

## 2017-18 Timberwolves Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Score
10/18	at San Antonio	L 99-107
10/20	Utah	W100- 97
10/22	at Oklahoma City	W115-113
10/24	Indiana	L107-130
10/25	at Detroit	L101-122
10/27	Oklahoma City	W119-116
10/30	at Miami	W125-122 (ot)
11/1	at New Orleans	W104- 98
11/4	Dallas	W112- 99
11/5	Charlotte	W112- 94
11/8	at Golden State	L101-125
11/11	at Phoenix	L110-118
11/13	at Utah	W109- 98
11/15	San Antonio	W 98- 86
11/17	at Dallas	W111- 87
11/19	Detroit	L 97-100
11/20	at Charlotte	L102-118
11/22	Orlando	W124-118
11/24	Miami	L 97-109
11/26	Phoenix	W119-108
11/28	Washington	L 89- 92
11/29	at New Orleans	W120-102
12/1	at Oklahoma City	L107-111
12/3	L.A. Clippers	W112-106
12/4	at Memphis	L 92- 95
12/6	at L.A. Clippers	W113-107
12/10	Dallas	W 97- 92
12/12	Philadelphia	L112-118 (ot)
12/14	Sacramento	W119- 96
12/16	Phoenix	L106-108
12/18	Portland	W108-107
12/20	at Denver	W112-104
12/23	at Phoenix	W115-106
12/25	at L.A. Lakers	9:30 p.m.
12/27	Denver	7:00 p.m.
12/28	at Milwaukee	7:00 p.m.
12/31	at Indiana	4:00 p.m.
1/1	L.A. Lakers	7:00 p.m.
1/3	at Brooklyn	6:30 p.m.
1/5	at Boston	6:00 p.m.
1/6	New Orleans	8:00 p.m.
1/8	Cleveland	7:00 p.m.
1/10	Oklahoma City	7:00 p.m.
1/12	New York	7:00 p.m.
1/14	Portland	8:00 p.m.
1/16	at Orlando	6:00 p.m.
1/18	at Houston	8:30 p.m.
1/20	Toronto	8:00 p.m.
1/22	at L.A. Clippers	9:30 p.m.
1/24	at Portland	9:00 p.m.
1/25	at Golden State	9:30 p.m.
1/27	Brooklyn	8:00 p.m.
1/29	at Atlanta	6:30 p.m.
1/30	at Toronto	6:30 p.m.
2/1	Milwaukee	7:00 p.m.
2/3	New Orleans	8:00 p.m.
2/7	at Cleveland	7:00 p.m.
2/9	at Chicago	7:00 p.m.
2/11	Sacramento	6:00 p.m.
2/13	Houston	7:00 p.m.
2/15	L.A. Lakers	8:00 p.m.
2/23	at Houston	7:00 p.m.
2/24	Chicago	8:00 p.m.
2/26	at Sacramento	9:00 p.m.
3/1	at Portland	9:30 p.m.
3/2	at Utah	9:30 p.m.
3/8	Boston	7:00 p.m.
3/11	Golden State	2:30 p.m.
3/13	at Washington	6:00 p.m.
3/17	at San Antonio	7:30 p.m.
3/18	Houston	6:00 p.m.
3/20	L.A. Clippers	7:00 p.m.
3/23	at New York	6:30 p.m.
3/24	at Philadelphia	5:00 p.m.
3/26	Memphis	7:00 p.m.
3/28	Atlanta	7:00 p.m.
3/30	at Dallas	7:30 p.m.
4/1	Utah	6:00 p.m.
4/5	at Denver	9:30 p.m.
4/6	at L.A. Lakers	9:30 p.m.
4/9	Memphis	7:00 p.m.
4/11	Denver	7:00 p.m.

