

COACHES LAST 10 · ALL 30 TEAMS

How all 30 teams played over their last 10 regular-season games, through Sunday, April 12, measured against the rest of their season.

Hottest: **DEN 10-0**, HOU 9-1

Best last-10 net: **HOU +15.9**

Best defense: **POR 104.7**

Biggest net swing: **POR +15.2**

Coldest: **WAS 0-10**

League eFG% **55.7** (54.5 before)

LAST-10 POWER BOARD · SORTED BY L10 RECORD

#	TEAM	L10	NET	VS BEFORE	ORTG RK	DRTG RK	PACE	STREAK	#	TEAM	L10	NET	VS BEFORE	ORTG RK	DRTG RK	PACE	STREAK
1	DEN	10-0	+10.8	+6.4	128.0 1	117.2 17	100.6	W 12	16	NYK	6-4	+2.0	-4.9	119.5 11	117.6 19	92.7	L 1
2	HOU	9-1	+15.9	+11.9	126.8 2	110.9 6	97.7	W 1	17	PHX	5-5	+2.8	+1.7	116.1 15	113.3 13	99.0	W 1
3	SAS	8-2	+13.3	+5.7	123.1 5	109.8 4	99.7	L 1	18	MIA	5-5	-0.4	-2.7	123.5 4	123.9 28	101.8	W 2
4	DET	8-2	+12.6	+4.7	120.4 8	107.8 2	99.0	W 3	19	MIN	5-5	-0.9	-4.3	112.2 23	113.1 11	101.4	W 2
5	BOS	8-2	+11.6	+3.7	124.8 3	113.2 12	95.9	W 2	20	IND	3-7	-1.7	+7.0	114.1 18	115.8 16	103.4	L 2
6	POR	7-3	+13.0	+15.2	117.7 13	104.7 1	99.6	W 2	21	GSW	3-7	-6.4	-6.8	113.6 19	120.0 23	97.9	L 3
7	OKC	7-3	+10.6	-0.5	120.7 6	110.1 5	99.6	L 2	22	DAL	3-7	-6.6	-1.6	112.0 24	118.6 21	104.6	W 1
8	LAL	7-3	+3.5	+2.4	116.5 14	113.0 10	99.3	W 3	23	MIL	3-7	-7.8	-1.7	113.1 20	120.8 24	98.3	L 1
9	CLE	7-3	+2.5	-1.8	119.8 10	117.3 18	101.5	W 1	24	SAC	3-7	-10.7	-1.1	113.0 21	123.7 27	97.9	L 1
10	ORL	7-3	-0.3	-0.9	112.0 25	112.3 7	104.5	L 1	25	BKN	3-7	-13.6	-4.0	104.8 30	118.4 20	98.8	L 3
11	TOR	6-4	+11.4	+10.0	120.6 7	109.2 3	99.0	W 1	26	CHI	2-8	-10.9	-6.3	108.7 27	119.5 22	106.5	L 2
12	CHA	6-4	+6.4	+1.6	120.1 9	113.7 14	94.3	W 1	27	NOP	1-9	-10.1	-6.3	112.2 22	122.3 25	103.3	L 2
13	ATL	6-4	+5.4	+3.6	117.8 12	112.4 8	100.4	L 1	28	UTA	1-9	-14.3	-7.0	108.5 29	122.8 26	108.8	L 1
14	PHI	6-4	+2.8	+3.3	115.6 17	112.8 9	101.8	W 2	29	MEM	1-9	-19.5	-15.4	108.7 28	128.1 30	103.3	L 8
15	LAC	6-4	+2.1	+1.1	116.0 16	113.8 15	98.3	W 1	30	WAS	0-10	-17.4	-6.3	109.6 26	127.0 29	103.8	L 10

WHAT'S CHANGING ACROSS THE LEAGUE

- **Offense rose league-wide.** The average ORtg climbed to 116.3 (114.6 before) and eFG% to 55.7 (54.5), with 3P% at 36.6 (35.8) and paint points at 51.6 (49.6). Part of it is rest: 8 of 12 top-six teams sat 4+ regulars Sunday.
- **The biggest risers are in the field.** POR (+15.2 net), HOU (+11.9) and TOR (+10.0) improved the most. Among playoff and play-in teams, GSW (-6.8), NYK (-4.9) and MIN (-4.3) fell the most.
- **Round 1 form gaps.** TOR's last-10 net (+11.4) is 8.9 points better than CLE's (+2.5). HOU (+15.9) goes to LAL (+3.5), which is without Luka and Reaves. DEN (+10.8, 12 straight wins) meets MIN (-0.9).
- **Style shifts to scout.** TOR (30.7%, last) and LAL (33.4%, 27th) cut their three-point rates; MIL (53.4%) and CHA (52.9%) went the other way. NYK (92.7) and CHA (94.3) slowed to the bottom two in pace.
- **Stars missed time.** Games played in the last 10: Giannis 0, Cade 3, Edwards 3, Luka 4, Curry 4, Embiid 5, Wembanyama 7. Detroit still went 8-2.
- **Set-play benchmarks.** League points per play over the last 10: 1.06 after timeouts, 0.76 on out-of-bounds plays and 0.78 on end-of-quarter possessions (last 24 seconds). POR (1.49), CHA and GSW led after timeouts; ATL was last (0.74).
- **Breakouts.** Jeremiah Fears (+10.6 ppg), Kyle Filipowski (+9.8), Cody Williams and Will Riley (+9.1 each) and Gui Santos (+9.0) had the biggest scoring jumps. Podziemski added 7.2 ppg on 69.3 TS%.

BIGGEST SCORING RISERS

PLAYER	PPG (BEFORE)	MPG	TS%
Jeremiah Fears	23.6 (13.0)	32.0 +7.1	57.6 +6.3
Kyle Filipowski	20.3 (10.5)	27.8 +4.9	61.0 +2.9
Cody Williams	16.5 (7.4)	35.2 +12.8	49.1 -4.7
Will Riley	18.2 (9.1)	32.6 +12.2	55.2 +0.6
Gui Santos	17.3 (8.3)	29.6 +10.1	63.3 +2.9
Jordan Hawkins	11.9 (3.8)	21.9 +9.9	60.1 +17.2
Nique Clifford	15.8 (7.7)	35.2 +11.3	54.6 +5.0
Jaxson Hayes	14.8 (6.8)	24.8 +7.2	81.8 +7.2
Anthony Gill	12.3 (4.4)	30.8 +16.5	76.2 +12.1
Ethan Thompson	12.5 (5.1)	29.5 +12.1	56.1 +7.9

BIGGEST SCORING DROPS

PLAYER	PPG (BEFORE)	MPG	TS%
Derrick White	9.9 (17.2)	32.6 -1.7	52.7 -0.2
Dillon Brooks	14.5 (20.9)	28.6 -2.0	46.2 -8.5
Collin Gillespie	7.3 (13.3)	25.5 -3.4	39.9 -19.4
Tyrese Maxey	23.7 (29.0)	36.4 -1.9	57.8 -1.1
Grayson Allen	12.1 (17.2)	22.1 -7.7	52.9 -4.3
Derrick Jones	6.2 (11.1)	25.0 -2.5	48.8 -13.2
Kon Knueppel	14.6 (19.0)	32.0 +0.6	51.1 -13.9
DeAnthony Melton	8.6 (13.0)	24.0 +1.2	48.2 -4.1
Ajay Mitchell	9.8 (14.2)	23.9 -2.3	54.9 -4.1
Franz Wagner	17.2 (21.3)	21.3 -10.5	57.5 -1.6



DETROIT PISTONS

60-22 · East No. 1 · clinched the top seed

8-2

LAST 10

+12.6

L10 NET · 4TH

+4.7

NET VS BEFORE

W3

STREAK

Round 1: hosts the East 8 seed (PHI, ORL, CHA or MIA) · Sun 4/19, 6:30 PM ET

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/26 vs W 129-108

03/28 @ W 109-87

03/30 @ L 110-114

03/31 vs W 127-116

04/02 vs W 113-108

04/04 @ W 116-93

04/06 @ L 107-123

04/08 vs W 137-111

04/10 @ W 118-100

04/12 @ W 133-121

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	120.4	117.0	+3.4	8
Def. rating	107.8	109.1	-1.3	2
Net rating	12.6	7.9	+4.7	4
Pace	99.0	100.0	-1.0	20
eFG%	59.4	54.3	+5.1	2
Opp. eFG%	51.0	51.8	-0.8	2
TOV / 100	15.4	13.9	+1.5	27
OREB%	34.2	35.0	-0.8	4
FT rate	28.6	29.6	-1.0	8
3PA rate	33.8	34.7	-0.9	26
3P%	42.7	34.7	+8.0	1
Paint pts	57.0	58.1	-1.1	8

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
D. Jenkins	10	29.3 +10.6	14.5 +6.0	54.2 +2.1	22.8 +2.9
A. Thompson	10	26.3 +0.4	8.8 -1.2	62.6 +9.0	14.4 -3.2
J. Duren	8	30.3 +2.3	21.0 +1.7	77.3 +9.6	22.3 -1.2
K. Huerter	9	25.6 +8.0	12.4 +6.0	59.5 +10.7	19.7 +3.7
R. Holland	10	19.4 -0.5	7.8 -0.5	50.5 -2.3	18.9 +0.5
T. Harris	8	23.7 -4.6	13.1 -0.2	67.0 +10.7	17.7 -0.4
D. Robinson	7	25.3 -2.4	14.7 +2.8	75.6 +14.0	17.0 +1.8
J. Green	10	17.2 -0.5	8.0 +1.2	71.8 +12.6	12.3 -2.0

DETROIT WENT 8-2 WITH CADE CUNNINGHAM IN ONLY 3 OF THE 10 GAMES BECAUSE THE BALL STARTED MOVING: A LEAGUE-BEST 42.7% FROM THREE AND A 72.1 AST%.

PERFORMANCE

Jalen Duren became the constant without Cade: 21.0 ppg on 77.3 TS% and 4.1 apg (1.7). He is a hub now, not just a finisher.

WHAT CHANGED

A creator-led offense turned into a passing one (AST% 72.1, from 62.7). The price: 15.4 turnovers per 100, 27th.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Timeout plays jumped to 1.29 points per play (4th; 1.03 before), but end-of-quarter possessions fell to 0.58 (27th). The drawn-up plays work; the clock-down ones don't.

GAME FLOW

They win early enough to skip close games: +4.9 in fourth quarters (+1.4), and only 3 clutch games in 10 (1-2).

HEAD-TO-HEAD

4-0 vs PHI, 3-0 vs CHA, 2-2 vs ORL, 1-2 vs MIA. ORL won by 16 on 4/6, the draw to avoid.

HOW THEY LOSE

Both losses were shooting nights (52.9 eFG%, 61.0 in wins). The defense held; the offense didn't.

ROTATION

Daniss Jenkins took Cade's minutes (29.3 mpg, 18.7) and the late shots: 11 clutch points, most on the team.

INJURIES

Cade missed 7 with a collapsed left lung (pneumothorax); DET went 5-2 and he returned for the last 3. Duren sat the finale (right knee).

TAKEAWAY

Turnovers (15.4 per 100, 27th) are the leak, and ORL forces them (14.8, 6th) and beat DET by 16 on 4/6. The 8 seed to avoid is Orlando.



BOSTON CELTICS

56-26 · East No. 2

8-2

LAST 10

+11.6

L10 NET · 5TH

+3.7

NET VS BEFORE

W2

STREAK

Round 1: hosts the East 7 seed (PHI or ORL) · Sun 4/19, 1:00 PM ET

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/27 vs W 109-102

03/29 @ W 114-99

03/30 @ L 102-112

04/01 @ W 147-129

04/03 @ W 133-101

04/05 vs W 115-101

04/07 vs W 113-102

04/09 @ L 106-112

04/10 vs W 144-118

04/12 vs W 113-108

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	124.8	119.4	+5.4	3
Def. rating	113.2	111.5	+1.7	12
Net rating	11.6	7.9	+3.7	5
Pace	95.9	95.5	+0.4	28
eFG%	59.3	54.8	+4.5	3
Opp. eFG%	53.1	52.3	+0.8	7
TOV / 100	12.1	12.0	+0.1	9
OREB%	33.3	33.6	-0.3	7
FT rate	22.0	21.0	+1.0	24
3PA rate	46.5	46.8	-0.3	5
3P%	40.6	36.1	+4.5	3
Paint pts	45.8	44.1	+1.7	28

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
P. Pritchard	9	31.1 -1.4	20.3 +3.7	67.2 +9.9	23.3 +2.8
D. White	8	32.6 -1.7	9.9 -7.3	52.7 -0.2	15.0 -7.4
J. Tatum	7	35.5 +5.1	25.1 +6.0	56.3 +4.3	30.6 +2.3
B. Scheierman	10	24.3 +6.6	9.7 +4.8	64.9 +4.2	14.1 +4.0
S. Hauser	9	26.8 +2.3	11.4 +2.5	74.0 +17.0	13.3 -1.0
J. Brown	6	35.8 +1.5	30.3 +1.7	57.1 -0.2	35.3 +0.3
N. Queta	8	26.8 +1.6	13.0 +3.1	77.7 +11.7	14.7 0.0
J. Walsh	10	21.4 +4.2	5.6 +0.3	56.0 -7.6	10.8 -0.7

BOSTON'S OFFENSE ROSE TO 3RD OVER THE LAST 10 AS TATUM'S RETURN PUSHED DERRICK WHITE INTO A SPACING ROLE. THE DEFENSE SLIPPED FROM ELITE TO AVERAGE.

