



HOUSTON ROCKETS GAME NOTES

REGULAR SEASON GAME #4 • HOME GAME #2
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES (2-0) vs. HOUSTON ROCKETS (3-0)
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Forward	Trevor Ariza	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	TPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
#1	6-8 / 215	33.6	6.0	4.0	2.7	2.00	0.33	0.7	.273	.200	1.000

Last Game	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	30:40	3-7	1-5	1-1	0	4	4	1	0	4	1	1	34

Notes/Career Highlights

Had 4 steals vs. Dallas on 10/21 and is averaging 2.00 spg overall this season... ranked sixth in the NBA with 1.84 spg last season and has the fourth-most steals of any player dating back to 2008-09... Rockets were 21-4 when he scored 15+ points last season.

Forward	Ryan Anderson	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	TPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
#33	6-10/240	27.3	8.7	7.7	0.7	0.33	0.33	0.0	.348	.316	1.000

Last Game	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	23:04	1-4	1-4	0-0	1	9	10	1	0	0	0	0	19

Notes/Career Highlights

Had 10 rebounds vs. Dallas on 10/21 marking his second game with 8+ boards this season... grabbed 8+ rebounds seven times in 72 games played in 2016-17... does not have a turnover in 82 minutes of play this season... had 55 turnovers in 72 GP in 2016-17.

Center	Clint Capela	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	TPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
#15	6-10 / 240	22.5	15.7	10.3	1.0	1.33	0.67	1.3	.700	--	.833

Last Game	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	20:59	5-8	0-0	3-3	3	7	10	2	4	0	0	0	13

Notes/Career Highlights

Has two double-doubles in the three games this season... did not record his second double-double until Game #9 in 2016-17... shooting 5-of-6 from the line this season... shot 53.1% from the line last season after shooting 37.9% in 2015-16 and 17.4% in 2014-15

Guard	Eric Gordon	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	TPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
#10	6-4 / 215	29.5	22.3	2.0	2.0	0.33	0.67	2.0	.420	.200	.833

Last Game	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	24:21	5-11	1-6	7-8	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	11

Notes/Career Highlights

Has attempted 8 free throws in all three games this season, tying his longest single season streak since a 4-game span from 11/22-11/28/10... had 8 FTA once in 2016-17... shooting 5-of-25 from 3-point range; averaged 4.6 3FGM on 48.9% shooting in preseason.

Guard	James Harden	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	TPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
#13	6-5/220	35.0	27.7	4.0	9.0	1.67	0.00	3.3	.444	.389	.813

Last Game	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	30:45	10-19	6-13	3-4	0	3	3	7	5	2	5	0	31

Notes/Career Highlights

Dating back to 1983-84, is the fourth player to record at least 27 points and 7 assists in each of the first three games of a season... one of three players (Ray Allen 2001-02; Stephen Curry 2015-16) to have hit 4+ 3FGM in each of the first three games of a season.

6th Man	Nenê	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	TPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
#42	6-11 / 250	13.9	11.5	3.0	0.5	0.50	0.00	0.5	.818	--	.833

Last Game	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	10:14	6-6	0-0	2-3	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	6

Notes/Career Highlights

Had 14 points on 6-of-6 shooting in 10 minutes of play vs. Dallas on 10/21... became third player dating back to 1983-84 to score at least 14 points in 10 or fewer minutes of play without missing a shot... would have ranked 5th in FG% (.617) last season if he qualified.

INJURY/STATUS REPORT

Chris Paul (Out – Left Knee Injury)

Record	Overall	Home	Road	Overtime
Overall	3-0 (1.000)	1-0 (1.000)	2-0 (1.000)	0-0
Eastern	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Western	3-0 (1.000)	1-0 (1.000)	2-0 (1.000)	0-0

Streaks	Overall	Home	Road
Current	Won 3	Won 1	Won 2
Longest (Winning)	Won 3	Won 1	Won 2
Longest (Losing)			

ROCKETS 2017-18 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Nov. 29	Indiana	7 p.m.	Jan. 15	at L.A. Clippers	9:30 p.m. TNT	Mar. 6	at Oklahoma City	7 p.m. TNT
Oct. 17	at Golden State	W122-121 TNT	Dec. 3	at L.A. Lakers	8:30 p.m. NBATV	Jan. 18	Minnesota	8:30 p.m. TNT	Mar. 7	at Milwaukee	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Sacramento	W105-100	Dec. 7	at Utah	9:30 p.m. TNT	Jan. 20	Golden State	7:30 p.m. ABC	Mar. 9	at Toronto	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Dallas	W107-91	Dec. 9	at Portland	9 p.m.	Jan. 22	Miami	7 p.m. NBATV	Mar. 11	at Dallas	6 p.m.
Oct. 23	Memphis	7 p.m.	Dec. 11	New Orleans	7 p.m. NBATV	Jan. 24	at Dallas	7 p.m. ESPN	Mar. 12	San Antonio	7 p.m. ESPN
Oct. 25	at Philadelphia	6 p.m.	Dec. 13	Charlotte	8:30 p.m. ESPN	Jan. 26	at New Orleans	7 p.m. ESPN	Mar. 15	L.A. Clippers	7 p.m. NBATV
Oct. 27	at Charlotte	6 p.m.	Dec. 15	San Antonio	8:30 ESPN	Jan. 28	Phoenix	2:30 p.m. NBATV	Mar. 17	at New Orleans	6 p.m.
Oct. 28	at Memphis	7 p.m.	Dec. 16	Milwaukee	7 p.m.	Jan. 30	Orlando	7 p.m.	Mar. 18	at Minnesota	6 p.m. NBATV
Oct. 30	Philadelphia	7 p.m.	Dec. 18	Utah	7 p.m.	Feb. 1	at San Antonio	7 p.m. TNT	Mar. 20	at Portland	9:30 p.m. TNT
Nov. 1	at New York	7 p.m. ESPN	Dec. 20	L.A. Lakers	7 p.m. NBATV	Feb. 3	at Cleveland	7:30 p.m. ABC	Mar. 22	Detroit	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Atlanta	6:30 p.m.	Dec. 22	L.A. Clippers	7 p.m. ESPN	Feb. 6	at Brooklyn	6:30 p.m.	Mar. 24	New Orleans	7 p.m. NBATV
Nov. 5	Utah	6 p.m.	Dec. 25	at Oklahoma City	7 p.m. ABC	Feb. 7	at Miami	6:30 p.m.	Mar. 25	Atlanta	7 p.m.
Nov. 9	Cleveland	7 p.m. TNT	Dec. 28	at Boston	7 p.m. TNT	Feb. 9	Denver	7 p.m.	Mar. 27	Chicago	7 p.m.
Nov. 11	Memphis	7p.m.	Dec. 29	at Washington	6 p.m. NBATV	Feb. 11	Dallas	6 p.m. NBATV	Mar. 30	Phoenix	7 p.m.
Nov. 12	at Indiana	5 p.m.	Dec. 31	L.A. Lakers	6 p.m.	Feb. 13	at Minnesota	7 p.m.	Apr. 1	at San Antonio	2:30 p.m. ABC
Nov. 14	Toronto	7 p.m. NBATV	Jan. 3	at Orlando	6 p.m.	Feb. 14	Sacramento	7 p.m.	Apr. 3	Washington	7 p.m.
Nov. 16	at Phoenix	9:30 p.m. TNT	Jan. 4	Golden State	7 p.m. TNT	Feb. 23	Minnesota	7 p.m. ESPN	Apr. 5	Portland	7p.m.
Nov. 18	at Memphis	7 p.m.	Jan. 6	at Detroit	6 p.m.	Feb. 25	at Denver	7 p.m.	Apr. 7	Oklahoma City	7:30 p.m. ABC
Nov. 22	Denver	7 p.m.	Jan. 8	at Chicago	7 p.m.	Feb. 26	at Utah	8 p.m.	Apr. 10	at L.A. Lakers	9:30 p.m. TNT
Nov. 25	New York	7 p.m. NBATV	Jan. 10	Portland	7 p.m.	Feb. 28	at L.A. Clippers	9:30 p.m. ESPN	Apr. 11	at Sacramento	9:30 p.m.
Nov. 27	Brooklyn	7 p.m.	Jan. 12	at Phoenix	9:30 p.m. ESPN	Mar. 3	Boston	7:30 p.m. ABC			

Home games in **bold** • All Times Central

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

6/22: Selected Isaiah Hartenstein with the 43rd overall pick in the 2017 NBA Draft... Traded the draft rights to Dillon Brooks (45th overall) to Memphis in exchange for a future second round pick... **6/28:** Acquired Ryan Kelly from Atlanta in exchange for cash considerations... Acquired DeAndre Liggins from Dallas exchange for cash considerations... Acquired Darrun Hilliard from Detroit in exchange for cash considerations... Acquired Shawn Long from Philadelphia in exchange for a future second round pick and cash considerations... Acquired Tim Quarterman from Portland in exchange for cash considerations... Acquired Chris Paul from the L.A. Clippers in exchange for Patrick Beverley, Sam Dekker, Montrezl Harrell, Hilliard, Liggins, Lou Williams, Kyle Wiltjer, a future first round pick and cash considerations... **7/6:** Signed Zhou Qi... **7/7:** Waived Ryan Kelly... **7/8:** Signed James Harden to a four-year contract extension... Signed rookie free agent Cam Oliver... **7/17:** Signed free agent Tarik Black... **7/19:** Signed free agent Luc Mbah a Moute... **7/25:** Re-signed free agent Troy Williams... **7/30:** Waived Jarrod Uthoff... **8/21:** Signed Demetrius Jackson to a two-way contract... **9/22:** Signed free agent Chris Johnson... **9/25:** Re-signed free agent Bobby Brown... **9/26:** Waived Shawn Long... **9/27:** Signed free agent George de Paula... **10/13:** Waived George de Paula, Chris Johnson, Tim Quarterman, and Isaiah Taylor... Signed Danuel House, Jr... **10/15:** Waived Danuel House, Jr. and Cam Oliver.

RECENT GAMES

Houston 107, Dallas 91 – Toyota Center – Houston, TX – October 21, 2017

DATE GAME	FG-A	PCT	3FG-A	PCT	FT-A	PCT	OR-DR-REB	AST	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
10/21 @ HOUSTON	39-82	.476	11-47	.234	18-22	.818	8-46-54	17	24	12	15	4	107
18,055 Dallas	31-84	.369	13-31	.419	16-21	.762	8-33-41	19	19	6	14	0	91

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	1st Half	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	2nd Half	Game
Mavs	20	19	39	19	33	52	91
Rockets	33	29	62	30	15	45	107

Rockets trailed 8-5 before going on a 19-4 run to help take a 13-point lead into the second quarter; Houston didn't commit a turnover in the quarter • Dallas did not come closer than 11 points in the second quarter and trailed by 23 at the half; James Harden had 14 of his game-high 29 points in the quarter • Rockets outshot the Mavs 47.4% to 27.8% in the third and led by 34 heading into the fourth; Dallas had 7 of its 15 turnovers in the quarter • Houston was outscored 14-5 over the final 5:26 of the fourth; Yogi Ferrell had 11 of his team-high tying 19 points in the quarter • Rockets outshot the Mavs 47.6% to 36.9% and outrebounded Dallas 54-41 • Nenê had 14 points on 6-of-6 shooting in 10 minutes of play off the bench • HOU: 12 stl

Houston 105, Sacramento 100 – Golden 1 Center – Sacramento, CA – October 18, 2017

DATE GAME	FG-A	PCT	3FG-A	PCT	FT-A	PCT	OR-DR-REB	AST	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
10/18 HOUSTON	33-83	.398	12-45	.267	27-29	.931	12-32-44	19	14	7	16	3	105
17,583 @ Sacramento	42-88	.477	8-23	.348	8-10	.800	9-33-42	19	20	5	18	4	100

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	1st Half	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	2nd Half	Game
Rockets	26	26	52	23	30	53	105
Kings	25	23	48	24	28	52	100

First quarter featured six lead changes and two ties with Houston up one entering the second quarter; James Harden had 7 points and 4 assists in the quarter and 27 and 9 for the game • Kings led 32-26 with 9:32 left in the second quarter but the Rockets went on a 10-0 run to help take a four point lead into the break; Houston outrebounded Sacramento 16-8 in the quarter • Rockets led 62-52 with 8:43 left in the third but the Kings tied the game at 68 before Houston went back ahead by three heading into the fourth; Buddy Hield had 10 of his 19 points in the quarter • Sacramento came within 3 points five times over the final 41 seconds but couldn't complete the comeback; Harden had 12 points in the quarter • Kings outshot the Rockets 47.7% to 39.8% but Houston shot 27-of-29 from the line while Sacramento shot 8-of-10 • Clint Capela: 22 points, 17 rebounds, 3 steals

Houston 122, Golden State 121 – Oracle Arena – Oakland, CA – October 17, 2017

DATE GAME	FG-A	PCT	3FG-A	PCT	FT-A	PCT	OR-DR-REB	AST	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
10/17 HOUSTON	47-97	.485	15-41	.366	13-19	.684	10-33-43	28	16	9	13	5	122
19,596 @ Golden State	43-80	.538	16-30	.533	19-21	.905	6-35-41	34	25	5	17	9	121

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	1st Half	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	2nd Half	Game
Rockets	34	28	62	26	34	60	122
Warriors	35	36	71	30	20	50	121

Warriors jumped out to a 22-9 lead with 6:56 left in the first quarter but the Rockets cut the deficit to one entering the second quarter; James Harden had 11 points and 3 assists in the quarter and 27 and 10 for the game • Golden State led 54-47 with 5:52 left in the second quarter before going on a 12-2 run but Houston pulled within nine at the break; P.J. Tucker had 13 of his 20 points in the quarter • Rockets trailed by double-digits for most of the third and by 13 heading into the fourth; Kevin Durant had 10 of his 20 points in the quarter • Golden State led 118-112 with 3:50 remaining but was outscored 10-3 the rest of the way; Durant made a shot at the buzzer which was waved off • Warriors outshot the Rockets 53.8% to 48.5% • Teams combined for 31 3-pointers • Eric Gordon had 24 points in 29 minutes of play • Nick Young led Golden State with 23 points on 8-of-9 FGs.