(all times Central)

## Minnesota Timberwolves (20-13) at Los Angeles Lakers (11-20)

Game #34, Road Game #17

Staples Center

December 25, 2017 at 7:30 PM PST

TV: TNT

Radio: WCCO (830 AM)

### Probable Starters:

Pos.	No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	2017-18 Averages
F -	22	Andrew Wiggins	6-8	202	17.6 pts (42.7%), 4.0 reb, 1.7 ast
F -	67	Taj Gibson	6-9	235	11.2 pts (54.5%), 8.2 reb, 1.4 ast
C -	32	Karl-Anthony Towns	7-0	248	20.5 pts (52.7%), 11.7 reb, 1.9 ast
G -	23	Jimmy Butler	6-8	236	20.6 pts (46.5%), 5.5 reb, 4.6 ast
G -	0	Jeff Teague	6-2	189	13.7 pts (44.8%), 2.9 reb, 7.1 ast

### Injury Report:

**Forward Nemanja Bjelica:** Has missed the past 15 games with a sprained left midfoot. His status will be reevaluated prior to tonight's contest.

### Recent Transactions:

**Dec. 3:** Assigned center Justin Patton to Iowa (G-League).

**Nov. 11:** Recalled guard Marcus Georges-Hunt from Iowa (G-League).

**Nov. 9:** Assigned guard Marcus Georges-Hunt to Iowa (G-League).

**Oct. 15:** Exercised the 2018-19 contract options on guard Tyus Jones and center Karl-Anthony Towns.

**Oct. 14:** Waived forward Amile Jefferson, guard Melo Trimble and forward Shawne Williams.

**Oct. 13:** Signed free-agent forward Shawne Williams to a one-year contract.

**Oct. 11:** Signed forward Andrew Wiggins to a five-year contract extension.

**Sept. 21:** Signed free-agent guard Aaron Brooks to a one-year contract.

**Sept. 18:** Signed free-agent forward Amile Jefferson and free-agent guard Melo Trimble to one-year contracts.

**Sept. 15:** Re-signed forward Shabazz Muhammad to a one-year contract.

**Aug. 11:** Signed free-agent guard Marcus Georges-Hunt to a one-year contract.

**Aug. 1:** Signed free-agent forward Anthony Brown to a one-year, two-way contract.

**July 19:** Signed free-agent guard Jamal Crawford to a two-year contract.

### Records:

	Record	Home	Road	Overtime
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>20-13 (.606)</b>	<b>11-6 (.647)</b>	<b>9-7 (.563)</b>	<b>1-1 (.500)</b>
<b>Atlantic</b>	0-1 (.000)	0-1 (.000)	0-0 (.000)	0-1 (.000)
<b>Southeast</b>	3-3 (.500)	2-2 (.500)	1-1 (.500)	1-0 (1.000)
<b>Central</b>	0-3 (.000)	0-2 (.000)	0-1 (.000)	0-0 (.000)
<b>EASTERN</b>	<b>3-7 (.300)</b>	<b>2-5 (.286)</b>	<b>1-2 (.333)</b>	<b>1-1 (.500)</b>
<b>Northwest</b>	6-1 (.857)	3-0 (1.000)	3-1 (.750)	0-0 (.000)
<b>Southwest</b>	6-2 (.750)	3-0 (1.000)	3-2 (.600)	0-0 (.000)
<b>Pacific</b>	5-3 (.625)	3-1 (.750)	2-2 (.500)	0-0 (.000)
<b>WESTERN</b>	<b>17-6 (.739)</b>	<b>9-1 (.900)</b>	<b>8-5 (.615)</b>	<b>0-0 (.000)</b>

**STREAKS:**

**Overall:** Won 3

**Home:** Won 1

**Road:** Won 3

### Next 5 Games:

(all times Central)