PERFORMANCE

Jayson Tatum is back at star usage: 25.1 / 11.0 / 7.4 in 7 games. Pritchard (20.3 ppg, 67.2 TS%) is the second scorer.

WHAT CHANGED

The offense rose to 3rd while effort fell: deflections and contests both 29th. Shooting is covering for the defense.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

End-of-quarter possessions fell to 0.57 points per play (29th; 0.91 before). The late-clock sets slipped even as the offense rose.

GAME FLOW

Won every quarter on average, led by fast starts (+4.3 in firsts, +1.9 before). Leads come early.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

2-2 vs PHI, 3-1 vs ORL. Beat ORL Sunday with the starters resting.

HOW THEY LOSE

Both losses were defensive: opponents shot 59.0 eFG% (51.7 in wins). The effort dip shows up when they lose.

ROTATION

The ideal five (White-Brown-Tatum-Hauser-Queta) went 4-0 but started only 4 of 10. White is a spacer now: 9.9 ppg (17.2).

INJURIES

Brown missed 4 with left Achilles tendinitis (3-1). Tatum (Achilles repair management), White, Pritchard, Hauser and Queta sat the finale.

TAKEAWAY

BOS takes 46.5% of its shots from three (5th), and both possible opponents allow plenty (PHI 26th, ORL 23rd in opponent three-point rate). The looks will be there.



NEW YORK KNICKS

53-29 · East No. 3

6-4

LAST 10

+2.0

L10 NET · 16TH

-4.9

NET VS BEFORE

L1

STREAK

Round 1: hosts No. 6 ATL · Sat 4/18, 6:00 PM ET

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/24 vs W 121-116

03/26 @ L 103-114

03/29 @ L 100-111

03/31 @ L 94-111

04/01 @ W 130-119

04/03 vs W 136-96

04/06 @ W 108-105

04/09 vs W 112-106

04/10 vs W 112-95

04/12 vs L 96-110

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	119.5	118.5	+1.0	11
Def. rating	117.6	111.7	+5.9	19
Net rating	2.0	6.9	-4.9	16
Pace	92.7	98.4	-5.8	30
eFG%	57.2	55.5	+1.7	13
Opp. eFG%	56.8	53.8	+3.0	20
TOV / 100	12.6	13.2	-0.6	12
OREB%	31.8	32.8	-1.0	10
FT rate	21.9	24.3	-2.4	26
3PA rate	40.5	43.0	-2.5	18
3P%	36.3	37.3	-1.0	15
Paint pts	49.2	47.6	+1.6	18

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
O. Anunoby	9	34.3 +1.3	16.6 -0.1	65.0 +3.4	17.6 -2.0
M. Bridges	10	29.2 -4.1	12.4 -2.3	63.1 +4.9	14.9 -2.2
J. Brunson	8	36.2 +1.3	25.4 -0.7	59.3 +1.4	29.7 0.0
J. Hart	9	32.0 +2.1	10.8 -1.4	64.2 +3.4	14.8 -1.9
K. Anthony Towns	8	29.5 -1.6	18.8 -1.4	66.3 +4.9	25.5 +0.5
J. Clarkson	10	15.7 -2.4	6.5 -2.5	52.5 -2.6	19.3 -1.3
M. Robinson	7	20.2 +0.7	7.9 +2.5	76.7 +10.6	12.1 +2.2
J. Alvarado	8	17.3 +0.5	8.1 +2.0	55.5 +5.2	23.9 +6.6

New York won six straight before resting Sunday, but it did it at the slowest pace in the league and with a defense that slipped from 111.7 to 117.6.

PERFORMANCE

Jalen Brunson runs more of it: 8.5 apg (6.6), 25.4 ppg and 27 clutch points. Towns added passing (4.3 apg, 2.9).

WHAT CHANGED

Slowest pace in the league (92.7, from 98.4), yet the defense got worse (117.6, from 111.7). Slower hasn't meant tighter.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

End-of-quarter possessions rose to 0.97 points per play (4th; 0.77), but out-of-bounds plays fell to 0.69 (22nd; 0.81).

GAME FLOW

Third quarters flipped to -3.2 (+1.4): halftime adjustments are going the other way. Brunson still closes (3-1 in clutch games).

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Won the series 2-1 vs ATL, including 108-105 at ATL on 4/6.

HOW THEY LOSE

Losses are halfcourt stalls: 98.2 ppg and a 14.8 FT rate (26.6 in wins).

ROTATION

The regular five started 7 of 10 but went 4-3. The bench stayed thin (30.7 ppg); McBride fell to 16.6 mpg (28.0).

INJURIES

Anunoby (left ankle sprain) is day-to-day, and he is the primary wing defender for ATL. McBride missed 4 after core muscle surgery.

TAKEAWAY

NYK let opponents take 45.5% of their shots from three (28th); ATL made 38.9% over the stretch (7th). Closing out on Alexander-Walker, if his toe clears, is the series.



CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

52-30 · East No. 4

7-3

LAST 10

+2.5

L10 NET · 14TH

-1.8

NET VS BEFORE

W1

STREAK

Round 1: hosts No. 5 TOR · Sat 4/18, 1:00 PM ET

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 vs L 103-120

03/27 vs W 149-128

03/30 @ W 122-113

03/31 @ L 113-127

04/02 @ W 118-111

04/05 vs W 117-108

04/06 @ W 142-126

04/08 vs W 122-116

04/10 @ L 102-124

04/12 vs W 130-117

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	119.8	118.1	+1.7	10
Def. rating	117.3	113.7	+3.6	18
Net rating	2.5	4.3	-1.8	14
Pace	101.5	100.6	+0.9	11
eFG%	57.5	56.1	+1.4	10
Opp. eFG%	56.3	54.1	+2.2	18
TOV / 100	13.2	13.2	0.0	17
OREB%	30.0	30.5	-0.5	13
FT rate	29.2	26.6	+2.6	6
3PA rate	41.7	44.5	-2.8	16
3P%	35.1	36.4	-1.3	20
Paint pts	57.2	51.3	+5.9	7

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
J. Harden	8	33.5 -0.4	19.1 -2.1	60.1 -5.4	24.4 +0.3
K. Ellis	9	26.3 +2.1	10.0 +2.4	60.7 -3.5	13.5 +2.1
E. Mobley	8	28.3 -4.1	17.4 -0.9	62.1 +2.8	23.0 +0.9
D. Mitchell	7	32.2 -1.4	24.6 -3.7	63.3 +2.2	28.5 -2.9
D. Schroder	9	20.9 -0.7	8.4 +0.3	54.2 +3.8	18.2 -0.5
M. Strus	7	23.9 -0.3	12.6 +3.4	60.1 -2.5	19.1 +5.0
S. Merrill	6	27.8 +1.5	11.2 -1.8	51.6 -14.7	16.7 +0.2
N. Tomlin	8	18.2 +2.9	7.8 +2.2	65.8 +12.7	12.5 -2.8

Cleveland went 7-3, but its defense slid to 117.3 and it stopped forcing turnovers. The offense leaned on the paint instead of the arc.

PERFORMANCE

Donovan Mitchell traded threes for drives: 34.2% of shots from three (44.8), 24.6 ppg on 63.3 TS%.

WHAT CHANGED

Paint points rose to 57.2 (51.3), but points off turnovers fell to 14.6, last. The defense stopped creating offense.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Steady in every situation: 12th after timeouts (1.08), 12th on out-of-bounds plays, 8th at the end of quarters. No set-play edge either way.

GAME FLOW

4-0 in clutch games, but lost third quarters (-1.0, +1.9 before). They're winning late, not controlling games.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Lost all 3 to TOR by double digits (11, 13, 11), all before December.

HOW THEY LOSE

Losses came with turnovers (15.8 per 100, 12.0 in wins) and a 60.7 opponent eFG%.

ROTATION

8 different starting fives in 10 games. Strus's return (12.6 ppg) lifted the bench to 37.9 ppg (32.8).

INJURIES

Tyson missed 8 with a left great toe bone bruise (6-2). Allen (right knee) missed 5; most other absences were maintenance days.

TAKEAWAY

The paint push (57.2, 7th) meets a TOR defense that allows 52.4 there (20th). The danger is the other way: TOR scores a league-best 22.9 off turnovers.

TORONTO RAPTORS

46-36 · East No. 5 · passed ATL on the final day

6-4

LAST 10

+11.4

L10 NET · 6TH

+10.0

NET VS BEFORE

W1

STREAK

Round 1: at No. 4 CLE · Sat 4/18, 1:00 PM ET

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/27 vs WAS
W 119-106

03/29 vs LAL
W 139-87

03/31 @ LAC
L 116-127

04/01 vs MEM
L 115-123

04/03 @ DAL
W 128-96

04/05 @ MIA
L 101-115

04/07 vs PHO
W 121-95

04/09 vs SAC
W 128-114

04/10 @ ORL
L 95-112

04/12 vs BOS
W 136-101

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	120.6	114.1	+6.6	7
Def. rating	109.2	112.7	-3.5	3
Net rating	11.4	1.4	+10.0	6
Pace	99.0	99.3	-0.2	19
eFG%	58.8	54.2	+4.6	6
Opp. eFG%	52.8	54.3	-1.5	6
TOV / 100	12.0	13.0	-1.0	8
OREB%	29.9	29.7	+0.2	14
FT rate	30.9	26.1	+4.8	5
3PA rate	30.7	37.1	-6.4	30
3P%	40.2	34.9	+5.3	4
Paint pts	62.2	52.0	+10.2	2

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
S. Barnes	10	30.4 -3.5	15.6 -2.9	59.4 +1.8	21.4 -1.3
J. Walter	10	28.6 +9.4	10.5 +3.5	62.5 +1.9	13.3 -0.6
R. Barrett	9	31.6 +1.6	21.1 +2.2	58.5 0.0	26.5 +1.2
J. Sheard	10	25.6 +3.4	7.4 +0.9	55.3 +7.1	13.6 -1.4
B. Ingram	8	31.8 -2.3	21.1 -0.4	62.8 +6.1	24.6 -1.9
J. Poeltl	10	23.1 -2.4	12.0 +1.6	71.6 +2.4	18.0 +3.8
S. Mamukelashvili	10	22.6 +0.8	13.2 +2.3	67.9 +4.8	19.7 +1.9
C. Murray Boyles	8	19.8 -2.4	12.4 +4.5	68.1 +7.4	19.7 +5.7

Toronto's net rating jumped 10 points to +11.4 with the least three-heavy offense in the league, winning the paint and the turnover battle instead.

PERFORMANCE

Scottie Barnes became the hub (8.7 apg, 5.5) as his scoring dipped. Barrett and Ingram (21.1 ppg each) finish.

WHAT CHANGED

Fewest threes in the league (30.7%), but 62.2 paint points and a league-best 22.9 off turnovers. Defense and paint, not shooting.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Average after timeouts (1.08 points per play) and on out-of-bounds plays (0.74). End-of-quarter possessions are the weak spot: 0.62, 25th.

GAME FLOW

Won all four quarters, with fourths up to +3.8 (-0.7). One clutch game in 10: close-game execution is untested.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Swept CLE 3-0, by 11, 13 and 11.

HOW THEY LOSE

Losses came when the turnover edge flipped: 14.5 per 100 (10.4 in wins).

ROTATION

The bench jumped 11.3 ppg to 43.4 behind Sheard (+118) and Mamukelashvili (+101). Walter took Quickley's starting spot.

INJURIES

Quickley missed 7 with right plantar fasciitis (3-4 without him). Ingram missed 2 with heel inflammation.

TAKEAWAY

CLE allows the 2nd-fewest paint points but the most three-point attempts. TOR shot 40.2% from three (4th) on the fewest attempts; it has to take more.