ROCKETS VS. GRIZZLIES

	Overall	Home	Road
Last Season	2-2	1-1	1-1
All-Time	55-33	34-10	21-23
Streaks	Won 2	Won 1	Won 1
HOU last loss: 1/13/17; HOU last home loss: 1/13/17			

All-Time Series Trends

- Rockets have won two straight after losing five of the previous seven meetings
 - Houston hasn't won three straight since a seven-game span from 3/8/09-12/17/10
 - Rockets have hit 10+ 3FGM in seven straight games, including 16+ five times with high of 20
- 2016-17:** 12/23 (A) L109-115, 1/13 (H) L105-110, 1/21 (A) W119-95, 3/4 (H) W123-108

2017-18 Season Series Schedule: 10/23 at HOU, 10/28 at MEM, 11/11 at HOU, 11/18 at MEM

2016-17 Season Series Stats and Notes

- Rockets averaged 114.0 ppg on 45.9% FGs while Grizzlies averaged 107.0 ppg on 46.1% FGs... Houston had 24 more 3FGM in the 4 meetings.
- Houston averaged 28.0 FTA while shooting 80.4%... Rockets averaged 9.0 orpg... both teams averaged below 15.0 tpg (HOU 13.3, MEM 14.8).
- Harden averaged 26.3 ppg (54.9% FGs, 48.3% 3FGs) and 11.8 apg but had more turnovers (27) than rest of team (26)... Capela: 14.5 ppg.
- Mike Conley averaged 19.8 ppg (46.2% FGs)... Marc Gasol averaged 19.8 ppg (50.8% FGs) but just 5.0 rpg... Chandler Parsons: 5.8 ppg.

NEXT OPPONENT: PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

	Overall	Home	Road
Last Season	2-0	1-0	1-0
All-Time	71-68	43-25	25-40
Streaks	Won 7	Won 6	Won 3
HOU last loss: 11/13/13; HOU last road loss: 11/13/13			

All-Time Series Trends

- Rockets have won 9 of the past 11 meetings after losing seven of the previous eight games
 - Houston's current 7-game win streak is tied for second-longest (11 from 2/20/92-1/10/97)
 - During 7-game winning streak, Rockets are outscoring Sixers 112.0 ppg to 100.3
- 2016-17:** 11/14 (H) W115-88, 1/27 (A) W123-118

2017-18 Season Series Schedule: at PHI 10/25, at HOU 10/30

2016-17 Season Series Stats and Notes

- Rockets averaged 119.0 ppg on 50.0% FGs while Sixers averaged 103.0 ppg on 45.2% FGs... Houston: 14.5 3FGM per on 40.8% shooting.
- Houston outrebounded Philly by 14.0 rpg... Rockets had 45 assists with 43 turnovers (Sixers 12.00 spg)... Philly shot 31.9% from 3-point range.
- Harden averaged 42.0 ppg (58.3% FGs, 52.6% 3FGs), 11.0 apg and 10.0 rpg... Nenê averaged 17.0 ppg (76.2% FGs)... Anderson: 27.3% FGs.
- Embiid averaged 22.5 ppg (56.7% FGs) but had 11 turnovers... Robert Covington shot 3-of-12 from the floor... Staukas: 10.5 ppg but 2-10 3FGs

SEASON NOTES

OWNERSHIP CHANGE: On 10/6, the NBA Board of Governors unanimously approved the sale of the Houston Rockets from Leslie Alexander to Tilman J. Fertitta. "I could not be happier, Fertitta said. "To own the Rockets in my hometown of Houston is a dream come true. I promise to continue to make this city proud of the Rockets and to do what we can to bring home a championship." A native of nearby Galveston and a life-long resident of Houston, Fertitta is the sole owner of the Landry's restaurant empire and Golden Nugget Casinos and Hotels. Alexander assumed ownership of the Rockets on 6/30/93. Over his 24-season span as owner, Houston won two championships and had the second-most winning seasons of any team in the league as well as the fifth-highest winning percentage (.569).

TONIGHT: Here is a note about tonight's game and other matters that just didn't fit in anywhere else:

- The Rockets are 3-0 this season... it is the 11th time Houston has started a season 3-0 with the last time coming with a 6-0 start in 2014-15... the Rockets have started a season 4-0 five times, including both championship seasons (1993-94 and 1994-95).
- Houston won its home opener vs. Dallas on 10/21... the Rockets were 30-11 at home last season and did not lose consecutive games... Houston has won 30+ home games in three of the past four seasons after doing so three times the 19 seasons prior from 1994-95 through 2012-13.
- The Rockets are 2-0 on the road this season... Houston was 25-16 on the road in 2016-17 after going 18-23 in 2015-16... the 25 road wins tied for the third-most in franchise history... the last time the Rockets won their first two road games to start a season was 2014-15 (won first 6 road games).
- Houston started the season winning both parts of a back-to-back against Golden State and Sacramento... Houston was 13-3 in the second game of back-to-backs last season... the Rockets have 13 of their 14 sets of back-to-back games remaining this season with the next coming at Charlotte on 10/27 and at Memphis on 10/28.
- The Rockets won by one point in the season opener at Golden state on 10/17 and by five points at Sacramento on 10/18... Houston was 15-6 in games decided by five or fewer points last season... that was the fifth-most wins in games decided by five or fewer points in the NBA last season.
- Houston is 2-0 when leading after three quarter of play this season and 1-0 when tied or trailing... the Rockets led at the start of the fourth quarter in 58 of the 82 games last season (49-8 mark; 5-19 when tied/trailing).
- The Rockets have led by double-digits twice this season (2-0 mark) and trailed by 10+ points once (1-0 mark)... Houston led by double-digits in 61 of the 82 games last season (51-10 mark)... the Rockets were 10-21 in games in which they trailed by double-digits in 2016-17.
- Houston won by 16 points vs. Dallas on 10/21... the Rockets won 30 games by 10+ points last season, which was one shy of tying the franchise record... Houston had 14 wins by 20+ points in 2016-17, which tied for the highest single season total in franchise history.

SCHEDULE NOTES: Here are some noteworthy items from the Rockets 2017-18 regular season schedule:

- Seven of the Rockets first 10 games to start the regular season are on the road... the season opener at Golden State on 10/17 marked the earliest start date the Rockets since 1980-81.
- From 11/5-12/22, the Rockets will play 15 of 21 games at Toyota Center, capped off a seven-game homestand over a span of 12 days... the last time the Rockets played seven straight home games was in March of 2013.
- For the second time in three seasons, and the 10th time in franchise history, the Rockets will play on Christmas Day, this time at Oklahoma City...that begins a stretch where Houston will play eight of 11 games on the road through 1/15.
- Following a run of five of seven games at home from 1/18-1/30, the Rockets will play 15 of 22 on the road from 2/1-3/20... that includes both of Houston's season-long four-game road trips (Feb. 1-7 and March 6-11).
- The Rockets will play eight of nine games at home from 3/22-4/7 before finishing the regular season with back-to-back road games against the L.A. Lakers and Sacramento Kings.
- Houston will play 14 sets of back-to-back games this season... the Rockets only have six sets of back-to-back from October through January, but eight over the final three months of the season, including four in March... Houston had 10 sets of back-to-back games last December and January, but just four over the final three months.

OVER THE HILL: Last season marked the 50th in Rockets franchise history. Houston has gone .500 or better in each of the past 11 seasons, joining San Antonio as the only teams to have done so. Dating back to 1984-85, the Rockets have gone .500 or better in 30 of 33 seasons. No other team has done so more than 28 seasons (San Antonio and Utah). Houston also had the fourth-highest winning percentage (.570; 1514-1144) of any team from 1984-85 through 2016-17.

SURVEY SAYS: The NBA released its annual roster survey, based upon opening night rosters. Houston had the fourth oldest roster with an average age of 28.43. Nenê was the Rockets oldest player on opening night (35.12 years) and the 19th oldest in the NBA, while Chinanu Onuaku was the youngest Rockets (20.97 years) and the 39th youngest in the league. Houston was the fourth most experienced team with an average years experience of 6.57. This is Nenê's 16th NBA season, which ties him for the 10th-most among active players. The Rockets were tied for the ninth tallest opening night roster with an average height of 6'6" and Houston had the ninth heaviest roster with an average weight of 223.4 lbs.

WHO NEEDS CLIFF?: On 6/28, the Rockets acquired Chris Paul via trade with the L.A. Clippers in exchange for SEVEN players, a future first round pick and cash considerations. Here are some reasons why:

- Nine-time All-Star (2007-08 through 2015-16)... named All-NBA First Team four times, Second Team three times and Third Team once... named NBA All-Defensive First Team seven times and Second Team twice... two-time Olympic gold medalist (2008 and 2012).
- Has started all 835 of his career games played and had career averages of 18.7 ppg, 9.9 apg, 4.4 rpg and 2.29 spg entering the season... he entered the season as the only player in NBA history with career averages of at least 19.0 ppg, 9.0 apg, 4.0 rpg and 2.00 spg.
- Entered the season as one of four players in league history with career averages of at least 18.0 points, 9.0 assists and 4.0 rebounds, joining Oscar Robertson, Magic Johnson and John Wall... was also the only one of those players to also average at least 2.00 steals.
- Entered the season with a career assist-to-turnover ratio of 4.08... averaged a point/assist double-double in six of his 12 seasons, including three of the past four... that is the fourth-highest total in NBA history, trailing John Stockton (12x), Magic Johnson (9x) and Steve Nash (7x).
- Among players who were active in 2016-17, has the most career assists (8,262) and steals (1,914)... ranks 10th in NBA history in assists and 15th in steals... joins Jason Kidd, Gary Payton and John Stockton as the only players with at least 8,000 assists and 1,900 steals.
- Clippers won 50+ games in five of his six seasons (40 wins in 66-game season in 2011-12) after never having more than 49 wins in a season prior in franchise history... Clippers also made the playoffs in all six of his seasons after doing so seven times prior in team history.

TANGO AND CASH: The duo of James Harden and Chris Paul is one of the most decorated backcourts in NBA history. Harden was named to his third All-NBA First Team in 2016-17, while Paul has been named All-NBA First Team four times, with the last coming in 2013-14 (he was Second Team in both 2014-15 and 2015-16). **In NBA history, there have only been three other times two guards played together who both already had at least three All-NBA First Team selections:**

- **Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman with Boston from 1958-59 through 1960-61:** Cousy and Sharman were teammates from 1951-52 through 1960-61, but Sharman did not pick up his third All-NBA First Team selection until 1957-58... as teammates, Cousy and Sharman won four championships.
- **Bob Cousy and Oscar Robertson with Cincinnati in 1969-70:** Cousy was coaching the Royals and came out of a six-year retirement to appear in seven games, averaging 4.9 mpg.
- **Kobe Bryant and Steve Nash with L.A. Lakers in 2012-13 and 2013-14:** Nash was 38 by the time he joined the Lakers and his last All-NBA First Team selection was in 2006-07, with the last time he was named to any All-NBA Team being 2009-10; he also only appeared in 15 games in 2013-14 (his final NBA season)... Mike D'Antoni was head coach of the Lakers for the final 72 games in 2012-13 and for the entire 2013-14 season.

UNCHARTED TERRITORY: James Harden led the NBA with 11.2 assists per game last season while Chris Paul has led the league in that category four times, with the last coming in 2014-15. **In NBA history, there have only been four other times a team featured multiple players (at least one game played) who had already led the league in apg: none of those pairings saw both players average more than 22.0 mpg:**

- **Bob Cousy and Andy Phillip with Boston in 1956-57 and 1957-58:** Phillip led the NBA in apg in each of the league's first three seasons from 1949-50 through 1951-52 before Cousy rattled off eight straight seasons doing so from 1952-53 through 1959-60... Phillip joined Cousy and the Celtics for the final two seasons of his career, but only averaged 22.0 mpg in 1956-57 and 16.6 mpg in 1957-58.
- **Oscar Robertson and Guy Rodgers with Cincinnati in 1967-68:** Rodgers was traded from Chicago to Cincinnati only four games into the season and only averaged 18.9 mpg the rest of the way... Rodgers led the NBA in apg twice while Robertson did so seven times.
- **Bob Cousy and Oscar Robertson with Cincinnati in 1969-70:** As mentioned in the previous note, Cousy was coaching the Royals and came out of a six-year retirement to appear in seven games, averaging 4.9 mpg... Cousy led the NBA in apg eight times while Robertson did so seven times.
- **Mark Jackson and John Stockton with Utah in 2002-03:** This marked Stockton's final NBA season and Jackson's second-to-last... Jackson averaged 17.9 mpg while Stockton was down to 27.7 mpg... ironically, it was Jackson who ended Stockton's record nine-straight seasons of leading the league in apg from 1988-89 through 1995-96... Jackson averaged an NBA-best 11.4 apg in 1996-97, while Stockton was second with 10.5.

