

2016-17 Timberwolves Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Score
10/26	at Memphis	L 98-102
10/29	at Sacramento	9:30 p.m.
11/1	Memphis	7:00 p.m.
11/3	Denver	7:00 p.m.
11/5	at Oklahoma City	5:00 p.m.
11/8	at Brooklyn	6:30 p.m.
11/9	at Orlando	6:00 p.m.
11/12	L.A. Clippers	7:00 p.m.
11/13	L.A. Lakers	6:00 p.m.
11/15	Charlotte	7:00 p.m.
11/17	Philadelphia	7:00 p.m.
11/19	at Memphis	7:00 p.m.
11/21	Boston	7:00 p.m.
11/23	at New Orleans	8:30 p.m.
11/25	at Phoenix	8:00 p.m.
11/26	at Golden State	9:30 p.m.
11/28	Utah	7:00 p.m.
11/30	New York	7:00 p.m.
12/2	at New York	6:30 p.m.
12/3	at Charlotte	6:00 p.m.
12/6	San Antonio	7:00 p.m.
12/8	at Toronto	6:00 p.m.
12/9	Detroit	7:00 p.m.
12/11	Golden State	6:00 p.m.
12/13	at Chicago	7:00 p.m.
12/17	Houston	7:00 p.m.
12/19	Phoenix	7:00 p.m.
12/21	at Atlanta	6:30 p.m.
12/23	Sacramento	7:00 p.m.
12/25	at Oklahoma City	7:00 p.m.
12/26	Atlanta	7:00 p.m.
12/28	at Denver	8:00 p.m.
12/30	Milwaukee	7:00 p.m.
1/1	Portland	6:00 p.m.
1/3	at Philadelphia	6:00 p.m.
1/6	at Washington	6:00 p.m.
1/7	Utah	7:00 p.m.
1/9	Dallas	7:00 p.m.
1/11	Houston	7:00 p.m.
1/13	Oklahoma City	7:00 p.m.
1/15	at Dallas	3:00 p.m.
1/17	at San Antonio	7:30 p.m.
1/19	at L.A. Clippers	9:30 p.m.
1/22	Denver	6:00 p.m.
1/24	at Phoenix	8:00 p.m.
1/26	Indiana	7:00 p.m.
1/28	Brooklyn	8:00 p.m.
1/30	Orlando	7:00 p.m.
2/1	at Cleveland	6:00 p.m.
2/3	at Detroit	6:30 p.m.
2/4	Memphis	8:00 p.m.
2/6	Miami	7:00 p.m.
2/8	Toronto	7:00 p.m.
2/10	New Orleans	7:00 p.m.
2/12	Chicago	2:30 p.m.
2/14	Cleveland	7:00 p.m.
2/15	at Denver	8:00 p.m.
2/24	Dallas	7:00 p.m.
2/25	at Houston	8:00 p.m.
2/27	at Sacramento	9:30 p.m.
3/1	at Utah	8:00 p.m.
3/4	at San Antonio	8:00 p.m.
3/6	Portland	7:00 p.m.
3/8	L.A. Clippers	7:00 p.m.
3/10	Golden State	7:00 p.m.
3/11	at Milwaukee	7:00 p.m.
3/13	Washington	7:00 p.m.
3/15	at Boston	6:30 p.m.
3/17	at Miami	7:00 p.m.
3/19	at New Orleans	5:00 p.m.
3/21	San Antonio	8:30 p.m.
3/24	at L.A. Lakers	9:30 p.m.
3/25	at Portland	9:00 p.m.
3/28	at Indiana	6:00 p.m.
3/30	L.A. Lakers	7:00 p.m.
4/1	Sacramento	7:00 p.m.
4/4	at Golden State	9:30 p.m.
4/6	at Portland	9:30 p.m.
4/7	at Utah	8:00 p.m.
4/9	at L.A. Lakers	8:30 p.m.
4/11	Oklahoma City	7:00 p.m.
4/12	at Houston	7:00 p.m.

(all times Central)

Minnesota Timberwolves (0-1) at Sacramento Kings (1-1)

Game #2, Road Game #2

Golden 1 Center

October 29, 2016 at 7:30 PM PDT

TV: Fox Sports North / NBA TV

Radio: WCCO (830 AM)

Probable Starters:

Pos.	No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Opening Night
F –	22	Andrew Wiggins	6-8	199	25 pts (7-14 FG), 7 reb, 0 ast
F –	5	Gorgui Dieng	6-11	240	12 pts (5-10 FG), 14 reb, 2 ast
C –	32	Karl-Anthony Towns	7-0	244	21 pts (9-20 FG), 4 reb, 5 ast
G –	8	Zach LaVine	6-5	185	19 pts (6-14 FG), 5 reb, 3 ast
G –	9	Ricky Rubio	6-4	190	4 pts (1- 5 FG), 4 reb, 8 ast

Injury Report:

Center Nikola Pekovic: Will miss the 2016-17 season due to recurring pain in his right ankle.

Recent Transactions:

Oct. 23: Exercised the 2017-18 contract options on guards Tyus Jones and Zach LaVine, center Karl-Anthony Towns and forward Andrew Wiggins.

Oct. 22: Waived forward Rasual Butler and guard Toure' Murry.

Sept. 25: Announced center Nikola Pekovic will be sidelined for the entire 2016-17 season due to recurring pain in his right ankle.

Sept. 23: Forward Kevin Garnett announced his retirement.

Sept. 23: Signed free-agent forward Rasual Butler to a one-year contract.

Aug. 24: Signed free-agent guards John Lucas III and Toure' Murry to one-year contracts.

July 20: Signed free-agent forward Jordan Hill to a two-year contract.

July 13: Signed free-agent center Cole Aldrich to a three-year contract.

July 8: Signed free-agent guard Brandon Rush to a one-year contract.

July 7: Signed guard Kris Dunn to a two-year contract.

June 30: Waived forward Greg Smith.

June 23: Selected guard Kris Dunn in the 1st round (5th overall) of the 2016 NBA Draft.

Records:

	Record	Home	Road	Overtime
OVERALL	0-1 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-1 (.000)	0-0 (.000)
Atlantic	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)
Southeast	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)
Central	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)
EASTERN	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)
Northwest	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)
Southwest	0-1 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-1 (.000)	0-0 (.000)
Pacific	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-0 (.000)
WESTERN	0-1 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-1 (.000)	0-0 (.000)

STREAKS:

Overall: Lost 1

Home: –

Road: Lost 1

Next 5 Games:

(all times Central)

Date	Opponent	Time	TV	Radio
Tuesday, Nov. 1	vs. Memphis Grizzlies	7:00 p.m.	FSN	WCCO
Thursday, Nov. 3	vs. Denver Nuggets	7:00 p.m.	FSN	WCCO
Saturday, Nov. 5	at Oklahoma City Thunder	5:00 p.m.	FSN	WCCO
Tuesday, Nov. 8	at Brooklyn Nets	6:30 p.m.	FSN	WCCO
Wednesday, Nov. 9	at Orlando Magic	6:00 p.m.	FSN	WCCO

Min	Four Factors	Mem
.453	Effective FG%	.519
.116	TO Percentage	.138
.306	Off. Rebound %	.268
.233	FT Made / FG Att.	.238
Min	Scoring	Mem
18	Points off TOs	17
44	Points in the Paint	34
22	2nd-Chance Points	20
13	Fast Break Points	5

Last Game: Wednesday, Oct. 26 – Memphis 102, Minnesota 98

Mike Conley tallied 24 points and Zach Randolph had 19 with 11 rebounds as Memphis dug out from an early 17-point hole to beat the Timberwolves, 102-98, on Wednesday night at FedExForum. Minnesota scored the game's first nine points and pushed its lead to 20-3 on a Gorgui Dieng jumper. Treys from Randolph, Wade Baldwin and Conley rallied the Grizzlies to within 32-29 by quarter's end and Marc Gasol tied it at 45-45 midway through the second. Andrew Wiggins scored the Wolves' final seven points of the period and Zach LaVine opened the second-half scoring to rebuild a 61-50 lead. However, Conley's three-point play ignited a barrage of 16 unanswered points that was capped by a James Ennis dunk to put the Grizzlies on top 66-61. A late Wiggins trey brought Minnesota to within 76-75 entering the fourth and Karl-Anthony Towns' long-range strike pushed the Wolves ahead 93-91 with 1:45 to play, but Memphis scored the next seven, topped off by a Conley jumper with 24 seconds left, to secure the victory. Wiggins led Minnesota with 25 points while Towns added 21 and Dieng contributed 12 points and 14 rebounds.

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Previous Game: Friday, Oct. 21 – Minnesota 109, Charlotte 74

Shabazz Muhammad's 17 points led six double-figure scorers and Karl-Anthony Towns added 15 points and nine rebounds in the first half as the Timberwolves closed out their preseason slate by routing Charlotte, 109-74, on Friday night at Target Center. Towns had 11 of Minnesota's first 17 points while Brandon Rush drilled a pair of 3-pointers en route to a 30-25 lead after one quarter. Kris Dunn's tip-in capped a 17-6 start to the second that stretched the margin to 16 and Zach LaVine tallied the final four points of the half for a 61-44 Wolves cushion. Minnesota then limited the Hornets to one basket in the first five minutes of the third quarter, with Rush's fourth trey of the contest bumping the lead to 81-50 and a steal and dunk by LaVine making it 92-56 entering the fourth. Muhammad reeled off seven consecutive points to give the Wolves their largest lead of the night at 99-58 with 10:00 left and Charlotte could get no closer than 35 the rest of the way. LaVine finished with 15 points while Rush and Nemanja Bjelica tallied 14 apiece for Minnesota. Marco Belinelli was the only player to reach double figures for the Hornets with 10 points.

2016 Minnesota Timberwolves Preseason Schedule		
Date	Opponent	Time/Score
10/8	at Miami	W109-100
10/10	at Charlotte	L 86- 98
10/12	Denver	W105- 88
10/15	at Miami	W101- 96
10/16	at Oklahoma City.....	L 94-112
10/19	Memphis	W101- 94
10/21	Charlotte	W109- 74

(all times Central)

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Tonight's Opponent: Sacramento Kings

2015-16 vs. Sacramento (4-0)

Friday, Nov. 27	at Sacramento	W101-91
Friday, Dec. 18	at Minnesota	W99-95
Wednesday, Mar. 23	at Minnesota	W113-104
Thursday, Apr. 7	at Sacramento	W105-97

The Wolves have gone 4-3 in their last seven visits to Sacramento. The 53 wins vs. the Kings overall are Minnesota's most vs. any opponent.

First Meeting: Andrew Wiggins scored 22 points and Zach LaVine tallied 14 of his 19 points in the second half to help the Timberwolves notch a 101-91 victory over Sacramento on Nov. 27 at Sleep Train Arena. Shabazz Muhammad finished with 15 points for Minnesota. The Kings were paced by 17 points from Marco Belinelli while Rajon Rondo netted 16 with 16 assists.

Second Meeting: Andrew Wiggins totaled 32 points, a career-high 10 rebounds and six assists to help the Timberwolves snap their four-game losing streak with a 99-95 victory over Sacramento on Dec. 18 at Target Center. Shabazz Muhammad scored 16 points for Minnesota while DeMarcus Cousins led the Kings with 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Rajon Rondo dealt 13 assists.

Third Meeting: Karl-Anthony Towns tallied 26 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks, and Zach LaVine scored all 23 of his points in the second half as the Wolves outlasted Sacramento, 113-104, on Mar. 23 at Target Center. Andrew Wiggins finished with 23 points for Minnesota. Rajon Rondo led the Kings with 25 points and 12 assists while grabbing eight boards.

Fourth Meeting: Gorgui Dieng collected 18 points and 13 rebounds, and Nemanja Bjelica scored 13 of 18 points in the second half as the Wolves downed Sacramento, 105-97, on Apr. 7 at Sleep Train Arena. Karl-Anthony Towns added 17 with 10 rebounds for Minnesota while Darren Collison's 19 points led the Kings and Rudy Gay chipped in 13 points and 13 boards.

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Next Opponent: Memphis Grizzlies – Tuesday, Nov. 1 at Target Center

Series Capsule:	
Timberwolves vs. Grizzlies	
All-Time Results:	Current Streaks:
Overall..... 45-36	Overall Lost 1
in Minnesota..... 25-15	Home..... Won 1
in Memphis/Vanc..... 20-21	Road..... Lost 1
Preseason..... 3-2	
Last Win: 114-108 at Memphis (3/16/16)	
Last Loss: 98-102 at Memphis (10/26/16)	
Biggest Win: 31 – 113-82 at Minnesota (11/27/99)	
Biggest Loss: 29 – 80-109 at Memphis (12/7/07)	

2016-17 vs. Memphis (0-1)

Wednesday, Oct. 26	at Memphis	L98-102
Tuesday, Nov. 1	at Minnesota	
Saturday, Nov. 19	at Memphis	
Saturday, Feb. 4	at Minnesota	

The Wolves are 5-7 in their past 12 outings vs. Memphis, having ended an 11-game series drought with the 101-93 road win on Dec. 15, 2013.

First Meeting: Mike Conley tallied 24 points and Zach Randolph chipped in 19 with 11 rebounds as Memphis dug out from an early 17-point hole to defeat the Timberwolves, 102-98, on Oct. 26 at FedExForum. Andrew Wiggins led Minnesota with 25 points while Karl-Anthony Towns added 21 and Gorgui Dieng contributed 12 points and 14 rebounds.

2016 Preseason vs. Memphis (1-0)

Wednesday, Oct. 19	at Minnesota	W101-94
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Miscellaneous Team Notes:

2016-17 STARTING LINEUPS:

Game #s	Forward	Forward	Center	Guard	Guard	Record
1	Wiggins	Dieng	Towns	Rubio	LaVine	0-1

2016-17 TIMBERWOLVES LEADERS (through Oct. 26):

	TIMES LED TEAM			DOUBLE FIGURES					DOUBLE-DOUBLES	
	Pts	Reb	Ast	10+	20+	30+	10+	10+	Pt/	Pt/
				Pts	Pts	Pts	Reb	Ast	Reb	Ast
Cole Aldrich.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nemanja Bjelica.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gorgui Dieng.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Kris Dunn.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan Hill.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tyus Jones.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zach LaVine.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Lucas III.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shabazz Muhammad.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adreian Payne.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nikola Peković.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ricky Rubio.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brandon Rush.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karl-Anthony Towns.....	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Andrew Wiggins.....	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

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BY THE NUMBERS: The Wolves are...

- **0-0** when scoring 100+ points
- **0-1** when scoring less than 100 points
- **0-0** when shooting 45%+
- **0-1** when shooting less than 45%
- **0-1** when allowing 100+ points
- **0-0** when allowing less than 100 points
- **0-1** when allowing 45%+
- **0-0** when allowing less than 45%
- **0-0** when outshooting their foe or even
- **0-1** when being outshot
- **0-1** when outrebounding their foe or tied
- **0-0** when being outrebounded
- **0-1** when committing <16 TOs
- **0-0** when committing 16+ TOs
- **0-0** when leading or tied after 3 quarters
- **0-1** when trailing after 3 quarters
- **0-0** in games decided by 10+ points
- **0-1** in games decided by <10 points

GETTING THE DROP: The Wolves rolled to a 20-3 lead five minutes into Wednesday's opener in Memphis, scoring on nine of their first 10 possessions while the Grizzlies started 0-for-5 from the floor with three TOs. The 17-point cushion is the largest Minnesota has ever let slip away in a season opener. A quarter-by-quarter look at Opening Night for the Wolves:

through Oct. 26	1st Qtr Pts / FG%	2nd Qtr Pts / FG%	1st Half Pts / FG%	3rd Qtr Pts / FG%	4th Qtr Pts / FG%	2nd Half Pts / FG%	Game Pts / FG%
Timberwolves.....	32.0 / 61.9%	27.0 / 40.0%	59.0 / 51.2%	16.0 / 38.9%	23.0 / 29.6%	39.0 / 33.3%	98.0 / 41.9%
Opponents.....	29.0 / 45.8%	21.0 / 45.0%	50.0 / 45.5%	26.0 / 40.0%	26.0 / 50.0%	52.0 / 44.4%	102.0 / 45.0%
Scoring Margins.....	(+3.0 pts)	(+6.0 pts)	(+9.0 pts)	(-10.0 pts)	(-3.0 pts)	(-13.0 pts)	(-4.0 pts)

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INSIDE THE BOX SCORE: Memphis went 11-for-24 from beyond the arc on Wednesday, the seventh time in 81 all-time meetings the Grizzlies have reached double figures vs. Minnesota. The Wolves allowed 10+ treys on 37 occasions a year ago, going 12-25 in those games (4-29 in 2014-15, 8-16 in 2013-14, 3-14 in 2012-13). A look at some of Minnesota's key figures from Opening Night:

Opening Night	FG Pct. Min-Opp	FTAs Min-Opp	Reb Margin	TO Margin	Pts off TOs Min-Opp	Paint Pts Min-Opp	Fast Break Min-Opp	2nd Chance Min-Opp	Bench Pts Min-Opp
10/26 @ Memphis	41.9%-45.0%	29-27	Even	Min +2	18-17	44-34	13- 5	22-20	17-29

2016-17 TIMBERWOLVES PLUS/MINUS REPORT:

Opening Night	Wolves	Aldrich	Bjelica	Dieng	Dunn	Hill	Jones	LaVine	Muhammad	Rubio	Rush	Towns	Wiggins
10/26 @ Memphis	L4	+5	0	0	-6	DNP	DNP	-4	+1	-1	+3	-13	-5
Season Totals:	-4	+5	0	0	-6	0	0	-4	+1	-1	+3	-13	-5
Per Game:	-4.0	+5.0	0.0	0.0	-6.0	0.0	0.0	-4.0	+1.0	-1.0	+3.0	-13.0	-5.0
Per 48 Minutes:	-4.0	+24.1	0.0	0.0	-18.9	0.0	0.0	-5.7	+3.6	-1.4	+10.5	-17.1	-7.0

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WOLVES ON OPENING NIGHT: Minnesota began its 28th NBA campaign with Wednesday's 102-98 loss in Memphis, the third straight season for the Wolves to start on the road... Last year's 112-111 victory over the L.A. Lakers (Oct. 28) was Minnesota's first Opening Night win away from home since a 106-98 decision at Houston on Oct. 31, 2000; the Wolves are now 3-8 all-time when starting on the road, with the other victory coming on Feb. 5, 1999 (110-92 vs. Denver at McNichols Arena)... The 2014-15 debut (a 105-101 loss on Oct. 29 in Memphis) ended a run of 13 consecutive seasons in which they'd opened at Target Center (a string that began in 2001-02)... That's the second-longest home streak in NBA history, and the longest for any team in the same city and arena... Wednesday's game represented the earliest start date in franchise history; the Wolves began 2010-11 on Oct. 27 (a 117-116 home loss to Sacramento)... It's also the seventh time in nine years that Minnesota has played its season opener in October; they began on Dec. 26 in 2011-12 and on Nov. 2 in 2012-13... All-time, Minnesota is 16-12 on Opening Night, having started 15 of the last 21 seasons with victories...