ATLANTA HAWKS

46-36 · East No. 6 · lost the 5 seed on the final day

6-4

LAST 10

+5.4

L10 NET · 10TH

+3.6

NET VS BEFORE

L1

STREAK

Round 1: at No. 3 NYK · Sat 4/18, 6:00 PM ET

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 @ LAL
W 130-129

03/27 @ MIA
L 102-109

03/28 vs MEM
W 123-113

03/30 vs DAL
W 112-102

04/01 @ LAC
W 130-101

04/03 @ ORL
W 141-107

04/06 vs PHO
L 105-108

04/08 @ CLE
L 116-122

04/10 vs CLE
W 124-102

04/12 @ PHO
L 117-143

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	117.8	114.7	+3.1	12
Def. rating	112.4	112.9	-0.5	8
Net rating	5.4	1.8	+3.6	10
Pace	100.4	102.8	-2.4	14
eFG%	56.1	55.3	+0.8	15
Opp. eFG%	53.8	54.7	-0.9	9
TOV / 100	12.6	13.0	-0.4	10
OREB%	32.0	28.5	+3.5	9
FT rate	22.0	23.9	-1.9	23
3PA rate	44.2	42.7	+1.5	10
3P%	38.9	36.7	+2.2	7
Paint pts	47.0	52.3	-5.3	25

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
N. Alexander Walker	9	36.4 +3.4	24.1 +3.7	68.4 +8.4	21.6 -1.6
J. Johnson	9	34.7 -0.5	21.0 -1.7	56.6 -1.7	26.7 +0.4
C. McCollum	9	31.0 +2.8	19.6 +1.2	55.4 -0.7	25.8 0.0
D. Daniels	8	34.2 +1.2	12.8 +1.0	56.8 +2.9	15.5 -0.2
O. Okongwu	8	31.5 +0.5	12.8 -2.7	58.5 -0.7	15.9 -3.6
J. Kuminga	8	22.0 -0.3	11.1 -2.3	51.4 -12.7	20.3 -0.6
Z. Risacher	9	14.9 -8.7	6.0 -4.1	58.7 +3.3	14.5 -2.3
G. Vincent	9	13.8 +0.7	4.0 +0.2	59.6 +12.9	12.8 -1.4

Atlanta was 6-3 before resting seven regulars Sunday. Nickeil Alexander-Walker's shooting drove a +5.4 net rating, but the paint dried up.

PERFORMANCE

Nickeil Alexander-Walker is the engine: 24.1 ppg on 68.4 TS% (60.0). Jalen Johnson (21.0 / 9.7 / 6.6) held steady.

WHAT CHANGED

Slower, with less passing (AST% 63.8, 69.8) and more midrange. The paint dried up: 47.0 points, 25th.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Last in the league after timeouts: 0.74 points per play (1.06 before). The drawn-up play has stopped working.

GAME FLOW

Won second quarters by 7.9, then lost thirds by 3.0. They build leads and give them back; 1-3 in clutch games.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Lost the series 1-2 to NYK; the last two games were decided by 3.

HOW THEY LOSE

Losses were shooting nights (51.7 eFG%, 59.1 in wins). The defense stayed top-10 either way.

ROTATION

The same five started 8 of 10 (5-3). The bench fell to 32.4 ppg (37.2); Kuminga shot 51.4 TS% off it.

INJURIES

Alexander-Walker and Daniels (great toe sprains) and Okongwu (finger sprain) sat Sunday; Johnson and McCollum rested.

TAKEAWAY

The paint dried up (47.0, 25th), and NYK allows the 3rd-fewest paint points. ATL has to win from three, and NYK gives up the 3rd-most attempts.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

44-38 · East No. 9 · play-in

6-4

LAST 10

+6.4

L10 NET · 9TH

+1.6

NET VS BEFORE

W1

STREAK

Play-in 9/10: hosts 🏠 MIA · Tue 4/14, 7:30 PM ET · loser is out

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/26 vs 🏠 W 114-103

03/28 vs 🏠 L 114-118

03/29 vs 🏠 L 99-114

03/31 @ 🏠 W 117-86

04/02 vs 🏠 W 129-107

04/03 vs 🏠 W 129-108

04/05 @ 🏠 W 122-108

04/07 @ 🏠 L 102-113

04/10 vs 🏠 L 100-118

04/12 @ 🏠 W 110-96

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	120.1	118.2	+1.8	9
Def. rating	113.7	113.5	+0.2	14
Net rating	6.4	4.8	+1.6	9
Pace	94.3	98.1	-3.7	29
eFG%	55.0	55.4	-0.4	18
Opp. eFG%	54.7	53.9	+0.8	15
TOV / 100	13.3	14.9	-1.6	18
OREB%	37.8	35.6	+2.2	1
FT rate	21.9	25.0	-3.1	25
3PA rate	52.9	48.1	+4.8	2
3P%	35.3	38.2	-2.9	19
Paint pts	42.8	45.6	-2.8	29

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
K. Knueppel	10	32.0 +0.6	14.6 -4.4	51.1 -13.9	21.1 -0.6
B. Miller	10	31.5 +1.4	19.5 -0.8	59.9 +2.9	23.4 -4.7
L. Ball	10	31.2 +3.7	22.5 +2.8	57.2 +3.0	30.2 -0.6
M. Bridges	10	28.0 -3.5	16.0 -1.2	63.3 +7.1	20.7 -1.3
M. Diabate	9	26.6 +0.7	5.8 -2.4	65.7 +0.5	8.5 -3.1
S. James	10	19.2 -3.7	5.0 -0.4	42.2 -12.7	14.2 +3.6
R. Kalkbrenner	10	18.9 -3.0	5.2 -2.7	85.5 +10.3	7.8 -4.1
C. White	9	18.8 -0.9	15.2 -0.7	60.8 -0.5	32.3 +1.3

Charlotte stayed a top-10 net team (+6.4) with the league's best offensive rebounding rate, even as Kon Knueppel's shooting fell off.

PERFORMANCE

LaMelo Ball leaned all the way into threes (69.6% of his shots, 57.7) for 22.5 ppg. Miller added 19.5.

WHAT CHANGED

Slower (29th in pace) and relentless on the glass (OREB% 1st). Knueppel's slump (51.1 TS%, 65.0) cost spacing.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

2nd-best after timeouts: 1.39 points per play (1.03 before). The drawn-up plays are working.

GAME FLOW

Hot starts, weak finishes: +5.3 in first quarters, -2.3 in fourths. They need the lead banked early.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Lost the series 1-3 to 🏠 MIA, but won the last meeting 136-106 on 3/17.

HOW THEY LOSE

Losses are cold-shooting nights: 29.8% from three and a 48.8 eFG%.

ROTATION

The most stable lineup in the league: the same five started 9 of 10. Coby White is the bench scorer (15.2 ppg).

INJURIES

Fully healthy: every regular played at least 9 of 10. Only PJ Hall (ankle surgery) was out Sunday.

TAKEAWAY

CHA takes 52.9% of its shots from three, and MIA let opponents make 41.7% (29th). Bank the lead early Tuesday: CHA is -2.3 in fourths.

MIAMI HEAT

43-39 · East No. 10 · play-in

5-5

LAST 10

-0.4

L10 NET · 18TH

-2.7

NET VS BEFORE

W2

STREAK

Play-in 9/10: at 🏠 CHA · Tue 4/14, 7:30 PM ET · loser is out

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 @ 🏠 W 120-103

03/27 @ 🏠 L 128-149

03/29 @ 🏠 L 118-135

03/30 vs 🏠 W 119-109

04/01 vs 🏠 L 129-147

04/04 vs 🏠 W 152-136

04/07 @ 🏠 L 95-121

04/09 @ 🏠 L 114-128

04/10 @ 🏠 W 140-117

04/12 vs 🏠 W 143-117

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	123.5	114.7	+8.8	4
Def. rating	123.9	112.3	+11.6	28
Net rating	-0.4	2.3	-2.7	18
Pace	101.8	104.6	-2.7	9
eFG%	59.0	53.6	+5.4	5
Opp. eFG%	58.2	53.6	+4.6	24
TOV / 100	11.6	12.7	-1.1	5
OREB%	28.9	29.4	-0.5	17
FT rate	26.5	27.1	-0.6	11
3PA rate	45.0	40.1	+4.9	8
3P%	39.2	35.5	+3.7	6
Paint pts	54.8	54.6	+0.2	9

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
B. Adebayo	10	34.2 +2.1	18.8 -1.5	54.7 -0.5	23.1 -1.7
P. Larsson	9	31.0 +5.3	14.9 +4.0	62.3 +2.1	19.5 +3.6
A. Wiggins	10	27.8 -3.0	13.1 -2.7	63.0 +5.0	17.7 -1.8
D. Mitchell	9	30.4 +2.1	11.4 +2.4	63.2 +5.8	15.6 +2.2
J. Jaquez	10	27.2 -1.2	18.6 +3.7	63.0 +7.0	24.8 +3.6
T. Herro	8	32.6 +1.7	17.8 -3.6	58.0 -2.8	22.1 -3.7
K. Ware	10	19.7 -2.8	10.9 -0.2	69.9 +9.4	17.1 -1.0
K. Jakucionis	8	18.0 +0.2	7.4 +1.4	69.1 +9.2	11.8 -1.5

Miami's last 10 were shootouts: the offense jumped to 123.5 (4th) while the defense collapsed to 123.9 (28th).

PERFORMANCE

Jaime Jaquez is the sixth-man engine: 18.6 ppg (14.9) on 63.0 TS%. Adebayo added passing (5.0 apg, 2.9).

WHAT CHANGED

Everyone shoots threes now (45.0% of FGA, 40.1) and eFG% rose to 59.0. The defense fell to 28th.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Timeout plays rose to 1.16 points per play (8th; 0.97), but out-of-bounds plays fell to 0.69 (25th).

GAME FLOW

First quarters went from +2.8 to -0.5. They start behind and need third-quarter runs (+3.8).

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Won the series 3-1 vs 🏠 CHA, but lost the last meeting 136-106.

HOW THEY LOSE

Losses are shootouts they can't match: opponents scored 136.0 on a 62.9 eFG%.

ROTATION

The bench is carrying it (49.8 ppg, 42.9). The most-used starting five went 1-4.

INJURIES

Powell missed 5 (groin soreness, then reconditioning) and Herro 2. Jovic (ankle sprain) was out Sunday.

TAKEAWAY

MIA wants a shootout; CHA plays the 2nd-slowest pace (94.3). MIA's 21.2 fast-break points (2nd) are how it wins the tempo fight Tuesday.



MILWAUKEE BUCKS

32-50 · East No. 11 · eliminated

3-7

LAST 10

-7.8

L10 NET · 23RD

-1.7

NET VS BEFORE

L1

STREAK

Offseason: head-coach search · 10th-worst record (32-50)

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/28 vs L 95-127

03/29 vs L 113-127

03/31 vs W 123-99

04/01 @ L 113-119

04/03 vs L 101-133

04/05 vs W 131-115

04/07 @ L 90-96

04/08 @ L 111-137

04/10 vs W 125-108

04/12 @ L 106-126

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	113.1	112.0	+1.1	20
Def. rating	120.8	118.0	+2.8	24
Net rating	-7.8	-6.0	-1.7	23
Pace	98.3	98.3	0.0	24
eFG%	57.9	56.4	+1.5	8
Opp. eFG%	57.6	55.7	+1.9	22
TOV / 100	17.3	14.3	+3.0	30
OREB%	28.3	25.7	+2.6	19
FT rate	20.4	22.9	-2.5	30
3PA rate	53.4	44.7	+8.7	1
3P%	39.5	38.7	+0.8	5
Paint pts	38.2	42.4	-4.2	30

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
A. Green	10	33.2 +4.7	16.2 +6.7	69.8 +8.7	16.4 +3.4
O. Dieng	10	32.2 +8.1	14.2 +4.7	46.1 -9.4	25.0 +7.0
J. Sims	10	28.9 +10.8	9.4 +5.2	66.8 -15.4	13.0 +4.5
T. Prince	9	29.5 +9.2	14.3 +7.8	65.5 +7.7	19.4 +6.9
C. Ryan	9	28.7 +22.6	16.7 +13.2	71.3 +29.2	19.8 -8.6
P. Nance	8	28.2 +15.1	8.9 +4.2	58.0 -8.5	13.3 -1.7
A. Jackson	9	16.8 +10.2	6.1 +4.6	47.4 +8.8	20.4 +5.8
R. Rollins	4	31.6 -0.5	20.8 +3.7	59.9 +1.7	28.2 +4.6

Without Giannis for all 10 games, Milwaukee became the most three-heavy team in the league and went 3-7. The season ended with Doc Rivers stepping down.

PERFORMANCE

AJ Green made the most of the minutes: 16.2 ppg (9.5) on 69.8 TS%. Cormac Ryan scored 16.7 on 71.3 TS%.

WHAT CHANGED

Most threes, fewest paint points and free throws, most turnovers. An offense with no inside game.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Average after timeouts (1.08) and at the end of quarters (0.79). Out-of-bounds plays lagged (0.69, 23rd), as they did all season.