ON THE HORIZON: Here are some notable milestones within reach this season for several Rockets:

- James Harden is closing in on 15,000 points (13,701 current), 1,500 3-pointers made (1,396 current), 1,000 steals (910 current) and 300 blocks (275 current)... if he reaches each of those milestones, he would become the seventh player in NBA history to tally at least 15,000 points, 3,500 assists, 3,000 rebounds, 1,000 steals, 300 blocks and 1,500 3FGM joining Kobe Bryant, Vince Carter, Jason Kidd, LeBron James (needs 29 3FGM), Dirk Nowitzki (needs one assist), and Paul Pierce... Harden will likely reach those numbers before his 700th career game... Pierce was the fastest to reach those marks at 913 games (Carter at 984, Kidd at 1,116, Bryant at 1,158).
- James Harden is the sixth-leading scorer in Rockets history with 10,906 points... he will likely surpass both Moses Malone (11,119) and Elvin Hayes (11,762) to finish the season ranked fourth... Harden also has the third-most assists in team history with 3,012... he will likely finish the season ranked second, surpassing Allen Leavell (3,339).
- Nenê is closing in on 1,000 steals (996 current) and 700 blocks (692 current)... once he reaches those numbers, he will become the fourth player in league history to reach 10,000 points, 5,500 rebounds, 1,500 assists, 1,000 steals and 700 blocks while averaging fewer than 28.0 minutes per game (Alvan Adams, Shawn Kemp, Jerome Kersey).
- Chris Paul is closing in on 30,000 minutes played (29,679 current), 1,000 3FGM (997 current) and 2,000 steals (1,914 current)... once he reaches 2,000 steals, he joins Jason Kidd, Gary Payton and John Stockton as the only players with 8,000+ assists and 2,000+ steals... Paul currently has the 10th most assists in NBA history (8,261) and will likely pass Andre Miller (8,524) for ninth this season... Paul also ranks 15th in NBA history in steals (1,914) and will likely finish the season ranked 12th (#14 Kobe Bryant 1,944; #13 Derek Harper 1,957; #12 Allen Iverson 1,983).

ODDS AND ENDS: Here are some notes regarding the Rockets in 2016-17:

- Houston went 55-27 last season after going 41-41 in 2015-16... the 55 wins were the third-most in franchise history.
- The Rockets made their fifth-straight playoff appearance, which is the third-longest streak in franchise history... Houston advanced to the Western Conference Semifinals for the second time over the past three seasons after doing so once over their previous nine playoff appearances.
- Houston was 22-5 in the first game following a loss in 2016-17 and only lost three straight games once (3/28-3/31).

WERE YOU NOT ENTERTAINED?!: James Harden was the only unanimous First Team All-NBA selection in 2016-17 and finished second in voting for MVP. He became the first player in NBA history with at least 2,000 points, 900 assists and 600 rebounds in a single season and the third to have posted multiple seasons with at least 2,000 points, 600 assists and 500 rebounds, joining Oscar Robertson and John Havlicek. Harden averaged career-highs of 29.1 ppg, 11.2 apg and 8.1 rpg in 2016-17, marking his third straight season averaging at least 27.0 ppg, 7.0 apg and 5.0 rpg. LeBron James (4 times) and Oscar Robertson (8 times) are the only other players to have averaged at least 27.0 ppg, 7.0 apg and 5.0 rpg in at least three different seasons.

BELLISSIMO!: Mike D'Antoni was named NBA Coach of the Year after guiding the Rockets to a 55-27 mark after Houston went 41-41 in 2015-16. He became the eighth coach in league history to win multiple Coach of the Year awards (2004-05 with Phoenix) and joins Gregg Popovich as the only ones who are active. The 55 wins tied for the fourth-most in franchise history. Houston set the NBA single season record for the most 3-pointers made (1,181) and the Rockets posted their second-highest scoring average in franchise history (115.3 ppg).

TROPHIES: Eric Gordon not only became the first player in franchise history to win the NBA 3-point contest, he was the first to be named Sixth Man of the Year. He came off the bench 60 times in 2016-17 after starting 398 of his 417 games played his first eight seasons. Gordon ranked fourth in the NBA with 246 3-pointers made in 2016-17 after not having more than 141 in a season prior in his career. He set the NBA record for the most 3FGM by a reserve in a single season with 206. Over the past four seasons (2013-14 through 2016-17), Gordon was one of five players to have averaged at least 2.5 3FGM while shooting 39.0% or better from behind-the-arc, joining Stephen Curry, Kyle Korver, J.J. Redick and Klay Thompson.

WIN/LOSS STAT DIFFERENCES IN 2016-17

2016-17	HOU PPG	Opp. PPG	HOU FG%	Opp. FG%	HOU 3PT%	Opp. 3PT%	RPG Diff	Harden FG%/3PT%	Gordon PPG/FG%
Wins	119.9	106.4	.481	.444	.386	.323	+2.8	.452/.380	17.6/.436
Losses	106.0	116.0	.424	.505	.295	.387	-4.9	.416/.276	13.4/.343

SCORING

Season	Rockets					Opponents				
	PPG (Rank)	100+ pts	110+ pts	Below 100	Below 90	PPG (Rank)	100+ pts	110+ pts	Below 100	Below 90
2017-18	111.3	3-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	104.0	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
2016-17	115.3 (2)	53-24	43-5	2-3	0-0	109.6 (26)	37-27	21-22	18-0	1-0

- Since scoring 122 points in the season opener at Golden State, Houston is averaging 106.0 ppg over the past two games... the Rockets were 43-5 when scoring 110+ points last season and 12-22 when failing to do so... Houston scored 120+ points 31 times last season (30-1 mark), which was the second-highest total in franchise history (38 times in 1969-70).
- The Rockets are averaging 11.3 points this season... Houston ranked second in the NBA in scoring last season with 115.3 ppg, which also tied for the second-highest scoring average in franchise history... from the start of December (64 GP) through the end of 2016-17, the Rockets averaged a league-high 117.0 ppg.
- Houston averaged 115.3 points last season, marking their first season averaging at least 110.0 ppg since 1985-86 (114.4)... dating back to 1995-96, 13 teams have averaged at least 110.0 ppg (four last season), four of which were coached by Mike D'Antoni.
- The Rockets scored 130+ points 12 times last season, which was the second-highest total in franchise history (14 in 1969-70)... that was also the highest single season total by any team dating back to 1992-93... Houston scored 140+ points twice last season after doing so twice from 1995-96 through 2015-16.
- Houston has scored 100+ in all three games this season... the Rockets scored 100+ points in a franchise-high 61 straight games from 11/23-3/30... that was the longest streak by any team since a 75-game span by Denver from 12/2/86-11/20/87... the Rockets only scored below the century mark five times last season (2-3 mark)... Houston had 100+ points before the start of the fourth quarter 13 times last season.
- Since giving up 121 points to Golden State in the season opener, the Rockets are allowing just 95.5 ppg (191 total) over the past two games... Houston was 34-5 when holding opponents below 110 points last season, including 18-0 below 100, and 21-22 when failing to do so, including 7-9 when giving up 120+ points.
- Houston is averaging 31.0 first quarter points this season and scored 30+ twice... the Rockets ranked second in the NBA with 30.4 first quarter ppg in 2016-17 and scored 30+ 49 times (35-14 mark).
- The Rockets are averaging 58.7 first half points this season and scored 60+ twice... Houston scored 60+ first half points 39 times last season (34-5 mark), including 70+ nine times and ranked second in the NBA with 59.1 first half ppg.
- Houston had six players score in double-figures in the season opener at Golden State... the Rockets had at least six players score in double-figures 33 times last season (7+ nine times)... all five starters scored 10+ points 14 times last season.
- The Rockets have had three players score 20+ points in two of the three games this season... Houston was 10-0 when having three players score 20+ in 16-17.

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Season	Rockets					Opponents				
	FG% (Rank)	45.0%+	50.0%+	<45.0%	<40.0%	FG% (Rank)	45.0%+	50.0%+	<45.0%	<40.0%
2017-18	.454	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	.460	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
2016-17	.462 (12)	39-6	19-2	16-21	1-7	.463 (23)	21-26	10-18	34-1	10-0

Rockets are 1-0 when outshooting opponents (41-2 in 2016-17) and 2-0 when failing to do so (13-25 in 2016-17)

- Houston outshot Dallas 47.6% to 36.9% on 10/21 after being outshot 50.6% to 44.4% the first two games of the season... the Rockets were 42-2 when outshooting its opponents last season and 13-25 when failing to do so.
- The Rockets shot 47.6% vs. Dallas on 10/21 after shooting 39.8% at Sacramento on 10/18... Houston was 39-6 when shooting 45.0% or better last season, including 19-2 shooting 50.0% or better, and 16-21 when shooting below 45.0%, including 1-7 when shooting below 40.0% (3-10 in 2015-16).
- Houston held Dallas to 36.9% shooting on 10/21 after opponents shot 47% or better in each of the first two games... last season, the Rockets were 34-1 when holding opponents below 45.0% shooting, including 10-0 below 40.0%, and 21-26 when failing to do so, including 10-18 when the opposition shot 50.0% or better... 18 of the Rockets 27 losses last season came when opponents shot 50.0% or better.

FREE THROW SHOOTING

Season	Rockets			Opponents		
	FT% (Rank)	FTA Per	30+ FTA	FT%	FTA Per	30+ FTA
2017-18	.829	23.3	0-0	.827	17.3	0-0
2016-17	.766 (20)	26.5	21-8	.778 (23)	22.2	8-1

Rockets are 1-0 when having as many or more FTM as opponents (19-10 in 2016-17) and 1-0 when opponents have as many or more FTM as the Rockets have FTA (6-7 in 2016-17)

- The Rockets are averaging 23.3 FTA this season after averaging an NBA-high 26.5 in 2016-17, but are holding opponents to just 17.3 FTA per game down from 22.2 last season... Houston ranked third in the NBA in FTA differential last season at +4.3 per game.
- Houston has more FTM (58; 70 FTA) than opponents have FTA (52) this season... from start of January through the end of 2016-17 (47 games) the Rockets had more FTM (611; 809 FTA) than opponents had FTA (609)... Houston had more FTM than opponents had FTA 29 times last season.
- The Rockets recorded 30+ FTA 29 times last season (21-8 mark)... opponents only had 30+ FTA four times over the final 57 games after doing so five times the first 25 games of the season... the opposition had 30+ FTA nine times overall last season, down from 19 times in 2015-16.
- Since shooting 68.4% from the line in the season opener at Golden State, Houston is shooting 88.2% over the past two games and 82.9% overall this season... the Rockets have shot 80.0% or better from the line three times in franchise history (1973-74, 2008-09, 2010-11)... Houston shot 76.6% from the line last season after shooting 69.4% in 2015-16... last season marked the Rockets highest FT% since shooting 78.2% in 2011-12.

3-POINT SHOOTING

	Rockets					Opponents				
	3FGM/A Per	3PT% (Rank)	10+ 3FGM	15+ 3FGM	40.0%+ 3FGs	3FGM/A Per	3PT% (Rank)	10+ 3FGM	15+ 3FGM	40.0%+ 3FGs
2017-18	12.7/44.3	.286	3-0	1-0	0-0	12.3/28.0	.440	2-0	1-0	1-0
2016-17	14.4/40.3	.357 (15)	54-19	36-5	21-1	10.0/29.1	.343 (4)	24-20	4-3	9-9

Rockets are 1-0 when having as many or more 3FGM as opponents (51-17 in 2016-17) and 2-0 when failing to do so (3-10 in 2016-17)

- The Rockets have hit 10+ 3FGM in all three games this season... Houston hit 10+ 3-pointers an NBA single season record 73 times last season... the Rockets only had fewer than 10 3FGM in consecutive games once last season and just nine times overall (1-8 mark)... Houston also set the NBA single season record for the most games with 20+ 3FGM in 2016-17 with 10 after doing so twice prior in franchise history.
- Since having 15 3FGM in the season opener at Golden State, the Rockets are averaging 11.5 3FGM over the past two games... Houston was 36-5 when having 15+ 3FGM last season and 19-22 when failing to do so... the Rockets hit 15+ 3FGM an NBA single season record 41 times last season, breaking the previous mark of 27 by Golden State in 2015-16... Houston hit an NBA single season record 1,181 3-pointers last season.
- The Rockets have recorded fewer 3FGM than their opponents in two of three games this season but won both... there were only 13 games (Rockets 3-10 mark) in which the Rockets had fewer 3FGM than its opponent last season... Houston has only hit one more 3-pointer than its opponent this season... the Rockets led the NBA in 3-point differential last season (+4.4 per).
- Houston is averaging 44.3 3FGA this season... the Rockets recorded 40+ 3FGA 41 times last season and averaged 40.3... entering 2016-17, no team had more than 12 games with 40+ 3FGA in a single season... Houston also recorded 50+ 3FGA 11 times last season... no team had more than 49 3FGA in a single game in NBA history prior to last season... the Rockets had an NBA single season record 3,306 3FGA in 2016-17.
- The Rockets are shooting 28.6% from 3-point range this season... Houston shot 35.7% from behind-the-arc in 2016-17 and was 21-1 when shooting 40.0% or better from 3-point range and 13-18 when shooting below 33.3%.
- Opponents have hit 10+ 3FGM while shooting 40.0% or better from 3-point range in two of the three games this season... the Rockets were 7-8 when allowing the opposition to hit 10+ 3FGM while shooting 40.0% or better from behind-the-arc in 2016-17... Houston was 31-7 when holding opponents below 10 3FGM last season and 24-20 when failing to do so.
- Opponents are shooting 44.0% from 3-point range this season... in 2016-17, the Rockets were 9-9 when opponents shot 40.0% or better from behind-the-arc last season and 26-5 when the opposition shot 33.3% or worse... Houston was fourth in 3-point defense last season (opponents 34.3% 3FGs) after ranking 21st in 2015-16 (opponents 36.1% 3FGs).
- Four Rockets hit at least 190 3-pointers last season and ranked within the Top-14 in the NBA: James Harden third w/262, Eric Gordon fourth w/246, Ryan Anderson ninth w/204, and Trevor Ariza 14th w/191... no team had more than two players with 190+ 3FGM in a single season prior.

REBOUNDING

Season	Rockets			Opponents		
	RPG (Rank)	ORPG	Reb. Diff. 10+	RPG (Rank)	ORPG	Reb. Diff. 10+
2017-18	47.0	10.0	1-0	41.3	7.7	0-0
2016-17	44.4 (8)	10.9	14-1	44.1 (19)	10.7	5-7

Rockets are 3-0 when outrebounding opponents (33-7 in 2016-17) and 0-0 when failing to do so (20-22 in 2016-17)

- Houston has outrebounded the opposition in all three games this season and by 5.7 rpg overall... the Rockets outrebounded opponents by 2.8 rpg in wins last season and were outrebounded by 4.9 rpg in losses (+0.3 rpg overall)... Houston was 33-7 when outrebounding opponents last season and 22-20 when failing to do so.
- The Rockets outrebounded Dallas by 13 boards on 10/21... Houston was 14-1 when outrebounding its opponent by double-digits last season.
- Houston is averaging 10.0 offensive rebounds this season... Houston ranked ninth in offensive rebounding last season (10.9 orpg).
- Opponents are averaging just 7.7 offensive rebounds this season... the Rockets ranked tied for 22nd in fewest offensive rebounds allowed last season (opponents 10.7 orpg) after ranking last in 2015-16 (opponents 11.8 orpg).