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THE FIRST FIVE: Gorgui Dieng and Zach LaVine made their first Opening Night starts on Wednesday night in Memphis, becoming the 69th and 70th players to start an opener for Minnesota. Ricky Rubio started for the fourth consecutive season, tying him for the 2nd-longest streak in team history behind Kevin Garnett (11) and Doug West (5). A year ago, Karl-Anthony Towns was the seventh Wolves rookie to draw an Opening Night starting assignment. The franchise's all-time season-opening lineups (*denotes a rookie starter) :

<u>1989-90</u>	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1991-92</u>	<u>1992-93</u>	<u>1993-94</u>	<u>1994-95</u>	<u>1995-96</u>
SF-- Sam Mitchell*	Tyrone Corbin	Tyrone Corbin	Chuck Person	Chuck Person	Doug West	Sam Mitchell
PF-- Tod Murphy	Tod Murphy	Sam Mitchell	Christian Laettner*	Christian Laettner	Christian Laettner	Tom Gugliotta
C-- Brad Lohaus	Randy Breuer	Felton Spencer	Felton Spencer	Luc Longley	Stacey King	Christian Laettner
SG-- Tony Campbell	Tony Campbell	Tony Campbell	Doug West	Doug West	Isaiah Rider	Doug West
PG-- Sidney Lowe	Pooh Richardson	Pooh Richardson	Micheal Williams	Micheal Williams	Chris Smith	Terry Porter
<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
SF-- Kevin Garnett	Kevin Garnett	Kevin Garnett	Wally Szczerbiak*	Wally Szczerbiak	Kevin Garnett	Kevin Garnett
PF-- Tom Gugliotta	Tom Gugliotta	Joe Smith	Kevin Garnett	Kevin Garnett	Joe Smith	Loren Woods
C-- Stojko Vrankovic	Cherokee Parks	Dean Garrett	Rasho Nesterovic	Rasho Nesterovic	Rasho Nesterovic	Rasho Nesterovic
SG-- Doug West	Chris Carr	Anthony Peeler	Anthony Peeler	Chauncey Billups	Wally Szczerbiak	Anthony Peeler
PG-- Stephon Marbury*	Stephon Marbury	Stephon Marbury	Terrell Brandon	Terrell Brandon	Terrell Brandon	Troy Hudson
<u>2003-04</u>	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>
SF-- Latrell Sprewell	Wally Szczerbiak	Wally Szczerbiak	Trenton Hassell	Ryan Gomes	Corey Brewer	Damien Wilkins
PF-- Kevin Garnett	Kevin Garnett	Kevin Garnett	Kevin Garnett	Al Jefferson	Ryan Gomes	Ryan Gomes
C-- Michael Olowokandi	Michael Olowokandi	Michael Olowokandi	Mark Blount	Theo Ratliff	Al Jefferson	Al Jefferson
SG-- Fred Hoiberg	Latrell Sprewell	Trenton Hassell	Ricky Davis	Rashad McCants	Mike Miller	Corey Brewer
PG-- Sam Cassell	Sam Cassell	Marko Jaric	Mike James	Sebastian Telfair	Randy Foye	Jonny Flynn*
<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
SF-- Michael Beasley	Michael Beasley	Andrei Kirilenko	Corey Brewer	Andrew Wiggins*	Tayshaun Prince	Andrew Wiggins
PF-- Kevin Love	Kevin Love	Derrick Williams	Kevin Love	Thaddeus Young	Kevin Garnett	Gorgui Dieng
C-- Darko Milicic	Darko Milicic	Nikola Pekovic	Nikola Pekovic	Nikola Pekovic	Karl-Anthony Towns*	Karl-Anthony Towns
SG-- Wayne Ellington	Wes Johnson	Brandon Roy	Kevin Martin	Corey Brewer	Andrew Wiggins	Zach LaVine
PG-- Luke Ridnour	Luke Ridnour	Luke Ridnour	Ricky Rubio	Ricky Rubio	Ricky Rubio	Ricky Rubio

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FOR OPENERS: Ricky Rubio tallied a career-high 28 points and 14 assists in last year's 112-111 triumph at the L.A. Lakers on Oct. 28, while Karl-Anthony Towns (14 points, 12 rebounds) became the first player in franchise history to register a double-double in his NBA debut. A look at the Timberwolves' all-time best individual performances on Opening Night:

<u>Most Points</u>			<u>Most Rebounds</u>			<u>Most Assists</u>		
<u>Pts</u>	<u>Player, Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reb</u>	<u>Player, Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ast</u>	<u>Player, Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>
34	Kevin Garnett, @Sac.....	11/5/99	21	Kevin Garnett, vs. Mil.....	10/29/03	15	Pooh Richardson, vs. Dal.....	11/2/90
31	Kevin Love, vs. Orl.....	10/30/13	20	Kevin Garnett, vs. NY.....	11/3/04	14	Ricky Rubio, @LAL.....	10/28/15
28	Ricky Rubio, @LAL.....	11/28/15	17	Kevin Love, vs. Orl.....	10/30/13	14	Stephon Marbury, vs. GS.....	10/31/97
28	Kevin Garnett, vs. NY.....	11/3/04	17	Kevin Garnett, @Sac.....	11/5/99	12	Terrell Brandon, @Sac.....	11/5/99
28	Kevin Garnett, @Hou.....	10/31/00	14	Gorgui Dieng, @Mem.....	10/26/16	11	Ricky Rubio, vs. Orl.....	10/30/13
28	Tom Gugliotta, vs. GS.....	10/31/97	13	Al Jefferson, vs. Den.....	11/2/07	11	Sam Cassell, vs. NY.....	11/3/04
26	Thaddeus Young, @Mem.....	10/29/14	13	Rasho Nesterovic, @Hou.....	10/31/00	10	Stephon Marbury, @Den.....	2/5/99
26	Donyell Marshall, @Den.....	11/4/94	12	Karl-Anthony Towns, @LAL....	10/28/15	10	Pooh Richardson, vs. Uta.....	11/1/91
25	Andrew Wiggins, @Mem.....	10/26/16	12	Kevin Love, vs. OkC.....	12/26/11	9	Sam Cassell, vs. Mil.....	10/29/03
25	Kevin Garnett, vs. Mil.....	10/29/03	12	Kevin Garnett, vs. Sac.....	11/1/06	9	Terrell Brandon, @Hou.....	10/31/00
25	Kevin Garnett, vs. GS.....	10/31/97	12	Kevin Garnett, vs. Den.....	10/30/02	8	MR: Ricky Rubio, @Mem....	10/26/16
			12	Tom Gugliotta, @Sac.....	11/3/95			

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DUNN DEBUTS: Kris Dunn, Minnesota's 1st-round pick (5th overall) in the 2016 Draft, tallied eight points and four rebounds in his first regular-season NBA appearance on Wednesday at Memphis. Dunn is the lone rookie on their 2016-17 roster – though, at age 22, only the 5th-youngest. Some of the Timberwolves' most notable rookie performances on Opening Night:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Debut</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>FG-A</u>	<u>FT-A</u>	<u>Reb</u>	<u>Ast</u>	<u>Stl</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>Blk</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Donyell Marshall	21y,170d	5/18/1973	11/4/1994 @ Den.	0	26	9-18	3-6	4	2	0	0	3	26
Jonny Flynn	20y,264d	2/6/1989	10/28/2009 vs. N.J.	1	29	5-13	8-10	4	2	2	3	0	18
Karl-Anthony Towns	19y,347d	11/15/1995	10/28/2015 @ LAL	1	32	6-10	2-2	12	1	0	3	0	14
Derrick Williams	20y,215d	5/25/1991	12/26/2011 vs. OkC	0	24	6-14	1-2	6	1	1	2	0	13
Wes Johnson	23y,108d	7/11/1987	10/27/2010 vs. Sac.	0	18	5-10	3-4	4	1	1	1	0	13
Howard Easley	21y,335d	12/4/1972	11/4/1994 @ Den.	0	26	3-5	7-8	3	6	2	3	0	13
Kevin Love	20y,52d	9/7/1988	10/29/2008 vs. Sac.	0	19	5-8	2-2	9	2	1	2	2	12
Donald Royal	23y,165d	5/22/1966	11/3/1989 @ Sea.	0	25	2-6	8-8	2	3	1	1	0	12
Kris Dunn	22y,222d	3/18/1994	10/26/2016 @ Mem.	0	15	4-6	0-0	4	1	1	1	0	8
Nemanja Bjelica	27y,172d	5/9/1988	10/28/2015 @ LAL	0	23	3-6	0-0	5	2	0	0	1	8
Kevin Garnett	19y,168d	5/19/1976	11/3/1995 @ Sac.	0	16	4-4	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	8
Christian Laettner	23y,81d	8/17/1969	11/6/1992 @ Bos.	1	30	4-11	0-0	7	1	2	2	0	8
Andrew Wiggins	19y,248d	2/23/1995	10/29/2014 @ Mem.	1	19	2-5	1-2	3	1	2	2	0	6
Ricky Rubio	21y,66d	10/21/1990	12/26/2011 vs. OkC	0	26	2-3	2-2	5	6	0	0	0	6

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Minnesota Timberwolves 2016-17 Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Prior to NBA / Country	Exp	Twitter
45	Cole Aldrich	C	6-11	250	10/31/88	Kansas / USA	6	@colea45
88	Nemanja Bjelica	F	6-10	225	05/09/88	Fenerbahçe Ülker / Serbia	1	@Bjelica88
5	Gorgui Dieng	C	6-11	240	01/18/90	Louisville / Sénégal	3	@GorguiDieng
3	Kris Dunn	G	6-4	205	03/18/94	Providence / USA	R	@KrisDunn3
27	Jordan Hill	F	6-10	240	07/27/87	Arizona / USA	7	
1	Tyus Jones	G	6-2	195	05/10/96	Duke / USA	1	@TyusJones06
8	Zach LaVine	G	6-5	185	03/10/95	UCLA / USA	2	@ZachLaVine
11	John Lucas III	G	5-11	166	11/21/82	Oklahoma State / USA	7	@Luke1luk
15	Shabazz Muhammad	F	6-6	223	11/13/92	UCLA / USA	3	@ShabazzMuhammad
33	Andreian Payne	F	6-10	237	02/19/91	Michigan State / USA	2	@Andreian_Payne
14	Nikola Peković	C	6-11	307	01/03/86	Panathinaikos / Montenegro	6	
9	Ricky Rubio	G	6-4	190	10/21/90	FC Barcelona / Spain	5	@RickyRubio9
4	Brandon Rush	G	6-6	225	07/07/85	Kansas / USA	8	@BRush_25
32	Karl-Anthony Towns	C	7-0	244	11/15/95	Kentucky / USA	1	@KarlTowns
22	Andrew Wiggins	F	6-8	199	02/23/95	Kansas / Canada	2	@22wiggins

Head Coach: Tom Thibodeau (Salem State)

Assistant Coaches: Rick Brunson (Temple)
 Andy Greer (SUNY-Brockport)
 Ed Pinckney (Villanova)
 Ryan Saunders (Minnesota)

Athletic Trainer: Gregg Farnam (St. Cloud State)

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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:		
	Nemanja Bjelica	NEH-mahn-yah BYELL-eet-sah
	Gorgui Dieng	GOR-ghee Jeng
	Zach LaVine	Luh-VEEN
	Shabazz Muhammad	Shuh-BAHZ
	Toure' Murry	too-RAY
	Nikola Peković	NEE-koh-lah PEK-oh-vitch
	Tom Thibodeau	THIB-uh-doh

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ROSTER NOTES: On Monday, Minnesota announced its 15-man Opening Night roster, having reached the limit by waiving forward Rasual Butler and guard Toure' Murry on Saturday... Of the 14 players who finished 2015-16 on the Timberwolves' roster, 10 are back this season... Five new faces dot Minnesota's roster, including free-agent signees Cole Aldrich, Brandon Rush, Jordan Hill and John Lucas III... Kris Dunn, the Wolves' 1st-round selection (5th overall) in the 2016 NBA Draft, is the sole rookie... Last October, the Wolves returned nine of 16 players from their final 2014-15 roster; they kept nine of 15 from 2013-14 to 2014-15 and also nine of 15 from 2012-13 to 2013-14... The current roster averages 3.6 years of NBA experience and has an average age of 26.1 years; last year's Opening Night group was at 5.1 and 27.6 years, respectively (4.0 and 25.6 in 2014-15; 3.7 and 26.0 in 2013-14)... Nikola Peković remains atop the Wolves' seniority list, beginning his seventh season; Ricky Rubio enters year number six...

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HOW THE WOLVES WERE BUILT: A breakdown of Minnesota's 2016-17 Opening Night roster:

- June 27, 2008 – **Nikola Peković**, NBA Draft (2nd round, 31st overall)
- June 25, 2009 – **Ricky Rubio**, NBA Draft (1st round, 5th overall)
- June 24, 2010 – **Nemanja Bjelica**, acquired via trade from Washington
- June 27, 2013 – **Shabazz Muhammad**, acquired via trade from Utah
- June 27, 2013 – **Gorgui Dieng**, acquired via trade from Utah
- June 26, 2014 – **Zach LaVine**, NBA Draft (1st round, 13th overall)
- Aug. 23, 2014 – **Andrew Wiggins**, acquired via trade from Cleveland
- Feb. 10, 2015 – **Andreian Payne**, acquired via trade from Atlanta
- June 25, 2015 – **Karl-Anthony Towns**, NBA Draft (1st round, 1st overall)
- June 25, 2015 – **Tyus Jones**, acquired via trade from Cleveland
- June 23, 2016 – **Kris Dunn**, NBA Draft (1st round, 5th overall)
- July 8, 2016 – **Brandon Rush**, signed as unrestricted free agent
- July 13, 2016 – **Cole Aldrich**, signed as unrestricted free agent
- July 20, 2016 – **Jordan Hill**, signed as unrestricted free agent
- Aug. 24, 2016 – **John Lucas III**, signed as unrestricted free agent

Preseason Notes:

STARTING LINEUPS:

Game #	Forward	Forward	Center	Guard	Guard	Record
1-4	Wiggins	Dieng	Towns	Rubio	LaVine	3-1
5	Butler	Bjelica	Aldrich	Dunn	Rush	0-1
6-7	Rush	Dieng	Towns	Rubio	LaVine	2-0

TIMBERWOLVES LEADERS (Final):

	TIMES LED TEAM			--- DOUBLE FIGURES ---				PRESEASON HIGHS		
	Pts	Reb	Ast	10+	20+	10+	10+	Pts	Reb	Ast
Cole Aldrich.....	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	10	10	2
Nemanja Bjelica.....	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	14	6	3
Rasul Butler.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1
Gorgui Dieng.....	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	19	11	2
Kris Dunn.....	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	8	6	7
Jordan Hill.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	1
Tyus Jones.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	2	2
Zach LaVine.....	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	30	8	3
John Lucas III.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	18	1	2
Shabazz Muhammad.....	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	18	6	1
Toure' Murry.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	2
Adreian Payne.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	16	4	0
Ricky Rubio.....	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	10	5	8
Brandon Rush.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	14	4	5
Karl-Anthony Towns.....	3	3	0	5	2	2	0	31	14	4
Andrew Wiggins.....	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	23	4	1

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BY THE NUMBERS: The Wolves are...

