ayton | 866 |

| Centers | | |
|---------|--------------------|------|
| 1 | Nikola Jokić | 1772 |
| 2 | Rudy Gobert | 1365 |
| 3 | Nikola Vučević | 1150 |
| 4 | Myles Turner | 1123 |
| 5 | Joel Embiid | 1090 |
| 6 | Bam Adebayo | 1067 |
| 7 | Andre Drummond | 1059 |
| 8 | Robert Williams | 1037 |
| 9 | Clint Capela | 1014 |
| 10 | Jonas Valančiūnas | 982 |
| 11 | Kelly Olynyk | 889 |
| 12 | Richaun Holmes | 870 |
| 13 | Deandre Ayton | 866 |
| 14 | Jaren Jackson Jr. | 847 |
| 15 | Kristaps Porziņģis | 836 |

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The FDH Top 30 Players In The NBA

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. Players with a bullet are injured and listed where they would have been if healthy.

TOP TIER

- 1 Giannis Antetokounmpo (8)
- 2 Nikola Jokic (9)
- 3 LeBron James (1)
- 4 Stephen Curry (7)
 - Kawhi Leonard (2)
- 5 Kevin Durant (3)
- 6 Luka Doncic (5)
- 7 Joel Embiid (27)
- 8 Donovan Mitchell (12)
- 9 James Harden (10)
- 10 Damian Lillard (11)
- 11 Devin Booker (23)
- 12 Bradley Beal (17)
- 13 Paul George (14)
- 14 Trae Young (NA)
- 15 Jayson Tatum (13)
- 16 Zach LaVine (NA)
- 17 Chris Paul (18)
 - Jamal Murray (16)

- 18 Khristian Middleton (21)
 - 19 Kyrie Irving (30)
- ### SECOND TIER
- 20 Julius Randle (NA)
 - 21 Zion Williamson (28)
 - 22 Klay Thompson (15)
 - 23 Jaylen Brown (29)
 - 24 DeAndre Ayton (NA)
 - 25 Jimmy Butler (6)
 - 26 Jrue Holiday (NA)
 - 27 Bam Adebayo (19)
 - 28 Domantas Sabonis (NA)
 - 29 Collin Sexton (NA)
 - 30 Ja Morant (26)

- Pascal Siakam (20)
Russell Westbrook (22)
Karl-Anthony Towns (24)
Brandon Ingram (25)

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Jalen Green <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6wpRvMjZaU>
Jalen Johnson <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jgmy7ewkKQY>
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Corey Kispert <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoqcYAU1EEo>
Jonathan Kuminga <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUUEEJaR1Bs>
Davion Mitchell https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Hmtdl85OCg
Evan Mobley <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57fDraH25sY>
Moses Moody <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Th77KVwxl9A>
Jalen Suggs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFU5SXUsgn8>
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| | Atlantic | Central | Southeast | Southwest | Northwest | Pacific |
|----|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| PG | Kyrie Irving LaMelo Ball | Jrue Holiday Malcolm Brogdon | Trae Young Russell Westbrook | Luka Doncic Ja Morant | Damian Lillard Mike Conley | Steph Curry LeBron James |
| SG | James Harden Jaylen Brown | Zach LeVine Collin Sexton | Bradley Beal Bogdan Bogdanovic | Tim Hardaway Jr Derrick White | Donovan Mitchell CJ McCollum | Devin Booker Paul George |
| SF | Jayson Tatum Joe Harris | Khris Middleton Jerami Grant | Jimmy Butler De'Andre Hunter | Brandon Ingram Dillon Brooks | Michael Porter Jr Bojan Bogdanovic | Kawhi Leonard Mikal Bridges |
| PF | Kevin Durant Julius Randle | Greek Freak Damontas Sabonis | John Collins Rui Hachimura | Zion Williamson DeMar DeRozan | Aaron Gordon Darius Bazley | Anthony Davis Harrison Barnes |
| C | Joel Embiid Bam Adebayo | Nikola Vucevic Brook Lopez | Clint Capela Thomas Bryant | Jonas Valanciunas Christian Wood | Nikola Jokic Karl-Anthony Towns | Deandre Ayton Richaun Holmes |

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NBA (Mildly Increasing) Parity: It's Fan-Tastic!

By Rick Morris/The FDH Lounge

As observed in our most recent fantasy hoops guide, FANTASY HOOPS DRAFTOLOGY 2020, the 2020s look to be a more wide-open decade at the top of the NBA than we're used to seeing. Never have there been more than 12 different teams reaching the NBA Finals in a decade – and through the first two years of the Roaring Twenties, we've seen four different teams already.

In identifying both LA teams and Brooklyn as the only clear favorites for this past season (oh, how we should have stipulated the difference that injuries could make!), we established a second-tier of near-term contenders and a third-tier/oh-by-the-way list of teams who could make a move in the years to come, once these teams were about to fade. Atlanta just snuck onto that third tier. Phoenix? Not mentioned at all. Both teams managed to leapfrog their contemporaries in a manner that is so rarely seen. So while we were incorrect (obviously, with 20/20 hindsight) not to see them rising to the level of contention in the near term, we were correct that conditions are uncommonly ripe for such leaps to take place.