GAME FLOW

Behind after each of the first three quarters (-2.1, -3.0, -4.2). The fourth (+1.4) was the only quarter they won.

HOW THEY LOSE

Opponents shot a 61.3 eFG% in the 7 losses; 0-6 vs .500+ teams.

NEWS

Rivers stepped down Monday. Giannis called his late-season benching "disrespectful" and is extension-eligible in October.

ROTATION

10 different starting fives in 10 games; Dieng started 9.

INJURIES

Giannis (left knee hyperextension, bone bruise), Porter Jr. (knee surgery) and Portis (wrist) missed all 10. MIL lost every game Kuzma or Turner missed.

TAKEAWAY

Green's shooting (69.8 TS%) is the carry-over. Giannis's October extension decision frames the coaching hire.



CHICAGO BULLS

31-51 · East No. 12 · eliminated

2-8

LAST 10

-10.9

L10 NET · 26TH

-6.3

NET VS BEFORE

L2

STREAK

Offseason: new front office · 9th-worst record (31-51)

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/27 @ L 113-131

03/28 @ L 124-125

03/30 @ L 114-129

04/01 vs L 126-145

04/03 @ L 96-136

04/05 vs L 110-120

04/07 @ W 129-98

04/09 @ W 119-108

04/10 vs L 103-127

04/12 @ L 128-149

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	108.7	112.6	-3.9	27
Def. rating	119.5	117.2	+2.3	22
Net rating	-10.9	-4.6	-6.3	26
Pace	106.5	102.8	+3.7	2
eFG%	52.6	55.0	-2.4	27
Opp. eFG%	56.6	55.2	+1.4	19
TOV / 100	14.9	14.0	+0.9	25
OREB%	29.5	27.6	+1.9	15
FT rate	28.4	24.3	+4.1	10
3PA rate	42.3	44.6	-2.3	14
3P%	29.7	36.2	-6.5	30
Paint pts	59.2	52.1	+7.1	4

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
C. Sexton	10	29.3 +5.4	19.6 +3.5	59.5 -2.6	24.5 -0.3
L. Miller	10	28.7 +8.9	15.4 +5.8	63.3 -1.4	18.4 +1.5
T. Jones	10	26.6 -0.4	20.0 +7.0	67.9 +5.2	23.9 +6.4
P. Williams	10	25.4 +5.7	7.8 +0.9	42.8 -8.0	16.5 +0.6
R. Dillingham	10	23.0 +2.3	11.3 +2.5	52.6 +3.7	21.9 +1.5
I. Okoro	7	27.4 +0.6	10.7 +1.6	63.4 +6.7	13.6 -0.2
M. Buzelis	6	29.9 +0.8	16.3 0.0	53.1 -6.1	24.2 +2.1
G. Yabusele	7	25.3 +0.9	9.7 -0.5	50.8 -7.9	16.1 +0.2

Chicago went 2-8, with both wins at Washington. The pace went up, the threes stopped falling (29.7%, last), and the front office is being rebuilt.

PERFORMANCE

Tre Jones took a bigger role: 20.0 ppg (13.0) on 67.9 TS% at a 23.9 USG% (17.5).

WHAT CHANGED

Faster (2nd in pace) and busier on defense (contests 1st), but 3P% fell to 29.7, last. Effort without shooting.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Best in the league at the end of quarters: 1.07 points per play (0.83 before). A real bright spot in a 2-8 stretch.

GAME FLOW

Second quarters collapsed: -6.7 (-1.4). That's where most games got away.

HOW THEY LOSE

Opponents scored 132.8 on a 59.0 eFG% in the 8 losses; 0-5 vs .500+.

NEWS

CHI fired Karnisovas and Eversley this month.

ROTATION

7 different starting fives. Leonard Miller (28.7 mpg, 15.4 ppg) got the development minutes.

INJURIES

Giddey missed 6 with a left hamstring strain (2-4) and Buzelis 4 (illness, ankle sprain). Nine players were out Sunday.

TAKEAWAY

The new front office's first read: Miller's jump (15.4 ppg) and Tre Jones's 67.9 TS% are the only gains from this stretch worth building on.

BROOKLYN NETS
20-62 · East No. 13 · eliminated

3-7
LAST 10

-13.6
L10 NET · 27TH

-4.0
NET VS BEFORE

L3
STREAK

Offseason: 3rd-worst record (20-62) · tied for the best lottery odds (14%)

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 @ L 106-109	03/27 @ L 99-116	03/29 vs W 116-99	03/31 vs L 86-117	04/03 vs L 107-141	04/05 vs W 121-115	04/07 vs W 96-90	04/09 vs L 94-123	04/10 @ L 108-125	04/12 @ L 101-136
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TEAM		LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating		104.8	108.8	-4.1	30
Def. rating		118.4	118.4	0.0	20
Net rating		-13.6	-9.6	-4.0	27
Pace		98.8	97.5	+1.3	22
eFG%		51.4	52.2	-0.8	29
Opp. eFG%		60.4	56.9	+3.5	28
TOV / 100		13.2	15.5	-2.3	16
OREB%		22.9	29.4	-6.5	30
FT rate		25.7	27.8	-2.1	14
3PA rate		42.6	45.9	-3.3	12
3P%		32.6	34.4	-1.8	29
Paint pts		46.4	43.9	+2.5	26
PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
D. Powell	9	28.5 +8.8	9.2 +3.2	47.1 -6.4	16.5 +2.7
B. Saraf	9	28.2 +9.3	12.1 +5.7	51.4 +4.1	22.8 +3.3
M. Smith	9	26.8 +7.2	9.7 +3.5	60.7 +0.8	14.3 +0.7
T. Etienne	8	26.0 +15.3	11.8 +5.9	54.1 -10.1	18.2 -3.8
J. Wilson	8	23.8 +9.3	10.9 +5.3	52.5 -1.4	23.7 +6.7
E. Liddell	8	23.0 +13.8	12.4 +9.7	66.7 +16.9	18.5 +4.5
T. Scott	6	30.4 new	8.0 new	45.6 new	14.1 new
N. Traore	7	23.1 +1.0	13.0 +4.7	52.3 +5.2	28.0 +7.7

Brooklyn gave its young guards and two-way players heavy minutes and finished with the worst offense in the league over the last 10 (104.8).

PERFORMANCE **Nolan Traore** got the keys: 13.0 ppg (8.3) at a 28.0 USG% (20.3).
EJ Liddell: 12.4 ppg (2.7).

WHAT CHANGED Rebounding collapsed (OREB% 22.9, last) and opponents shot a 60.4 eFG%.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION Last on out-of-bounds plays (0.56 points per play; 0.74 before), but 5th at the end of quarters (0.95).

GAME FLOW Young lineups faded late: fourth quarters fell to -7.1 (-0.9).

HOW THEY LOSE Opponents shot a 63.0 eFG% in the 7 losses; 0-4 vs .500+.

ROTATION Drake Powell started 8. Saraf (28.2 mpg) and Etienne got the biggest minute jumps.

INJURIES Porter Jr. (left hamstring strain) and Demin (left plantar fascia) missed all 10. Mann, Clowney and Claxton missed 5 or 6 each.

TAKEAWAY Traore's 28.0 usage was the audition. The lottery (tied for the best odds, 14%) decides what BKN builds around him.

INDIANA PACERS

19-63 · East No. 14 · eliminated

3-7
LAST 10

-1.7
L10 NET · 20TH

+7.0
NET VS BEFORE

L2
STREAK

Offseason: 2nd-worst record (19-63) · tied for the best lottery odds (14%)

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 vs  L 130-137 03/27 vs  L 113-114 03/29 vs  W 135-118 04/01 @  W 145-126 04/03 @  L 108-129 04/05 @  L 108-117 04/07 vs  L 104-124 04/09 @ W 123-94 04/10 vs L 94-105 04/12 vs L 121-133

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK	
Off. rating	114.1	109.6	+4.5	18	
Def. rating	115.8	118.3	-2.5	16	
Net rating	-1.7	-8.7	+7.0	20	
Pace	103.4	101.5	+1.9	6	
eFG%	57.4	52.8	+4.6	12	
Opp. eFG%	54.6	55.8	-1.2	13	
TOV / 100	14.8	13.3	+1.5	24	
OREB%	24.4	26.1	-1.7	29	
FT rate	21.4	26.0	-4.6	29	
3PA rate	45.0	41.9	+3.1	7	
3P%	38.5	35.3	+3.2	9	
Paint pts	49.6	45.7	+3.9	17	
PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
K. Brown	9	26.9 +3.3	10.9 +2.3	63.3 +0.9	15.9 +1.2
E. Thompson	8	29.5 +12.1	12.5 +7.4	56.1 +7.9	16.6 +5.5
J. Huff	10	22.5 +1.8	10.9 +1.5	62.7 +3.3	18.8 +1.6
Q. Jackson	10	21.9 +4.5	11.4 +2.8	57.1 -2.4	20.0 -1.9
M. Potter	10	21.6 +2.9	12.8 +3.9	71.1 +4.4	20.0 +4.1
O. Toppin	10	19.0 +2.3	15.3 +6.3	69.7 +12.1	26.1 +4.6
J. Slawson	8	22.8 -2.8	7.1 -0.5	58.7 +5.9	13.6 +0.5
K. Jones	7	21.9 +6.5	5.6 +1.5	42.4 -6.2	15.0 +0.4

Indiana finished 19-63 but played its best basketball late: a -1.7 net over the last 10, 7 points better than before, with a league-best 76.1 AST%.

PERFORMANCE **Obi Toppin** led the bench: 15.3 ppg (9.0) on 69.7 TS%. Potter: 12.8 / 7.0 on 71.1 TS%.

WHAT CHANGED Ball movement led the league (AST% 76.1) and eFG% rose to 57.4 (52.8).

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION Timeout plays rose to 1.13 points per play (10th; 0.93), but end-of-quarter possessions were last (0.53).

GAME FLOW Second and fourth quarters both improved by 3.7+ points, the stretches the bench plays.

HOW THEY LOSE Losses came from turnovers: 16.4 per 100 (11.1 in wins).

ROTATION The bench rose to 47.9 ppg (40.6), led by Toppin.

INJURIES Nesmith (neck strain) missed 8, Nembhard (back) 7 and Siakam (left ankle sprain) 5; IND went 1-4 without Siakam.

TAKEAWAY The league-best 76.1 AST% came without Haliburton (Achilles tear). Tied for the best lottery odds, the pick joins a group that already moves the ball.



WASHINGTON WIZARDS

17-65 · East No. 15 · eliminated

0-10

LAST 10

-17.4

L10 NET · 29TH

-6.3

NET VS BEFORE

L10

STREAK

Offseason: worst record (17-65) · tied for the best lottery odds (14%)

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/27 @  L 126-131

03/29 @  L 88-123

03/30 @  L 101-120

04/01 vs  L 131-153

04/04 @  L 136-152

04/05 @  L 115-121

04/07 vs  L 98-129

04/09 vs  L 108-119

04/10 vs  L 117-140

04/12 @  L 117-130

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	109.6	109.7	-0.1	26
Def. rating	127.0	120.8	+6.1	29
Net rating	-17.4	-11.1	-6.3	29
Pace	103.8	102.3	+1.5	5
eFG%	53.5	53.6	-0.1	24
Opp. eFG%	62.0	55.7	+6.3	30
TOV / 100	13.3	14.9	-1.6	19
OREB%	27.1	28.6	-1.5	23
FT rate	21.8	24.0	-2.2	27
3PA rate	38.1	40.6	-2.5	21
3P%	34.8	35.8	-1.0	21
Paint pts	51.4	47.1	+4.3	14

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
W. Riley	10	32.6 +12.2	18.2 +9.1	55.2 +0.6	22.5 +3.6
A. Gill	10	30.8 +16.5	12.3 +7.9	76.2 +12.1	11.7 -0.6
B. Carrington	10	27.9 +0.2	14.5 +4.3	58.8 +3.8	22.3 +5.5
J. Watkins	10	24.7 +5.1	11.3 +4.9	57.9 +3.5	17.7 +5.4
J. Reese	7	31.9 +2.2	11.7 -0.3	47.9 -20.4	17.3 +1.4
L. Black	8	27.1 -3.8	5.3 -3.8	36.9 -27.6	11.8 +1.7
J. Champagne	8	24.6 +5.2	11.5 +3.2	53.9 -6.0	18.8 +3.6
S. Cooper	10	19.2 +2.8	11.0 +3.8	68.9 +11.3	19.7 +1.3

WASHINGTON lost all 10 and allowed a 62.0 eFG%, the worst in the league over the stretch. The minutes went to rookies and two-way players.