Date	Opponent	Time	TV	Radio
Wednesday, Dec. 27	vs. Denver Nuggets	7:00 p.m.	FSN	WCCO
Thursday, Dec. 28	at Milwaukee Bucks	7:00 p.m.	FSN	WCCO
Sunday, Dec. 31	at Indiana Pacers	4:00 p.m.	FSN	WCCO
Monday, Jan. 1	vs. Los Angeles Lakers	7:00 p.m.	FSN	WCCO
Wednesday, Jan. 3	at Brooklyn Nets	6:30 p.m.	FSN	WCCO

<u>Min</u>	<u>Four Factors</u>	<u>Pho</u>
.536	Effective FG%	.529
.143	TO Percentage	.129
.325	Off. Rebound %	.209
.298	FT Made / FG Att.	.174
<u>Min</u>	<u>Scoring</u>	<u>Pho</u>
18	Points off TOs	18
52	Points in the Paint	48
13	2nd-Chance Points	17
12	Fast Break Points	17

**Last Game: Saturday, Dec. 23 – Minnesota 115, Phoenix 106**

Jimmy Butler tallied 32 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, and the Timberwolves squandered a 22-point lead before regrouping to beat Phoenix, 115-106, on Saturday night at Talking Stick Resort Arena. Minnesota rolled to a 22-6 lead while the Suns started 0-for-9 from the floor, then ran off 12 unanswered points to begin the second quarter. Taj Gibson later gave the Wolves their largest advantage at 53-31 with 4:44 to play before halftime and Butler's last-second jumper kept the margin at 64-43. However, Phoenix blitzed Minnesota 22-6 out of the third-quarter gate and closed to within 82-80 on a T.J. Warren basket with a minute remaining in the period. Back-to-back treys from Gorgui Dieng and Tyus Jones capped a 12-0 Wolves response that pushed the lead to 14 early in the fourth, but after Butler struck again at the 3:52 mark to keep Minnesota in front by 12, the Suns converted three straight possessions and narrowed the gap to 107-102 before a Gibson putback squelched the rally. Karl-Anthony Towns netted 16 points and 14 boards for Minnesota while Warren led the Suns with 24 points and Tyson Chandler grabbed 15 boards.

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**Previous Game: Wednesday, Dec. 20 – Minnesota 112, Denver 104**

Jimmy Butler scored eight of his 25 points in the final 90 seconds while Karl-Anthony Towns added 25 points and 10 rebounds as the Timberwolves rallied past Denver, 112-104, on Wednesday night at the Pepsi Center. The Nuggets broke on top 21-10 and a three-point play by Trey Lyles kept them ahead 34-24 early in the second period. Back-to-back 3-pointers from Jamal Crawford started the Minnesota comeback and the lead changed hands four times before Will Barton's last-second layup gave Denver a 52-50 halftime edge. Jamal Murray converted a four-point play to highlight an 18-8 push that gave the Nuggets their largest lead at 80-66 midway through the third quarter. The Wolves reeled off 11 unanswered points to get within four entering the fourth and Towns' long-distance strike put them ahead 85-84 at the 10:57 mark. Down 95-93 with 6:28 left, Minnesota used two Crawford treys and one from Butler to grab the lead for good, and Butler scored on four straight possessions to hold off Denver. Crawford finished with 20 points and seven assists for Minnesota while the Nuggets were led by 30 points from Murray and 22 from Nikola Jokic.

<u>Min</u>	<u>Four Factors</u>	<u>Den</u>
.540	Effective FG%	.590
.093	TO Percentage	.228
.190	Off. Rebound %	.216
.207	FT Made / FG Att.	.264
<u>Min</u>	<u>Scoring</u>	<u>Den</u>
21	Points off TOs	9
52	Points in the Paint	40
8	2nd-Chance Points	7
12	Fast Break Points	18

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**Tonight's Opponent: Los Angeles Lakers**

**2017 Preseason vs. Lakers (1-0)**

Saturday, Sept. 30 at Anaheim, CA W108-99

The Wolves are 8-7 in the teams' past 15 since ending L.A.'s 22-game series winning streak with the 113-90 road victory on Nov. 10, 2013.