We also identified that the league is nearing a tipping point, where the stars who have dominated the NBA for many years would be supplanted by the next wave. With the rise of not just Phoenix and Atlanta, but also New York, Memphis and other playoff teams this past spring, it may have seemed that we were at that moment already. However, with all of the injured big stars of the NBA coming back next year (except, probably, Kawhi Leonard and Jamal Murray), what is more likely is that the league is going to be in for the kind of dynamic so rarely seen in any sport – an epic clash over the next 2-3 years between teams led by the biggest stars of this generation and the biggest stars of the generation about to replace them. And then there are teams like Phoenix, with CP3 and Devin Booker, who blend elements of both.

Dating back to the 1980s when David Stern replaced the notion of marketing teams with the notion of marketing individual players, the league has believed that its greatest success comes from periods when a handful of teams led by megastars – ideally, in their mind, “glamorous franchises” – compete exclusively for titles. The guess here is that the league is going to find out, to their great joy, that they were mistaken. With as many as ten legitimate potential title contenders next year (count them out: Milwaukee, Brooklyn, Atlanta, both LA squads, Phoenix, Denver, Dallas, Golden State and Utah – and that's not even counting Philly if they escape their Ben Simmons problem or Miami if they can get back to where they were a year ago), the NBA could be entering a period of greatly enhanced interest. Think about the likelihood of a matchup or two that wouldn't seem likely until the conference finals landing in the first round and the potential of every subsequent series being very interesting and competitive.

One factor in all of this, which we had forecast in our aforementioned article, is that the kind of star-stacking perfected by Kevin Durant is more difficult in this climate. When the biggest stars are more spread out – partially because there are more of them now, which helps account for the bigger roster of title contenders – the temptation to front-run to any one team dissipates because the notion of putting them over the top is far less assured. Essentially, it's the Self-Correcting-Anti-Bitch-Move-Syndrome!

No league ever approaches the NFL's once-stated ideal of parity through the notion that an upset could happen “on any given Sunday,” much less the perennially top-heavy NBA. But this is as close as we've seen in decades, if ever, to a “barbarians storming the gates” scenario. And it will be glorious if it materializes.

2021 NBA Draft Team Draft Needs

Atlanta: SF
Boston: PG, PF, C
Brooklyn: C, SF
Charlotte: C, PF
Chicago: SF
Cleveland: SF, PF
Dallas: PF, SG
Denver: SG, PG
Detroit: PF, C, SG
Golden State: none
Houston: SF, PF
Indiana: SF
LA Clippers: PF, PG, C, SG
LA Lakers: C, PG
Memphis: SG
Miami: PF
Milwaukee: SG, C
Minnesota: PF
New Orleans: SG, C
New York: SF, C
Oklahoma City: PF, PG, C, SF
Orlando: SF, PF
Philadelphia: SF, PG
Phoenix: PF, SF
Portland: PF
Sacramento: C, SF, PF
San Antonio: SG, C
Toronto: C, PG
Utah: PF, PG
Washington: SF, C

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17 Memphis
18 Oklahoma City
19 New York
20 Atlanta
21 New York
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2021 Free Agency Preview

By Rick Morris/The FDH Lounge

As is always the case, the free agency class is always populated by megastars who in all likelihood will not be going anywhere. This year, that list is fairly short: Chris Paul and Kawhi Leonard. Spencer Dinwiddie, Derrick Rose, Will Barton, Josh Richardson, Tim Hardaway Jr, Kelly Oubre, Lauri Markkanen, Montrezl Harrell and Serge Ibaka are also in pretty good scenarios that they may not want to leave.

The rest of the free agency crop is populated with many high-level players, but nobody who yet profiles as a transformational part of a roster. Point guard is probably the flashiest position, even if the biggest names are somewhat past their sell-by date, such as Mike Conley, Kyle Lowry, Goran Dragic and Patrick Mills. Relative to them, Dennis Schroder offers youth, but his underperformance in the playoffs could taint his standing in the marketplace.

Shooting guard also offers a host of intriguing options, such as DeMar DeRozan, Victor Oladipo, Evan Fournier, Danny Green and JJ Reddick. Top swingmen at the other position include Otto Porter Jr and Andre Igoudala.

Closer to the rim, power forward is pretty depleted, with Paul Millsap and PJ Tucker actually the best of the bunch. But compared to center, which has Cody Freaking Zeller as its top option, it's a veritable gold mine.

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| TOP TIER | 17 Chicago |
| 1 LA Clippers | 18 New York |
| 2 Brooklyn | 19 LA Lakers |
| 3 Phoenix | 20 Toronto |
| 4 Utah | 21 Charlotte |
| 5 Milwaukee | 22 New Orleans |
| 6 Denver | 23 San Antonio |
| SECOND TIER | THIRD TIER |
| 7 Golden State | 24 Washington |
| 8 Dallas | FOURTH TIER |
| 9 Philadelphia | 25 Detroit |
| 10 Miami | 26 Minnesota |
| 11 Portland | FOURTH TIER |
| 12 Atlanta | 27 Orlando |
| 13 Indiana | 28 Houston |
| 14 Memphis | 29 Cleveland |
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