PERFORMANCEWill Riley got real minutes and produced: 18.2 ppg (9.1) in 32.6 mpg (20.4).

WHAT CHANGEDDRtg 127.0 (120.8). Opp. eFG% and contests were both last.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTIONTimeouts still worked in an 0-10 stretch: 1.21 points per play (6th; 0.97).

GAME FLOWGames were over early: first quarters lost by 10.4 (-3.6).

ROTATION9 different starting fives. Gill went from 14.3 to 30.8 mpg.

INJURIESGeorge (left elbow sprain) missed all 10 and Sarr (left big toe) 9. Trade pickup Anthony Davis (finger sprain) never suited up.

TAKEAWAYTied for the best lottery odds after an 0-10 finish. Riley's 18.2 ppg jump and Davis, who never suited up, are next season's starting point.



OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER

64-18 · West No. 1 · clinched the top seed

7-3

LAST 10

+10.6

L10 NET · 8TH

-0.5

NET VS BEFORE

L2

STREAK

Round 1: hosts the West 8 seed (PHX, POR, LAC or GSW) · Sun 4/19, 3:30 PM ET

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 @  L 109-119

03/27 vs  W 131-113

03/29 vs  W 111-100

03/30 vs  W 114-110

04/02 vs  W 139-96

04/05 vs  W 146-111

04/07 @  W 123-87

04/08 @  W 128-110

04/10 @  L 107-127

04/12 vs  L 103-135

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	120.7	117.2	+3.5	6
Def. rating	110.1	106.1	+3.9	5
Net rating	10.6	11.0	-0.5	8
Pace	99.6	100.5	-0.9	17
eFG%	58.0	56.0	+2.0	7
Opp. eFG%	54.0	51.7	+2.3	10
TOV / 100	11.8	11.9	-0.1	7
OREB%	26.7	26.0	+0.7	25
FT rate	25.0	26.5	-1.5	17
3PA rate	44.0	42.4	+1.6	11
3P%	38.7	36.2	+2.5	8
Paint pts	47.4	49.5	-2.1	23

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
S. Gilgeous Alexander	8	31.9 -1.5	28.5 -3.0	65.6 -1.0	32.5 +0.4
L. Dort	10	21.5 -6.2	8.3 -0.1	66.0 +15.3	14.0 +0.2
A. Mitchell	8	23.9 -2.3	9.8 -4.4	54.9 -4.1	17.6 -4.4
C. Wallace	8	22.9 -4.1	9.3 +0.8	63.1 +10.3	14.9 +1.1
C. Holmgren	7	25.9 -3.4	16.0 -1.2	69.6 +4.7	21.9 +0.4
J. Williams	6	26.7 -2.0	15.0 -2.5	57.7 +2.0	22.5 -3.5
J. McCain	10	14.8 -4.8	6.7 -5.6	51.4 -10.5	23.1 +0.5
I. Hartenstein	7	19.9 -5.0	6.4 -3.3	62.6 -0.6	12.5 -3.2

OKC's defense came back to the pack over the last 10 (110.1, 5th, vs. a league-best 106.1 before), and it lost its last two with the core resting.

PERFORMANCEShai Gilgeous-Alexander: 28.5 ppg on 65.6 TS% in 8 games and 19 clutch points. Scoring title at 31.1.

WHAT CHANGEDThe defense came back to the pack (110.1, from 106.1). The offense held at 6th.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTIONDown after timeouts (0.92 points per play, 24th; 1.11) and on out-of-bounds plays (0.68, 26th; 0.80). It matches the fourth-quarter slide.

GAME FLOWStill dominant early (+4.9 in firsts), but fourths slid to +0.1 (+1.9).

HEAD-TO-HEAD4-0 vs  GSW, 3-0 vs  LAC, 3-1 vs  POR, 3-2 vs  PHX.

HOW THEY LOSEIn the 3 losses opponents shot 61.7 eFG% and OKC's OREB% fell to 21.6.

ROTATIONThe core five started 5 of 10 (4-1). The bench rose to 47.9 ppg (41.0); Joe shot 82.1 TS%.

INJURIESNothing structural: Jalen Williams missed 4 (hamstring management), Holmgren 3 (back spasms). SGA sat 2 for oblique management, both losses.

TAKEAWAYThe defense slipped to 5th, but none of the possible 8 seeds had a top-12 offense over the last 10 (POR 13th, PHX 15th, LAC 16th, GSW 19th).



SAN ANTONIO SPURS

62-20 · West No. 2

8-2

LAST 10

+13.3

L10 NET · 2ND

+5.7

NET VS BEFORE

L1

STREAK

Round 1: hosts the West 7 seed (PHX or POR) · Sun 4/19, 9:00 PM ET

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 @  W 123-98

03/28 @  W 127-95

03/30 vs  W 129-114

04/01 @  W 127-113

04/02 @  W 118-99

04/04 @  L 134-136

04/06 vs  W 115-102

04/08 vs  W 112-101

04/10 vs  W 139-120

04/12 vs  L 118-128

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	123.1	118.1	+5.0	5
Def. rating	109.8	110.5	-0.7	4
Net rating	13.3	7.6	+5.7	2
Pace	99.7	100.9	-1.1	15
eFG%	57.7	55.8	+1.9	9
Opp. eFG%	51.9	52.4	-0.5	4
TOV / 100	11.6	12.6	-1.0	6
OREB%	32.9	29.9	+3.0	8
FT rate	24.1	28.3	-4.2	21
3PA rate	40.8	42.4	-1.6	17
3P%	36.5	35.8	+0.7	14
Paint pts	59.0	51.2	+7.8	5

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
D. Vassell	10	29.9 -0.7	12.8 -1.3	56.8 -0.7	16.4 -1.3
J. Champagnie	10	26.8 -0.9	11.3 +0.2	58.9 -2.3	15.3 +0.9
D. Fox	9	28.9 -2.4	16.2 -2.7	55.4 -2.7	23.4 -0.9
S. Castle	8	32.0 +2.3	17.8 +1.3	62.0 +5.1	23.0 -1.5
K. Johnson	10	24.2 +1.0	14.8 +1.8	54.3 -8.2	23.7 +4.1
D. Harper	10	24.1 +1.8	13.3 +1.8	64.0 +7.7	20.3 -1.0
H. Barnes	10	21.9 -4.5	7.9 -2.3	65.5 +5.2	11.4 -3.0
V. Wembanyama	7	28.4 -0.8	30.7 +6.4	66.7 +4.7	34.7 +3.2

San Antonio had the league's 2nd-best net rating over the last 10 (+13.3), led by a Wembanyama surge: 30.7 ppg and 14.3 rpg in 7 games.

PERFORMANCE

Victor Wembanyama took over: 30.7 / 14.3 on 66.7 TS% (24.3 / 11.2 before).

WHAT CHANGED

More paint (59.0 points, 51.2) and more second chances (OREB% 32.9). Top 5 on both ends.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

2nd on out-of-bounds plays (0.96 points per play; 0.79), but 22nd after timeouts (0.92; 1.08).

GAME FLOW

They blow teams away early: +7.5 in first quarters (+3.6). One clutch game in 10.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

2-2 vs  PHX, 2-1 vs  POR.

HOW THEY LOSE

Both losses were to DEN (136-134, 128-118), the only team that outscored them.

ROTATION

The core five started 5 of 10 (4-1). Castle is the lead guard (9.5 apg); Fox was +117.

INJURIES

Wembanyama missed 3 (ankle management, then a rib contusion) and sat the finale with rib soreness; SAS went 2-1.

TAKEAWAY

The paint game (59.0, 5th) meets PHX (17th in paint points allowed) or POR (best defense of the stretch). Wembanyama's rib decides how much of it travels.



DENVER NUGGETS

54-28 · West No. 3 · clinched on the final day

10-0

LAST 10

+10.8

L10 NET · 7TH

+6.4

NET VS BEFORE

W12

STREAK

Round 1: hosts No. 6  MIN · Sat 4/18, 3:30 PM ET

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/24 @  W 125-123

03/25 vs  W 142-135

03/27 vs  W 135-129

03/29 vs  W 116-93

04/01 @  W 130-117

04/04 vs  W 136-134

04/06 vs  W 137-132

04/08 vs  W 136-119

04/10 vs  W 127-107

04/12 @  W 128-118

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	128.0	120.2	+7.8	1
Def. rating	117.2	115.9	+1.3	17
Net rating	10.8	4.3	+6.4	7
Pace	100.6	99.4	+1.3	13
eFG%	60.0	57.5	+2.5	1
Opp. eFG%	54.7	54.3	+0.4	16
TOV / 100	11.0	12.2	-1.2	2
OREB%	31.5	28.0	+3.5	11
FT rate	25.3	30.4	-5.1	16
3PA rate	41.8	40.6	+1.2	15
3P%	41.6	39.3	+2.3	2
Paint pts	52.4	49.2	+3.2	13

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
N. Jokic	9	35.3 +0.5	25.7 -2.3	62.8 -4.8	26.6 -2.6
J. Murray	8	38.6 +3.6	27.9 +2.8	68.8 +7.4	24.1 -3.1
C. Johnson	8	31.1 +0.7	14.4 +2.6	69.0 +7.2	14.9 +0.7
C. Braun	8	31.0 -1.0	13.0 +1.3	62.8 +2.6	14.6 +0.5
B. Brown	10	22.5 -2.1	9.6 +1.9	61.1 +5.7	17.1 +3.1
T. Hardaway	9	23.4 -3.6	11.2 -2.6	61.3 -1.2	16.0 -2.1
A. Gordon	6	29.9 +2.4	13.8 -2.8	58.1 -4.5	18.2 -4.6
J. Strawther	10	16.8 +2.1	9.6 +2.9	63.7 +5.9	17.9 +0.8

Denver went 10-0 with the league's best offense over the stretch (128.0) and won 12 straight to finish, but the defense stayed in the middle of the pack (117.2, 17th).

PERFORMANCE

Jamal Murray is playing at his peak: 27.9 ppg on 68.8 TS% (61.4) with a 53-point game.

WHAT CHANGED

Jokic passed more and shot less (11.7 apg; 26.6 USG%, 29.2), which opened Murray up.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Best in the league on out-of-bounds plays (1.11 points per play; 0.84) and 7th after timeouts (1.20). The set plays are a weapon.

GAME FLOW

They close: fourths jumped to +6.3 (+0.2) and 5-0 in clutch games. Jokic and Murray take the late shots.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Won the series 3-1 vs  MIN. MIN eliminated DEN last year.

RARITY

12 straight wins, tied for the 3rd-longest streak this season (OKC 16, DET 13).

ROTATION

The core five started 6 of 10 and won all 6. Bench scoring rose to 41.5 (34.9).

INJURIES

Watson (right hamstring strain) missed 6 and Gordon 4, and DEN won all of them. Murray, Gordon, Johnson and Braun sat Sunday.

TAKEAWAY

DEN won fourths by 6.3 and went 5-0 in clutch games; MIN lost both second-half quarters. MIN also allowed the 3rd-highest offensive rebound rate.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS

53-29 · West No. 4

7-3

LAST 10

+3.5

L10 NET · 11TH

+2.4

NET VS BEFORE

W3

STREAK

Round 1: hosts No. 5 🏠 HOU · Sat 4/18, 8:30 PM ET

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 @ 🏠
W 137-130

03/27 vs 🏠
W 116-99

03/30 vs 🏠
W 120-101

03/31 vs 🏠
W 127-113

04/02 @ 🏠
L 96-139

04/05 @ 🏠
L 128-134

04/07 vs 🏠
L 87-123

04/09 @ 🏠
W 119-103

04/10 vs 🏠
W 101-73

04/12 vs 🏠
W 131-107

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	116.5	117.0	-0.5	14
Def. rating	113.0	115.9	-2.9	10
Net rating	3.5	1.2	+2.4	11
Pace	99.3	99.2	+0.2	18
eFG%	59.0	57.1	+1.9	4
Opp. eFG%	54.4	55.8	-1.4	12
TOV / 100	14.2	13.8	+0.4	22
OREB%	27.6	28.5	-0.9	21
FT rate	35.5	31.9	+3.6	2
3PA rate	33.4	40.2	-6.8	27
3P%	38.1	35.8	+2.3	10
Paint pts	52.8	51.9	+0.9	11

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
J. LaRavia	10	28.7 +4.1	6.6 -1.8	57.6 +0.5	10.8 -3.4
L. James	9	31.2 -2.3	20.8 -0.2	60.3 +1.1	27.7 +1.6
L. Kennard	10	26.0 +4.3	10.2 +1.7	60.8 -8.6	14.6 +1.6
R. Hachimura	9	27.0 -1.5	13.7 +2.6	64.1 +2.4	18.3 +3.9
D. Ayton	9	24.5 -3.1	12.9 +0.5	68.9 +1.4	17.9 +2.1
A. Reaves	5	33.7 -0.9	20.8 -2.7	63.0 -1.3	25.4 -0.7
B. James	10	15.2 +8.2	5.6 +3.5	53.0 +2.4	17.1 +1.9
J. Hayes	6	24.8 +7.2	14.8 +8.0	81.8 +7.2	16.3 +4.4

The Lakers went 7-3 with Luka in only 4 games. LeBron became the primary creator, and the offense moved inside and to the line.