ASSISTS

Season	Rockets			Opponents		
	APG (Rank)	25+ AST	Below 20 AST	APG (Rank)	25+ AST	Below 20 AST
2017-18	21.3	1-0	2-0	24.0	1-0	2-0
2016-17	25.2 (3)	42-9	2-6	24.1 (27)	21-17	15-0

Rockets are 0-0 when having more assists than opponents (39-7 in 2016-17) and 3-0 when failing to do so (16-20 in 2016-17)

- The Rockets have not recorded more assists than their opponent in any of the three games this season... opponents recorded more assists than the Rockets in 26 of the final 43 games after that occurred just six times the first 39 games of the season... Houston was 39-7 when having more assists than the opposition in 2016-17.
- After having 28 assists in the season opener at Golden State, Houston has recorded fewer than 20 assists in each of the past two games... the Rockets were 42-9 when having 25+ assists last season and 2-6 when having fewer than 20.
- Since allowing Golden State to record 34 assists in the season opener, the Rockets have held opponents below 20 assists in each of the past two games... Houston was 15-0 when opponents have fewer than 20 assists in 2016-17... the opposition recorded 25+ assists in 31 of the final 44 games last season after doing so seven times the first 39 games... the Rockets were 21-17 when opponents had 25+ assists in 2016-17.

STEALS/TURNOVERS

Season	Rockets					Opponents				
	SPG (Rank)	10+ STL	TPG (Rank)	12 or Fewer TO	20+ TO	SPG (Rank)	10+ STL	TPG (Rank)	12 or Fewer TO	20+ TO
2017-18	9.33	1-0	14.7	0-0	0-0	5.33	0-0	16.7	0-0	0-0
2016-17	8.17 (8)	20-5	15.1 (26)	11-8	9-3	8.50 (24)	15-8	15.1 (4)	16-11	10-3

Rockets are 0-0 when having more turnovers than assists (1-1 in 2016-17) and 0-0 when opponents do so (3-0 in 2016-17)

- Houston is averaging 9.33 steals this season... from the start of December through the end of 2016-17 (64 GP), the Rockets ranked third in the NBA in steals with 8.50 spg after averaging 7.00 spg the first 18 games of the season... Houston ranked eighth in the NBA with 8.17 spg overall last season after leading the league with a franchise-high 10.01 spg in 2015-16.
- The Rockets had 12 steals vs. Dallas on 10/21... Houston was 20-5 when having 10+ steals in 2016-17.
- The Rockets are averaging 14.7 turnovers this season... Houston averaged 14.7 turnovers over the final 66 games of 2016-17, down from 16.9 tpg the first 16 games... the Rockets averaged 15.1 tpg overall last season but were actually 11-8 when having 12 or fewer and 9-3 when having 20+... Houston was 28-12 when having more turnovers than their opponent last season and 27-15 when having as many or fewer.
- Houston only forced 14 turnovers vs. Dallas on 10/21 after opponents averaged 17.5 tpg the first two games of the season (16.7 tpg overall)... opponents averaged 15.6 tpg over the final 42 games last season, up from 14.4 tpg the first 40 games (15.1 tpg overall)... Houston fourth in the NBA in turnovers forced last season (opponents 15.1 tpg).

BLOCKS

Season	Rockets			Opponents		
	BPG (Rank)	7+ BLK	10+ BLK	BPG (Rank)	7+ BLK	10+ BLK
2017-18	4.00	0-0	0-0	4.33	1-0	0-0
2016-17	4.29 (20)	10-2	2-0	4.99 (17)	11-11	0-2

- Houston is averaging 4.00 blocks this season and has not recorded more than 5 in a single game... the Rockets only had 7+ blocks once over their final 37 games in 2016-17 (season finale)... Houston was 10-2 when having 10+ blocks in 2016-17.
- Since having 9 shots blocked at Golden State in the season opener, the Rockets have only had 4 shots blocked over the past two games... the opposition averaged 4.99 bpg in 2016-17 and the Rockets were 11-11 when having 7+ shots blocked.

MISCELLANEOUS SCORING STATS

Season	Rockets					Opponents				
	Bench PPG	Points in Paint Per	Second Chance Points Per	Fast Break PPG	Pts Off TO Per	Bench PPG	Points in Paint Per	Second Chance Points Per	Fast Break PPG	Pts Off TO Per
2017-18	37.7	48.0	15.7	7.3	20.0	40.0	39.3	9.7	14.0	14.7
2016-17	39.0 (5t)	46.7 (6)	14.3 (7)	16.7 (4)	18.6 (2)	36.8 (25)	49.0 (30)	13.8 (26)	14.3 (22)	17.5 (25)

- Since scoring 58 points in the season opener at Golden State, the Rockets bench has scored a total of 55 points over the past two games... Houston's reserves ranked tied for fifth in the NBA with 39.0 ppg last season... the Rockets were 36-8 when their bench outscored the opponents reserves last season and 19-19 when failing to do so.
- Houston has scored 50+ points in the paint in two of the three games this season and is averaging 48.0 PIP overall... the Rockets ranked sixth in the NBA with 46.7 points in the paint per game last season.
- The Rockets have held opponents to 32 or fewer points in the paint in two of the three games this season, with the opposition averaging 39.3 PIP overall... opponents averaged 60.0 PIP over the final 49 games of 2016-17 after averaging 45.7 the first 33 games... the Rockets ranked 30th in the NBA in points in the paint allowed last season.
- Houston is averaging 15.7 second chance points this season... the Rockets ranked seventh in the NBA in second chance points last season (14.3 per).
- Opponents are averaging 9.7 second chance points this season... Houston ranked 26th in second chance points allowed last season (opponents 13.8 per) after ranking 29th in 2015-16 (opponents 14.7 per).
- Since scoring 15 fast break points in the season opener at Golden State, the Rockets have a total of 7 fast break points over the past two games (7.3 FB ppg overall)... Houston ranked fourth in fast break points last season with 16.7 per and was 23-3 when scoring 20+.
- Since allowing Golden State to score 36 fast break points in the season opener, Houston has given up a total of 6 fast break points over the past two games (opponents 14.0 FB ppg overall)... the Rockets were 22nd in the NBA in fast break points allowed (opponents 14.3 per) last season.
- The Rockets have scored 20+ points off turnovers twice this season and are averaging 20.0 per game... Houston recorded 20+ points off turnovers in 20 of the final 40 games last season after doing so 13 times the first 42 games... the Rockets ranked second in the NBA with 18.6 points off turnovers last season.
- Houston is allowing 14.7 points off turnovers this season... the Rockets were 25th in points off turnovers allowed (opponents 17.5 per) last season.

HEAD COACH MIKE D'ANTONI

Mike D'Antoni [dan-TONE-ee] is entering his second season as head coach of the Houston Rockets. He has over a quarter of a century of coaching experience, including 13 seasons as a head coach in the NBA with a career mark of 513-453 (.531). D'Antoni picked up his 500th win at Chicago on March 10, 2017, becoming the 30th coach in NBA history to accomplish that feat. Last season, D'Antoni was named NBA Coach of the Year after guiding the Rockets to a 55-27 mark after Houston went 41-41 in 2015-16. He became the eighth coach in league history to win multiple Coach of the Year awards, and joins Gregg Popovich as the only ones who are active. D'Antoni's first Coach of the Year award came after leading Phoenix to a franchise-high tying 62 wins in 2004-05. Over a four season span from 2004-05 through 2007-08, the Suns compiled a 232-96 (.707) mark, including back-to-back trips to the Western Conference Finals in 2005 and 2006. In addition, D'Antoni served a pair of three-year assignments for USA Basketball as an assistant coach on Mike Krzyzewski's staff, highlighted with gold medal performances in the 2008 and 2012 Olympics. USA Basketball National Teams posted a 49-1 mark with D'Antoni on staff. A dual citizen of the U.S. and Italy, D'Antoni enjoyed tremendous success as both a player and a coach in the Italian League, capturing numerous titles in both endeavors. Prior to embarking on his international career, D'Antoni spent parts of four seasons playing in the NBA and ABA during the mid-70's.

#33	RYAN ANDERSON			Forward	6-10/240	5/6/88	California/USA			10th season
	2017-18 Season Stats				2017-18 Highs	Career Highs	2017-18 Highs			Career Highs
GP	3	SPG	0.33	PTS	13 at GS 10/17/17	36 (2 times)	OR	3 at GS 10/17/17		11 at Phi 1/30/12
GS	3	BPG	0.33	FGM	5 at GS 10/17/17	13 (4 times)	DR	9 vs. Dal 10/21/17		11 (2 times)
MPG	27.3	FG%	.348	FGA	12 at GS 10/17/17	25 (2 times)	TR	10 vs. Dal 10/21/17		20 at Phi 1/30/12
PPG	8.7	3FG%	.316	3FGM	3 at GS 10/17/17	8 (4 times)	AST	1 (2 times)		5 (2 times)
RPG	7.7	FT%	1.000	3FGA	8 at GS 10/17/17	16 at Min 12/17/16	STL	1 at GS 10/17/17		5 vs. Mil 3/13/12
APG	0.7	TPG	0.0	FTM	4 at Sac 10/18/17	13 at Uta 12/17/15	BLK	1 at GS 10/17/17		3 (2 times)
				FTA	4 at Sac 10/18/17	13 at Uta 12/17/15	MIN	33:17 at GS 10/17/17		56:30 vs. Chi

2016-17: In 72 games (all starts), averaged 13.6 ppg, 4.6 rpg in 29.4 mpg... 41.8% FGs, 40.3% 3FGs, 86.0% FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121	33:17	5-12	3-8	0-0	3	5	8	1	3	1	0	1	8	13
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100	25:40	2-7	2-7	4-4	1	4	5	0	1	0	0	0	7	10
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	23:04	1-4	1-4	0-0	1	9	10	1	0	0	0	0	19	3
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Averaging 2.0 3FGM this season... ranked ninth in the NBA with 204 3FGM last season and hit 2+ 3FGM 52 times, including 3+ 41 times, 4+ 25 times and 5+ 13 times.
- Had 10 rebounds vs. Dallas on 10/21, marking his second game with 8+ boards this season... he grabbed 8+ rebounds seven times in 2016-17... averaging 7.7 rpg overall this season... averaged 4.6 rpg in 2016-17 and a career-high 7.7 in 2011-12.
- Does not have a turnover in 82 minutes of play this season... since joining the Rockets in 2016-17, has just 55 turnovers in 75 games played.
- Started all 72 of his games played last season... marked second time playing more than 67 games for his career (81 GP in 2012-13)... Rockets were 5-5 in games that he missed.
- Last season, Rockets were 22-6 when he scored 15+ points, including 12-2 when he scored 20+.
- Last season, averaged 16.2 points (46.0% FGs, 46.5% 3FGs) on the road compared to 11.0 ppg (37.0% FGs, 33.2% 3FGs) at home.
- Had two double-doubles last season and 52 for his career.
- Over the past six seasons (2011-12 through 2016-17), joined Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson as the only players to have averaged at least 2.5 3FGM while shooting 38.0% or better from behind-the-arc.
- Since entering the league in 2008-09, has the ninth-most 3FGM (1,189) of any player and has the fifth-most in NBA history of players listed 6-10 or taller... Led the NBA in 3FGM in 2011-12.
- Has shot 80.0% or better from the line in all nine of his seasons and 86.1% for his career entering 2017-18.

#1	TREVOR ARIZA			Forward	6-8/215	6/30/85	UCLA/USA			14th season
	2017-18 Season Stats				2017-18 Highs	Career Highs	2017-18 Highs			Career Highs
GP	3	SPG	2.00	PTS	8 (2 times)	40 at Phi 3/1/14	OR	1 at GS 10/17/17		8 vs. Pho 1/25/05
GS	3	BPG	0.33	FGM	3 (2 times)	14 at Phi 3/1/14	DR	5 at GS 10/17/17		12 (2 times)
MPG	33.6	FG%	.273	FGA	9 at GS 10/17/17	23 (2 times)	TR	6 at GS 10/17/17		15 at Atl 11/21/12
PPG	6.0	3FG%	.200	3FGM	2 at GS 10/17/17	10 at Hou 2/12/14	AST	5 at GS 10/17/17		11 at Mil 2/29/16
RPG	4.0	FT%	1.000	3FGA	5 (3 times)	14 (3 times)	STL	4 vs. Dal 10/21/17		6 (6 times)
APG	2.7	TPG	0.7	FTM	2 at Sac 10/18/17	10 vs. Hou 2/25/07	BLK	1 vs. Dal 10/21/17		4 at Phi 3/1/14
				FTA	2 at Sac 10/18/17	12 vs. Hou 2/25/07	MIN	37:39 at GS 10/17/17		56:55 vs. Min 1/13/10

2016-17: In 80 games (all starts), averaged 11.7 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 2.2 apg and 1.84 spg in 34.7 mpg... 40.9% FGs, 34.4% 3FGs, 73.8% FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121	37:39	3-9	2-5	0-0	1	5	6	5	2	2	1	0	-8	8
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100	32:26	0-6	0-5	2-2	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	-6	2
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	30:40	3-7	1-5	1-1	0	4	4	1	0	4	1	1	34	8
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Has only missed three games since the start of 2014-15.
- Had 4 steals vs. Dallas on 10/21 and is averaging 2.00 spg overall this season... ranked sixth in the NBA in steals (1.84 spg) last season and dating back to 2008-09, has the fourth-most steals (1,115) of any player in the league.
- Has 6 steals with 2 turnovers this season... for his career, has more steals (1,332) than turnovers (1,229)... ranked second in steal-to-turnover ratio (2.01) last season.
- Had 2 3FGM in the season opener at Golden State... hit 2+ 3FGM 52 times this season, including 3+ 36 times and 4+ 19 times... recorded 3+ 3FGM and 3+ steals 11 times last season, which tied for the second-highest total in the NBA.
- Has the fifth-most 3FGM (753) of any player dating back to 2013-14... ranked 14th in the NBA with 191 3FGM last season, marking his fourth straight season with at least 180 3FGM... that is the sixth most seasons with 180+ 3FGM in NBA history.
- Last season, Rockets were 21-4 when he scored 15+ points... averaged 12.6 points (43.7% FGs, 38.5% 3FGs) in wins compared to 9.9 ppg (35.3% FGs, 26.5% 3FGs) in losses.
- Had three double-doubles last season and 35 for his career.
- Since re-joining Houston in 2014-15, the Rockets are 19-2 when he scores 20+ points, including 6-0 in 2016-17.
- Over the past four seasons (2013-14 through 2016-17), joined Harden, Leonard and Westbrook as the only players with at least 4,000 points, 1,700 rebounds 700 assists and 500 steals... over that span, joined Stephen Curry and Harden as the only players with at least 700 3FGM and 500 steals.
- First five seasons, (2004-05 through 2008-09), averaged 6.9 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 1.3 apg, 1.1 spg and 0.2 3FGM on 29.9% shooting... Past eight seasons (2009-10 through 2016-17), averaged 12.4 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 2.6 apg, 1.7 spg and 1.9 3FGM on 35.5% shooting.