- **5-0** when scoring 100+ points
- **0-2** when scoring less than 100 points
- **2-0** when shooting 45%+
- **3-2** when shooting less than 45%
- **1-0** when allowing 100+ points
- **4-2** when allowing less than 100 points
- **1-1** when allowing 45%+
- **4-1** when allowing less than 45%
- **4-0** when outshooting their foe or even
- **1-2** when being outshot
- **3-0** when outrebounding their foe or even
- **2-2** when being outrebounded
- **0-1** when committing <16 TOs
- **5-1** when committing 16+ TOs
- **5-0** when leading or tied after 3 quarters
- **0-2** when trailing after 3 quarters
- **2-2** in games decided by 10+ points
- **3-0** in games decided by <10 points

DUNK-O-METER: Wolves players' preseason dunk totals (Final):

Zach LaVine.....	8
Shabazz Muhammad.....	4
Andrew Wiggins.....	4
Karl-Anthony Towns.....	3
Gorgui Dieng.....	2

ROOKIE ROUNDUP: Kris Dunn, Minnesota's top pick (5th overall) in the 2016 NBA Draft, finished 2nd among rookies in preseason assists (3.9 apg), 1st in steals (2.00 spg) and 9th in minutes played (22.8 mpg). A final preseason recap of the NBA's rookie class of 2016-17:

#	Name	Team	G	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	Blk	Pts
1.	Ben Simmons.....	PHI		<i>Injured</i>								
2.	Brandon Ingram.....	LAL	8	23.5	.391	.389	.571	2.5	1.6	0.75	1.00	7.4
3.	Jaylen Brown.....	BOS	7	23.3	.422	.278	.593	2.9	1.4	1.00	0.14	10.7
4.	Dragan Bender.....	PHO	6	21.7	.290	.158	.500	4.0	0.8	0.33	1.00	3.8
5.	Kris Dunn.....	MIN	7	22.7	.226	.100	.636	3.3	3.9	2.00	0.29	4.6
6.	Buddy Hield.....	NOP	6	27.3	.433	.286	.900	3.5	2.0	0.83	0.00	12.5
7.	Jamal Murray.....	DEN	8	25.4	.355	.313	.667	4.1	3.5	0.75	0.50	11.3
8.	Marquese Chriss.....	PHO	6	25.3	.468	.375	.632	5.5	0.7	1.67	1.00	12.2
9.	Jakob Poeltl.....	TOR	7	12.9	.563	.000	.429	4.0	0.6	0.43	0.14	5.6
10.	Thon Maker.....	MIL	5	14.6	.375	.000	.833	2.0	0.2	0.00	0.20	3.4
11.	Domantas Sabonis.....	OKC	6	23.5	.484	.308	.625	2.7	2.5	0.50	0.00	6.5
12.	Taurean Prince.....	ATL	7	17.0	.463	.273	.889	3.6	0.7	1.57	0.71	7.0
13.	Giorgios Papagiannis.....	SAC	4	7.8	.429	.000	.500	1.5	0.5	0.25	0.00	1.8
14.	Denzel Valentine.....	CHI	1	11.0	.400	.000	.000	1.0	2.0	0.00	0.00	4.0
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	Troy Williams.....	MEM	6	25.3	.521	.421	.724	4.0	0.7	1.67	0.33	13.2
	Joel Embiid.....	PHI	7	14.7	.448	.143	.818	6.0	0.0	0.14	0.86	11.4
	Dario Saric.....	PHI	6	21.5	.449	.313	.857	4.5	1.0	0.33	0.33	10.2
	Mindaugas Kuzminskas..	NYK	5	14.8	.526	.313	.833	2.6	2.0	0.60	0.40	10.0
	Jonathan Holmes.....	CLE	6	17.3	.489	.333	1.000	3.3	0.8	0.67	0.67	9.7
	Bryn Forbes.....	SAN	6	15.2	.526	.588	.875	1.7	0.3	0.67	0.17	9.5

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Preseason	Wolves	Aldrich	Bjelica	Dieng	Dunn	Hill	Jones	LaVine	Muhammad	Rubio	Rush	Towns	Wiggins
10/8 @ Miami	W9	0	+6	+3	+6	DNP	DNP	+4	+2	+3	+2	+9	+10
10/10 @ Charlotte	L12	-9	-1	-10	-7	0	+1	-7	-7	-6	-10	-4	-4
10/12 vs. Denver	W17	-2	-3	+23	-8	-2	-2	+14	+4	+24	0	+19	+20
10/15 @ Miami	W5	-10	-4	+9	-1	DNP	DNP	+11	-6	+6	-8	+15	+13
10/16 @ Okla. City	L18	-5	-21	DNP	-19	-13	+3	DNP	DNP	DNP	-23	DNP	DNP
10/19 vs. Memphis	W7	-11	-11	+36	-6	-18	-30	+35	DNP	+36	+33	+36	DNP
10/21 vs. Charlotte	W35	+22	+39	+20	+16	-6	0	+27	+10	+16	+37	+1	DNP
Preseason Totals:	+43	-15	+5	+81	-19	-39	-28	+84	+3	+79	+31	+76	+39
Per Game:	+6.1	-2.1	+0.7	+13.5	-2.7	-7.8	-5.6	+14.0	+0.6	+13.2	+4.4	+12.7	+9.8
Per 48 Minutes:	+6.1	-5.3	+1.5	+28.0	-5.7	-39.6	-25.0	+25.2	+1.4	+28.0	+9.7	+25.8	+16.6

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INSIDE THE BOX SCORE: The Wolves outrebounded Charlotte 56-37 last Friday, helping to pile up a preseason-best 25-7 advantage in fast break scoring. Meanwhile, Minnesota's 51-36 board edge in the Oct. 15 triumph over Miami in Louisville led to a preseason-high 23 second-chance points. A look at some of the Wolves' key figures for the 2016 preseason:

<u>Preseason</u>	<u>FG Pct.</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>	<u>FTAs</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>	<u>Reb</u> <u>Margin</u>	<u>TO</u> <u>Margin</u>	<u>Pts off TOs</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>	<u>Paint Pts</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>	<u>Fast Break</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>	<u>2nd Chance</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>	<u>Bench Pts</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>
10/8 @ Miami	39.3%-46.3%	39-29	Min +9	Min +3	22-18	36-50	24- 7	22- 8	47-50
10/10 @ Charlotte	34.7%-43.5%	17-14	Min -1	Min +3	13-16	38-38	10- 8	6- 2	36-51
10/12 vs. Denver	41.5%-41.1%	38-31	Min -3	Min +9	22-23	38-42	12-12	15-16	40-38
10/15 @ Miami	48.1%-41.0%	22-22	Min +15	Min -7	15-27	42-32	10-11	23- 8	31-63
10/16 @ Oklahoma City	40.0%-50.0%	21-19	Min -10	Even	17-23	38-56	13-20	15-18	57-48
10/19 vs. Memphis	41.3%-39.8%	41-28	Min -2	Min +1	28-22	42-36	13-22	11-19	22-60
10/21 vs. Charlotte	48.8%-31.6%	24-29	Min +19	Even	31-14	48-26	25- 7	19- 9	46-44
Preseason Averages	41.8%-42.1%	28.9-24.6	Min +3.9	Min +1.3	21.1-20.4	40.3-40.0	15.3-12.4	15.9-11.4	39.9-50.6

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THIRD DEGREE: Minnesota erupted for 41 points in the 3rd quarter of its preseason opener (Oct. 8) vs. Miami in Kansas City, erasing a 19-point, 1st-half deficit. On the flipside, the Wolves were outscored 32-18 in the 3rd period on Oct. 10 at Charlotte, with the Hornets rallying from 14 points back to win. A quarter-by-quarter look at Minnesota's 2016 preseason:

<u>Final</u>	<u>1st Qtr</u> <u>Pts / FG%</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u> <u>Pts / FG%</u>	<u>1st Half</u> <u>Pts / FG%</u>	<u>3rd Qtr</u> <u>Pts / FG%</u>	<u>4th Qtr</u> <u>Pts / FG%</u>	<u>2nd Half</u> <u>Pts / FG%</u>	<u>Game</u> <u>Pts / FG%</u>
Timberwolves.....	25.7 / 41.0%	28.0 / 41.4%	53.7 / 41.2%	28.6 / 47.2%	18.4 / 37.2%	47.0 / 42.3%	100.7 / 41.8%
Opponents.....	22.3 / 38.5%	29.0 / 49.7%	51.3 / 44.0%	20.7 / 38.2%	22.6 / 41.8%	43.3 / 40.1%	94.6 / 42.1%
Scoring Margins.....	(+3.4 pts)	(-1.0 pts)	(+2.4 pts)	(+7.9 pts)	(-4.1 pts)	(+3.7 pts)	(+6.1 pts)

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WOLF TRACKS: Minnesota wrapped up its 2016 preseason slate with a 5-2 record following last Friday's 109-74 victory over Charlotte at Target Center, avenging a 98-86 loss to the Hornets on Oct. 10 at Time Warner Cable Arena... The Wolves are now 108-93 all-time in exhibition outings, going 29-15 at Target Center; they've registered six winning preseason records in the past seven years, having finished 6-2 in 2010, 2-0 in 2011, 5-2 in 2012, 4-3 in 2013 and 5-2 in 2014 before dipping to 2-5 last October... The final 35-point spread vs. Charlotte equaled Minnesota's 2nd-largest winning margin ever in the preseason; they posted a 117-79 win at Milwaukee on Oct. 6, 2008... The Wolves made their Target Center debut for 2016-17 with last Wednesday's 101-94 win over Memphis – in the 200th preseason contest in franchise history... It was the first of three meetings with the Grizzlies in a two-week stretch; Memphis returns to Target Center for the Wolves' home opener on Nov. 1... The Wolves completed a five-game, nine-night road swing with the 112-94 loss on Oct. 16 in Oklahoma City... They defeated Miami twice during the sojourn (109-100 on Oct. 8 in Kansas City; 101-96 on Oct. 15 in Louisville) while dropping the 98-86 decision Oct. 10 at Charlotte and notching a 105-88 victory over Denver on Oct. 12 in Lincoln...

COLD AS ICE: Minnesota limited Charlotte to 74 points and 31.6% last Friday, both figures representing preseason defensive bests... The Hornets' percentage is the lowest allowed by Minnesota in a preseason game since New York shot an identical 31.6% (25-for-79) on Oct. 11, 2003 at MSG (a 96-77 Wolves victory)... Meanwhile, Oklahoma City's 112 points and 50.0% shooting on Oct. 16 were both preseason highs for a Wolves opponent; Minnesota bounced back to hold Memphis to 94 points and 39.8% on Oct. 19... The Wolves finished 4th in preseason scoring defense (94.6 ppg) and 6th in FG percentage defense (42.1%) while permitting the 4th-lowest three-point percentage (30.4%)... Minnesota held Denver to 88 points in the Oct. 12 victory in Lincoln, forcing 25 turnovers while limiting the Nuggets to a 3-for-20 effort from beyond the arc... The Wolves swiped a preseason-best 14 steals in that game and added 13 steals vs. Charlotte last Friday; Minnesota ranked 9th in preseason steals (10.14 spg) and 3rd in blocked shots (6.71 bpg)...

BOARD GAMES: The Wolves outrebounded Charlotte 56-37 last Friday, their second double-digit cushion of the preseason (51-36 vs. Miami, Oct. 15) and the third time in seven starts they held the upper hand... The 19-board spread was their largest in a preseason game since outrebounding New York 62-35 on Oct. 6, 2010... Oklahoma City enjoyed a 47-37 margin on Oct. 16, Minnesota's sole double-digit deficit; their 37 total rebounds were a preseason low... Overall, the Wolves compiled a +3.9 rpg margin (47.1-43.3) while ranking 5th in total rebounding pct (.523), 8th in defensive rebounding pct (.797) and 7th in offensive rebounding pct (.248)... Karl-Anthony Towns was 7th individually (9.3 rpg), registering two of Minnesota's three double-doubles; his 14 rebounds Oct. 15 vs. Miami equaled the most by any Wolves player in a preseason contest since Nikola Pekovic had 17 vs. Chicago on Oct. 13, 2012...

FITS & STARTS: Minnesota shot a preseason-best 48.8% in last Friday's finale vs. Charlotte, its second outing above 42% this month (48.1% vs. Miami, Oct. 15)... The Wolves were held below 40% in each of their first two starts (39.3% vs. Miami on Oct. 8; 34.7% at Charlotte on Oct. 10)... Minnesota finished 24th in preseason FG accuracy (41.8%) and 20th in scoring (100.7 ppg)... The Wolves went 36-for-41 from the line vs. Memphis on Oct. 19, setting preseason highs in both categories; Karl-Anthony Towns (17-for-17) and Gorgui Dieng (9-for-10) combined for 26 made free throws... Minnesota ranked 3rd in preseason FT accuracy (79.2%) and 5th in FTs made (22.9 per game)... The Wolves tied their preseason best by hitting 10 three-pointers Oct. 16 at Oklahoma City (also Oct. 8 vs. Miami)... Minnesota cracked the Century Mark in five of seven starts (including a preseason-best 109 last Friday vs. Charlotte), winning all five...

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2016 Minnesota Timberwolves Preseason Superlatives (Final)

Wolves Individual Highs:

Points.....	31
Field Goals Made.....	13
Field Goals Attempted	20
Field Goal Percentage (Min. 8 FGM)650
3-Point Field Goals Made	4
3-Point Field Goals Attempted	7
Free Throws Made.....	17
Free Throws Attempted	17
Free Throw Percentage (Min. 8 FTM).....	1.000
Total Rebounds	14
Offensive Rebounds	5
Defensive Rebounds.....	10
Assists	8
Steals.....	4
Turnovers.....	5
Blocked Shots.....	4
Minutes Played	31:25

Karl-Anthony Towns vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
 Zach LaVine at Charlotte (10/10/16)
 Zach LaVine at Charlotte (10/10/16)
(13-20) Zach LaVine at Charlotte (10/10/16)
 (3x) *MR*: Brandon Rush vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
 Nemanja Bjelica/John Lucas III at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
 Karl-Anthony Towns vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
 Karl-Anthony Towns vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
(17-17) Karl-Anthony Towns vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
 Karl-Anthony Towns at Miami (10/15/16)
 Karl-Anthony Towns at Miami (10/15/16)
 Gorgui Dieng vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
 Ricky Rubio vs. Denver (10/12/16)
 Ricky Rubio vs. Denver (10/12/16);
 Kris Dunn vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
 Kris Dunn at Miami (10/15/16)
 Gorgui Dieng vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
 Brandon Rush vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)

Opponent Individual Highs:

Points.....	26
Field Goals Made.....	10
Field Goals Attempted	21
Field Goal Percentage (Min. 8 FGM)533
3-Point Field Goals Made	5
3-Point Field Goals Attempted	9
Free Throws Made.....	9
Free Throws Attempted	9
Free Throw Percentage (Min. 8 FTM).....	1.000
Total Rebounds	13
Offensive Rebounds	6
Defensive Rebounds.....	11
Assists	10
Steals.....	4
Turnovers.....	7
Blocked Shots.....	4
Minutes Played	39:16

Russell Westbrook at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
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(8-15) Steven Adams at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
 Rodney McGruder at Miami (10/15/16);
 Wayne Selden vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
 (3x) *MR*: Wayne Selden vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
 Marvin Williams at Charlotte (10/10/16)
 Marvin Williams at Charlotte (10/10/16)
(9-9) Marvin Williams at Charlotte (10/10/16)
 Willie Reed at Miami (10/15/16)
 Steven Adams at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
 Hassan Whiteside at Miami (10/8/16)
 Russell Westbrook at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
 (3x) *MR*: Treveon Graham vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
 Dion Waiters at Miami (10/8/16)
 Steven Adams at Oklahoma City (10/16/16);
 Roy Hibbert vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
 Rodney McGruder at Miami (10/15/16)

2016 Minnesota Timberwolves Preseason Superlatives (Final)

Wolves Highs:

Points, Game	109	(2x) <i>MR</i> : vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
Points, 1st Half	62	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
Points, 2nd Half	62	at Miami (10/8/16)
Points, 1st Quarter	30	vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
Points, 2nd Quarter	34	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
Points, 3rd Quarter	41	at Miami (10/8/16)
Points, 4th Quarter	25	at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
Field Goals Made	41	vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
Field Goals Attempted	95	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
Field Goal Percentage488	(41-84) vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
3-Pt Field Goals Made	10	(2x) <i>MR</i> : at Okla. City (10/16/16)
3-Pt Field Goals Attempted	28	at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
3-Pt Field Goal Percentage474	(9-19) vs. Denver (10/12/16)
Free Throws Made	36	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
Free Throws Attempted	41	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
Free Throw Percentage909	(20-22) at Miami (10/15/16)
Total Rebounds	56	vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
Offensive Rebounds	14	at Miami (10/8/16)
Defensive Rebounds	45	vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
Assists	22	vs. Denver (10/12/16)
Steals	14	vs. Denver (10/12/16)
Turnovers	21	(2x) <i>MR</i> : vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
Blocked Shots	9	at Miami (10/8/16)
Personal Fouls	25	at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)

Wolves Lows:

86	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
47	at Miami (10/8/16)
32	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
21	at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
24	(2x) <i>MR</i> : at Miami (10/15/16)
18	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
10	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
31	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
75	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
.347	(33-95) at Charlotte (10/10/16)
3	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
15	at Miami (10/15/16)
.136	(3-22) vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
13	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
17	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
.737	(28-38) vs. Denver (10/12/16)
37	at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
8	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
27	at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
16	(2x) <i>MR</i> : at Miami (10/15/16)
6	at Miami (10/15/16)
13	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
4	at Miami (10/15/16)
17	at Miami (10/15/16)

Opponent Highs:

Points, Game	112	at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
Points, 1st Half	62	at Miami (10/8/16)
Points, 2nd Half	56	at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
Points, 1st Quarter	27	at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
Points, 2nd Quarter	39	at Miami (10/8/16)
Points, 3rd Quarter	32	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
Points, 4th Quarter	37	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
Field Goals Made	45	at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
Field Goals Attempted	90	at Oklahoma City (10/16/16)
Field Goal Percentage500	(45-90) at Okla. City (10/16/16)
3-Pt Field Goals Made	13	at Miami (10/15/16)
3-Pt Field Goals Attempted	36	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
3-Pt Field Goal Percentage406	(13-32) at Miami (10/15/16)
Free Throws Made	25	vs. Denver (10/12/16)
Free Throws Attempted	31	vs. Denver (10/12/16)
Free Throw Percentage857	(12-14) at Charlotte (10/10/16)
Total Rebounds	51	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
Offensive Rebounds	13	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
Defensive Rebounds	44	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
Assists	23	(3x) <i>MR</i> : at Okla. City (10/16/16)
Steals	13	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)
Turnovers	25	vs. Denver (10/12/16)
Blocked Shots	9	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
Personal Fouls	30	vs. Memphis (10/19/16)

Opponent Lows:

74	vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
44	(2x) <i>MR</i> : vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
30	vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
15	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
19	vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
12	vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
15	at Miami (10/8/16)
25	vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
73	vs. Denver (10/12/16)
.316	(25-79) vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
3	(2x) <i>MR</i> : vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
20	vs. Denver (10/12/16)
.136	(3-22) vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
12	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
14	at Charlotte (10/10/16)
.621	(18-29) at Miami (10/8/16)
36	at Miami (10/15/16)
6	at Miami (10/8/16)
27	at Miami (10/15/16)
8	vs. Charlotte (10/21/16)
7	(3x) <i>MR</i> : vs. Denver (10/12/16)
14	at Miami (10/15/16)
2	at Miami (10/15/16)
15	at Charlotte (10/10/16)

2016 Minnesota Timberwolves

Top Individual Preseason Performances (Final)

POINTS

31 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/19 vs. Mem.
30 Zach LaVine, 10/10 at Cha.
23 Andrew Wiggins, 10/15 at Mia.
20 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/8 at Mia.
19 Gorgui Dieng, 10/19 vs. Mem.
19 Andrew Wiggins, 10/8 at Mia.
18 *MR*: Zach LaVine, 10/19 vs. Mem.