PERFORMANCE

LeBron James became the creator: 20.8 / 7.0 / 9.0 in 9 games and a team-best +96.

WHAT CHANGED

Fewer threes (27th), more free throws (2nd) and the most midrange in the league. A LeBron-shaped offense.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Timeout plays rose to 1.25 points per play (5th; 1.10). Out-of-bounds (0.71, 20th) and end of quarter (0.66, 24th) slipped.

GAME FLOW

Even across quarters, with seconds up to +2.4 (-0.7). They were 22-7 in clutch games before, the league's best.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Won the series 2-1 vs 🏠 HOU, both wins in March (100-92, 124-116).

HOW THEY LOSE

Losses were blowouts, 28 points on average; two came against OKC, by 43 and 36.

ROTATION

The full-strength five started only 3 of 10. The bench rose to 35.8 ppg (28.3), led by Hayes.

INJURIES

Luka missed 6 (5 with a Grade 2 left hamstring strain, 1 suspension) and targets the second round. Reaves (left oblique) is out 4-6 weeks.

TAKEAWAY

HOU's last-10 net is 12.4 points better (+15.9 vs +3.5). LAL's path is the one it knows: stay close and win late, where it was 22-7 before this stretch.

HOUSTON ROCKETS

52-30 · West No. 5

9-1

LAST 10

+15.9

L10 NET · 1ST

+11.9

NET VS BEFORE

W1

STREAK

Round 1: at No. 4 🏠 LAL · Sat 4/18, 8:30 PM ET

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/27 @ 🏠
W 119-109

03/29 @ 🏠
W 134-102

03/31 vs 🏠
W 111-94

04/01 vs 🏠
W 119-113

04/03 vs 🏠
W 140-106

04/05 @ 🏠
W 117-116

04/07 @ 🏠
W 119-105

04/09 vs 🏠
W 113-102

04/10 vs 🏠
L 132-136

04/12 vs 🏠
W 132-101

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	126.8	116.3	+10.5	2
Def. rating	110.9	112.4	-1.5	6
Net rating	15.9	3.9	+11.9	1
Pace	97.7	96.9	+0.8	27
eFG%	57.5	54.1	+3.4	11
Opp. eFG%	52.2	53.4	-1.2	5
TOV / 100	11.6	15.1	-3.5	4
OREB%	37.7	38.5	-0.8	2
FT rate	25.5	26.4	-0.9	15
3PA rate	38.3	34.6	+3.7	20
3P%	37.6	36.4	+1.2	12
Paint pts	57.6	52.5	+5.1	6

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
A. Thompson	9	38.2 +0.9	20.9 +3.0	65.0 +6.4	19.5 -0.1
K. Durant	9	35.2 -1.4	25.9 -0.1	66.9 +3.2	26.1 -0.3
J. Smith	9	34.5 -0.7	18.2 +2.7	57.8 +0.9	21.5 +4.0
A. Sengun	9	30.9 -2.7	19.2 -1.3	60.4 +3.9	23.7 -2.1
T. Eason	10	25.3 -0.6	11.8 +1.6	55.3 +4.7	18.1 -0.2
R. Sheppard	10	25.3 -1.0	14.0 +0.5	61.8 +6.1	20.0 -1.1
A. Holiday	10	16.0 +2.8	5.6 +0.2	68.7 +12.9	10.7 -6.1
J. Okogie	9	14.4 -3.3	3.2 -1.5	46.0 -9.3	10.7 -0.3

Houston had the league's best net rating over the last 10 (+15.9, up 12 points) because it stopped turning the ball over.

PERFORMANCE

Amen Thompson took a leap: 20.9 ppg on 65.0 TS% (58.6) with a 41-point game.

WHAT CHANGED

Turnovers fell to 11.6 per 100 (15.1), and the offense jumped to 2nd (126.8).

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Timeout plays fell back to average (1.03 points per play, 16th; 1.27 before). The jump came in the flow, not the huddle.

GAME FLOW

Second quarters are the separator (+8.1, +1.1). Clutch flipped to 3-1 (19-22), with Durant closing.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Lost the series 1-2 to 🏠 LAL; both losses came in March.

HOW THEY LOSE

One loss: 136-132 to MIN, when opponents shot a 65.7 eFG%.

ROTATION

Sheppard-Thompson-Durant-Smith-Sengun started 6 of 10 and won all 6. The bench stayed thin (28.9 ppg).

INJURIES

Only rest: Thompson, Durant, Smith and Sengun sat Sunday. Adams (ankle surgery) and VanVleet (ACL) were out.

TAKEAWAY

HOU was 19-22 in clutch games before this stretch; LAL was 22-7. Win the second quarter (+8.1) and the series never gets there.



MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES

49-33 · West No. 6

5-5

LAST 10

-0.9

L10 NET · 19TH

-4.3

NET VS BEFORE

W2

STREAK

Round 1: at No. 3 🏠 DEN · Sat 4/18, 3:30 PM ET

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 vs 🏠 W 110-108

03/28 vs 🏠 L 87-109

03/30 @ 🏠 W 124-94

04/02 @ 🏠 L 108-113

04/03 @ 🏠 L 103-115

04/05 vs 🏠 L 108-122

04/07 @ 🏠 W 124-104

04/08 @ 🏠 L 120-132

04/10 @ 🏠 W 136-132

04/12 vs 🏠 W 132-126

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	112.2	116.0	-3.8	23
Def. rating	113.1	112.6	+0.5	11
Net rating	-0.9	3.4	-4.3	19
Pace	101.4	101.5	-0.1	12
eFG%	53.9	56.2	-2.3	20
Opp. eFG%	53.3	53.0	+0.3	8
TOV / 100	13.1	13.9	-0.8	15
OREB%	29.0	30.2	-1.2	16
FT rate	24.7	29.5	-4.8	19
3PA rate	42.5	42.0	+0.5	13
3P%	36.1	37.4	-1.3	16
Paint pts	52.8	50.0	+2.8	12

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
D. DiVincenzo	10	27.3 -3.5	12.0 -0.2	52.8 -4.5	18.8 +2.7
J. Randle	7	33.7 +0.7	21.7 +0.7	56.5 -2.2	27.1 +1.3
N. Reid	8	26.5 +0.5	12.9 -0.8	45.7 -12.3	23.6 +2.7
R. Gobert	7	29.7 -1.8	10.0 -1.0	57.2 -10.2	14.4 +1.9
B. Hyland	8	25.0 +9.5	12.4 +4.4	54.3 -6.8	21.1 +2.6
A. Dosunmu	6	32.6 +4.9	17.8 +4.6	61.5 -0.6	21.2 +3.5
K. Anderson	9	21.6 +4.7	5.1 +1.0	49.4 -5.8	10.5 -0.6
T. Shannon	10	16.2 +4.8	10.6 +6.5	67.5 +12.7	18.0 +2.4

Minnesota went 5-5 with Anthony Edwards in 3 games. The offense fell to 112.2 (23rd), and the net rating dropped 4.3 points.

PERFORMANCE

Julius Randle carried the scoring (21.7 ppg in 7). Dosunmu stepped up: 17.8 ppg (13.2).

WHAT CHANGED

Without Edwards, the offense fell to 23rd and the free throws dried up (24.7 FT rate, 29.5).

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

29th on out-of-bounds plays (0.61 points per play), weak all season (0.67). Timeouts held at 1.11 (11th).

GAME FLOW

They fade after halftime: -2.6 in thirds and -0.6 in fourths (+0.8, +1.4).

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Lost the series 1-3 to 🏠 DEN, but won the last meeting 117-108 on 3/1.

HOW THEY LOSE

Losses were cold nights: a 49.5 eFG% (58.2 in wins) and 32.4% from three.

ROTATION

The bench jumped to 44.6 ppg (33.7) with Hyland and Shannon. Reid (45.7 TS%) slumped.

INJURIES

Edwards missed 7 with right knee patellofemoral pain (3-4); his knee decides the DEN series. McDaniels (left knee) also missed 7.

TAKEAWAY

DEN forces the fewest turnovers in the league (9.2 per 100), so MIN's 23rd-ranked offense gets clean looks. It needs Edwards's knee to finish them.



PHOENIX SUNS

45-37 · West No. 7 · play-in

5-5

LAST 10

+2.8

L10 NET · 13TH

+1.7

NET VS BEFORE

W1

STREAK

Play-in 7/8: hosts 🏠 POR · Tue 4/14, 10:00 PM ET · winner gets OKC

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/24 vs 🏠 L 123-125

03/28 vs 🏠 W 134-109

03/30 @ 🏠 W 131-105

03/31 @ 🏠 L 111-115

04/02 @ 🏠 L 107-127

04/05 @ 🏠 W 120-110

04/07 vs 🏠 L 105-119

04/08 vs 🏠 W 112-107

04/10 @ 🏠 L 73-101

04/12 @ 🏠 W 135-103

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	116.1	114.0	+2.1	15
Def. rating	113.3	112.9	+0.4	13
Net rating	2.8	1.1	+1.7	13
Pace	99.0	98.0	+1.0	21
eFG%	53.5	53.9	-0.4	23
Opp. eFG%	54.1	54.3	-0.2	11
TOV / 100	13.6	13.7	-0.1	20
OREB%	33.8	32.7	+1.1	6
FT rate	24.9	22.7	+2.2	18
3PA rate	44.9	45.5	-0.6	9
3P%	34.7	36.2	-1.5	23
Paint pts	47.4	42.6	+4.8	24

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
D. Booker	8	33.8 +0.3	29.8 +4.3	62.9 +5.1	30.9 +0.1
O. Ighodaro	10	24.0 +2.2	7.8 +1.5	67.0 +4.0	11.9 -0.1
C. Gillespie	9	25.5 -3.4	7.3 -6.0	39.9 -19.4	15.9 -2.4
R. O'Neale	9	22.9 -6.2	8.9 -1.0	68.4 +9.7	12.7 -1.4
J. Green	8	25.1 -1.0	18.3 +0.7	56.9 +6.9	28.3 -3.2
J. Goodwin	8	22.7 +0.3	8.5 -0.2	61.6 +10.0	13.9 -3.6
D. Brooks	6	28.6 -2.0	14.5 -6.4	46.2 -8.5	26.4 -2.3
R. Fleming	9	18.4 +7.4	6.3 +2.4	48.0 -5.1	15.3 -1.0

Phoenix split its last 10 as Devin Booker's scoring rose and the supporting shooters cooled off.

PERFORMANCE

Devin Booker is carrying more: 29.8 ppg (25.5) on 62.9 TS% and 16 clutch points.

WHAT CHANGED

The support slumped: Brooks 14.5 ppg (20.9), Gillespie 7.3 (13.3), Allen 12.1 (17.2).

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

2nd at the end of quarters (1.03 points per play; 0.83) and 7th out of bounds (0.83). After timeouts: 0.90, 25th.

GAME FLOW

Fast starts (+5.8 in firsts, +0.7 before), then second quarters give it back (-2.9).

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Won the series 2-1 vs 🏠 POR; lost 92-77 on 2/22. 2-3 vs 🏠 OKC.

HOW THEY LOSE

Losses came with turnovers (15.6 per 100, 11.6 in wins) and a 48.3 eFG%.

ROTATION

6 different starting fives. Green (18.3 ppg) steadied; the bench rose to 38.7 ppg (34.2).

INJURIES

Brooks missed 4 with a broken left hand (3-1). Booker, Allen and Green all sat Sunday.