#28	TARIK BLACK	Forward/Center	6-9/250	11/22/91	Kansas/USA	4th season					
2017-18 Season Stats		2017-18 Highs		Career Highs	2017-18 Highs	Career Highs					
GP	1	SPG	1.00	PTS	4 vs. Dal 10/21/17	18 vs. Min 4/10/15	OR			2017-18 Highs	Career Highs
GS	0	BPG	2.00	FGM	2 vs. Dal 10/21/17	8 (2 times)	DR			6 vs. Dal 10/21/17	9 vs. Mem 12/3/14
MPG	12.8	FG%	1.000	FGA	2 vs. Dal 10/21/17	13 vs. Den 1/17/17	TR			6 vs. Dal 10/21/17	16 vs. Dal 1/20/17
PPG	4.0	3FG%	--	3FGM		1 vs. Sac 2/14/17	AST				19 vs. Dal 4/12/15
RPG	6.0	FT%	--	3FGA		1 (3 times)	STL			1 vs. Dal 10/21/17	3 (4 times)
APG	0.0	TPG	0.0	FTM		6 vs. Ori 1/9/15	BLK			2 vs. Dal 10/21/17	2 (8 times)
				FTA		11 at Tor 3/27/15	MIN			12:47 vs. Dal 10/21/17	3 (2 times)
											34:46 vs. LAL11/19/14

2016-17: In 67 games with 16 starts, averaged 5.7 ppg and 5.1 rpg in 16.3 mpg... 51.0% FGs, 1-2 3FGs, 75.2% FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121														
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100														
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	12:47	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	6	6	0	3	1	0	2	0	4
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recorded two DNP-CD's this season.
- Had 4 points and 6 rebounds in 13 minutes played in his season debut vs. Dallas on 10/21... last season, was one of three players in to have averaged at least 5.0 ppg and 5.0 rpg in fewer than 17.0 mpg.
- Had 2 blocks in his season debut vs. Dallas on 10/21... recorded 2+ blocks 13 times in 2016-17.
- Last season, shot 75.2% from the line after shooting 51.5% his first two seasons.
- Last season, scored in double-figures seven times and grabbed 10+ rebounds five times with two double-doubles.
- Of players with at least 60 games played last season, ranked fourth in offensive rebounds per 36 minutes played.
- Over the past three seasons, was the only player to have averaged at least 2.0 offensive rebounds in fewer than 17.0 minutes per game with at least 50 games played.

#6	BOBBY BROWN	Guard	6-2/175	9/24/84	Call State Fullerton/USA	4th season										
2017-18 Season Stats		2017-18 Highs		Career Highs	2017-18 Highs	Career Highs										
GP	1	SPG	0.00	PTS	3 vs. Dal 10/21/17	21 at LAL 11/23/08	OR									
GS	0	BPG	0.00	FGM	1 vs. Dal 10/21/17	8 (2 times)	DR									
MPG	5.4	FG%	.333	FGA	3 vs. Dal 10/21/17	15 (2 times)	TR									
PPG	3.0	3FG%	.333	3FGM	1 vs. Dal 10/21/17	4 at Sac 4/9/17	AST									
RPG	0.0	FT%	--	3FGA	3 vs. Dal 10/21/17	8 at LAC 4/10/17	STL									
APG	0.0	TPG	1.0	FTM		3 (2 times)	BLK									
				FTA		5 vs. Min 12/15/08	MIN									

2016-17: In 25 games, averaged 2.5 ppg in 4.9 mpg... 38.3% 3FGs, 40.0% 3FGs, 2-2 FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121														
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100														
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	5:26	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-9	3
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recorded two DNP-CD's this season.
- Last season, scored in double-figures in two of his final three games played after not doing so prior in his career.
- Over his final 14 games played last season, averaged 4.1 points on 50.0% shooting in 6.3 minutes per game after having a total of 5 points on 2-of-18 shooting his first 11 games played.
- Over his final five games played last season, shot 10-of-20 from 3-point range after shooting 4-of-15 his first 20 games played.
- Had a career-high 9 assists at the L.A. Clippers on 4/10... Had a total of 5 assists his other 24 games played in 2016-17.
- Prior to 2016-17, last played in the NBA in 2009-10... In between, played overseas in Greece, Poland, Germany, Italy, China, and Turkey.

#15 CLINT CAPELA	Center			6-10/240	5/18/94	Elan Chalon/Switzerland			4th season		
2017-18 Season Stats				2017-18 Highs		Career Highs		2017-18 Highs		Career Highs	
GP	3	SPG	1.33	PTS	22 at Sac 10/18/17	24 vs. Mem 3/4/17	OR	5 at Sac 10/18/17	7 (3 times)		
GS	3	BPG	0.67	FGM	10 at Sac 10/18/17	11 vs. Min 4/12/17	DR	12 at Sac 10/18/17	12 (2 times)		
MPG	22.5	FG%	.700	FGA	12 at Sac 10/18/17	19 vs. Uta 11/19/16	TR	17 at Sac 10/18/17	17 (2 times)		
PPG	15.7	3FG%	--	3FGM			AST	2 vs. Dal 10/21/17	5 vs. Uta 11/19/16		
RPG	10.3	FT%	.833	3FGA		1 vs. Mem 3/14/16	STL	3 at Sac 10/18/17	4 at Det 11/30/15		
APG	1.0	TPG	1.3	FTM	3 vs. Dal 10/21/17	8 vs. Mem 3/4/17	BLK	1 (2 times)	5 vs. Phi 11/14/16		
				FTA	3 vs. Dal 10/21/17	10 (2 times)	MIN	28:20 at Sac 10/18/17	36:24 at NY 11/29/15		

2016-17: In 65 games with 59 starts, averaged 12.6 ppg, 8.1 rpg, 1.0 apg and 1.22 bpg in 23.9 mpg... 64.3% FGs, 53.1% FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121	18:10	6-10	0-0	0-1	1	3	4	0	0	1	2	1	-23	12
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100	28:20	10-12	0-0	2-2	5	12	17	1	2	3	2	1	9	22
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	20:59	5-8	0-0	3-3	3	7	10	2	4	0	0	0	10	13
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Has scored in double-figures in all three games this season... scored 10+ points 47 times last season, including a career-high nine straight from 1/23-2/9, after doing so 20 times in 2015-16.
- Had 22 points at Sacramento on 10/18... scored 20+ points seven times last season after not having more than 18 points his first two seasons.
- Had 22 points and a career-high tying 17 rebounds at Sacramento on 10/18... first Rockets under the age of 24 with at least 20 points and 15 rebounds in a single game since Yao Ming in March of 2004.
- Has two double-doubles this season... had 15 double-doubles in 65 games played in 2016-17 after having 10 in 77 games played in 2015-16... grabbed 10+ rebounds 21 times in 2016-17.
- Shooting 70.0% from the floor this season... ranked third in the NBA in field goal percentage (.643) in 2016-17.
- Shooting 5-of-6 from the line this season... over his final 31 games played last season, shot 59.4% from the line after shooting 45.7% his first 34 games played... shot 53.1% from the line overall in 2016-17 after shooting 37.9% in 2015-16 and 17.4% as a rookie in 2014-15.
- Averaged 12.6 points and 8.1 rebounds in 2016-17 after averaging 7.0 ppg and 6.4 rpg in 2015-16 and 2.7 ppg and 3.0 rpg as a rookie in 2014-15.
- In 2016-17, became the fifth different player in NBA history to average at least 12.0 points and 8.0 rebounds in fewer than 24.0 minutes per game in a single season and just the third dating back to 1959-60.
- Last season, recorded 2+ blocks 21 times, including 3+ six times.

#10 ERIC GORDON	Guard			6-4/215	12/25/88	Indiana/USA			10th season		
2017-18 Season Stats				2017-18 Highs		Career Highs		2017-18 Highs		Career Highs	
GP	3	SPG	0.33	PTS	25 at Sac 10/18/17	41 vs. OKC 1/23/09	OR	1 at Sac 10/18/17	5 at Phi 12/15/10		
GS	2	BPG	0.67	FGM	9 at GS 10/17/17	14 vs. Min 12/20/10	DR	3 at Sac 10/18/17	8 vs. Tor 2/23/15		
MPG	29.5	FG%	.420	FGA	23 at Sac 10/18/17	26 at Por 1/20/11	TR	4 at Sac 10/18/17	8 (3 times)		
PPG	22.3	3FG%	.200	3FGM	4 at Sac 10/18/17	8 at LAL 12/7/16	AST	3 at Sac 10/18/17	11 vs. SA 11/1/10		
RPG	2.0	FT%	.833	3FGA	13 at Sac 10/18/17	17 vs. Mil 1/18/17	STL	1 at GS 10/17/17	5 (4 times)		
APG	2.0	TPG	2.0	FTM	7 (2 times)	16 vs. NJ 11/15/10	BLK	2 at GS 10/17/17	3 (4 times)		
				FTA	8 (3 times)	20 vs. NJ 11/15/10	MIN	34:49 at Sac 10/18/17	53:12 at Uta 11/6/10		

2016-17: In 75 games with 15 starts, averaged 16.2 ppg, 2.7 rpg and 2.5 apg in 31.0 mpg... 40.6% FGs, 37.2% 3FGs, 84.0% FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121	29:23	9-16	0-6	6-8	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	16	24
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100	34:49	7-23	4-13	7-8	1	3	4	3	2	0	3	0	14	25
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	24:21	5-11	1-6	7-8	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	11	18
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Has scored 18+ points in all three games this season, including 20+ twice... Rockets were 35-7 when he scored 15+ points last season (17-2 w/20+)... averaged 17.6 ppg (43.6% FGs, 41.3% 3FGs) in wins last season compared to 13.4 ppg (34.3% FGs, 28.4% 3FGs) in losses.
- Has scored 67 points in 89 minutes of play this season and is averaging 27.2 points per 36 minutes played.
- Has started the past two games... started 15 games in 2016-17... since joining the Rockets in 2016-17, has come off the bench 61 times after starting 398 of his 417 career games played prior.
- Has recorded 8 FTA in all three games this season, which is his longest single season streak since a 4-game span from 11/22-11/28/10... had 8 FTA once in 2016-17.
- Shooting 5-of-25 from 3-point range this season after averaging 4.6 3FGM on 48.9% shooting in the preseason... hit 2+ 3FGM 65 times last season, including 3+ 49 times, 4+ 31 times and 5+ 13 times.
- Had 2 blocks in the season opener at Golden State... had a career-high 41 blocks last season; first time having more than 18 blocks in a single season since having 35 as a rookie in 2008-09.
- Last season, became the first player in franchise history to be named Sixth Man of the Year... also was the first Rocket to win the 3-point contest.
- Appeared in 75 games in 2016-17 after not playing more than 64 games in a since registering 78 as a rookie in 2008-09.
- Last season, had the third-highest scoring average (16.3 ppg) of any reserve with 7+ appearances.
- Last season, ranked fourth in the NBA with 246 3-pointers made after not having more than 141 in a season prior in his career.
- Hit 206 3FGM as a reserve last season, breaking the NBA single season record of 179 by Mirza Teletovic in 2015-16.
- Over the past four seasons (2013-14 through 2016-17) was one of five players to average at least 2.5 3FGM while shooting 39.0% or better from behind-the-arc, joining Stephen Curry, Kyle Korver, J.J. Redick and Klay Thompson.