FIELD GOALS

13 Zach LaVine, 10/10 at Cha.
9 Andrew Wiggins, 10/15 at Mia.
8 Zach LaVine, 10/19 vs. Mem.
7 *MR*: K.-A. Towns, 10/19 vs. Mem.

FREE THROWS

17 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/19 vs. Mem.
13 Andrew Wiggins, 10/8 at Mia.
9 Gorgui Dieng, 10/19 vs. Mem.
7 *MR*: K.-A. Towns, 10/21 vs. Cha.

3-PT. FIELD GOALS

4 Brandon Rush, 10/21 vs. Cha.
4 John Lucas III, 10/16 at OkC
4 Zach LaVine, 10/10 at Cha.
3 Nemanja Bjelica, 10/12 vs. Den.
3 Brandon Rush, 10/8 at Mia.

TOTAL REBOUNDS

14 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/15 at Mia.
11 Gorgui Dieng, 10/19 vs. Mem.
10 Cole Aldrich, 10/21 vs. Cha.
10 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/8 at Mia.
9 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/21 vs. Cha.
9 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/19 vs. Mem.
9 Cole Aldrich, 10/10 at Cha.

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

5 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/15 at Mia.
4 Gorgui Dieng, 10/12 vs. Den.
4 Shabazz Muhammad, 10/10 at Cha.
4 Gorgui Dieng, 10/8 at Mia.
4 Shabazz Muhammad, 10/8 at Mia.

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

10 Gorgui Dieng, 10/19 vs. Mem.
9 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/15 at Mia.
8 Cole Aldrich, 10/21 vs. Cha.
8 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/19 vs. Mem.

BLOCKED SHOTS

4 Gorgui Dieng, 10/19 vs. Mem.
3 Cole Aldrich, 10/21 vs. Cha.
3 Cole Aldrich, 10/16 at OkC
2 *MR*: Nemanja Bjelica, 10/21 vs. Cha.

ASSISTS

8 Ricky Rubio, 10/12 vs. Den.
7 Ricky Rubio, 10/19 vs. Mem.
7 Kris Dunn, 10/8 at Mia.
6 Ricky Rubio, 10/21 vs. Cha.
6 Kris Dunn, 10/16 at OkC
6 Ricky Rubio, 10/15 at Mia.
5 Brandon Rush, 10/19 vs. Mem.
5 Ricky Rubio, 10/8 at Mia.

STEALS

4 Kris Dunn, 10/21 vs. Cha.
4 Ricky Rubio, 10/12 vs. Den.
3 *MR*: N. Bjelica, 10/19 vs. Mem.
Ricky Rubio, 10/19 vs. Mem.

TURNOVERS

5 Kris Dunn, 10/15 at Mia.
4 *MR*: S. Muhammad, 10/21 vs. Cha.

MINUTES PLAYED

31 Brandon Rush, 10/21 vs. Cha.
31 Andrew Wiggins, 10/15 at Mia.
30 Brandon Rush, 10/19 vs. Mem.
30 John Lucas III, 10/16 at OkC
29 Zach LaVine, 10/19 vs. Mem.

2015-16 in Review:

2015-16 STARTING LINEUPS:

Game #s	Forward	Forward	Center	Guard	Guard	Record
1-6,11,13,26-27,29-32,34-39,41-43,45	Prince	Garnett	Towns	Rubio	Wiggins	10-14
7	Prince	Payne	Towns	LaVine	Martin	0-1
8-10	Prince	Garnett	Towns	LaVine	Wiggins	0-3
12	Prince	Payne	Towns	Rubio	Wiggins	0-1
14-15,18-24	Wiggins	Garnett	Towns	Rubio	Martin	3-6
16-17	Wiggins	Garnett	Towns	LaVine	Martin	1-1
25,28,33,47-53,56,58	Prince	Dieng	Towns	Rubio	Wiggins	2-10
40,44,46	Prince	Towns	Pekovic	Rubio	Wiggins	0-3
54-55,57,59-82	Wiggins	Dieng	Towns	Rubio	LaVine	13-14

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2015-16 TIMBERWOLVES LEADERS (Final):

	TIMES LED TEAM			---- DOUBLE FIGURES ----					*Reb/Ast DOUBLE-DOUBLES	
	Pts	Reb	Ast	10+ Pts	20+ Pts	30+ Pts	10+ Reb	10+ Ast	Pt/Reb	Pt/Ast
	Nemanja Bjelica	1	6	1	14	0	0	3	0	3
Gorgui Dieng	2	15	2	43	7	0	19	0	15	0
Kevin Garnett	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tyus Jones	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Zach LaVine	12	1	9	60	19	1	0	0	0	0
Shabazz Muhammad	7	2	1	44	9	1	0	0	0	0
Andreian Payne	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nikola Peković	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tayshaun Prince	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ricky Rubio	4	4	65	35	4	0	2	30	2*	12
Damjan Rudež	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greg Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karl-Anthony Towns	27	64	2	73	32	4	54	0	52	0
Andrew Wiggins	33	1	2	77	48	10	1	0	1	0

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BY THE NUMBERS: The Wolves were...

- 24-25 when scoring 100+ points
- 5-28 when scoring less than 100 points
- 24-25 when shooting 45%+
- 5-28 when shooting less than 45%
- 17-42 when allowing 100+ points
- 12-11 when allowing less than 100 points
- 15-40 when allowing 45%+
- 14-13 when allowing less than 45%
- 26-12 when outshooting their foe or even
- 3-41 when being outshot
- 20-23 when outrebounding their foe or tied
- 9-30 when being outrebounded
- 14-18 when committing <15 TOs
- 15-35 when committing 15+ TOs
- 20-11 when leading or tied after 3 quarters
- 9-42 when trailing after 3 quarters
- 9-23 in games decided by 10+ points
- 20-30 in games decided by <10 points

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2015-16 TIMBERWOLVES GAMES LOST DUE TO INJURY/ILLNESS (Final):

Nikola Peković	68	Ricky Rubio	4
Kevin Garnett	37	Andrew Wiggins	1
Nemanja Bjelica	15		
Kevin Martin	10	Team:	135

DUNK-O-METER: Wolves players' dunk totals for 2015-16 (Final):

Andrew Wiggins	86
Karl-Anthony Towns	72
Gorgui Dieng	69
Shabazz Muhammad	61
Zach LaVine	52
Kevin Martin	12
Andreian Payne	9
Nemanja Bjelica	6
Tayshaun Prince	5
Greg Smith	5
Kevin Garnett	1
Damjan Rudež	1

ROOKIE ROUNDUP: Karl-Anthony Towns collected a season-high 35 points and 11 rebounds in the Feb. 10 victory vs. Toronto and totaled 11 points, a season-high (and club rookie record) 21 rebounds and a season-best nine assists Apr. 3 vs. Dallas. A look at of the NBA's rookie class of 2015-16:

#	Name	Team	G	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	Blk	Pts
1.	Karl-Anthony Towns	MIN	82	32.0	.542	.341	.811	10.5	2.0	0.71	1.68	18.3
3.	Jahlil Okafor	PHI	53	30.0	.508	.167	.686	7.0	1.2	0.42	1.15	17.5
4.	Kristaps Porzingis	NYK	72	28.4	.421	.333	.838	7.3	1.3	0.74	1.86	14.3
13.	Devin Booker	PHO	76	27.7	.423	.343	.840	2.5	2.6	0.58	0.26	13.8
2.	D'Angelo Russell	LAL	80	28.2	.410	.351	.737	3.4	3.3	1.16	0.16	13.2
7.	Emmanuel Mudiay	DEN	68	30.4	.364	.319	.670	3.4	5.5	0.96	0.51	12.8
11.	Myles Turner	IND	60	22.8	.498	.214	.727	5.5	0.7	0.42	1.43	10.3
--	Nikola Jokic	DEN	80	21.7	.512	.333	.811	7.0	2.4	0.99	0.63	10.0
8.	Stanley Johnson	DET	73	23.1	.375	.307	.784	4.2	1.6	0.75	0.16	8.1
9.	Frank Kaminsky	CHA	81	21.1	.410	.337	.730	4.1	1.2	0.47	0.53	7.5
22.	Bobby Portis	CHI	62	17.8	.427	.308	.727	5.4	0.8	0.40	0.35	7.0
6.	Willie Cauley-Stein	SAC	66	21.4	.563	.000	.648	5.3	0.6	0.73	1.00	7.0

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THE 30-30 CLUB: Shabazz Muhammad poured in a career-high 35 points with six rebounds, while Andrew Wiggins totaled 32 points, five rebounds, four assists and a career-high six steals in the Apr. 5 overtime win at Golden State. It's the 23rd time in franchise history – the first in just over two years – that two players have tallied 30+ points in the same contest. The full list: (^NPlayoff game)

Date	Opponent	Final	Players/Points	Date	Opponent	Final	Players/Points
4/5/16	@ Golden State	W124-117 (ot)	Muhammad 35, Wiggins 32	12/23/03	@ New York	W98-92	Cassell 31, Sprewell 31
2/4/14	L.A. Lakers	W109-99	Martin 32, Love 31	12/5/03	@ Sacramento	W112-109 (ot)	Sprewell 37, Garnett 33
1/4/14	Oklahoma City	L111-115	Pekovic 31, Love 30	4/22/03	L.A. Lakers^	W119-91	Hudson 37, Garnett 35
12/22/13	@ L.A. Clippers	L116-120 (ot)	Love 45, Pekovic 34	1/30/03	@ Dallas	L109-112	Garnett 31, Hudson 31
11/8/13	Dallas	W116-108	Love 32, Martin 32	2/27/02	L.A. Lakers	W112-101	Garnett 33, Billups 30
11/3/13	@ New York	W109-100	Love 34, Martin 30	2/19/02	@ Dallas	W117-100	Billups 36, Szczerbak 31
2/17/12	@ Houston	W111-98	Love 33, Pekovic 30	1/11/02	L.A. Lakers	W120-102	Szczerbak 34, Garnett 32
1/26/11	Oklahoma City	L117-118 (ot)	Love 31, Beasley 30	3/30/97	@ Golden State	W113-102	Garnett 33, Gugliotta 31
11/12/10	New York	W112-103	Beasley 35, Love 31	1/2/91	Dallas	W119-95	Campbell 32, Richardson 31
3/4/07	@ Boston	L117-124 (2ot)	Davis 35, Garnett 33	11/12/89	Seattle	L97-108	Mitchell 31, Campbell 30
4/18/04	Denver^	W106-92	Cassell 40, Garnett 30	11/10/89	Philadelphia	W125-118 (2ot)	Campbell 38, Corbin 36
2/8/04	Memphis	L98-99	Cassell 34, Garnett 30				

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THE BREAKDOWN: Some quick comparisons of Minnesota's 2015-16 numbers:

	----- Records -----			----- Wolves -----			----- Opponents -----			----- Margins -----		
	Total	Home	Road	Pts	FG%	3Pt%	Pts	FG%	3Pt%	Pts	Reb	TO
2015-16 (Final).....	29-53	14-27	15-26	102.4	.464	.338	106.0	.471	.355	-3.5	-0.3	-0.1
2014-15 (Final).....	16-66	9-32	7-34	97.8	.438	.332	106.5	.487	.367	-8.8	-2.6	+0.1
2013-14 (Final).....	40-42	24-17	16-25	106.9	.444	.341	104.3	.471	.364	+2.7	+0.5	+2.5
2012-13 (Final).....	31-51	20-21	11-30	95.7	.439	.305	98.1	.468	.369	-2.4	-0.1	+1.1
2011-12 (Final).....	26-40	13-20	13-20	97.9	.433	.332	100.1	.455	.340	-2.2	+0.3	-1.9
2010-11 (Final).....	17-65	12-29	5-36	101.1	.441	.376	107.7	.468	.374	-6.6	+1.8	-2.6
2009-10 (Final).....	15-67	10-31	5-36	98.2	.449	.341	107.8	.480	.366	-9.6	-0.5	-2.0
2008-09 (Final).....	24-58	11-30	13-28	97.8	.441	.353	102.7	.474	.377	-4.9	+0.8	-1.7
2007-08 (Final).....	22-60	15-26	7-34	95.6	.451	.350	102.4	.472	.357	-6.8	-0.3	-1.0
2006-07 (Final).....	32-50	20-21	12-29	96.1	.461	.353	99.7	.460	.348	-3.7	-1.3	-1.4
2005-06 (Final).....	33-49	24-17	9-32	91.7	.456	.329	93.6	.441	.364	-1.9	-1.9	-0.6
2004-05 (Final).....	44-38	24-17	20-21	96.8	.459	.345	95.3	.438	.363	+1.5	+1.7	-1.4
2003-04 (Final).....	58-24	31-10	27-14	94.5	.462	.363	89.1	.414	.334	+5.5	+1.5	+0.8
2002-03 (Final).....	51-31	33-8	18-23	98.1	.466	.368	96.0	.437	.347	+2.1	+1.9	-0.1
2001-02 (Final).....	50-32	29-12	21-20	99.3	.461	.378	96.0	.445	.372	+3.4	+4.7	0.0
2000-01 (Final).....	47-35	30-11	17-24	97.3	.458	.357	96.0	.452	.351	+1.4	0.0	+1.3
Last 32 Games.....	15-17	7-9	8-8	106.7	.478	.361	109.5	.480	.365	-2.8	-1.2	+0.3
First 50 Games.....	14-36	7-18	7-18	99.7	.455	.320	103.7	.465	.348	-4.0	+0.2	-0.4
At Target Center.....		14-27		101.5	.463	.337	105.3	.475	.368	-3.8	+0.8	-0.3
On the Road.....			15-26	103.3	.465	.339	106.6	.466	.344	-3.3	-1.5	+0.1
vs. .500+ Opponents.....	15-29	5-15	10-14	101.3	.454	.341	106.7	.473	.338	-5.4	-1.2	-0.4
vs. <.500 Opponents.....	14-24	9-12	5-12	103.7	.476	.334	105.1	.468	.377	-1.4	+0.6	+0.2
In Wins.....	29-0	14-0	15-0	111.4	.497	.369	102.8	.444	.330	+8.6	+2.4	+1.7
In Losses.....	0-53	0-27	0-26	97.5	.446	.319	107.7	.486	.370	-10.2	-1.8	-1.2
vs. Western Conference.....	18-34	8-18	10-16	102.4	.466	.343	105.9	.472	.352	-3.5	-0.3	-0.4
vs. Eastern Conference.....	11-19	6-9	5-10	102.4	.461	.328	106.0	.468	.361	-3.6	-0.3	+0.3
1+ Days Rest.....	27-41	13-23	14-18	102.9	.466	.337	105.4	.470	.357	-2.4	+0.0	+0.0
0 Days Rest.....	2-12	1-4	1-8	99.9	.454	.340	108.8	.475	.345	-8.9	-2.1	-1.0