TAKEAWAY

POR forces a league-best 16.1 turnovers per 100, and PHX's losses came with 15.6. Booker's handle vs the best defense of the stretch decides Tuesday.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS

42-40 · West No. 8 · play-in

7-3

LAST 10

+13.0

L10 NET · 3RD

+15.2

NET VS BEFORE

W2

STREAK

Play-in 7/8: at 🏠 PHX · Tue 4/14, 10:00 PM ET · winner gets OKC

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/23 vs 🏠
W 134-99

03/25 vs 🏠
W 130-99

03/27 vs 🏠
L 93-100

03/29 vs 🏠
W 123-88

03/31 @ 🏠
W 114-104

04/02 vs 🏠
W 118-106

04/06 @ 🏠
L 132-137

04/08 @ 🏠
L 101-112

04/10 vs 🏠
W 116-97

04/12 vs 🏠
W 122-110

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	117.7	112.5	+5.2	13
Def. rating	104.7	114.7	-10.0	1
Net rating	13.0	-2.2	+15.2	3
Pace	99.6	101.9	-2.3	16
eFG%	56.2	53.0	+3.2	14
Opp. eFG%	50.6	54.6	-4.0	1
TOV / 100	16.1	16.1	0.0	28
OREB%	37.3	34.9	+2.4	3
FT rate	30.9	28.1	+2.8	4
3PA rate	47.4	46.8	+0.6	4
3P%	37.2	33.8	+3.4	13
Paint pts	47.6	48.4	-0.8	22

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
T. Camara	10	33.3 0.0	18.4 +5.7	68.6 +12.6	18.1 +2.4
D. Avdija	10	32.8 -0.6	24.5 +0.3	61.0 +1.2	29.6 +1.7
J. Holiday	10	31.4 +2.4	17.9 +1.9	58.0 +0.9	23.1 +0.5
S. Henderson	10	27.6 +4.0	15.7 +2.2	57.3 +3.1	23.1 -2.6
D. Clingan	10	26.3 -1.0	10.1 -2.3	55.7 -5.3	15.9 -0.5
K. Murray	10	23.1 -0.4	6.2 +0.5	67.6 +14.9	9.2 -1.0
M. Thybulle	10	21.4 +8.1	8.1 +3.4	65.6 +9.8	15.2 +0.9
R. Williams	9	17.4 +0.4	6.1 -0.7	65.2 -8.2	13.1 +0.4

Portland had the league's best defense over the last 10 (104.7, 10 points better than before) and a +13.0 net rating, 3rd in the NBA.

PERFORMANCE

Toumani Camara broke out: 18.4 ppg (12.7) on 68.6 TS% (56.0). Avdija: 24.5 / 6.4 / 6.3.

WHAT CHANGED

Best defense in the league (104.7, from 114.7) and the biggest net swing (+15.2).

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Best in the league after timeouts: 1.49 points per play (1.01 before). End of quarter is the opposite: 0.57, 28th.

GAME FLOW

Won every quarter, led by the second (+6.2). Close games are rare and shaky (1-2).

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Lost the series 1-2 to 🏠 PHX; the win was 92-77 on 2/22. 1-3 vs 🏠 OKC.

HOW THEY LOSE

Losses came with turnovers: 17.7 per 100 (15.5 in wins).

ROTATION

A new starting five (Holiday, Henderson, Camara, Avdija, Clingan) went 5-2. Murray (+134) leads the bench.

INJURIES

Sharpe (left fibula stress reaction) and Grant (calf strain) missed 8 each; POR went 5-3 and 6-2. Lillard (Achilles) was out.

TAKEAWAY

POR's own turnovers (16.1 per 100, 28th) are the risk Tuesday. In a close finish, its timeout plays (1.49, 1st) are the weapon.

LA CLIPPERS

42-40 · West No. 9 · play-in

6-4

LAST 10

+2.1

L10 NET · 15TH

+1.1

NET VS BEFORE

W1

STREAK

Play-in 9/10: hosts 🏠 GSW · Wed 4/15, 10:00 PM ET · loser is out

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 vs 🏠
W 119-94

03/27 @ 🏠
W 114-113

03/29 @ 🏠
W 127-113

03/31 vs 🏠
L 104-114

04/02 vs 🏠
L 99-118

04/05 @ 🏠
W 138-109

04/07 vs 🏠
W 116-103

04/08 vs 🏠
L 110-128

04/10 @ 🏠
L 97-116

04/12 vs 🏠
W 115-110

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	116.0	116.5	-0.5	16
Def. rating	113.8	115.5	-1.7	15
Net rating	2.1	1.0	+1.1	15
Pace	98.3	97.1	+1.2	23
eFG%	55.7	56.0	-0.3	16
Opp. eFG%	54.6	54.6	0.0	14
TOV / 100	13.0	13.9	-0.9	13
OREB%	27.0	28.4	-1.4	24
FT rate	26.0	30.4	-4.4	12
3PA rate	40.0	40.5	-0.5	19
3P%	37.8	36.2	+1.6	11
Paint pts	49.0	49.4	-0.4	19

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
K. Leonard	9	31.3 -0.9	25.1 -3.2	61.1 -2.1	30.5 -2.6
D. Garland	9	30.8 +3.3	18.9 -1.9	55.7 -8.8	28.5 -0.5
B. Lopez	10	27.7 +6.8	12.4 +4.6	57.7 +3.1	18.0 +0.7
D. Jones	10	25.0 -2.5	6.2 -4.9	48.8 -13.2	11.8 -3.4
B. Mathurin	10	24.8 -5.3	13.4 -6.5	57.2 +1.5	22.9 -5.0
K. Dunn	10	24.7 -2.8	4.5 -3.2	50.3 -8.6	10.0 -2.4
J. Collins	10	24.7 -2.8	12.6 -1.1	61.3 -3.5	19.5 +0.6
J. Miller	9	24.3 +2.6	11.1 +1.3	66.6 +4.5	16.6 -0.9

The Clippers went 6-4 after midseason trades sent out Harden and Zubac and brought in Garland and Mathurin. The net rating barely moved (+2.1).

PERFORMANCE

Kawhi Leonard: 25.1 ppg in 9 games (28.3 before); career-best 27.9 for the season.

WHAT CHANGED

Brook Lopez became the starting big: 27.7 mpg (20.9), 6.7 rpg (3.2) in 10 starts.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

5th on out-of-bounds plays (0.85 points per play), but timeout plays fell to 1.00 (19th; 1.11).

GAME FLOW

They trail at the half and win the third: +6.1 (+0.2). Third quarters are the run.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Won the series 3-1 vs 🏠 GSW, including 115-110 Sunday with Kawhi resting.

HOW THEY LOSE

Losses came when the threes stopped: 32.0% (41.6 in wins).

ROTATION

The new-look five started 5 of 10 (3-2). Mathurin off the bench pushed bench scoring to 44.1 (35.2).

INJURIES

Healthy: Kawhi (left ankle sprain) sat only Sunday. Beal (hip fracture) was out.

TAKEAWAY

GSW let opponents make 41.3% from three (28th), and LAC's losses came when its threes stopped (32.0%). The shots should be there Wednesday.



GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS

37-45 · West No. 10 · play-in

3-7

LAST 10

-6.4

L10 NET · 21ST

-6.8

NET VS BEFORE

L3

STREAK

Play-in 9/10: at  LAC · Wed 4/15, 10:00 PM ET · loser is out

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 vs  W 109-106

03/27 vs  W 131-126

03/29 @  L 93-116

04/01 vs  L 113-127

04/02 vs  L 111-118

04/05 vs  L 116-117

04/07 vs  W 110-105

04/09 vs  L 103-119

04/10 @  L 118-124

04/12 @  L 110-115

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	113.6	113.9	-0.3	19
Def. rating	120.0	113.6	+6.5	23
Net rating	-6.4	0.3	-6.8	21
Pace	97.9	100.4	-2.5	25
eFG%	55.5	55.0	+0.5	17
Opp. eFG%	59.4	54.9	+4.5	25
TOV / 100	15.0	14.8	+0.2	26
OREB%	28.6	30.3	-1.7	18
FT rate	28.5	23.6	+4.9	9
3PA rate	45.0	50.3	-5.3	6
3P%	35.4	35.4	0.0	18
Paint pts	46.0	44.8	+1.2	27

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
B. Podziemski	10	29.6 +1.3	20.1 +7.2	69.3 +13.0	24.0 +5.2
D. Green	9	28.7 +1.4	7.2 -1.4	59.5 +6.2	12.9 -3.5
P. Spencer	10	24.2 +6.6	9.2 +2.3	49.5 -2.7	18.9 +1.7
G. Santos	7	29.6 +10.1	17.3 +9.0	63.3 +2.9	23.5 +7.4
D. Melton	8	24.0 +1.2	8.6 -4.4	48.2 -4.1	18.9 -6.4
G. Payton	9	21.0 +6.1	10.8 +3.8	72.0 +10.4	16.5 +0.1
K. Porzingis	7	26.4 +5.0	16.6 +0.8	59.5 +4.5	25.1 -3.9
L. Cryer	6	20.3 +6.1	8.2 -0.1	46.2 -22.3	20.2 +0.9

Golden State went 3-7 with Steph Curry in 4 games. The defense fell apart (120.0 DRTg, 6.4 points worse) even as Brandin Podziemski broke out.

PERFORMANCE

Brandin Podziemski broke out: 20.1 ppg (12.9) on 69.3 TS%. Santos: 17.3 ppg (8.3).

WHAT CHANGED

The defense fell apart (120.0, from 113.6), and they shot fewer threes (45.0%, 50.3).

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Execution wasn't the problem: 3rd after timeouts (1.32 points per play; 1.03) and 7th at the end of quarters.

GAME FLOW

Behind in every quarter, with 7 clutch games in 10 (3-4). Close games they can't close.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Lost the series 1-3 to  LAC; the win was 98-79 in October.

HOW THEY LOSE

Opponents shot a 60.4 eFG% in the 7 losses; 0-6 vs .500+.

ROTATION

The most-used five started 4 and went 1-3.

INJURIES

Butler (ACL surgery) and Moody (left patellar tendon rupture) missed all 10. Curry missed 6 with right knee pain (2-4 without him).

TAKEAWAY

Loser-out games tend to be close, and GSW played 7 clutch games in 10. Its timeout plays (1.32, 3rd) are the edge in the final minutes.



NEW ORLEANS PELICANS

26-56 · West No. 11 · eliminated

1-9

LAST 10

-10.1

L10 NET · 24TH

-6.3

NET VS BEFORE

L2

STREAK

Offseason: tied for the 7th-worst record (26-56)

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/24 @  L 116-121

03/26 @  L 108-129

03/27 @  L 106-119

03/29 vs  L 102-134

04/02 @  L 106-118

04/03 @  L 113-117

04/05 vs  L 108-112

04/07 vs  W 156-137

04/10 @  L 118-144

04/12 @  L 126-132

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	112.2	113.3	-1.1	22
Def. rating	122.3	117.1	+5.2	25
Net rating	-10.1	-3.7	-6.3	24
Pace	103.3	101.1	+2.2	8
eFG%	51.8	52.9	-1.1	28
Opp. eFG%	57.8	55.3	+2.5	23
TOV / 100	12.6	13.3	-0.7	11
OREB%	28.3	31.2	-2.9	20
FT rate	28.7	28.6	+0.1	7
3PA rate	31.9	36.2	-4.3	29
3P%	34.2	34.6	-0.4	26
Paint pts	60.6	57.3	+3.3	3

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
J. Fears	10	32.0 +7.1	23.6 +10.6	57.6 +6.3	27.7 +3.8
D. Queen	10	27.7 +3.1	13.6 +2.2	49.5 -6.1	22.5 +1.6
S. Bey	7	31.8 +0.7	19.9 +2.5	59.2 +1.4	23.7 +2.9
M. Peavy	9	23.0 +9.4	6.4 +2.5	54.3 +10.8	13.5 -2.4
Z. Williamson	7	29.5 -0.2	18.3 -3.0	67.4 +3.4	22.2 -2.9
J. Hawkins	8	21.9 +9.9	11.9 +8.1	60.1 +17.2	18.8 -0.3
H. Jones	7	24.2 -4.8	7.6 -1.4	49.3 +0.2	16.5 +1.1
Y. Missi	7	23.2 +4.0	7.0 +1.4	56.3 +0.8	12.6 +0.6

New Orleans went 1-9, but Jeremiah Fears had the biggest scoring jump in the league over the stretch: 23.6 ppg, up from 13.0.

PERFORMANCE

Jeremiah Fears had the league's biggest scoring jump: 23.6 ppg (13.0) with a 40-point high.

WHAT CHANGED

Fewer threes (29th), more transition (20.0 fast-break points, 5th).

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

End-of-quarter possessions fell to 0.71 points per play (0.91 before); out-of-bounds plays were 27th (0.68).

GAME FLOW

Down 5.0 in first quarters and 0-5 in clutch games. They caught up but couldn't close.

HOW THEY LOSE

Opponents shot a 58.0 eFG% in the 9 losses; 0-8 vs .500+.

RARITY

Queen's 30-22 on Sunday was the only 30/20 game by a rookie this season.

ROTATION

Hawkins got real minutes: 11.9 ppg (3.8).

INJURIES

Murphy missed 7 with a right ankle sprain (1-6). Poole sat 6 with no injury listing, and NOP lost all 6.

TAKEAWAY

Fears (23.6 ppg) and Queen are the core the lottery pick joins (7th-worst record).