#13	JAMES HARDEN			Guard	6-5/220	8/26/89	Arizona State/USA	9th season	
	2017-18 Season Stats				2017-18 Highs	Career Highs	2017-18 Highs	Career Highs	
GP	3	SPG	1.67	PTS	29 vs. Dal 10/21/17	53 vs. NY 12/31/16	OR	2 at Sac 10/18/17	5 (2 times)
GS	3	BPG	0.00	FGM	10 (2 times)	16 (2 times)	DR	5 at GS 10/17/17	15 vs. Det 1/20/16
MPG	35.0	FG%	.444	FGA	23 at GS 10/17/17	33 vs. Chi 2/3/17	TR	6 at GS 10/17/17	17 vs. Det 1/20/16
PPG	27.7	3FG%	.389	3FGM	6 vs. Dal 10/21/17	9 vs. NY 12/31/16	AST	11 at GS 10/17/17	17 (3 times)
RPG	4.0	FT%	.813	3FGA	14 at Sac 10/18/17	19 vs. Det 4/7/17	STL	2 (2 times)	8 vs. Uta 3/23/16
APG	9.0	TPG	3.3	FTM	7 at Sac 10/18/17	22 (2 times)	BLK		4 (2 times)
				FTA	8 at Sac 10/18/17	25 (2 times)	MIN	37:46 at Sac 10/18/17	47:56 at Sac 12/11/14

2016-17: In 81 games (all starts), averaged 29.1 ppg, 11.2 app, 8.1 rpg and 1.49 spg in 36.4 mpg... 44.0% FGs, 34.7% FGs, 84.7% FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121	36:24	10-23	4-9	3-4	1	5	6	11	2	1	3	0	1	27
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100	37:46	8-21	4-14	7-8	2	1	3	9	1	2	2	0	1	27
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	30:45	10-19	6-13	3-4	0	3	3	7	5	2	5	0	31	29
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recorded at least 27 points and 7 assists in each of the first three games... dating back to 1983-84, is the fourth player to accomplish that feat.
- Had 27 points and 11 assists in the season opener at Golden State... had a league-high 64 double-doubles last season (22 triple-doubles) after having 67 double-doubles (9 triple-doubles) his first seven seasons... has 132 career double-doubles and 31 triple-doubles (Rockets 25-6 mark).
- Hit 4 3FGM in all three games this season... joins Ray Allen (2001-02) and Stephen Curry (2015-16) as the only players to have hit 4+ 3FGM in each of the first three games of a season... ranked third in the NBA with 262 3FGM last season and hit 4+ 37 times.
- In 2016-17, averaged career-highs in scoring (29.1 ppg, 2nd NBA), assists (11.2 app, 1st NBA) and rebounding (8.1 rpg) for the third straight season... joined Oscar Robertson (3 times) as the only players to have averaged at least 29.0 ppg, 11.0 app and 8.0 rpg in a single season.
- Has only missed two games since the start of 2014-15.
- Was only unanimous choice for All-NBA First Team in 2016-17 and finished second in voting for MVP... also named First Team in 2013-14 and 2014-15 and Third Team in 2012-13... has been an All-Star in each of the past five seasons.
- Last season, became the first player in league history to record at least 2,000 points, 900 assists, and 600 rebounds in a single season.
- Last season, averaged 29.1 points per game while providing 27.1 ppg off of assists... combined average of points and points off assists (56.2) was the 2nd-highest in NBA history, trailing only Nate Archibald's 56.8 in 1972-73... Wilt Chamberlain is third with 55.2 in 1961-62.
- Last season, had 22 triple-doubles, tying for the sixth-highest single season total in NBA history and the second-most dating back to 1974-75.
- Last season, had 30+ points and 10+ assists 29 times after doing so 21 times for his career entering 2016-17.
- Since joining the Rockets in 2012-13, has scored 886 more points than any other player and has made 495 more free throws than any other player has attempted... Also ranks third in 3FGM, third in steals and fourth in assists over that span.
- Entered 2017-18 as one of nine players in NBA history with career averages of at least 20.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg and 5.0 apg joining Rick Barry, Larry Bird, Clyde Drexler, LeBron James, Michael Jordan, Oscar Robertson, Jerry West and Russell Westbrook.

#2	DEMETRIUS JACKSON			Guard	6-1/201	9/7/94	Notre Dame/USA	2nd season	
	2017-18 Season Stats				2017-18 Highs	Career Highs	2017-18 Highs	Career Highs	
GP	2	SPG	1.00	PTS	4 vs. Dal 10/21/17	8 vs. Den 11/6/16	OR	2 vs. Dal 10/21/17	2 (2 times)
GS	0	BPG	0.50	FGM	2 vs. Dal 10/21/17	2 (2 times)	DR	3 (2 times)	3 (2 times)
MPG	13.7	FG%	.286	FGA	5 vs. Dal 10/21/17	5 vs. Dal 10/21/17	TR	5 vs. Dal 10/21/17	5 vs. Dal 10/21/17
PPG	2.0	3FG%	.000	3FGM		1 vs. Den 11/6/16	AST	2 (2 times)	2 (3 times)
RPG	4.0	FT%	--	3FGA	3 vs. Dal 10/21/17	3 vs. Dal 10/21/17	STL	1 (2 times)	1 (2 times)
APG	2.0	TPG	2.0	FTM		3 vs. Den 11/6/16	BLK	1 at Sac 10/18/17	1 at Sac 10/18/17
				FTA		6 vs. Den 11/6/16	MIN	17:15 vs. Dal 10/21/17	17:15 vs. Dal 10/21/17

2016-17: In 5 games, averaged 2.0 in 3.4 mpg... 3-4 FGs, 1-1 3FGs. 3-6 FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121					DNP – COACH'S DECISION									
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100	10:14	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	4	0
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	17:15	2-5	0-3	0-0	2	3	5	2	1	1	2	0	-15	4
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recorded one DNP-CD
- Averaging 4.0 rebounds and 2.0 assists in 13.7 minutes per game this season... in NBA history, Tom Boerwinkle (1973-74) is the only player to have averaged at least 4.0 rpg and 2.0 apg in fewer than 14.0 mpg in a single season.
- In five games for Boston last season, scored a total of 10 points in 17 minutes of play while shooting 3-of-4 from the floor, 1-of-1 from 3-point range and 3-of-6 from the line.
- Had 8 points, 3 rebounds and 2 assists in 11 minutes of play in his NBA debut for Boston vs. Denver on 11/6/16.
- In 32 games with 23 starts for Maine of the NBA Development League last season, averaged 14.8 points, 6.0 assists, 5.1 rebounds and 1.3 steals in 33.5 minutes per game while shooting 42.0% from the floor, 27.5% from 3-point range and 79.4% from the line.
- Appeared in four games with three starts for Boston in the MGM Resorts NBA Summer League 2016, averaging 9.3 points, 4.0 assists, 2.8 rebounds and 2.0 steals in 25.5 minutes per game while shooting 46.4% from the floor, 50.0% from 3-point range and 66.7% from the line.

#12	LUC MBAH A MOUTE			Forward	6-8/230	9/9/86	UCLA/Cameroon			10th season
	2017-18 Season Stats				2017-18 Highs		Career Highs		2017-18 Highs	Career Highs
GP	3	SPG	0.67	PTS	14 at GS 10/17/17	22 at GS 3/16/12	OR	2 at GS 10/17/17	11 at GS 2/3/11	
GS	0	BPG	0.00	FGM	6 at GS 10/17/17	10 at GS 3/16/12	DR	4 (2 times)	9 vs. Cle 3/14/12	
MPG	24.6	FG%	.474	FGA	9 at GS 10/17/17	21 at OKC 3/4/15	TR	5 vs. Dal 10/21/17	19 at GS 2/3/11	
PPG	8.0	3FG%	.222	3FGM	2 at GS 10/17/17	3 (5 times)	AST	1 vs. Dal 10/21/17	5 (2 times)	
RPG	4.3	FT%	.800	3FGA	4 vs. Dal 10/21/17	7 (2 times)	STL	2 vs. Dal 10/21/17	5 (3 times)	
APG	0.3	TPG	1.7	FTM	2 (2 times)	13 vs. NY 3/20/11	BLK		4 at Atl 1/23/17	
				FTA	3 vs. Dal 10/21/17	13 vs. NY 3/20/11	MIN	26:20 vs. Dal 10/21/17	47:22 vs. Cha 11/27/10	

2016-17: In 80 games with 76 starts, averaged 6.1 ppg, 2.1 rpg and 1.01 spg in 22.3 mpg... 50.5% FGs, 39.1% 3FGs, 67.8% FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121	23:23	6-9	2-3	0-0	2	2	4	0	1	0	2	0	4	14
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100	24:02	1-4	0-2	2-2	0	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	-2	4
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	26:20	2-6	0-4	2-3	1	4	5	1	3	2	2	0	1	6
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Had 14 points in the season opener at Golden State... scored in double-figures 15 times last season (13-2 mark).
- Averaging 4.3 rebounds this season... averaged 2.1 rpg for the L.A. Clippers in 2016-17.
- Since shooting 2-of-3 from 3-point range in the season opener at Golden State, is shooting 0-of-6 from behind-the-arc over the past two games... shot a career-high 39.1% from behind-the-arc last season... had 118 3FGM over the past three seasons after having 24 his first six seasons.
- Has 2 steals with 5 turnovers this season... would have ranked tied for fourth in steal-to-turnover ratio (1.76) last season had he qualified... dating back to 2013-14, has more steals (238) than turnovers (224).
- Last season, ranked fourth in defensive rating (102.0) among forwards who played at least 70 games while averaging 20+ minutes played.

#42	NENÊ			Center	6-11/250	9/13/82	Vasco de Game/Brazil			16th season
	2017-18 Season Stats				2017-18 Highs		Career Highs		2017-18 Highs	Career Highs
GP	2	SPG	0.50	PTS	14 vs. Dal 10/21/17	30 (2 times)	OR	1 (2 times)	9 (2 times)	
GS	0	BPG	0.00	FGM	6 vs. Dal 10/21/17	13 (2 times)	DR	3 at Sac 10/18/17	12 at Mil 2/11/13	
MPG	13.9	FG%	.818	FGA	6 vs. Dal 10/21/17	22 vs. LAL 11/26/13	TR	4 at Sac 10/18/17	17 at Det 3/26/07	
PPG	9.7	3FG%	--	3FGM		1 (7 times)	AST	1 at Sac 10/18/17	9 vs. Mia 1/15/14	
RPG	3.0	FT%	.833	3FGA		1 (46 times)	STL	1 at Sac 10/18/17	6 (2 times)	
APG	0.5	TPG	0.5	FTM	3 at Sac 10/18/17	12 (2 times)	BLK		5 vs. SA 2/3/09	
				FTA	3 (2 times)	15 vs. NJ 11/20/10	MIN	17:37 at Sac 10/18/17	46:33 at Det 3/26/07	

2016-17: In 67 games with 8 starts, averaged 9.1 ppg, 4.2 rpg and 1.0 apg in 17.9 mpg... 61.7% FGs, 33.3% 3FGs, 58.9% FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121					DNP – COACH'S DECISION									
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100	17:37	3-5	0-0	3-3	1	3	4	1	2	1	1	0	-1	9
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	10:14	6-6	0-0	2-3	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	6	14
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recorded one DNP-CD this season.
- Averaging 9.7 points and 3.0 rebounds in 13.9 minutes per game this season... last season, became the third player with 40+ games played to average at least 9.0 ppg and 4.0 rpg in fewer than 18.0 mpg in a single season dating back to 1979-80.
- Had 14 points on 6-of-6 shooting in 10 minutes of play vs. Dallas on 10/21... dating back to 1983-84, became third player to score at least 14 points in 10 or fewer minutes of play without missing a single shot.
- Had 14 points vs. Dallas on 10/21... scored in double-figures in 12 of his final 18 games played last season and 31 times overall, including 20+ once.
- Shooting 81.8% from the floor this season... shot 61.7% from the floor last season and would have ranked fifth in the NBA had he qualified... entered 2017-18 with the seventh-highest field goal percentage among active players (.548).
- In eight games as a starter last season, averaged 11.4 points and 4.9 rebounds in 17.8 minutes per game.
- Over his final 27 games played last season, averaged 11.4 points on 63.9% shooting in 19.3 minutes per game after averaging 7.5 ppg on 59.5% shooting in 16.9 minutes per game his first 40 games played.
- Over his final 21 games played last season, averaged 5.2 rebounds, up from 3.7 rpg his first 46 games played.
- Shot 3-of-9 from 3-point range last season after shooting 4-of-39 from behind-the-arc his first 804 career games played.

#21	CHINANU ONUAKU	Forward/Center	6-10/245	11/1/96	Louisville/USA	2nd season		
	2017-18 Season Stats		2017-18 Highs		Career Highs	2017-18 Highs	Career Highs	
GP	1	SPG	2.00	PTS	4 at GS 10/17/17	OR	1 at GS 10/17/17	4 (3 times)
GS	1	BPG	1.00	FGM	2 at GS 10/17/17	DR	7 at GS 10/17/17	12 vs. Dal 12/16/06
MPG	33.1	FG%	.222	FGA	9 at GS 10/17/17	TR	8 at GS 10/17/17	12 (3 times)
PPG	4.0	3FG%	.000	3FGM	6 at Pho 4/14/15	AST	10 at GS 10/17/17	21 at LAL 11/6/07
RPG	8.0	FT%	--	3FGA	4 at GS 10/17/17	STL	2 at GS 10/17/17	9 vs. Dal 2/20/08
APG	10.0	TPG	1.0	FTM	19 vs. GS 11/3/12	BLK	1 at GS 10/17/17	2 (7 times)
				FTA	20 vs. GS 11/3/12	MIN	33:04 at GS 10/17/17	50:41 at NJ 2/9/11

2016-17: In 5 games, averaged 2.8 ppg and 2.0 rpg in 10.3 mpg... 71.4% FTs, 4-4 FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121					INACTIVE – COACH'S DECISION									
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100					INACTIVE – COACH'S DECISION									
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91					INACTIVE – COACH'S DECISION									
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Was inactive (Coach's Decision) three times this season.
- Appeared in three of the final four games last season after playing twice the first 78 games of the season.
- In 43 games for Rio Grande Valley of the NBA Development League last season, averaged 13.6 ppg (62.8% FGs, 73.2% FTs), 10.6 rpg, 2.1 apg, 1.2 spg and 1.6 bpg.
- Last season, ranked third in the D-League in rebounding (10.6 rpg) and fourth in field goal percentage (.628).
- Started all five games for Houston in the MGM Grand Resorts NBA Summer League 2017, averaging 6.2 points, 7.2 rebounds, 2.0 assists, 1.0 steals and 1.6 blocks in 20.3 minutes per game while shooting 55.6% from the floor, 0-of-1 from 3-point range and 57.9% from the line.