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THE NORTH FORTY: Minnesota outscored Memphis 42-25 in the opening stanza on Mar. 16 at FedExForum, the first of three 40+ 1st-quarter efforts over the final 15 games (40-37 vs. Phoenix, Mar. 28, 40-23 vs. New Orleans, Apr. 13). Utah built an 18-10 lead after 12 minutes on Mar. 26, the Wolves' lowest-scoring 1st period since 2009. A quarter-by-quarter look at 2015-16 for Minnesota:

Final	1st Qtr Pts / FG%	2nd Qtr Pts / FG%	1st Half Pts / FG%	3rd Qtr Pts / FG%	4th Qtr Pts / FG%	2nd Half Pts / FG%	Game Pts / FG%
Timberwolves.....	25.8 / 47.0%	25.3 / 46.5%	51.1 / 46.7%	24.6 / 46.7%	25.7 / 45.7%	50.4 / 46.2%	102.4 / 46.4%
Opponents.....	26.0 / 46.6%	26.8 / 47.6%	52.9 / 47.1%	26.5 / 48.2%	25.7 / 46.2%	52.1 / 47.2%	106.0 / 47.1%
Scoring Margins.....	(-0.2 pts)	(-1.5 pts)	(-1.8 pts)	(-1.8 pts)	(+0.1 pts)	(-1.8 pts)	(-3.5 pts)

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DOUBLING DOWN: The Wolves spotted Golden State a 17-point, 3rd-quarter advantage before rallying on Apr. 5, *their largest road comeback since running down Brooklyn from 22 points back on Nov. 5, 2012*. On the flipside, Minnesota built a 17-point, 1st-quarter lead before faltering on Jan. 19 in New Orleans. That was the fifth game the Wolves lost a year ago after going ahead by 17+ points and one of a league-leading 15 times they let a double-digit lead slip away. A look at Minnesota's "volatility factor" in 2015-16:

Comebacks					Blown Leads				
Deficit	Time, Qtr	Opponent	Date	Final	Lead	Time, Qtr	Opponent	Date	Final
18 (44-62)	3:19 / 2nd	Toronto	Feb. 10	117-112	18 (65-47)	6:40 / 3rd	@ Denver	Dec. 11	108-111 (OT)
17 (54-71)	6:03 / 3rd	@ Golden State	Apr. 5	124-117 (OT)	17 (38-21)	1:08 / 1st	@ New Orleans	Jan. 19	99-114
16 (34-50)	5:18 / 2nd	@ L.A. Lakers	Oct. 28	112-111	17 (24-7)	2:57 / 1st	Milwaukee	Jan. 2	85- 95
14 (60-74)	3:37 / 3rd	@ New Orleans	Feb. 27	112-110	17 (63-46)	10:13 / 3rd	Portland	Dec. 5	103-109
13 (36-49)	3:11 / 2nd	Philadelphia	Nov. 23	100- 95	17 (34-17)	0:45 / 1st	Portland	Nov. 2	101-106
10 (16-26)	3:21 / 1st	@ Portland	Apr. 9	106-105	14 (64-50)	5:35 / 3rd	@ Orlando	Nov. 18	101-104 (OT)
10 (15-25)	1:46 / 1st	@ Miami	Nov. 17	103- 91	12 (21-9)	5:16 / 1st	Washington	Mar. 2	98-104
9 (16-25)	0:50 / 1st	Memphis	Jan. 23	106-101	12 (20-8)	5:52 / 1st	@ San Antonio	Dec. 28	95-101
					11 (14-3)	9:11 / 1st	Charlotte	Nov. 10	95-104
					10 (57-47)	12:00 / 3rd	@ Phoenix	Mar. 14	104-107
					10 (49-39)	5:27 / 2nd	@ Milwaukee	Mar. 4	101-116
					10 (81-71)	1:27 / 3rd	@ Memphis	Feb. 19	104-109
					10 (84-74)	6:46 / 4th	@ Dallas	Jan. 20	94-106 (OT)
					10 (56-46)	5:36 / 3rd	Denver	Jan. 6	74- 78
					10 (32-22)	9:36 / 2nd	Detroit	Nov. 20	86- 96

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INSIDE THE BOX SCORE: The Wolves rang up 31 points from 21 Golden State TOs on Apr. 5, one of 13 times in the final two months they scored 20+ in that category. Minnesota averaged an NBA-best 20.3 ppg off TOs after Mar. 1 and also ranked 9th in fast-break scoring (16.5 ppg) in those 22 contests (tallying 20+ points on six occasions). A look at some of the Wolves' key figures for 2015-16:

<u>Month</u>	<u>FG Pct.</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>	<u>FTAs</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>	<u>Reb</u> <u>Margin</u>	<u>TO</u> <u>Margin</u>	<u>Pts off TOs</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>	<u>Paint Pts</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>	<u>Fast Break</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>	<u>2nd Chance</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>	<u>Bench Pts</u> <u>Min-Opp</u>
Oct.-November (8-9)	44.7%-44.3%	27.2-23.4	Min +2.1	Min -0.1	14.9-16.9	40.8-43.9	12.4-12.1	14.0-12.3	44.2-31.2
December (4-12)	44.9%-47.2%	26.4-23.6	Min -1.6	Min +0.7	14.9-17.6	42.3-43.1	11.8-10.6	12.8-12.8	37.5-42.0
January (2-14)	46.2%-47.8%	25.9-22.9	Min -0.1	Min -1.6	16.4-18.3	42.8-46.0	12.3-13.3	13.2-13.5	42.4-37.6
February (5-6)	47.6%-48.3%	32.5-24.9	Min +3.5	Min -2.4	13.4-16.8	47.5-47.5	14.5-15.2	15.3-13.3	29.6-40.4
March (6-9)	48.1%-48.1%	25.3-19.5	Min -3.9	Min +0.7	20.5-19.1	45.9-50.7	16.9-16.2	10.8-13.3	22.0-38.1
April (4-3)	49.0%-47.5%	25.1-19.3	Min -2.1	Min +2.7	19.9-18.4	50.0-46.9	15.7-14.0	12.1-14.4	35.0-25.0
Season Averages	46.4%-47.1%	27.0-22.5	Min -0.3	Min -0.1	16.4-17.8	44.1-46.1	13.6-13.4	13.0-13.1	35.7-36.5

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2015-16 TIMBERWOLVES PLUS/MINUS REPORT:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Bielica</u>	<u>Dieng</u>	<u>Garnett</u>	<u>Jones</u>	<u>LaVine</u>	<u>Muhammad</u>	<u>Payne</u>	<u>Prince</u>	<u>Rubio</u>	<u>Rudež</u>	<u>Smith</u>	<u>Towns</u>	<u>Wiggins</u>
Oct.-Nov. (8-9)	-19	-27	+21	-27	+3	-39	-8	+25	+51	+5	DNP	-4	-3
December (4-12)	-26	-24	-1	-32	-105	-67	-21	-30	-18	-5	DNP	-45	-60
January (2-14)	-43	-40	+36	-24	-88	-64	-12	-73	-1	+3	DNP	-39	-39
February (5-6)	0	+7	INJ	-7	-38	-57	-16	-9	-20	-25	DNP	-27	-16
March (6-9)	-60	+55	INJ	-76	-33	-62	-42	-56	+26	+16	-56	-21	+44
April (4-3)	+21	+22	INJ	+31	-33	+23	-21	+14	-20	-7	-21	+5	+6
Season Totals:	-127	-7	+56	-135	-294	-266	-120	-129	+18	-13	-77	-131	-68
Per Game:	-2.1	-0.1	+1.5	-3.6	-3.6	-3.2	-2.3	-1.7	+0.2	-0.4	-4.3	-1.6	-0.8
Per 48 Minutes:	-5.7	-0.2	+4.8	-11.3	-6.2	-7.6	-11.9	-4.2	+0.4	-2.3	-19.3	-2.4	-1.1

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YOUTH IS SERVED: Entering 2015-16, 31 players in NBA history averaged at least 15.0 ppg in their age-19 or age-20 seasons while qualifying for the league's scoring leaderboard. The Wolves became just the second team ever to feature two such players in the same season – Andrew Wiggins (20.7 ppg) and Karl-Anthony Towns (18.3 ppg) – joining the 2008-09 Oklahoma City Thunder (Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook). Wiggins joined Durant, Carmelo Anthony, Kobe Bryant and LeBron James as the only players to accomplish that feat in both their age-19 and age-20 seasons. The top sub-age-21 contributions to teams in NBA annals, sorted by points per game:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Player(s), PPG</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>MPG</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>FG%</u>	<u>FT%</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>APG</u>
Minnesota	2015-16	A.Wiggins (20.7), K.Towns (18.3), Z.LaVine (14.0), T.Jones (4.2)	82	101.7	54.7	.480	.778	17.4	8.3
Oklahoma City	2008-09	Kevin Durant (25.3), Russell Westbrook (15.3)	82	67.7	38.1	.441	.841	10.7	7.8
Chicago	1999-00	Elton Brand (20.1), Ron Artest (12.0)	82	63.9	30.4	.455	.681	13.6	4.4
Minnesota	1996-97	Kevin Garnett (17.0), Stephon Marbury (15.8)	82	64.9	28.9	.459	.739	9.8	9.2
Cleveland	2004-05	LeBron James (27.2)	82	41.3	26.5	.472	.750	7.2	7.0
Minnesota	2014-15	Andrew Wiggins (16.9), Zach LaVine (10.1)	82	59.4	26.4	.432	.782	7.2	5.4
Cleveland	2003-04	LeBron James (20.9), Dajuan Wagner (6.5)	82	46.7	23.7	.408	.748	6.0	6.3
Orlando	1992-93	Shaquille O'Neal (23.4)	82	37.5	23.1	.562	.592	13.7	1.9
Denver	2003-04	Carmelo Anthony (21.0), Nikoloz Tskitshvili (2.7)	82	40.3	22.3	.418	.778	6.8	2.9
L.A. Clippers	2000-01	Darius Miles (9.4), Quentin Richardson (8.1), Keyon Dooling (5.9)	82	57.7	22.2	.460	.605	10.0	4.1
N.O./Okla.City	2005-06	Chris Paul (16.1), J.R. Smith (7.7), Brandon Bass (2.3)	82	49.6	21.3	.419	.836	7.0	8.2

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DEALER'S CHOICE: Ricky Rubio dished a club-record-tying 17 assists Mar. 14 at Phoenix, his 11th career game with 15 or more. Karl-Anthony Towns saw his NBA season-best streak of double-doubles halted at 15 in the Apr. 11 loss to Houston but is the fourth player in franchise history to post 50 double-doubles in a season. The Feb. 22 victory over Boston was Andrew Wiggins' final game prior to turning 21; his career total of 2548 ranks 6th on the NBA's all-time list for points scored before a player's 21st birthday:

NBA Most Points Scored, Age <21		NBA Highest PER, Rookie (since merger)			NBA (since 1983-84) Most Double-Doubles, Rookie			Timberwolves 15+ Assist Games	
Pts	Player, Team(s)	PER	Player, Team	Season	#	Player	Season	#	Player
4649	LeBron James, Cle.	26.3	David Robinson, S.A.	89-90	68	Shaquille O'Neal, Orl.	92-93	11	Ricky Rubio
3495	Kevin Durant, Sea.-OkC	25.8	Michael Jordan, Chi.	84-85	63	Blake Griffin, LA-C	10-11	11	Pooh Richardson
3283	Carmelo Anthony, Den.	22.9	Shaquille O'Neal, Orl.	92-93	59	David Robinson, S.A.	89-90	8	Terrell Brandon
2755	Kobe Bryant, LA-L	22.8	Terry Cummings, S.D.	82-83	57	Tim Duncan, S.A.	97-98	6	Micheal Williams
2619	Dwight Howard, Orl.	22.6	Tim Duncan, S.A.	97-98	56	Hakeem Olajuwon, Hou.	84-85	5	Stephon Marbury
2548	Andrew Wiggins, Min.	22.5	Karl-Anthony Towns, Min.	15-16	52	Karl-Anthony Towns, Min.	15-16	4	Terry Porter
2144	Kevin Garnett, Min.	22.1	Walter Davis, Pho.	77-78	51	Ralph Sampson, Hou.	83-84	1	J.J. Barea
2122	Tracy McGrady, Tor.	22.1	Chris Paul, N.O.	05-06	50	Dikembe Mutombo, Den.	91-92	1	Chauncey Billups
2071	Kyrie Irving, Cle.	21.9	Blake Griffin, LA-C	10-11	47	Emeka Okafor, Cha.	04-05	1	Troy Hudson
2029	Bradley Beal, Was.	21.7	Chris Webber, G.S.	93-94	46	Larry Johnson, Cha.	91-92	1	Sidney Lowe

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KAT'S CORNER:

TOWNS EARNS ROOKIE HONOR: On May 16, Wolves center Karl-Anthony Towns was named the recipient of the Eddie Gottlieb Trophy as the 2015-16 Kia NBA Rookie of the Year, becoming just the fifth unanimous winner of the award since 1984 and joining teammate Andrew Wiggins (the 2014-15 honoree) to make Minnesota the first team with back-to-back winners since Buffalo's Bob McAdoo and Ernie DiGregorio in 1972-73 and 1973-74. Towns received all 130 first-place votes and 650 total points (5-3-1 format) from a panel of sportswriters and broadcasters throughout the U.S. and Canada, and was the only rookie to be listed on each ballot. New York forward Kristaps Porzingis finished second in the voting with 363 points and Denver center Nikola Jokic came in third with 59 points. Towns started all 82 games for the Wolves, averaging 18.3 ppg, 10.5 rpg and 1.68 bpg while ranking 3rd among all NBA players in double-doubles (52) and 8th in FG accuracy (54.2%). He tallied 30+ points on four occasions, topped by a season-high 35-point effort in the Feb. 10 win over Toronto, and registered season highs in rebounds (21) and assists (nine) Apr. 3 vs. Dallas.

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A CLEAN SWEEP: On Apr. 15, Minnesota center Karl-Anthony Towns was named the NBA's Western Conference Rookie of the Month for April. Towns, the top overall pick in the 2015 NBA Draft, led all rookies in scoring (18.9 ppg), rebounding (11.9 rpg), blocks (1.71 bpg) and double-doubles (a league-best six) while ranking 5th in both FG accuracy (49.1%) and assists (3.6 apg). He registered season highs in rebounds (21) and assists (nine) Apr. 3 vs. Dallas, becoming the NBA's first rookie to collect at least 21 rebounds and nine assists in the same game since Elgin Baylor in 1959. Towns scored 14 of his 27 points in the 4th quarter Apr. 9 at Portland, punctuated by hitting the game-winning jumper with 1.8 seconds left, and contributed 28 points and 14 rebounds in the Apr. 13 finale vs. New Orleans – a victory that saw Minnesota shoot 65.1% and ring up a franchise-record 144 points. It's Towns' sixth consecutive monthly honor; he's the eighth player since the award's inception in 1981-82 to earn six Rookie of the Month accolades, joining David Robinson, Tim Duncan, LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Chris Paul, Blake Griffin and Damian Lillard.

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GET ME REWRITE: Karl-Anthony Towns finished with 12 points in the Apr. 11 game vs Houston, boosting his season total to 1475 and moving him past Christian Laettner for the top rookie single-season total in Wolves history. Towns overtook Kevin Garnett for 1st place on the rookie block chart Apr. 5 at Golden State and broke Kevin Love's rookie rebounding mark Mar. 25 at Washington:

Minnesota Timberwolves Rookie Records

<u>Points, Season</u>	<u>Rebounds, Season</u>	<u>Blocked Shots, Season</u>
1503 Karl-Anthony Towns..... 2015-16	858 Karl-Anthony Towns..... 2015-16	138 Karl-Anthony Towns..... 2015-16
1472 Christian Laettner 1992-93	734 Kevin Love..... 2008-09	131 Kevin Garnett..... 1995-96
1387 Andrew Wiggins..... 2014-15	708 Christian Laettner 1992-93	121 Felton Spencer 1990-91
1313 Isaiah Rider 1993-94	641 Felton Spencer 1990-91	95 Dean Garrett 1996-97
1094 Jonny Flynn 2009-10	557 Tod Murphy 1989-90	84 Rasho Nesterovic 1999-00
1057 Stephon Marbury 1996-97	501 Kevin Garnett..... 1995-96	83 Christian Laettner 1992-93

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TOWNS IS WEEK'S BEST IN WEST: On Apr. 11, Wolves center Karl-Anthony Towns was named the NBA's Western Conference Player of the Week for games played Apr. 4-10. Towns helped Minnesota to a 3-0 record for the week – sweeping a West Coast trip that featured stops at Golden State, Sacramento and Portland – by averaging 21.3 ppg (50.0%), 10.3 rpg, 3.0 apg and 1.67 bpg. He tallied 20 points and 12 rebounds as the Timberwolves erased a 17-point, 3rd-quarter deficit to beat Golden State in OT on Apr. 5, added 17 points and 10 rebounds in the Apr. 7 victory at Sacramento, and rounded out the week with 27 points (including 14 in the 4th quarter) and nine rebounds Apr. 9 at Portland. It's the first weekly honor of Towns' career; he becomes the eighth player (and first rookie) in franchise history to win the award, joining Kevin Garnett (15 times), Kevin Love (twice), Al Jefferson (twice), Stephon Marbury (Feb. 21, 1999), Sam Cassell (Dec. 28, 2003), Nikola Pekovic (Apr. 8, 2013) and Mo Williams (Jan. 19, 2015).

