



PREGAME NOTES

Minnesota Timberwolves at Oklahoma Thunder, November 5, 2016

Tonight's Matchup

- The Thunder won the season series (3-1) in 2015-16. Overall, the Wolves trail in the regular season series, 29-77, and are 10-43 on the road, although Minnesota has won the most recent game in Oklahoma City 99-96 on Mar. 11, 2016.
- Minnesota looks to make it two in a row in Oklahoma City after the Mar. 11 victory, which snapped a 10-game winless streak against the Thunder.

Wolves Notes

- Karl-Anthony Towns finished Thursday's contest with a game-high and season-high 32 points and 14 rebounds, his second consecutive double-double and fifth career 30+ point performance. He scored 22 of his 32 points in the first half, his sixth 20+ point effort in a half and matching the highest scoring half of his career (22 in first half vs. Phoenix on Mar. 28, 2016).
- Against Denver Thursday night, Andrew Wiggins finished with 25 points, on 9-of-18 shooting, including connecting on 2-of-3 from long range. The 25-point performance marked his third 20+ contest this season and 82nd of his career.
- In eight career games against Oklahoma City, Zach LaVine is averaging 16.0 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game. LaVine erupting for 35 points on 14-of-17 from the field including 5-of-8 from deep. Entering tonight, he is averaging 21.3 points per game including a team-high 13 made three-pointers this season.
- Nemenja Bjelica scored 10 of his 14 points and grabbed six of his eight rebounds in the fourth quarter of Thursday night's contest, helping Minnesota cut Denver's lead to one basket in the closing minutes. Entering tonight, Bjelica is averaging 5.8 points and 4.8 rebounds per game.
- In Thursday's contest vs. Denver, Minnesota scored a season-high 37 first-quarter points. It was the third 30+ point first quarter of the season. The Wolves are now averaging 33.0 points on 60% (51-of-85) shooting in first quarters this season.

Thunder Notes

- With a win tonight, the Thunder would improve to 5-1 on the season, matching the club's best start through the first six games of the Oklahoma City era. OKC started the 2011-12 season with a record of 5-1.
- Thursday night against Golden State, Russell Westbrook finished with 20 points and 10 assists, which was his fourth double-double of the season in OKC's first five games. Entering tonight's contest, Westbrook is averaging 34.2 points, 9.6 rebounds and 10.0 assists.
- In 28 career games against the Timberwolves, Westbrook is averaging 22.4 points, 9.2 assists and 5.3 rebounds per game, highlighted by a 45-point effort on Mar. 23, 2012 in Oklahoma City.

Wolves Leaders

Andrew Wiggins	24.0 ppg
Gorgui Dieng	9.3 rpg
Ricky Rubio	6.5 apg

Thunder Leaders

Russell Westbrook	34.2 ppg
Russell Westbrook	9.6 rpg
Russell Westbrook	10.0 apg