#3	CHRIS PAUL	Guard	6-0/175	5/6/85	Wake Forest/USA	13th season		
	2017-18 Season Stats		2017-18 Highs		Career Highs	2017-18 Highs	Career Highs	
GP	1	SPG	2.00	PTS	4 at GS 10/17/17	OR	1 at GS 10/17/17	4 (3 times)
GS	1	BPG	1.00	FGM	2 at GS 10/17/17	DR	7 at GS 10/17/17	12 vs. Dal 12/16/06
MPG	33.1	FG%	.222	FGA	9 at GS 10/17/17	TR	8 at GS 10/17/17	12 (3 times)
PPG	4.0	3FG%	.000	3FGM	6 at Pho 4/14/15	AST	10 at GS 10/17/17	21 at LAL 11/6/07
RPG	8.0	FT%	--	3FGA	4 at GS 10/17/17	STL	2 at GS 10/17/17	9 vs. Dal 2/20/08
APG	10.0	TPG	1.0	FTM	19 vs. GS 11/3/12	BLK	1 at GS 10/17/17	2 (7 times)
				FTA	20 vs. GS 11/3/12	MIN	33:04 at GS 10/17/17	50:41 at NJ 2/9/11

2016-17: In 61 games (all starts), averaged 18.1 ppg, 9.2 apg, 5.0 rpg and 1.95 spg in 31.5 mpg... 47.6% FGs, 41.1% 3FGs, 89.2% FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121	33:04	2-9	0-4	0-0	1	7	8	10	4	2	1	1	-13	4
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100					DNP – LEFT KNEE CONTUSION									
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91					INACTIVE – LEFT KNEE INJURY									
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Missed two games with a left knee contusion/left knee injury (10/18-10/21).
- Had 10 assists with one turnover in the season opener at Golden State... last season, ranked fourth in the NBA in assists (9.2 apg,) and second in assist-to-turnover ratio (3.83)... entered 2017-18 with a career assist-to-turnover ratio of 4.08.
- Had 2 steals in the season opener at Golden State... ranked third in the NBA with 1.95 spg in 2016-17.
- Had 8 rebounds in the season opener at Golden State... had 8+ boards 10 times last season.
- Last season marked the second time he's averaged at least 18.0 ppg, 9.0 apg, 5.0 rpg and 1.90 spg in a single season (2008-09)... that has only been done twice before in NBA history (Magic Johnson in 1981-82 and Russell Westbrook in 2015-16).
- Last season, averaged a career-high 2.0 3FGM on a career-best 41.1% shooting... hit 120+ 3FGM in each of the past three seasons (39.3% 3FGs) after not having more than 92 in a season prior in his career (35.7% 3FGs).
- Last season, recorded 24 double-doubles with one triple-double... has 404 career double-doubles and 13 triple-doubles.
- Last season, scored 20+ points 20 times, including 30+ twice... had 10 games with 20+ points and 10+ assists.
- Nine-time NBA All-Star (2007-08 through 2015-16)... Named All-NBA First Team four times, Second Team three times and Third Team once... Named NBA All-Defensive First Team seven times and Second Team twice.
- Entered 2017-18 as the only player in NBA history with career averages of at least 18.0 points, 9.0 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 2.00 steals.
- Averaged a point/assist double-double in six of his 12 seasons, including three of the past four... that is the fourth-highest total in NBA history, trailing John Stockton (12), Magic Johnson (9) and Steve Nash (7).
- Ranks 10th in NBA history in assists (8,262) and 15th in steals (1,914) and is first among active players in both... joins Jason Kidd, Gary Payton and John Stockton as the only players with at least 8,000 assists and 1,900 steals.

#4	P.J. TUCKER			Forward	6-6/245	5/5/85	Texas/USA			7th season		
	2017-18 Season Stats				2017-18 Highs		Career Highs		2017-18 Highs		Career Highs	
GP	3	SPG	1.00	PTS	20 at GS 10/17/17	24 at Hou 4/7/16	OR	2 at Sac 10/18/17		7 (6 times)		
GS	0	BPG	0.33	FGM	6 at GS 10/17/17	10 at OKC 12/31/15	DR	5 at GS 10/17/17		12 (2 times)		
MPG	28.2	FG%	.500	FGA	9 at GS 10/17/17	18 vs. Min 3/14/16	TR	6 at GS 10/17/17		17 vs. NO 2/13/17		
PPG	9.7	3FG%	.500	3FGM	4 at GS 10/17/17	4 (3 times)	AST	1 (2 times)		8 at Phi 1/26/16		
RPG	4.0	FT%	.667	3FGA	6 at GS 10/17/17	8 vs. Sac 11/7/14	STL	2 vs. Dal 10/21/17		7 vs. Mil 2/4/17		
APG	0.7	TPG	1.3	FTM	4 at GS 10/17/17	9 at Den 2/18/14	BLK	1 at Sac 10/18/17		4 at Cha 12/17/14		
				FTA	6 at GS 10/17/17	11 at LAC 3/10/14	MIN	29:06 at Sac 10/18/17		45:32 vs. GS 2/10/16		

2016-17: In 81 games with 21 starts, averaged 6.7 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 1.2 apg and 1.43 spg in 27.6 mpg... 41.3% FGs, 35.7% 3FGs, 77.4% FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121	28:40	6-9	4-6	4-6	1	5	6	0	3	1	1	0	20	20
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100	29:06	2-3	2-3	0-0	2	0	2	1	4	0	3	1	-1	6
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	26:46	1-6	1-5	0-0	0	4	4	1	1	2	0	0	3	3
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Has hit 2+ 3FGM twice this season, including a career-high tying 4 in the season opener at Golden State, and is shooting 50.0% from 3-point range overall this season... hit multiple 3-pointers 22 times last season and shot 35.7% from behind-the-arc.
- Had 20 points in the season opener at Golden State... scored in double-figures 17 times last season, including 20+ points once... has scored 20+ points 11 times in his career.
- Has 3 steals with 4 turnovers this season... in 2016-17, ranked fourth in steal-to-turnover ratio (1.76)... has more steals (506) than turnovers (452) for his career.
- Last season, was one of nine players listed 6'6" or shorter to have averaged at least 5.0 rpg.
- Last season, grabbed 10+ rebounds 10 times and recorded three double-doubles.
- Following his rookie season with Toronto in 2006-07, spent the next five years playing overseas... since returning to the NBA in 2012-13, has appeared in 402 of a possible 411 games.
- From 2013-14 through 2016-17, was one of four players (Greg Monroe, Markieff Morris, Nerlens Noel) to have averaged at least 8.0 ppg, 6.0 rpg and 1.00 spg in 30.0 or fewer mpg.
- Received multiple votes for NBA All-Defensive team in three of the past four seasons.

#5	TROY WILLIAMS			Forward	6-7/218	12/30/94	Indiana/USA			2nd season		
	2017-18 Season Stats				2017-18 Highs		Career Highs		2017-18 Highs		Career Highs	
GP	1	SPG	0.00	PTS	2 vs. Dal 10/21/17	21 at Pho 4/2/17	OR	4 at Sac 4/9/17		4 at Sac 4/9/17		
GS	0	BPG	0.00	FGM	1 vs. Dal 10/21/17	7 at Pho 4/2/17	DR	1 vs. Dal 10/21/17		5 (4 times)		
MPG	4.0	FG%	.250	FGA	4 vs. Dal 10/21/17	16 at Cle 12/13/16	TR	1 vs. Dal 10/21/17		9 at Sac 4/9/17		
PPG	2.0	3FG%	.000	3FGM		6 at Pho 4/2/17	AST			3 (2 times)		
RPG	1.0	FT%	--	3FGA	3 vs. Dal 10/21/17	9 at Pho 4/2/17	STL			3 (3 times)		
APG	0.0	TPG	0.0	FTM		6 at Min 11/1/16	BLK			2 (2 times)		
				FTA		7 at Min 11/1/16	MIN	3:59 vs. Dal 10/21/17		38:35 at Pho 4/2/17		

2016-17: In 30 games with 16 starts, averaged 6.2 ppg and 2.3 rpg in 18.6 mpg... 43.7% FGs, 29.0% 3FGs, 65.6% FTs

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121					INACTIVE – COACH'S DECISION									
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100					INACTIVE – COACH'S DECISION									
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	3:59	1-4	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	-4	2
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recorded two DNP-CD this season.
- Signed with the Rockets for remainder of season on 3/20 after originally signing a 10-day contract on 3/10... in six games with three starts as a Rocket, averaged 9.7 points (50.0% FGs, 38.1% 3FGs, 85.7% FTs) and 4.0 rebounds in 23.1 minutes per game.
- Had a career-high 21 points in his Rockets debut at Phoenix on 4/2... scored in double-figures nine times last season, including 3 times for Houston.
- Had 8 3FGM on 38.1% shooting in six games played for Houston last season, including 6-of-9 in his Rockets debut at Phoenix on 4/2, after shooting 10-of-41 from behind-the-arc in 24 games played with Memphis.
- In 33 games in the NBA Development League for Iowa and Rio Grande Valley last season, averaged 14.9 ppg (46.5% FGs, 33.5% 3FGs, 72.6% FTs), 4.5 rpg and 1.5 apg in 22.7 mpg... won the D-League Dunk Contest held during NBA All-Star Weekend.
- Started all five games for Houston in the MGM Resorts Summer League 2017, averaging 22.0 points, 3.2 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 2.2 steals in 26.9 minutes per game while shooting 45.3% from the floor, 33.3% from 3-point range and 78.9% from the line... Ranked fifth among all players in scoring.

#9	ZHOU QI		Forward/Center		7-1/210	1/16/96	Xinjiang Flying Tigers/China Rookie			
	2017-18 Season Stats				2017-18 Highs	Career Highs		2017-18 Highs	Career Highs	
GP	1	SPG	0.00	PTS			OR			
GS	0	BPG	1.00	FGM			DR	3 vs. Dal 10/21/17		
MPG	7.4	FG%	.000	FGA	1 vs. Dal 10/21/17		TR	3 vs. Dal 10/21/17		
PPG	0.0	3FG%	.000	3FGM			AST			
RPG	3.0	FT%	--	3FGA	1 vs. Dal 10/21/17		STL			
APG	0.0	TPG	1.0	FTM			BLK	1 vs. Dal 10/21/17		
				FTA			MIN	7:24 vs. Dal 10/21/17		

LAST FIVE GAMES:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	MIN	FG/FGA	3FG/3FGA	FT/FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	+/-	PTS
10/17/17	at GS	W122-121														
10/18/17	at SAC	W105-100														
10/21/17	vs. DAL	W107-91	7:24	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	1	-7	0
10/23/17	vs. MEM															
10/25/17	at PHI															

2017-18 SEASON NOTES/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recorded two DNP-CD this season.
- Had a block in his NBA debut vs. Dallas on 10/21... averaged 1.00 bpg in 5.4 mpg in the preseason... ranked second in the Chinese Basketball Association in blocks in 2016-17 after leading the league in both 2014-15 and 2015-16.
- Started all five games for Houston in the MGM Resorts NBA Summer League 2017, averaging 6.2 points, 4.8 rebounds, 1.2 steals and 2.0 blocks in 25.0 minutes per game while shooting 30.3% from the floor, 14.3% from 3-point range and 61.5% from the line.
- In 44 games for the Xinjiang Flying Tigers of the Chinese Basketball Association last season, averaged 16.0 points, 10.0 rebounds, 1.2 assists, 1.0 steals and 2.3 blocks while shooting 58.6% from the floor, 36.4% from 3-point range and 71.7% from the line.
- Helped lead the Flying Tigers to their first championship last season and was named Defensive Player of the Year.
- Member of the Chinese Senior National Team and competed in the 2016 Olympics, averaging 5.6 points, 1.2 rebounds and 1.4 blocks in 19.0 minutes per game.
- Had a team-high 13 points for Team China in an exhibition game vs. Team USA on 7/26/16.
- Played for the World Team in the 2015 Nike Hoops Summit.
- Was measured with a 7'7.75" wingspan and a standing reach of 9'4.5" at the 2016 NBA Draft combine.