**Preseason Meeting:** Shabazz Muhammad's 22 points led six double-digit scorers and Taj Gibson added 18 points and nine rebounds as the Timberwolves claimed a 108-99 win over Los Angeles on Sept. 30 at the Honda Center in Anaheim. Gorgui Dieng netted 14 points and 12 rebounds for Minnesota, while the Lakers were led by 19 points from Kyle Kuzma and 15 from Julius Randle.

**2016-17 vs. Lakers (2-2)**

Sunday, Nov. 13 at Minnesota W125-99  
 Friday, Mar. 24 at Los Angeles L119-130 (OT)  
 Thursday, Mar. 30 at Minnesota W119-104  
 Sunday, Apr. 9 at Los Angeles L109-110

<i>Series Capsule:</i>	
<b>Timberwolves vs. Lakers</b>	
<i>All-Time Results:</i>	<i>Current Streaks:</i>
Overall..... <b>29-77</b>	Overall ..... <b>Lost 1</b>
in Minnesota..... <b>20-33</b>	Home ..... <b>Won 3</b>
in Los Angeles..... <b>9-44</b>	Road ..... <b>Lost 3</b>
Playoffs ('03 & '04) ..... <b>4-8</b>	
Last Win: 119-104 at Minnesota (3/30/17)	
Last Loss: 109-110 at Los Angeles (4/9/17)	
Biggest Win: 36 – 143-107 at Minnesota (3/28/14)	
Biggest Loss: 33 – 81-114 at Los Angeles (2/9/00)	

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**Next Opponent: Denver Nuggets – Wednesday, Dec. 27 at Target Center**

<i>Series Capsule:</i>	
<b>Timberwolves vs. Nuggets</b>	
<i>All-Time Results:</i>	<i>Current Streaks:</i>
Overall..... <b>47-72</b>	Overall ..... <b>Won 3</b>
in Minnesota..... <b>26-33</b>	Home ..... <b>Won 1</b>
in Denver..... <b>21-39</b>	Road ..... <b>Won 2</b>
Playoffs (2004)..... <b>4-1</b>	
Last Win: 112-104 at Denver (12/20/17)	
Last Loss: 103-105 at Denver (12/28/16)	
Biggest Win: 27 – 107-80 at Denver (2/13/98); 27 – 117-90 at Minnesota (2/12/14)	
Biggest Loss: 29 – 102-131 at Minnesota (4/26/12)	

**2017-18 vs. Denver (1-0)**

Wednesday, Dec. 20 at Denver W112-104  
 Wednesday, Dec. 27 at Minnesota  
 Thursday, Apr. 5 at Denver  
 Wednesday, Apr. 11 at Minnesota

Minnesota has beaten the Nuggets three straight times since ending a five-game series drought with the 111-108 home victory last Jan. 22.

**First Meeting:** Jimmy Butler scored eight of his 25 points in the final 90 seconds while Karl-Anthony Towns added 25 points and 10 rebounds as the Timberwolves rallied past Denver, 112-104, on Dec. 20 at the Pepsi Center. Jamal Crawford collected 20 points and seven assists for Minnesota while the Nuggets were led by 30 points from Jamal Murray and 22 from Nikola Jokic.

**2016-17 vs. Denver (2-2)**

Thursday, Nov. 3 at Minnesota L99-102  
 Wednesday, Dec. 28 at Denver L103-105  
 Sunday, Jan. 22 at Minnesota W111-108  
 Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Denver W112-99