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WOLF TRACKS: Minnesota finished 2015-16 with a 29-53 record, a 13-game improvement from 2014-15, when the Wolves won a league-low 16 games... It was the 3rd-largest increase in the NBA last season behind Charlotte (+15) and New York (+15), as well as the 3rd-best year-over-year bump in franchise history (+25 in 1999-2000, +14 in 1996-97)... The final record marks the fifth time in six seasons Minnesota has improved on its previous year's victory total... The Wolves have now missed the postseason in 12 straight years, after advancing to the playoffs every season from 1996-97 through 2003-04 (eight)... The current absence is the longest active postseason drought – Sacramento (10) and Phoenix (six) are next on that list – and equals the 2nd-longest in NBA history behind the Clippers franchise's 15-year siesta from 1976-77 through 1990-91 while drifting from Buffalo to San Diego to Los Angeles... Minnesota opened the season by splitting its first 16 games (through Nov. 27) before dropping 26 of its next 34 to tumble to 14-36... However, the Wolves recovered to put together a 15-17 record over their final 32 games (beginning Feb. 3), highlighted by a three-game West Coast sweep in April that featured wins at playoff-bound Golden State (124-117 on Apr. 5) and Portland (106-105 on Apr. 9)... Minnesota finished 15-26 away from Target Center, the only team in the NBA last season to win more games on the road than at home...

SCHEDULE NOTES: The Wolves won four of seven April starts, their first winning final month since going 6-4 in 2005 – highlighted by rallying from 17 points back to defeat Golden State, 124-117 in OT, on Apr. 5 at Oracle Arena... Over its final 35 games, Minnesota went 8-9 vs. teams with winning records but 7-11 vs. sub-.500 opponents... The Apr. 7 win at Sacramento hiked the Wolves' record to 10-8 vs. Pacific Division opponents, the first time they've ended above .500 vs. the Pacific since 2004-05 (also 10-8)... The Mar. 26 loss to Utah completed the final of 14 back-to-back sets for Minnesota; they finished 6-8 in the first and 2-12 in the second game of back-to-backs... The Wolves erased last-minute deficits in the 4th quarter and both OTs to edge Washington, 132-129, on Mar. 25 at the Verizon Center... That win came in Minnesota's final game vs. an Eastern Conference opponent for the season; they went 11-19 vs. the East (9-21 last year, 17-13 in 2013-14)... Coupled with the 113-104 triumph vs. Sacramento on Mar. 23, it was the first time Minnesota had enjoyed a winning streak since Feb. 3-6 (at L.A. Clippers, vs. Chicago)... The Mar. 7 defeat at Charlotte capped a run in which the Wolves played seven of nine vs. Eastern teams; it also concluded the second and final four-games-in-five-nights grind (Nov. 9-13)... Dallas routed the Wolves 128-101 loss on Feb. 28; the 27-point spread represented Minnesota's biggest loss in 2015-16...

ROAD TESTED: Minnesota completed its final road trip with a 3-0 record following the 106-105 victory at Portland on Apr. 9, ending an eight-game drought at the Moda Center... It's the fifth time in club history the Wolves have put together an unbeaten trip of at least three games, the first since going 4-0 from Dec. 2-7, 2005... Minnesota went 6-3 in its final nine away from Target Center, with four of the wins coming vs. opponents heading to the postseason (Oklahoma City, Memphis, Golden State, Portland)... Minnesota wrapped up a 2-2 trip with the 116-111 loss at Houston on Mar. 18; the four-game swing began with a buzzer-beating 99-96 victory at Oklahoma City on Mar. 11 and included a 114-108 win in Memphis on Mar. 16... The latter victory was just the Wolves' second at FedExForum in the last seven years, while the Mar. 11 triumph was their first in Oklahoma City since November 2008... Minnesota halted its five-game losing streak with the 108-102 victory Feb. 3 at the Clippers, in the finale of a four-game Western swing; the win also ended the Wolves' 14-game series slide vs. Los Angeles... The Clippers win stopped Minnesota's 12-game losing streak away from Target Center...

FINDING THE RANGE: The Wolves shot a blistering 65.1% in the season-ending Apr. 13 triumph over New Orleans, their 17th 50%+ outing in the last 41 contests... Minnesota hit 48.3% (106.3 ppg) in those 41 – including a franchise-record 68.4% in the Mar. 5 win over Brooklyn – after reaching the 50% mark just four times in its first 41 (44.6% and 98.6 ppg)... The 48.3% mark ranked 2nd in the NBA (behind only Golden State's 49.0%) over the season's second half; the Wolves also placed 2nd in True Shooting Percentage at 56.9% (trailing Golden State's 59.7%) and 7th in Effective FG Percentage during that stretch... Minnesota erupted for a club-record 144 points in the Apr. 13 finale vs. New Orleans, eclipsing the previous high of 143 set vs. the L.A. Lakers on Mar. 28, 2014... The Wolves have tallied 130+ points on 10 occasions all time, with three of those coming in the final six weeks of 2015-16 (132 vs. Brooklyn, Mar. 5; 132 at Washington, Mar. 25)... Overall, Minnesota finished 15th in scoring (102.4 ppg) and 7th in FG accuracy (46.4%)... They also ranked 8th in assists (23.4 apg); the 41 assists vs. New Orleans on Apr. 13 were a single-game high in the NBA last season...

ONES & THREES: Minnesota made all 31 of its FT attempts Feb. 19 at Memphis, just the 10th time in the past 50 years a team has been perfect from the line with 30+ FTA (first since Phoenix went 32-for-32 on Feb. 8, 2008)... The Wolves shot 43-for-53 on Feb. 10 vs. Toronto, the 2nd-most-prolific night in franchise history (52-for-64 at Denver, Mar. 3, 2014) and the 10th time they've made 40+ FTs in a game... Minnesota led the NBA last season in FTs made (21.4 per game) and ranked 2nd in FT attempts (27.0 per game) and 4th in FT accuracy (79.2%)... The Wolves' 13-for-28 effort from beyond the arc Apr. 13 vs. New Orleans marked a season best for three-pointers made... It was just the fifth time they'd hit 10+ treys, tying Milwaukee for the fewest such games in the NBA for 2015-16... The Wolves finished 8-for-17 from beyond the arc Jan. 13 at Houston, ending a run of 22 straight games in which they'd made fewer threes than their opponent – the longest such drought in NBA history... Minnesota picked up to 37.0% from long range (making 6.54 treys per game) over its final 28 starts, finishing the year ranked 25th in three-point accuracy (33.8%) and 29th in treys made (5.55 per game)...

THE DEFENSE RESTS: Houston shot 55.8% on Apr. 11, the league-leading 30th time the Wolves allowed 50%+; the Rockets fired at a 56.5% clip on Mar. 18, the top percentage vs. Minnesota last year... Houston's 129 points on Apr. 11 matched the high total by a Minnesota opponent in 2015-16, joining Golden State (Nov. 12) and Washington (Mar. 25)... Dallas shot 38.6% on Apr. 3, the Wolves' eighth sub-40% defensive effort of the season but first since Jan. 6 vs. Denver (41 games)... Minnesota limited Oklahoma City to 96 points on Mar. 11, ending a run of 16 consecutive games allowing 100+... That's the 2nd-longest such streak in franchise history; the Wolves gave up 100 or more 24 straight times from Feb. 15-Mar. 31, 1992... The Wolves held Denver to 78 points on Jan. 6, tying their best defensive outing of the season; they beat the Nuggets 95-78 on Oct. 30 and went 12-11 when holding the opposition under 100 points... Golden State sank 18 three-pointers on Nov. 12, matching the Target Center record set by Minnesota on Dec. 4, 2010 vs. Cleveland... For the year, the Wolves ranked 23rd in scoring defense (106.0 ppg) and 28th in defensive FG percentage (47.1%)...

THE BOARD REPORT: Minnesota outrebounded New Orleans 43-33 on Apr. 13, the 12th time last year they notched a double-digit edge; the biggest positive spread was 49-31 vs. Sacramento on Dec. 18... Memphis piled up a 51-33 edge on Mar. 16, the Wolves' second win on the four-game trip when facing a double-digit deficit (54-37 at Oklahoma City, Mar. 11); they finished 2-8 overall in that category... Minnesota came up short in 14 of its last 20 starts, being outboarded by -4.5 rpg (39.2-43.7) in that span; the Wolves had held the upper hand in 11 of their previous 14 games, enjoying a +4.7 rpg (43.5-38.8) margin... Phoenix outboarded Minnesota 57-36 on Mar. 14, its largest deficit of the season; the last team to be outrebounded by 17+ in three straight games was the Lakers in March 2014... The Wolves put together a run of three straight games with 10+ rebound margins in November (Nov. 9-10-12), tying the longest such streak in franchise history (most recently in 2004-05)... For the season, Minnesota ranked 21st in total rebounding pct (.495)...

Coach's Bio:

TOM THIBODEAU

Overall Record: 255-140 **Record with Minnesota:** 0-1
Seasons in League: 6th **Seasons with Minnesota:** 1st

Named president of basketball operations and head coach on Apr. 20, 2016, becoming the 14th coach in team history... It's his second stint with the Timberwolves, having served as an assistant on Bill Musselman's staff in 1989-90 and 1990-91... Most recently spent five seasons (2010-11 through 2014-15) as the head coach in Chicago, *where he was named the NBA's Coach of the Year in 2010-11 after guiding the Bulls to a 62-20 record* and a trip to the Eastern Conference Finals in his first year on the bench... Followed up by directing Chicago to a 50-16 finish in 2011-12, again winning the Central Division while placing 2nd to Gregg Popovich in the Coach of the Year balloting... The Bulls qualified for the NBA Playoffs in all five seasons under his direction, reaching the Eastern Conference Semifinals in both 2012-13 and 2014-15, after advancing past the first round just once in the 12 years prior to his arrival... His winning percentage (.647) ranks 2nd all-time among Chicago coaches behind Phil Jackson (.738), while his 255 wins are good for 3rd behind Jackson (545) and Dick Motta (356)... In addition to Minnesota, has also served as an assistant with San Antonio (1992-94), Philadelphia (1994-96), New York (1996-2003), Houston (2003-07) and Boston (2007-10)... Chosen by USA Basketball as an assistant coach for the Men's National Team on June 10, 2013, and was part of the staff that won gold medals at the 2014 FIBA Basketball World Cup in Barcelona, Spain, and the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil... A 1981 graduate of Salem (Mass.) State, he began his coaching career at his alma mater the following season and ascended to the head coaching position in 1984-85, then spent the next four years as an assistant at Harvard prior to his entry into the NBA coaching ranks... Born on Jan. 17, 1958 in New Britain, Conn.

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THIBODEAU'S LIFETIME RECORD vs. THE NBA

Atlanta Hawks 12-5	Detroit Pistons 16-4	Milwaukee Bucks 16-4	Portland Trail Blazers 2-7
Boston Celtics 13-6	Golden State Warriors 5-4	Minnesota Timberwolves 8-1	Sacramento Kings 7-3
Brooklyn Nets (N.J.) 13-5	Houston Rockets 4-5	New Orleans Pelicans 7-3	San Antonio Spurs 4-5
Charlotte Hornets 12-6	Indiana Pacers 10-9	New York Knicks 13-5	Toronto Raptors 13-5
Chicago Bulls 0-0	Los Angeles Clippers 3-6	Oklahoma City Thunder 2-7	Utah Jazz 7-2
Cleveland Cavaliers 14-5	Los Angeles Lakers 6-3	Orlando Magic 13-5	Washington Wizards 11-7
Dallas Mavericks 6-3	Memphis Grizzlies 5-6	Philadelphia 76ers 12-4	
Denver Nuggets 3-6	Miami Heat 11-7	Phoenix Suns 7-2	TOTAL: 255-140

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THIBODEAU'S YEAR-BY-YEAR COACHING RECORD

Season	Team	Regular Season			---- Playoffs ----			Season	Team	Regular Season			---- Playoffs ----		
		W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct			W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
2010-11	Chicago	62	20	.756	9	7	.563	2014-15	Chicago	50	32	.610	6	6	.500
2011-12	Chicago	50	16	.758	2	4	.333	2016-17	Minnesota	0	1	.000			
2012-13	Chicago	45	37	.549	5	7	.417								
2013-14	Chicago	48	34	.585	1	4	.200	Career	6 Seasons	255	140	.646	23	28	.451

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Player Bios:

COLE ALDRICH @colea45
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7th Year

Preseason Averages:
3.0 ppg 38.1 FG% 7.0 rpg 0.7 apg

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	9:58	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0	1	4

Notable: Pulled down a game- and preseason-high 10 rebounds Oct. 21 vs. Charlotte... Started the Oct. 16 game at Oklahoma City; the 10 points were a preseason best... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a three-year contract on July 13... The Wolves are his sixth NBA team.

2015-16: Completed his sixth season in the NBA and first with the L.A. Clippers by playing in 60 games and drawing 22 DNP-CDs... Averaged 5.5 ppg, 4.8 rpg and a career-best 1.13 bpg in 13.3 mpg, shooting a career-best 59.6% from the field and 71.4% from the FT line... Added 3.8 ppg (66.7%) and 5.0 rpg in six postseason outings, highlighted by an 11-point effort Apr. 27 vs. Portland...

Notched season highs with 21 points (on 10-for-15 shooting) and 18 rebounds in the Apr. 8 win at Utah, one of five starts on the year... The minute (39:44) and steal (five) totals in that Utah game were both career highs; he was one of only two players in the NBA (joining DeMarcus Cousins) to collect 20+ points/15+ rebounds/5+ steals in a game... Overall, he averaged 15.8 ppg (63.5%), 11.0 rpg and 2.40 spg as a starter, logging 29.6 mpg... Had three double-doubles, including a 19-point, 10-rebound effort Jan. 16 vs. Sacramento... Blocked a season-high four shots Mar. 19 at Memphis, one of eight games in which he was credited with 3+ blocks... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a two-year contract with the Clippers on July 13, 2015; the second year was a player option.

Milestones: Needs 63 points to reach the 1000 plateau for his NBA career, and 40 rebounds for 1000.

Career vs. Sacramento	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
9 games	14.3	.647	.000	.750	4.7	0.6	0.56	0.7	1.22	5.9

Career Highs – Cole Aldrich

Points:	24	vs. Detroit	4/15/15
Rebounds:	19	@ Portland	12/28/14
Assists:	5	MR: vs. Minnesota	3/19/15
Steals:	5	@ Utah	4/8/16
Blocks:	5	MR: @ Golden State	3/14/15
Minutes:	40	@ Utah	4/8/16

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#88
2nd Year

Preseason Averages:
10.9 ppg 38.8 FG% 4.3 rpg 1.9 apg

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	15:23	1-4	0-1	1-2	1	0	0	0	1	3

Notable: Chipped in a preseason-high 14 points Oct. 21 vs. Charlotte... Started the Oct. 16 game at Oklahoma City, grabbing a team-high six rebounds.

2015-16: Finished his rookie NBA season on a strong note, averaging 10.5 ppg (on 65.9% shooting, including 13-for-20 from beyond the arc) and 6.1 rpg while logging 24.2 mpg in his final eight contests... Appeared in 60 games overall, missing 15 due to injury (Nov. 20-27, bruised left knee; Feb. 19-Mar. 8, strained right foot) and drawing seven DNP-CDs... Talled 5.1 ppg, 3.5 rpg and 1.4 apg in 17.9 mpg, shooting 46.8% from the floor, 38.4% (48-for-125) from three-point range and 72.7% from the FT line... Led the Wolves with 18 points in the Apr. 7 victory at Sacramento, one of 14 double-figure scoring nights... Claimed a game- and season-high 14 rebounds Apr. 11 vs. Houston, part of his second straight double-double; he totaled 11 points, 10 rebounds and four assists in the Apr. 9 win at Portland... Collected three point/rebound double-doubles in total, the first a 17-point, 11-rebound effort Nov. 7 at Chicago; he also posted season highs in minutes (40:13) and assists (five) in that contest... Picked off a season-best three steals Jan. 12 vs. Oklahoma City, and had a season-high two blocks Jan. 15 at Oklahoma City... Led Serbia to a fourth-place finish at EuroBasket 2015; he averaged a team-high 13.9 ppg (56.1%), 6.6 rpg and 2.7 apg in nine games... Signed to a three-year contract on July 14; his rights were originally acquired by the Wolves in a four-player deal with Washington on June 24, 2010.

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2015-16 vs. Sacramento	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 27 at Sacramento	Inactive-Left Knee Contusion									
Dec. 18 at Minnesota	3:56	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mar. 23 at Minnesota	4:19	2-4	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	1	0	4
Apr. 7 at Sacramento	25:35	6-7	4-5	2-2	4	2	0	2	1	18

Career vs. Sacramento	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
3 games	11.3	.667	.667	1.000	2.0	0.7	0.00	1.0	0.67	7.3

Career Highs – Nemanja Bjelica

Points:	18	@ Sacramento	4/7/16
Rebounds:	14	vs. Houston	4/11/16
Assists:	5	@ Chicago	11/7/15
Steals:	3	MR: vs. New Orleans	4/13/16
Blocks:	2	MR: @ Golden State	4/5/16
Minutes:	40	@ Chicago	11/7/15

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Louisville '13

4th Year

Preseason Averages:

9.8 ppg 57.1 FG% 6.3 rpg 0.8 apg

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	34:01	5-10	0-1	2-2	14	2	2	0	1	12

Notable: Pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds Wednesday at Memphis, part of his 43rd career double-double... Had four blocks Oct. 19 vs. Memphis, a team preseason best; he ranked 5th in the NBA in blocks (2.00 bpg).