HOUSTON ROCKETS 2017-18 ROSTER

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Prior to NBA/Home Country	Years Pro
1	Trevor Ariza	F	6-8	215	6/30/85	UCLA/USA	13
2	Demetrius Jackson*	G	6-1	201	9/7/94	Notre Dame/USA	1
3	Chris Paul	G	6-0	175	5/6/85	Wake Forest/USA	12
4	P.J. Tucker	F	6-6	245	5/5/85	Texas/USA	6
5	Troy Williams	F	6-7	218	12/30/94	Indiana/USA	1
6	Bobby Brown	G	6-2	175	9/24/84	Cal-State Fullerton/USA	3
9	Zhou Qi	F/C	7-1	210	1/16/96	Xinjiang Flying Tigers/China	R
10	Eric Gordon	G	6-4	215	12/25/88	Indiana/USA	9
12	Luc Mbah a Moute	F	6-8	230	9/9/86	UCLA/Cameroon	9
13	James Harden	G	6-5	220	8/26/89	Arizona State/USA	8
15	Clint Capela	C	6-10	240	5/18/94	Elan Chalon (France)/Switzerland	3
21	Chinanu Onuaku	C	6-10	245	11/1/96	Louisville/USA	1
28	Tarik Black	F/C	6-9	250	11/22/91	Kansas/USA	3
33	Ryan Anderson	F	6-10	240	5/6/88	California/USA	9
42	Nenê	C	6-11	250	9/13/82	Vasco de Gama/Brazil	15

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Prior to NBA/Home Country	Years Pro
33	Ryan Anderson	F	6-10	240	5/6/88	California/USA	9
1	Trevor Ariza	F	6-8	215	6/30/85	UCLA/USA	13
28	Tarik Black	F/C	6-9	250	11/22/91	Kansas/USA	3
6	Bobby Brown	G	6-2	175	9/24/84	Cal-State Fullerton/USA	3
15	Clint Capela	C	6-10	240	5/18/94	Elan Chalon (France)/Switzerland	3
10	Eric Gordon	G	6-4	215	12/25/88	Indiana/USA	9
13	James Harden	G	6-5	220	8/26/89	Arizona State/USA	8
2	Demetrius Jackson*	G	6-1	201	9/7/94	Notre Dame/USA	1
12	Luc Mbah a Moute	F	6-8	230	9/9/86	UCLA/Cameroon	9
42	Nenê	C	6-11	250	9/13/82	Vasco de Gama/Brazil	15
21	Chinanu Onuaku	C	6-10	245	11/1/96	Louisville/USA	1
3	Chris Paul	G	6-0	175	5/6/85	Wake Forest/USA	12
4	P.J. Tucker	F	6-6	245	5/5/85	Texas/USA	6
5	Troy Williams	F	6-7	218	12/30/94	Indiana/USA	1
9	Zhou Qi	F/C	7-1	210	1/16/96	Xinjiang Flying Tigers/China	R

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Associate Head Coach: Jeff Bzdelik

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Mike D'Antoni (dan-TONE-ee)

Jeff Bzdelik (BIZ-del-ik)

Tarik Black (TAR-ick)

Luc Mbah a Moute (BAH-ah MOO-tay)

Nenê (neh-NAY)

Chinanu Onuaku (Chih-NAH-noo On-ooH-AH-koo)

Zhou Qi (Joe CHEE)

HOUSTON ROCKETS 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

DATE	GAME	FG-A	PCT	3FG-A	PCT	FT-A	PCT	OR-DR-REB	AST	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
10/17	HOUSTON	47-97	.485	15-41	.366	13-19	.684	10-33-43	28	16	9	13	5	122
19.596	@ Golden State	43-80	.538	16-30	.533	19-21	.905	6-35-41	34	25	5	17	9	121
10/18	HOUSTON	33-83	.398	12-45	.267	27-29	.931	12-32-44	19	14	7	16	3	105
17.583	@ Sacramento	42-88	.477	8-23	.348	8-10	.800	9-33-42	19	20	5	18	4	100
10/21	@ HOUSTON	39-82	.476	11-47	.234	18-22	.818	8-46-54	17	24	12	15	4	107
18.055	Dallas	31-84	.369	13-31	.419	16-21	.762	8-33-41	19	19	6	14	0	91

2017-18 QUARTER SCORING BREAKDOWN

DATE	OPP	W/L	GM	HOUSTON ROCKETS									OPPONENTS									
				1ST			2ND			1ST	2ND	TOTAL	1ST			2ND			1ST	2ND	TOTAL	
				1ST	2ND	HALF	3RD	4TH	HALF				OT	OT	1ST	2ND	HALF	3RD				4TH
17-Oct	GS	A	W	1	34	28	62	26	34	60			122	35	36	71	30	20	50			121
18-Oct	SAC	A	W	2	26	26	52	23	30	53			105	25	23	48	24	28	52			100
21-Oct	DAL	H	W	3	33	29	62	30	15	45			107	20	19	39	19	33	52			91
TOTALS					93	83	176	79	79	158	0	0	334	80	78	158	73	81	154	0	0	312
AVERAGES					31.0	27.7	58.7	26.3	26.3	52.7	####		111.3	26.7	26.0	52.7	24.3	27.0	51.3	####		104.0

2017-18 MISCELLANEOUS SCORING BREAKDOWN

DATE	OPP	W/L	GM	HOUSTON ROCKETS										OPPONENTS										
				Bench		In The		Second		Fast		Pts off of		Bench		In The		Second		Fast		Pts off of		
				Pts	Avg	Paint	Avg	Chance	Avg	Break	Avg	Turnovers	Avg	Pts	Avg	Paint	Avg	Chance	Avg	Break	Avg	Turnovers	Avg	
17-Oct	GS	A	W	1	58	58.0	54	54.0	18	18.0	15	15.0	21	21.0	48	48.0	32	32.0	8	8.0	36	36.0	12	12.0
18-Oct	SAC	A	W	2	19	38.5	40	47.0	13	15.5	3	9.0	20	20.5	27	37.5	56	44.0	14	11.0	6	21.0	19	15.5
21-Oct	DAL	H	W	3	36	37.7	50	48.0	16	15.7	4	7.3	19	20.0	45	40.0	30	39.3	7	9.7	0	14.0	13	14.7
TOTALS					113	37.7	144	48.0	47	15.7	22	7.3	60	20.0	120	40.0	118	39.3	29	9.7	42	14.0	44	14.7

2017-18 HOUSTON ROCKETS SUPERLATIVES

	ROCKETS		OPPONENTS
Points	29	James Harden vs. Dal 10/21/17	23 Nick Young at GS 10/17/17
Points in a Quarter	14	James Harden (2nd) vs. Dal 10/21/17	11 Klay Thompson (1st) at GS 10/17/17 Nick Young (2nd) at GS 10/17/17 Yogi Ferrell (4th) vs. Dal 10/21/17
Points in a Half	26	James Harden (1st) vs. Dal 10/21/17	20 Nick Young (1st) at GS 10/17/17
Points in an Overtime			
Field Goals	10	James Harden (2) at GS 10/17/17; vs. Dal 10/21/17 Clint Capela at Sac 10/18/17	10 Willie Cauley-Stein at Sac 10/18/17
Field Goal Attempts	23	James Harden at GS 10/17/17 Eric Gordon at Sac 10/18/17	18 Stephen Curry at GS 10/17/17
Field Goal % (Min. 5 FGA)	1.000	Nenê (6-6) vs. Dal 10/21/17	.889 Nick Young (8-9) at GS 10/17/17
3-PT Field Goals	6	James Harden vs. Dal 10/21/17	6 Nick Young at GS 10/17/17
3-PT FG Attempts	14	James Harden at Sac 10/18/17	9 Stephen Curry at GS 10/17/17
3-PT FG % (Min. 3 3FGA)	.667	P.J. Tucker (4-6) at GS 10/17/17	.857 Nick Young (6-7) at GS 10/17/17
Free Throws	7	Eric Gordon (2) at Sac 10/18/17; vs. Dal 10/21/17 James Harden at Sac 10/18/17	4 3 times
FT Attempts	8	Eric Gordon (3) at GS 10/17/17; vs. Dal 10/21/17 James Harden at Sac 10/18/17	5 Kevin Durant at GS 10/17/17
FT % (Min 5 FTA)	.875	Eric Gordon (7-8) at Sac 10/18/17 James Harden (7-8) at Sac 10/18/17	.800 Kevin Durant (4-5) at GS 10/17/17
Offensive Rebounds	5	Clint Capela at Sac 10/18/17	4 Willie Cauley-Stein at Sac 10/18/17
Defensive Rebounds	12	Clint Capela at Sac 10/18/17	10 Draymond Green at GS 10/17/17 Skal Labissiere at Sac 10/18/17
Total Rebounds	17	Clint Capela at Sac 10/18/17	11 Draymond Green at GS 10/17/17
Assists	11	James Harden at GS 10/17/17	13 Draymond Green at GS 10/17/17
Steals	4	Trevor Ariza vs. Dal 10/21/17	4 Garrett Temple at Sac 10/18/17
Blocks	2	Eric Gordon at GS 10/17/17 Tarik Black vs. Dal 10/21/17	4 Kevin Durant at GS 10/17/17
Turnovers	5	James Harden vs. Dal 10/21/17	8 Kevin Durant at GS 10/17/17
Minutes	37:46	James Harden at Sac 10/18/17	41:27 Yogi Ferrell vs. Dal 10/21/17
Minutes (OT+)			

ROCKETS HIGH	ROCKETS LOW	CATEGORY	OPPONENT HIGH	OPPONENT LOW
122 at GS 10/17/17	105 at Sac 10/18/17	Points	121 at GS 10/17/17	91 vs. Dal 10/21/17
34 at GS 10/17/17	26 at Sac 10/18/17	Points/1st Qtr.	35 at GS 10/17/17	20 vs. Dal 10/21/17
29 vs. Dal 10/21/17	26 at Sac 10/18/17	Points/2nd Qtr	36 at GS 10/17/17	19 vs. Dal 10/21/17
62 (2) vs. Dal 10/21/17	52 at Sac 10/18/17	Points/1st Half	71 at GS 10/17/17	39 vs. Dal 10/21/17
30 vs. Dal 10/21/17	23 at Sac 10/18/17	Points/3rd Qtr.	30 at GS 10/17/17	19 vs. Dal 10/21/17
34 at GS 10/17/17	15 vs. Dal 10/21/17	Points/4th Qtr.	33 vs. Dal 10/21/17	20 at GS 10/17/17
60 at GS 10/17/17	45 vs. Dal 10/21/17	Points/2nd Half	52 (2) vs. Dal 10/21/17	50 at GS 10/17/17
		Points/Overtime		
47 at GS 10/17/17	33 at Sac 10/18/17	Field Goals	43 at GS 10/17/17	31 vs. Dal 10/21/17
97 at GS 10/17/17	82 vs. Dal 10/21/17	Field Goal Attempts	88 at Sac 10/18/17	80 at GS 10/17/17
.485 at GS 10/17/17	.398 at Sac 10/18/17	Field Goal Percentage	.538 at GS 10/17/17	.369 vs. Dal 10/21/17
15 at GS 10/17/17	11 vs. Dal 10/21/17	3-PT Field Goals	16 at GS 10/17/17	8 at Sac 10/18/17
47 vs. Dal 10/21/17	41 at GS 10/17/17	3-PT FG Attempts	31 vs. Dal 10/21/17	23 at Sac 10/18/17
.366 at GS 10/17/17	.234 vs. Dal 10/21/17	3-PT FG Percentage	.533 at GS 10/17/17	.348 at Sac 10/18/17
27 at Sac 10/18/17	13 at GS 10/17/17	Free Throws	19 at GS 10/17/17	8 at Sac 10/18/17
29 at Sac 10/18/17	19 at GS 10/17/17	Free Throw Attempts	21 at GS 10/17/17	10 at Sac 10/18/17
.931 at Sac 10/18/17	.684 at GS 10/17/17	Free Throw Percentage	.905 at GS 10/17/17	.762 vs. Dal 10/21/17
12 at Sac 10/18/17	8 vs. Dal 10/21/17	Offensive Rebounds	9 at Sac 10/18/17	6 at GS 10/17/17
46 vs. Dal 10/21/17	32 at Sac 10/18/17	Defensive Rebounds	35 at GS 10/17/17	33 (2) vs. Dal 10/21/17
54 vs. Dal 10/21/17	43 at GS 10/17/17	Total Rebounds	42 at Sac 10/18/17	41 (2) vs. Dal 10/21/17
28 at GS 10/17/17	17 vs. Dal 10/21/17	Assists	34 at GS 10/17/17	19 (2) vs. Dal 10/21/17
24 vs. Dal 10/21/17	14 at Sac 10/18/17	Fouls	25 at GS 10/17/17	19 vs. Dal 10/21/17
12 vs. Dal 10/21/17	7 at Sac 10/18/17	Steals	6 vs. Dal 10/21/17	5 (2) at Sac 10/18/17
16 at Sac 10/18/17	13 at GS 10/17/17	Turnovers	18 at Sac 10/18/17	14 vs. Dal 10/21/17
5 at GS 10/17/17	3 at Sac 10/18/17	Blocks	9 at GS 10/17/17	0 vs. Dal 10/21/17

2017-18 HOUSTON ROCKETS MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

Rockets Record When . . .

	Overall	Home	Road
Outrebounding opp.	3-0	1-0	2-0
Outrebounded by opp.			
Tied in rebounding			
Shooting better than opp.	1-0	1-0	
Shooting worse than opp.	2-0		2-0
Shooting same as opp.			
More FTM than opp.	2-0	1-0	1-0
Fewer FTM than opp.	1-0		1-0
Same FTM as opp.			
More 3FGM than opp.	1-0		1-0
Fewer 3FGM than opp.	2-0	1-0	1-0
Same 3FGM as opp.			
More assists than opp.			
Fewer assists than opp.	2-0	1-0	1-0
Same assists as opp.	1-0		1-0
More turnovers than opp.	1-0	1-0	
Fewer turnovers than opp.	2-0		2-0
Same turnovers as opp.			
Bench outscores opp. bench	1-0		1-0
Opp. bench outscores HOU's	2-0	1-0	1-0
Bench scoring equal			
Scoring below 80 points			
Scoring 80-90 points			
Scoring 90-99 points			
Scoring 100-109 points	2-0	1-0	1-0
Scoring 110-119 points			
Scoring 120+ points	1-0		1-0
Opp. scoring below 80 points			
Opp. scoring 80-90 points			
Opp. scoring 90-99 points	1-0	1-0	
Opp. scoring 100-109 points	1-0		1-0
Opp. scoring 110-119 points			
Opp. scoring 120+ points	1-0		1-0

Starting Lineups

Forward	Forward	Center	Guard	Guard	Record	Dates
Ariza	Anderson	Capela	Paul	Harden	1-0	10/17
Ariza	Anderson	Capela	Gordon	Harden	2-0	10/18 – 10/21

Games Missed Due to Injury/Illness/Suspension

Player	Reason	Dates Out	Games Missed
Chris Paul	Left Knee Contusion/Left Knee Injury	10/18 – 10/21	2
Total			2

Number of Times Recording

	Points				Reb 10+	Ast 10+	Double-Doubles	Triple-Doubles	Stl 3+	Blk 3+
	10+	20+	30+	40+						
Anderson	2				1					
Ariza									1	
Black										
Brown										
Capela	3	1			2		2		1	
Gordon	3	2								
Harden	3	3				1	1			
Jackson										
Mbah a Moute	1									
Nenê	1									
Onuaku										
Paul						1				
Tucker	1	1								
Williams										
Zhou										

Number of Times Leading Team In... (Including ties, except zeros)

	Pts	Reb	Ast	Stl	Blk	Min
Anderson		2				
Ariza				2		1
Black					1	
Brown						
Capela		2		1	1	
Gordon					1	
Harden	3		2			2
Jackson					1	
Mbah a Moute						
Nenê						
Onuaku						
Paul		1	1	1		
Tucker					1	
Williams						
Zhou						