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## Minnesota Timberwolves 2017-18 Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Prior to NBA / Country	Exp	Twitter
45	Cole Aldrich	C	6-11	253	10/31/88	Kansas / USA	7	@colea45
8	Nemanja Bjelica	F	6-10	230	05/09/88	Fenerbahçe Ülker / Serbia	2	@Bjelica88
30	Aaron Brooks	G	6-0	161	01/14/85	Oregon / USA	9	@Thirty2zero
3	Anthony Brown	F	6-7	224	10/10/92	Stanford / USA	2	@TwoShotOne
23	Jimmy Butler	F	6-8	236	09/14/89	Marquette / USA	6	@JimmyButler
11	Jamal Crawford	G	6-5	185	03/20/80	Michigan / USA	17	@JCrossover
5	Gorgui Dieng	C	6-11	251	01/18/90	Louisville / Sénégal	4	@GorguiDieng
13	Marcus Georges-Hunt	G	6-5	226	03/28/94	Georgia Tech / USA	1	@GTMGH3
67	Taj Gibson	F	6-9	235	06/24/85	USC / USA	8	@TajGibson22
1	Tyus Jones	G	6-2	184	05/10/96	Duke / USA	2	@1Tyus
15	Shabazz Muhammad	F	6-6	221	11/13/92	UCLA / USA	4	@ShabazzMuhammad
24	Justin Patton	C	7-0	236	06/14/97	Creighton / USA	R	@JustinPatton17
0	Jeff Teague	G	6-2	189	06/10/88	Wake Forest / USA	8	@Teague0
32	Karl-Anthony Towns	C	7-0	248	11/15/95	Kentucky / USA	2	@KarlTowns
22	Andrew Wiggins	G	6-8	202	02/23/95	Kansas / Canada	3	@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
Shabazz Muhammad	Shuh-BAHZ
Tom Thibodeau	THIB-uh-doh

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**ROSTER NOTES:** On Oct. 16, Minnesota announced its 15-man Opening Night roster, having reached the limit by waiving forwards Amile Jefferson and Shawne Williams and guard Melo Trimble on Oct. 14... Of the 15 players who finished 2016-17 on the Wolves' roster, only seven are back this season... Eight new faces dot Minnesota's roster, highlighted by Jimmy Butler – acquired in a trade with Chicago on June 22 – and free-agent signees Jeff Teague, Taj Gibson and Jamal Crawford... Justin Patton, chosen 16th overall by Chicago in the 2017 Draft and dealt to the Wolves along with Butler, is the sole rookie... Last October, the Wolves returned 10 of 14 players from their final 2015-16 roster; they kept nine of 16 from 2014-15 to 2015-16 and nine of 15 from 2013-14 to 2014-15... The current 15-player roster averages 5.0 years of NBA experience and has an average age of 27.1 years; the 2016-17 Opening Night group was at 3.6 and 26.1 years, respectively (5.1 and 27.6 in 2015-16, 4.0 and 25.6 in 2014-15)... Shabazz Muhammad and Gorgui Dieng are now atop the team's seniority list, starting their fifth seasons in Minnesota, while Andrew Wiggins enters year number four...

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**HOW THE WOLVES WERE BUILT:** A breakdown of Minnesota's 2017-18 roster:

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  
 Aug. 23, 2014 – **Andrew Wiggins**, acquired via trade from Cleveland  
 June 25, 2015 – **Karl-Anthony Towns**, NBA Draft (1st round, 1st overall)  
 June 25, 2015 – **Tyus Jones**, acquired via trade from Cleveland  
 July 13, 2016 – **Cole Aldrich**, signed as unrestricted free agent  
 June 22, 2017 – **Jimmy Butler**, acquired via trade from Chicago  
 June 22, 2017 – **Justin Patton**, acquired via trade from Chicago  
 July 10, 2017 – **Jeff Teague**, signed as unrestricted free agent  
 July 10, 2017 – **Taj Gibson**, signed as unrestricted free agent  
 July 19, 2017 – **Jamal Crawford**, signed as unrestricted free agent  
 Aug. 1, 2017 – **Anthony Brown**, signed as unrestricted free agent  
 Aug. 11, 2017 – **Marcus Georges-Hunt**, signed as unrestricted free agent  
 Sept. 21, 2017 – **Aaron Brooks**, signed as unrestricted free agent