DALLAS MAVERICKS

26-56 · West No. 12 · eliminated

3-7

LAST 10

-6.6

L10 NET · 22ND

-1.6

NET VS BEFORE

W1

STREAK

Offseason: GM search · 7th-best lottery odds

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 @
L 135-142

03/27 @
W 100-93

03/30 vs
L 94-124

03/31 @
L 99-123

04/03 vs
L 127-138

04/05 vs
W 134-128

04/07 @
L 103-116

04/08 @
L 107-112

04/10 @
L 120-139

04/12 vs
W 149-128

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	112.0	110.1	+2.0	24
Def. rating	118.6	115.1	+3.5	21
Net rating	-6.6	-5.0	-1.6	22
Pace	104.6	102.4	+2.2	3
eFG%	50.1	53.1	-3.0	30
Opp. eFG%	56.9	54.5	+2.4	21
TOV / 100	10.6	13.9	-3.3	1
OREB%	26.3	27.9	-1.6	26
FT rate	31.2	28.7	+2.5	3
3PA rate	38.0	35.1	+2.9	22
3P%	32.9	34.1	-1.2	27
Paint pts	47.8	53.5	-5.7	20

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
C. Flagg	10	31.6 -2.2	25.6 +5.3	54.8 0.0	31.8 +6.2
M. Christie	10	27.1 -2.4	10.0 -2.6	54.6 -6.2	15.7 -0.5
R. Nembhard	9	23.9 +5.2	8.0 +1.6	46.9 -2.8	16.7 -1.1
J. Poulakidas	9	21.6 +6.9	10.3 +4.8	61.1 0.0	16.0 +1.1
D. Powell	10	19.1 +5.6	4.2 +1.0	67.7 -2.7	9.1 +1.9
K. Middleton	9	17.9 -4.7	7.1 -4.2	49.8 -5.0	20.4 -1.0
T. Smith	9	16.5 +10.8	5.9 +4.9	57.9 +36.1	13.0 -8.4
B. Williams	6	23.8 +1.8	15.0 +2.2	60.2 +3.3	23.4 -0.7

Dallas went 3-7 while Cooper Flagg took over the offense: 25.6 ppg at a 31.8 USG% over the last 10, including a 51-point game.

PERFORMANCE

Cooper Flagg took over: 25.6 ppg (20.3) at a 31.8 USG% (25.6).

WHAT CHANGED

Best ball security in the league (10.6 turnovers per 100), worst shooting (50.1 eFG%).

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

3rd on out-of-bounds plays (0.91 points per play; 0.74), but timeout plays fell to 0.92 (23rd; 1.03).

GAME FLOW

Behind in every quarter, but 2-2 in clutch games after 15-25 before.

HOW THEY LOSE

Losses were shooting collapses: 47.0 eFG% and 30.2% from three.

NEWS

DAL is searching for a GM.

ROTATION

7 different starting fives. The bench scored 51.7 ppg (42.1).

INJURIES

Flagg sprained his left ankle Sunday. Washington missed 7 with a left elbow sprain (1-6); Irving and Lively were out after surgery.

TAKEAWAY

The GM search inherits Flagg at a 31.8 usage and 7th-best lottery odds. His ankle sprain Sunday is the first offseason check.

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES

25-57 · West No. 13 · eliminated

1-9

LAST 10

-19.5

L10 NET · 30TH

-15.4

NET VS BEFORE

L8

STREAK

Offseason: 6th-worst record (25-57)

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/27 vs
L 109-119

03/28 vs
W 125-124

03/30 vs
L 105-131

04/01 vs
L 119-130

04/03 vs
L 96-128

04/05 @
L 115-131

04/06 vs
L 126-142

04/08 @
L 119-136

04/10 @
L 101-147

04/12 @
L 101-132

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	108.7	113.1	-4.4	28
Def. rating	128.1	117.2	+11.0	30
Net rating	-19.5	-4.1	-15.4	30
Pace	103.3	101.5	+1.8	7
eFG%	53.0	53.5	-0.5	26
Opp. eFG%	60.6	55.7	+4.9	29
TOV / 100	14.0	14.3	-0.3	21
OREB%	24.7	30.6	-5.9	28
FT rate	21.7	25.9	-4.2	28
3PA rate	47.9	43.1	+4.8	3
3P%	34.6	35.4	-0.8	24
Paint pts	47.6	48.8	-1.2	21

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
A. Bal	8	30.2 new	10.4 new	57.3 new	13.4 new
J. Mashack	7	32.0 +13.3	10.4 +5.4	47.5 +2.9	19.2 +4.5
L. Williamson	7	32.0 new	10.4 new	46.5 new	15.2 new
T. Okani	6	36.2 new	10.0 new	40.8 new	13.9 new
D. Whitehead	6	30.5 new	16.3 new	51.0 new	23.2 new
W. Clayton	7	25.3 +0.5	11.4 +2.5	58.4 +11.6	20.5 +0.6
R. Rupert	5	35.2 +6.2	17.6 +7.9	51.9 -2.2	20.6 +6.0
C. Coward	7	24.1 -1.9	15.7 +2.4	62.4 +4.5	23.8 +3.4

Memphis went 1-9 with the league's worst net rating over the stretch (-19.5), 15.4 points worse than before. Four of its top six in minutes had not played for Memphis earlier this season.

PERFORMANCE

GG Jackson took on more: 16.5 ppg (12.0) at a 28.6 USG%. Coward: 15.7 ppg, 62.4 TS%.

WHAT CHANGED

The defense collapsed: 128.1 DRtg (117.2), bottom two.

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

3rd at the end of quarters (1.02 points per play; 0.76), but 27th after timeouts (0.86; 1.06).

GAME FLOW

Games got away late: fourth quarters lost by 8.0 (-1.6).

HOW THEY LOSE

Opponents shot a 61.1 eFG% in the 9 losses; 0-7 vs .500+.

ROTATION

10 different starting fives in 10 games; the bench fell to 37.9 ppg (47.2).

INJURIES

Morant (left elbow UCL sprain), Aldama (knee surgery) and Wells (toe fracture) missed all 10. 14 players were listed out Sunday.

TAKEAWAY

Morant (elbow), Aldama and Wells missed all 10, so this stretch says little about next season. Coward's 62.4 TS% is the one trend that carries.



SACRAMENTO KINGS

22-60 · West No. 14 · eliminated

3-7

LAST 10

-10.7

L10 NET · 25TH

-1.1

NET VS BEFORE

L1

STREAK

Offseason: tied for the 4th-worst record (22-60)

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/24 @  L 90-134

03/26 @  L 117-121

03/28 @  L 113-123

03/29 @  L 99-116

04/01 @  W 123-115

04/03 vs  W 117-113

04/05 vs  L 109-138

04/07 @  L 105-110

04/10 vs  W 124-118

04/12 @  L 110-122

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	113.0	110.3	+2.7	21
Def. rating	123.7	119.9	+3.8	27
Net rating	-10.7	-9.6	-1.1	25
Pace	97.9	100.4	-2.5	26
eFG%	53.7	52.4	+1.3	21
Opp. eFG%	59.4	56.9	+2.5	26
TOV / 100	14.7	13.5	+1.2	23
OREB%	34.1	29.1	+5.0	5
FT rate	24.6	26.0	-1.4	20
3PA rate	36.1	33.7	+2.4	25
3P%	34.6	34.0	+0.6	25
Paint pts	53.6	50.2	+3.4	10

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
M. Raynaud	10	31.8 +6.1	16.3 +4.4	64.3 +2.9	19.4 +2.3
D. Plowden	10	29.9 +5.1	14.3 +5.2	62.5 +8.5	16.9 +2.5
D. Carter	10	28.6 +13.8	14.0 +6.9	53.3 +4.0	22.1 +2.5
N. Clifford	8	35.2 +11.3	15.8 +8.1	54.6 +5.0	21.0 +6.3
P. Achiuwa	9	29.5 +6.4	15.4 +6.1	53.2 -3.3	23.2 +6.8
D. Cardwell	10	20.8 +0.3	5.9 +0.6	59.8 +1.0	11.8 +1.3
D. McDermott	9	19.1 +5.7	6.9 +1.8	52.5 -8.3	14.6 -0.4
D. DeRozan	6	27.7 -3.8	18.8 +0.4	57.5 -2.1	26.3 +4.5

Sacramento went 3-7 with LaVine, Sabonis and Keegan Murray out for all 10. The young players got the minutes, and several produced.

PERFORMANCE

Maxime Raynaud produced: 16.3 / 8.9 (11.9 / 7.3) on 64.3 TS%. Clifford: 15.8 ppg (7.7).

WHAT CHANGED

Less midrange (7.0% of points, 11.3) and more offensive rebounds (OREB% 5th).

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

Out-of-bounds plays rose to 0.79 points per play (0.69) and timeouts held at 1.15 (9th). End of quarter: 0.67, 23rd.

GAME FLOW

Second quarters sank them (-6.9), but they closed better: 3-2 in clutch games.

HOW THEY LOSE

Opponents shot a 60.1 eFG% in the 7 losses.

ROTATION

A new young five (Carter, Clifford, Plowden, Achiuwa, Raynaud) started 4 of 10.

INJURIES

LaVine (finger tendon repair), Keegan Murray (ankle sprain) and Westbrook (toe) missed all 10; Sabonis (meniscus repair) is out too.

TAKEAWAY

Raynaud (64.3 TS%) earned a starting look, with Sabonis coming off meniscus repair. Tied for the 4th-worst record for the lottery.



UTAH JAZZ

22-60 · West No. 15 · eliminated

1-9

LAST 10

-14.3

L10 NET · 28TH

-7.0

NET VS BEFORE

L1

STREAK

Offseason: tied for the 4th-worst record (22-60)

Last 10 games through Apr 12 vs. the rest of the season

03/25 vs  L 110-133

03/27 @  L 129-135

03/28 @  L 109-134

03/30 vs  L 113-122

04/01 vs  L 117-130

04/03 @  L 106-140

04/05 @  L 111-146

04/07 @  L 137-156

04/10 vs  W 147-101

04/12 @  L 107-131

TEAM	LAST 10	BEFORE	CHANGE	NBA RK
Off. rating	108.5	113.3	-4.8	29
Def. rating	122.8	120.6	+2.2	26
Net rating	-14.3	-7.3	-7.0	28
Pace	108.8	102.8	+6.0	1
eFG%	53.6	53.8	-0.2	22
Opp. eFG%	59.6	57.7	+1.9	27
TOV / 100	13.0	14.6	-1.6	14
OREB%	26.3	30.1	-3.8	27
FT rate	22.1	28.8	-6.7	22
3PA rate	32.8	41.4	-8.6	28
3P%	32.8	34.8	-2.0	28
Paint pts	64.0	51.2	+12.8	1

PLAYER	GP	MPG	PPG	TS%	USG%
C. Williams	10	35.2 +12.8	16.5 +9.1	49.1 -4.7	21.5 +7.7
J. Konchar	10	30.7 +7.4	8.4 +4.1	57.8 +7.7	10.0 +1.0
B. Mbeng	9	32.7 -0.3	10.6 +6.1	57.7 +10.6	11.2 +3.5
K. Chandler	9	32.1 -1.2	14.8 -1.2	51.9 -5.6	19.5 +2.8
A. Bailey	9	31.5 +4.4	16.4 +3.0	47.6 -6.9	24.8 +5.1
B. Sensabaugh	8	29.2 +6.4	21.5 +7.4	63.7 +5.5	28.5 +5.0
O. Tshiebwe	10	20.8 +6.7	11.4 +5.7	61.8 -3.4	19.5 +7.2
K. Filipowski	7	27.8 +4.9	20.3 +9.8	61.0 +2.9	25.2 +5.7

Utah went 1-9 without Markkanen, Collier, Kessler or Jaren Jackson Jr., and played the fastest, most paint-heavy basketball in the league.

PERFORMANCE

Kyle Filipowski broke out: 20.3 / 9.4 in 7 starts. Sensabaugh: 21.5 ppg (14.1).

WHAT CHANGED

Fastest and most paint-heavy team in the league; only 32.8% of shots from three (41.4).

SITUATIONAL EXECUTION

29th after timeouts (0.80 points per play; 1.02) and 28th out of bounds (0.63; 0.82). The young lineups struggled with set plays.

GAME FLOW

Games were over early: first quarters lost by 7.9 (-2.3).

HOW THEY LOSE

Opponents shot a 61.4 eFG% in the 9 losses; 0-7 vs .500+.

ROTATION

8 different starting fives. Cody Williams played 35.2 mpg (22.4) on 49.1 TS%.

INJURIES

Markkanen (hip), George and Collier (hamstrings) and Nurkic (nose) missed all 10. Jackson Jr. and Kessler were out too.

TAKEAWAY

Filipowski's 20.3 / 9.4 in 7 starts is the case for building the frontcourt around him. Tied for the 4th-worst record for the lottery.