2015-16: Completed his third season with the Wolves by playing in all 82 games for the first time, including 39 starts... Averaged a career-high 10.1 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 1.7 apg and a career-best 1.15 spg in 27.1 mpg... Ranked 10th in the NBA in FG accuracy (53.2%, the fourth-best percentage in franchise history) and 30th in blocked shots (1.17 bpg), and improved his FT accuracy to 82.7% (205-for-248) after hitting 78.3% in 2014-15 and 63.4% as a rookie... Started the final 36 contests, beginning Jan. 27 vs. Oklahoma City; he averaged 12.7 ppg (55.6%), 8.0 rpg and 2.3 apg while logging 31.3 mpg in that stretch... Closed the season with 20 points and 11 rebounds vs. New Orleans on Apr. 13, his ninth career 20/10 performance (fourth of the year)... Was Minnesota's leading scorer twice, tallying a career-high 25 points (highlighted by an 11-for-11 effort from the line) in the Mar. 11 victory at Oklahoma City... Put together a streak of four consecutive multi-steal, multi-block games from Mar. 7-14, the longest such run in the NBA last season and the second-longest in franchise history... Contributed 14 points and 12 rebounds at Memphis on Feb. 19, his career-best fifth straight double-double; the minute total (44:01) was a season high... Chipped in 24 points (with a season-high seven assists) Feb. 6 vs. Chicago, and contributed 20 points and a season-high 15 rebounds Jan. 29 at Utah, one of 15 double-doubles on the year (42 career)... Tied his career high with six blocked shots Jan. 12 vs. Oklahoma City, and added five blocks Nov. 18 at Orlando... Had his 2016-17 contract option exercised on Oct. 21... Helped Sénégal to a fourth-place finish at AfroBasket 2015, held in Tunisia... Was the tourney's top scorer and rebounder, tallying 22.9 ppg (47.4%), 14.9 rpg, 3.7 apg and 1.29 spg in seven contests.

Career Highs – Gorgui Dieng

Points:	25	@ Oklahoma City	3/11/16
Rebounds:	21	@ Houston	3/20/14
Assists:	8	@ L.A. Lakers	11/28/14
Steals:	5	vs. New York	11/19/14
Blocks:	6	MR: vs. Oklahoma City	1/12/16
Minutes:	48	@ New York	3/19/15

2015-16 vs. Sacramento	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 27 at Sacramento	26:40	2-4	0-0	4-4	8	2	2	2	0	8
Dec. 18 at Minnesota	28:52	2-4	0-0	0-0	11	5	0	1	1	4
Mar. 23 at Minnesota	36:49	7-10	0-0	2-3	12	3	2	1	2	16
Apr. 7 at Sacramento	34:09	7-15	0-1	4-6	13	2	0	1	1	18

Career vs. Sacramento	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
8 games	33.4	.587	.500	.630	11.1	2.4	1.25	1.6	1.88	13.3

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Providence '16

Rookie

Preseason Averages:

4.6 ppg 22.6 FG% 3.3 rpg 3.9 apg

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	15:13	4-6	0-1	0-0	4	1	1	1	0	8

Notable: Posted preseason highs in points (eight), rebounds (six) and steals (four) Oct. 21 vs. Charlotte... Handed out a game- and preseason-high seven assists Oct. 8 vs. Miami; he was 2nd among rookies in assists (3.9 apg) and 1st in steals (2.00 spg)... Played for the Wolves in the Las Vegas Summer League, averaging 24.0 ppg (54.3%), 7.0 rpg and 3.0 apg in two starts... Signed to a two-year contract on July 7... Selected by Minnesota in the 1st round (5th overall) of the 2016 NBA Draft on June 23.

2015-16: Repeated as the Big East Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, joining Patrick Ewing as the conference's only two-time winners of both awards... Led Providence to a 24-11 record and a third consecutive NCAA Tournament berth by averaging 16.4 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 6.2 apg and 2.48 spg in 33 games (33.0 mpg)... Earned Second Team All-America honors from the Associated Press, USBWA, NABC and Sporting News, and was a Third Team selection by USA Today and ESPN... Shot 44.8% from the field, 37.2% (42-for-113) from long distance and 69.5% from the FT line... Ranked 5th nationally in steals and 16th in assists, finishing his career 4th on the Friars' all-time leaderboard in steals (208) and 3rd in assists (552)... Scored a career-high 32 points in the season opener (Nov. 14) vs. Harvard, adding a career-best eight steals... Registered his second career triple-double Dec. 2 vs. Hartford, totaling 16 points, 10 rebounds and a career-high 14 assists... Had five point/assists double-doubles, including a 13-point, 14-assist effort in the Jan. 24 win over Villanova, and posted a 4x7 effort Jan. 26 vs. Xavier (16 points, eight rebounds, seven assists, seven steals)... Capped his career with a 29-point performance vs. North Carolina in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

JORDAN HILL

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Arizona '09

#27

8th Year

Preseason Averages:

2.8 ppg 58.3 FG% 2.6 rpg 0.4 apg

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	DNP-CD									

Notable: Hauled in a team- and preseason-high six rebounds at Oklahoma City; the point (eight) and minute (22:40) totals were also preseason bests... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a two-year contract on July 20.

2015-16: Wrapped up his seventh season in the NBA and first with Indiana by playing in a career-high 73 games, including 11 starts... Missed three games due to injury and drew six DNP-CDs... Averaged 8.8 ppg and 6.2 rpg in 20.7 mpg, shooting 50.6% from the field and 71.2% from the line... Also saw action in five playoff contests, totaling six rebounds and two assists in 15 minutes... Registered nine double-doubles, highlighted by a season-high 20-point/13-rebound effort in the Dec. 14 win vs. Toronto... Tallied 20 points and a career-high six blocks Jan. 30 vs. Denver, and swiped a career-high four steals Feb. 6 vs. Detroit... Pulled down the 2000th rebound of his career Nov. 16 at Chicago, and played in his 400th career game Mar. 31 vs. Orlando... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a one-year contract by Indiana on July 14.

Career Highs – Jordan Hill

Points:	28	MR: @ Milwaukee	3/27/14
Rebounds:	17	vs. Detroit	11/17/13
Assists:	7	vs. Charlotte	11/9/14
Steals:	4	vs. Detroit	2/6/16
Blocks:	6	vs. Denver	1/30/16
Minutes:	42	vs. Denver	11/23/14

Career vs. Sacramento	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
21 games	19.6	.439	.000	.650	6.2	0.9	0.33	1.1	0.95	7.8

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Duke '15

#1

2nd Year

Preseason Averages:

4.2 ppg 50.0 FG% 1.0 rpg 0.8 apg

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	DNP-CD									

Notable: Had his 2017-18 contract option exercised on Oct. 23... Chipped in a preseason-high 11 points Oct. 16 at Oklahoma City... Named MVP of the 2016 Las Vegas Summer League after helping the Wolves advance to the title game... Averaged 20.4 ppg, 3.8 rpg and 6.8 apg in eight starts, shooting 45.1% from the floor and 40.6% from three-point range.

2015-16: Concluded his rookie NBA campaign by seeing action in 37 games, including each of the final 26... Contributed 4.2 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 2.9 apg and 0.84 spg in 15.5 mpg, shooting 35.9% from the floor, 30.2% (16-for-53) from three-point range and 71.8% from the line... Dished a team- and season-high 12 assists in the Apr. 13 finale vs. New Orleans, becoming the seventh player in franchise history (and one of only eight NBA players on the season) to collect 12+ assists without a turnover in a game... *Registered 94 ast/25 TOs (3.76-to-1) in his final 28 appearances*, beginning Feb. 8 vs. New Orleans... Swiped a season-high four steals Apr. 7 at Sacramento; the game also halted a run of 21 straight misses from three-point distance (dating to Mar. 11 at Oklahoma City)... Scored a season-high 10 points twice (Mar. 16 at Memphis, Mar. 8 vs. San Antonio) and handed out six assists Mar. 25 at Washington... Recalled from Idaho (D-League) on Dec. 22; he averaged 24.7 ppg (48.7%) and 5.0 apg in six games with the Stampede after being assigned on Dec. 5... Made his NBA debut Nov. 10 vs. Charlotte, becoming the 3rd-youngest player in club history... Signed to a two-year contract on July 7... Acquired from Cleveland on June 25, having been selected by the Cavaliers in the 1st round (24th overall) of the 2015 NBA Draft earlier that night.

Career Highs – Tyus Jones

Points:	10	MR: @ Memphis	3/16/16
Rebounds:	5	MR: @ Milwaukee	3/4/16
Assists:	12	vs. New Orleans	4/13/16
Steals:	4	@ Sacramento	4/7/16
Blocks:	2	@ Memphis	3/16/16
Minutes:	27	vs. San Antonio	3/8/16

2015-16 vs. Sacramento	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 27 at Sacramento	DNP-CD									
Dec. 18 at Minnesota	Inactive									
Mar. 23 at Minnesota	21:38	1-5	0-1	1-2	0	5	3	2	0	3
Apr. 7 at Sacramento	26:21	2-3	1-2	0-0	3	4	4	1	0	5

Career vs. Sacramento	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
2 games	24.0	.375	.333	.500	1.5	4.5	3.50	1.5	0.00	4.0

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#8

3rd Year

Preseason Averages:**15.5 ppg 47.6 FG% 4.3 rpg 1.5 apg**

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	33:50	6-14	3-6	4-5	5	3	1	2	0	19

Notable: Had his 2017-18 contract option exercised on Oct. 23... Snared a preseason-best eight rebounds Oct. 15 vs. Miami... Poured in 30 points in the Oct. 10 loss at Charlotte, the Wolves' first 30+ preseason effort since Kevin Love scored 32 vs. Milwaukee on Oct. 17, 2010.

2015-16: His second year in Minnesota saw him play in all 82 games, averaging 14.0 ppg, 2.8 rpg and 3.1 apg in 28.0 mpg... Shot 45.2% from the floor and 79.3% from the FT line while ranking 26th in the NBA in three-point accuracy at 38.9%; his 123 treys made tied the fifth-highest single-season total in club history... Started 33 games, including each of the final 24; he tallied 17.3 ppg (47.4%) in 34.3 mpg as a starter, compared with 11.8 ppg (43.2%) in 23.7 mpg off the bench... *Shot 43.6% (88-for-202) from three-point distance over the final 44 games;* the Wolves went 14-19 with him in the starting lineup (13-14 at shooting guard, 1-5 at point guard)... Was Minnesota's leading scorer 12 times and netted 20+ points on 19 occasions among his 60 double-digit efforts... Played a season-high 44:39 at Charlotte on Mar. 7; he logged 40+ minutes in seven of the final 22 contests, averaging 35.7 mpg in that span... Matched his career high with four steals in the Apr. 5 win at Golden State, and had a career-best three blocks Feb. 8 vs. New Orleans... Topped all scorers with 28 points in the Mar. 16 win at Memphis; the six three-pointers tied his career best... Chosen as MVP of the 2016 BBVA Compass Rising Stars Challenge on Feb. 12 as part of All-Star Weekend in Toronto, after scoring 30 points; he also repeated as the Verizon Slam Dunk champion on Feb. 13... *Erupted for a season-high 35 points Jan. 27 vs. Oklahoma City,* his second career 30+ effort, and tied his career best with nine rebounds Jan. 12 vs. Oklahoma City... Dished a season-high eight assists Nov. 10 vs. Charlotte; the eight TOs in that game are a career high... Had his 2016-17 contract option exercised on Oct. 21.

Milestones: Needs 53 points to reach the 2000 mark for his NBA career, and 53 rebounds for 500.

2015-16 vs. Sacramento	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 27 at Sacramento	29:14	7-14	1-6	4-4	8	4	0	2	0	19
Dec. 18 at Minnesota	17:48	4-11	0-4	0-0	2	0	0	4	0	8
Mar. 23 at Minnesota	44:04	7-12	4-7	5-10	0	4	0	6	0	23
Apr. 7 at Sacramento	25:32	6-10	4-7	2-2	1	2	3	2	1	18

Career vs. Sacramento	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
7 games	27.3	.500	.367	.682	2.9	3.4	1.29	2.7	0.14	14.3

Career Highs – Zach LaVine

Points:	37	@ Golden State	4/11/15
Rebounds:	9	MR: vs. Oklahoma City	1/12/16
Assists:	14	@ Golden State	12/27/14
Steals:	4	MR: @ Golden State	4/5/16
Blocks:	3	vs. New Orleans	2/8/16
Minutes:	48	vs. L.A. Lakers	3/25/15

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#11

Preseason Averages:**6.7 ppg 31.6 FG% 0.7 rpg 0.7 apg**

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	Inactive									

Notable: Led the Wolves with a preseason-high 18 points Oct. 16 at Oklahoma City... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a one-year contract on Aug. 24.

2015-16: Ended the season playing for Puerto Rican club Quebradillas, seeing action in eight games and averaging 11.0 ppg (36.9%), 3.6 rpg and 4.1 apg... Waived by Fort Wayne (D-League) on Mar. 7, having been acquired on Jan. 14... Played in 18 games for the Mad Ants, tallying 17.7 ppg, 3.1 rpg and 4.9 apg while shooting 46.4% from the floor and 86.5% from the FT line... Scored a season-high 26 points (shooting 5-for-8 from three-point range) Feb. 16 vs. Grand Rapids, one of 10 games with 20+; he totaled 23 points, eight assists and a season-high eight rebounds Feb. 21 at Los Angeles... Appeared in one preseason contest with Miami before being waived on Oct. 24; he'd signed with the Heat as an unrestricted free agent on Sept. 28.

Career Highs – John Lucas III

Points:	25	MR: vs. Cleveland	4/26/12
Rebounds:	8	vs. Washington	1/11/12
Assists:	9	vs. Sacramento	2/14/12
Steals:	4	@ Philadelphia	3/18/07
Blocks:	1	MR: @ Boston	3/13/13
Minutes:	46	vs. Washington	1/11/12

Career vs. Sacramento	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
6 games	11.7	.273	.200	.500	0.7	2.2	0.33	0.7	0.00	2.5

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Preseason Averages:

14.0 ppg 44.4 FG% 3.8 rpg 0.2 apg

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	13:31	1-6	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	2

Notable: Returned to action Oct. 21 vs. Charlotte with a game-high 17 points... Missed the Oct. 19 game vs. Memphis due to a sore right hip... Registered a game- and preseason-high 18 points Oct. 12 vs. Denver in Lincoln.

2015-16: Appeared in all 82 games as a reserve in his third NBA season, joining Scott Brooks (1991-92) and Anthony Peeler (2001-02) as the only players in club history to accomplish that feat... His total of 863 points were the highest single-season haul off the bench ever by a Wolves player (surpassing J.J. Barea's 807 in 2012-13) and marked the NBA's sixth-best figure in 2015-16...

Career Highs – Shabazz Muhammad

Points:	35	@ Golden State.....	4/5/16
Rebounds:	10	@ L.A. Clippers.....	12/1/14
Assists:	5	MR: vs. Phoenix.....	1/7/15
Steals:	3	MR: @ Washington.....	12/16/14
Blocks:	1	MR: @ Phoenix.....	3/14/16
Minutes:	39	@ Golden State.....	4/5/16

Averaged 10.5 ppg and 3.3 rpg in 20.5 mpg, shooting 46.5% from the field, 28.9% (44-for-152) from three-point distance and 76.4% from the FT line... Finished with a flurry, tallying 21.6 ppg (59.4%) in 23.8 mpg over the final five games (Minnesota went 4-1)... Led all scorers with a career-high 35 points in the Apr. 5 win at Golden State, his second career 30+ night and one of seven times he was the Wolves' top scorer... The minute total (38:55) and 15-for-17 effort from the FT line on Apr. 5 are also career bests; he'd averaged just 7.1 ppg (40.0%) in the previous 14 games... Scored 20+ points on nine occasions and was Minnesota's leading scorer seven times, pumping in a game-high 28 points (on 12-for-16 shooting) in the Apr. 13 finale vs. New Orleans... Misfired on 25 of his final 32 trey attempts (21.9%), on the heels of a 10-game run at 10-for-23 (43.5%)... Dished a season-high four assists Mar. 30 vs. the L.A. Clippers, and swiped a season-best two steals Feb. 2 at the Lakers... Hauled in a season-high nine rebounds on four occasions (most recently Mar. 2 vs. Washington) and contributed 25 points Jan. 23 vs. Memphis... Had his 2016-17 contract option exercised on Oct. 21.

2015-16 vs. Sacramento	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 27 at Sacramento	15:42	5-8	3-5	2-2	1	0	0	2	0	15
Dec. 18 at Minnesota	27:02	7-13	2-4	0-0	7	1	0	0	0	16
Mar. 23 at Minnesota	10:38	2-6	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	0	0	4
Apr. 7 at Sacramento	16:26	3-10	0-2	4-6	2	0	0	0	0	10

Career vs. Sacramento	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
7 games	19.6	.433	.353	.647	3.9	0.4	0.14	0.9	0.14	9.9

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F 6-10 237 Michigan State '14 3rd Year

Preseason Averages:

4.6 ppg 55.6 FG% 1.8 rpg 0.0 apg

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	DNP-CD									

Notable: Netted a preseason-best 16 points Oct. 16 at Oklahoma City... Started eight games for the Wolves in the Las Vegas Summer League, averaging 15.5 ppg and 7.6 rpg while shooting 41.3% from the floor.

2015-16: Wrapped up his second year in the NBA and in Minnesota by seeing action in 52 games... Averaged 2.5 ppg and 2.1 rpg in 9.3 mpg, shooting 36.6% from the field, 28.1% (9-for-32) from beyond the arc and 65.4% from the FT line... Shot just 30.6% (30-for-98) over his final 36 appearances, having hit 48.9% (23-for-47) in the first 16... Swiped a career-best three steals Apr. 11 vs. Houston, and dealt a team- and career-high four assists Mar. 30 vs. the L.A. Clippers... Logged 20+ minutes on three occasions, topped by a 20:57 stint vs. San Antonio on Mar. 8; he pulled down a season-best eight rebounds (in 20:49) Feb. 28 at Dallas... Recalled from the D-League's Erie BayHawks on Feb. 1; he netted 26.3 ppg (44.4%), 9.3 rpg and 4.3 apg in three outings with Erie, having been assigned on Jan. 25... Chipped in a season-high 10 points Nov. 10 vs Charlotte, his lone double-figure outing and the first of two starting assignments (also Nov. 18 at Orlando)... Had his 2016-17 contract option exercised on Oct. 21.

Career Highs – Adreian Payne

Points:	16	@ L.A. Clippers.....	3/9/15
Rebounds:	15	@ L.A. Clippers.....	3/9/15
Assists:	4	MR: vs. L.A. Clippers.....	3/30/16
Steals:	3	vs. Houston.....	4/11/16
Blocks:	2	MR: @ San Antonio.....	12/28/15
Minutes:	37	@ L.A. Clippers.....	3/9/15

2015-16 vs. Sacramento	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 27 at Sacramento	7:28	2-4	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	1	0	4
Dec. 18 at Minnesota	7:24	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Mar. 23 at Minnesota	DNP-CD									
Apr. 7 at Sacramento	7:49	0-4	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	1	0	0

Career vs. Sacramento	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
4 games	9.0	.231	.000	.000	1.8	0.8	0.00	0.8	0.25	1.5

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#14

7th Year

2015-16 Averages:

4.5 ppg 38.0 FG% 1.8 rpg 0.9 apg

Notable: Expected to miss the entire 2016-17 season due to recurring pain in his right ankle.

2015-16: Saw his sixth NBA season abbreviated by injury, playing in just 12 games (all in January)... Sideline for the first 35 contests while recovering from surgery on his right Achilles tendon, then missed the final 33 games due to soreness in his right ankle... Averaged 4.5 ppg and 1.8 rpg in 13.0 mpg while shooting 38.0% from the floor and 80.0% from the FT line... Hauled in just 21 rebounds in 156 minutes on the season (6.5 reb/48), half of his career rate entering 2015-16 (13.0 reb/48)... Made his third start of the year on Jan. 25 at Cleveland (also Jan. 20 at Dallas and Jan. 13 at Houston)... Chipped in 10 points in a season-high 17:33 at Oklahoma City on Jan. 15, and pulled down five rebounds Jan. 13 at Houston... Made his debut Jan. 6 vs. Denver, netting a season-high 12 points.

Career Highs – Nikola Pekovic

Points: 34 @ L.A. Clippers 12/22/13
Rebounds: 18 MR: vs. Philadelphia 2/20/13
Assists: 4 MR: vs. Golden State 2/11/15
Steals: 3 MR: @ Phoenix 2/26/13
Blocks: 4 MR: @ Utah 1/2/13
Minutes: 46 @ L.A. Clippers 12/22/13

2015-16 vs. Sacramento

Nov. 27 at Sacramento..... Inactive-Right Achilles Surgery
Dec. 18 at Minnesota..... Inactive-Right Achilles Surgery
Mar. 23 at Minnesota..... Inactive-Sore Right Ankle
Apr. 7 at Sacramento..... Inactive-Sore Right Ankle

Career vs. Sacramento

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
11 games	26.0	.554	.000	.727	6.1	0.8	0.64	1.8	0.91	12.2

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#9

6th Year

Preseason Averages:

6.8 ppg 40.0 FG% 3.5 rpg 5.7 apg

Last Game

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	33:27	1-5	0-1	2-5	4	8	0	2	0	4

Notable: The assist and steal totals Oct. 12 vs. Denver were team preseason bests; he ranked 4th in steals (2.33 spg), 6th in assist/TO ratio (3.78-to-1) and 9th in assists (5.7 apg)... Represented Spain at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, netting 5.0 ppg, 2.8 rpg and 2.9 apg in eight starts.

2015-16: Returned to full-time duty in his fifth Wolves campaign, starting 76 games including all 65 after November... Missed four games (Nov. 10-15) due to a strained left hamstring and two (Nov. 27-29) with a sore left ankle... Averaged 10.1 ppg and 4.3 rpg in 30.6 mpg, shooting 37.4% from the floor, 32.6% (62-for-190) from beyond the arc and a career-best 84.7% (266-for-314) from the line... Ranked 5th in the NBA in assists (8.7 apg), 2nd in steals (2.13 spg), 4th in ast/TO ratio (3.40-to-1) and 27th in FT accuracy... Topped the Wolves in assists 65 times, collecting 12 point/assist double-doubles as well as two of the point/rebound variety... Contributed 23 points Mar. 26 vs. Utah, the fourth time he led the Wolves and his fourth 20+ outing of the season... Handed out a franchise-record-tying 17 assists Mar. 14 at Phoenix; he registered seven double-doubles in March, boosting his career total to 61... Sank the game-winning three-pointer with :00.2 left Mar. 11 at Oklahoma City; he converted 34 of 90 trey attempts (37.8%) in the season's final 29 contests... Moved past Pooh Richardson (1973) for 2nd place on the Wolves' all-time assist chart Jan. 23 vs. Memphis, and handed out his 2000th career assist Jan. 27 vs. Oklahoma City... Pulled in his 1000th career rebound Jan. 2 vs. Milwaukee... Totaled nine points, 10 rebounds, 12 assists and eight steals Dec. 16 at New York, the NBA's first 4x8 game (pts/reb/ast/stl) since 2002; the eight steals tied the Wolves' single-game mark he shares with Tyrone Corbin and Terrell Brandon... Pulled in a season-high 12 rebounds Nov. 18 at Orlando and scored a career-high 28 points Oct. 28 at the Lakers, adding 14 assists.

Career Highs – Ricky Rubio

Points: 28 @ L.A. Lakers 10/28/15
Rebounds: 13 vs. San Antonio 3/12/13
Assists: 17 MR: @ Phoenix 3/14/16
Steals: 8 MR: @ New York 12/16/15
Blocks: 2 MR: vs. New Orleans 1/1/14
Minutes: 49 @ Dallas 3/19/14

2015-16 vs. Sacramento

Nov. 27 at Sacramento..... DNP-CD
Dec. 18 at Minnesota..... 32:23 3-10 2-6 4-4 7 8 2 3 0 12
Mar. 23 at Minnesota..... 26:22 2-7 1-3 2-2 5 12 3 3 0 7
Apr. 7 at Sacramento..... 21:39 0-0 0-0 2-4 3 7 1 5 0 2

Career vs. Sacramento

	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
10 games	31.1	.296	.318	.774	4.6	9.1	2.30	3.0	0.00	7.3

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9th Year

Preseason Averages:

7.1 ppg 45.0 FG% 2.4 rpg 1.1 apg

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	13:39	0-3	0-1	0-0	2	1	0	1	0	0

Notable: Started the final three preseason contests; the 14-point effort Oct. 21 vs. Charlotte was his best for the month... Handed out a preseason-high five assists Oct. 19 vs. Memphis... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a one-year deal on July 8; the Wolves are his fourth NBA team.

2015-16: Completed his eighth season in the NBA by playing in 72 games (25 starts) for Golden State, his top totals since 2009-10... Missed two games due to injury and drew eight DNP-CDs... Tallied 4.2 ppg and 2.5 rpg in 14.7 mpg, shooting 42.7% from the floor, 41.4% (65-for-157) from three-point range and 64.3% from the FT line... Tacked on 23 points and 23 rebounds in 14 playoff appearances (totaling 110 minutes), seeing action in five of seven games during the NBA Finals vs. Cleveland... Contributed playoff career bests of 15 points vs. Houston on Apr. 27 and seven rebounds at Oklahoma City on May 22... Averaged 7.0 ppg (50.0%) and 3.3 rpg as a starting, sinking 49.4% of his three-point attempts (38-for-77); Golden State won 21 of those 25 games... Scored a season-high 20 points Jan. 8 at Portland, going 8-for-9 from the field; he reached double figures on 10 occasions overall... Hauled down a season-best nine rebounds Jan. 5 at the L.A. Lakers, and dealt a season-high four assists Mar. 27 vs. Philadelphia.

Milestone: Needs 22 three-pointers to reach 500 for his NBA career.

Career vs. Sacramento	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
17 games	19.3	.433	.464	.778	3.2	1.1	0.29	1.0	0.65	6.9

Career Highs – Brandon Rush

Points:	29	MR: vs. Washington	3/29/09
Rebounds:	12	vs. Orlando	4/12/10
Assists:	6	@ Boston	3/12/10
Steals:	4	vs. Orlando	1/5/10
Blocks:	5	MR: vs. L.A. Clippers	11/18/10
Minutes:	54	vs. L.A. Clippers	12/19/08

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2nd Year

Preseason Averages:

17.3 ppg 46.2 FG% 9.3 rpg 1.8 apg

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	36:29	9-20	2-5	1-1	4	5	1	2	1	21

Notable: Wednesday marked his 33rd career game with 20+ points... Had his 2017-18 contract option exercised on Oct. 23... Tallied a preseason-high 31 points Oct. 19 vs. Memphis; the 17-for-17 effort marked the most FTs made without a miss in any game in club history... Grabbed 14 rebounds Oct. 15 vs. Miami; he ranked 7th in rebounding (9.3 rpg) and 12th in scoring (17.3 ppg).

2015-16: Put together perhaps the best rookie season in Timberwolves history, culminating in being a unanimous choice as the NBA's Rookie of the Year... starting all 82 games and averaging 18.3 ppg, 10.5 rpg, 2.0 apg and 1.68 bpg in 32.0 mpg... Shot 54.2% from the floor (the second-highest percentage in franchise history), 34.1% (30-for-88) from beyond the arc and 81.1% from the FT line... Ranked 8th in the NBA in rebounding, 8th in FG accuracy, 10th in blocks, 26th in scoring and 3rd in double-doubles (52); he led all rookies in scoring while ranking 3rd in FT accuracy (81.0%), 11th in steals (0.71 spg) and 1st in minutes... Chosen as the Western Conference Player of the Week for Apr. 4-10 (the first Wolves rookie to be so honored) and swept all six Western Conference Rookie of the Month awards... Was Minnesota's leading rebounder 63 times and top scorer on 27 occasions; he had 32 games with 20+ points among his 73 double-figure efforts... Sank the game-winning jumper with :01.8 to play Apr. 9 at Portland... Posted season highs in rebounds (21) and assists (nine) Apr. 3 vs. Dallas; he's the NBA's first rookie to collect at least 21 rebounds and nine assists in the same game since Elgin Baylor (Feb. 9, 1959 vs. New York)... The 21 rebounds vs. Dallas tied Gorgui Dieng's club rookie record (Mar. 20, 2014 at Houston), while his 18 defensive boards broke Christian Laettner's franchise rookie mark (17, Mar. 21, 1993 vs. Charlotte)... Led all scorers with 32 points Mar. 18 at Houston, his fourth 30+ night... Was Minnesota's leading scorer in 19 of the final 40 games; he averaged 21.3 ppg (55.8%), 11.5 rpg, 2.8 apg and 1.65 bpg in those 40 contests... Collected 30 points and 15 rebounds Feb. 27 at New Orleans, the first 30/15 by a rookie since Blake Griffin in March 2011... Won the Taco Bell Skills Challenge on Feb. 13 as part of All-Star Weekend in Toronto; he also played in the BBVA Compass Rising Stars Challenge on Feb. 12... Pumped in a season-high 35 points vs. Toronto on Feb. 10, and had a season-high six blocked shots Jan. 20 at Dallas... Signed to a two-year contract on July 7... Selected by Minnesota in the 1st round (1st overall) of the 2015 NBA Draft on June 25.

Career Highs – Karl-Anthony Towns

Points:	35	vs. Toronto	2/10/16
Rebounds:	21	vs. Dallas	4/3/16
Assists:	9	vs. Dallas	4/3/16
Steals:	3	MR: @ L.A. Clippers	11/29/15
Blocks:	6	MR: @ Dallas	1/20/16
Minutes:	48	@ Washington	3/25/16

2015-16 vs. Sacramento	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 27 at Sacramento	21:20	3-5	1-1	0-0	8	0	0	2	2	7
Dec. 18 at Minnesota	23:51	6-11	1-1	2-2	8	0	0	4	1	15
Mar. 23 at Minnesota	29:09	11-17	0-0	4-5	11	2	0	3	4	26
Apr. 7 at Sacramento	27:17	6-16	1-1	4-6	10	3	1	1	1	17

Career vs. Sacramento	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
4 games	25.5	.531	1.000	.769	9.3	1.3	0.25	2.5	2.00	16.3

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Kansas '14

3rd Year

Preseason Averages:

17.3 ppg 37.7 FG% 3.0 rpg 0.5 apg

Last Game	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Oct. 26 at Memphis	34:29	7-14	1-1	10-14	7	0	0	2	1	25

Notable: Scored a game-high 25 points at Memphis, his 80th career 20+ effort; it's also the 15th time he's made 10+ FTs in a contest... Missed the final two preseason games due to illness... Had his 2017-18 contract option exercised on Oct. 23... Tallied a preseason-high 23 points Oct. 15 vs. Miami; he had 19 points Oct. 8 vs. Miami, highlighted by a 13-for-16 effort from the FT line... Ranked 13th in the NBA in preseason scoring (17.3 ppg).

2015-16: Finished his second NBA year as Minnesota's leading scorer, ranking 19th in the league at 20.7 ppg to become the seventh player in club history to average 20+ ppg over a full season... Started 81 games; the Nov. 10 DNP vs.

Career Highs – Andrew Wiggins

Points:	35	vs. Cleveland	1/8/16
Rebounds:	10	MR: vs. Sacramento.....	12/18/15
Assists:	9	@ Golden State	4/11/15
Steals:	6	@ Golden State	4/5/16
Blocks:	3	MR: vs. Phoenix.....	3/28/16
Minutes:	49	vs. L.A. Lakers	3/25/15

Charlotte was the first of his career... Tallied 3.6 rpg and 2.0 apg in 35.1 mpg (19th in the NBA), shooting 45.9% from the field, 30.0% (57-for-190) from three-point range and 76.1% from the line... His 565 FT attempts marked the fourth-highest single-season total in Wolves history and placed him 7th in the NBA... Hiked his FG accuracy to 48.9% after Feb. 1, including 40.0% (30-for-75) from long distance... Was Minnesota's top scorer on 33 occasions and reached double figures 77 times, including 48 games with 20+ points... Scored his 3000th career point Apr. 7 at Sacramento... Pumped in 32 points (adding a career-high six steals) in the Apr. 5 win at Golden State, his 10th and final 30+ night of the season (14th career) and, coupled with the 30-point effort Apr. 3 vs. Dallas, marked the third time this year he'd tallied 30+ in consecutive games... Went 17-for-21 from the FT line Mar. 28 vs. Phoenix, his career highs in both categories; he also tied a career best with three blocks in the game... Played in the BBVA Compass Rising Stars Challenge on Feb. 12, part of All-Star Weekend in Toronto; he netted 29 points... Scored a game-high 31 points Feb. 3 at the L.A. Clippers, one night after a 30-point effort at the L.A. Lakers; he also had 30+ back-to-back Nov. 7-9 (at Chicago, at Atlanta)... Erupted for a career-high 35 points Jan. 8 vs. Cleveland... Scored 32 points Dec. 18 vs. Sacramento, adding a career-high 10 rebounds and six assists; he's the 7th player in franchise history to record a 30+ pt/10+ reb/5+ ast game... Had his 2016-17 contract option exercised on Oct. 21... Helped Canada claim the bronze medal at the 2015 FIBA Americas Championship, held in Mexico City... Tallied 15.1 ppg (49.5%), 4.4 rpg and 2.3 apg in 10 games.

2015-16 vs. Sacramento	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 27 at Sacramento.....	36:10	8-17	1-3	5-6	6	1	0	1	1	22
Dec. 18 at Minnesota.....	36:25	11-20	1-3	9-10	10	6	0	4	0	32
Mar. 23 at Minnesota.....	41:18	10-15	0-0	3-6	4	3	0	0	0	23
Apr. 7 at Sacramento.....	33:43	5-12	1-2	4-5	4	2	1	2	0	15
Career vs. Sacramento	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
7 games	38.3	.508	.353	.809	6.6	2.3	1.29	2.0	0.29	24.9