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## Miscellaneous Team Notes:

### 2017-18 STARTING LINEUPS:

Game #s	Forward	Forward	Center	Guard	Guard	Record
1-3,6-18,23-33	Wiggins	Gibson	Towns	Teague	Butler	18-9
4-5	Muhammad	Gibson	Towns	Teague	Wiggins	0-2
19	Wiggins	Gibson	Towns	Brooks	Butler	0-1
20-22	Wiggins	Gibson	Towns	Jones	Butler	2-1

### 2017-18 TIMBERWOLVES LEADERS (through Dec. 23):

	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	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aaron Brooks.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anthony Brown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jimmy Butler.....	11	1	8	29	17	5	1	2	1	2
Jamal Crawford.....	1	0	2	17	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gorgui Dieng.....	0	1	0	7	0	0	1	0	1	0
Marcus Georges-Hunt.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taj Gibson.....	0	6	0	21	2	0	14	0	12	0
Tyus Jones.....	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shabazz Muhammad.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justin Patton.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Teague.....	1	0	21	23	3	0	0	8	0	7
Karl-Anthony Towns.....	16	28	0	31	17	4	27	0	26	0
Andrew Wiggins.....	9	1	0	30	15	0	0	0	0	0

### BY THE NUMBERS: The Wolves are...

- **18-8** when scoring 100+ points
- **2-5** when scoring less than 100 points
- **17-3** when shooting 45%+
- **3-10** when shooting less than 45%
- **11-11** when allowing 100+ points
- **9-2** when allowing less than 100 points
- **13-12** when allowing 45%+
- **7-1** when allowing less than 45%
- **13-1** when outshooting their foe or even
- **7-12** when being outshot
- **14-4** when outrebounding their foe or tied
- **6-9** when being outrebounded
- **9-11** when committing <15 TOs
- **11-2** when committing 15+ TOs
- **17-5** when leading or tied after 3 quarters
- **3-8** when trailing after 3 quarters
- **8-5** in games decided by 10+ points
- **12-8** in games decided by <10 points

### DUNK-O-METER: Wolves players' dunk totals for 2017-18 (thru Dec. 23):

Karl-Anthony Towns.....	43
Taj Gibson.....	30
Andrew Wiggins.....	25
Jimmy Butler.....	23
Gorgui Dieng.....	8
Shabazz Muhammad.....	7
Nemanja Bjelica.....	5
Marcus Georges-Hunt.....	1
Jeff Teague.....	1
Jamal Crawford.....	0

### ROOKIE ROUNDUP: A look at the NBA's rookie class of 2017-18 (through Dec. 23):

#	Name	Team	G	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	Blk	Pts
13.	Donovan Mitchell.....	UTA	32	30.3	.436	.365	.849	3.1	3.3	1.47	0.44	18.0
27.	Kyle Kuzma.....	LAL	30	31.6	.501	.406	.767	6.9	1.7	0.40	0.30	17.7
-	Ben Simmons.....	PHI	31	36.4	.511	.000	.536	8.8	7.7	1.97	0.84	17.1
7.	Lauri Markkanen.....	CHI	29	29.9	.409	.332	.855	7.6	1.3	0.52	0.55	14.6
3.	Jayson Tatum.....	BOS	36	30.6	.508	.491	.831	5.7	1.5	0.94	0.78	13.8
9.	Dennis Smith Jr.....	DAL	26	27.6	.392	.308	.672	3.9	4.2	0.77	0.27	13.8
19.	John Collins.....	ATL	27	22.9	.619	.000	.731	7.1	1.0	0.67	0.93	11.7
-	Mike James.....	PHO	32	20.9	.388	.268	.762	2.8	3.8	0.84	0.22	10.4
-	Bogdan Bogdanović.....	SAC	29	25.0	.465	.363	.805	2.3	2.3	1.00	0.28	10.1
2.	Lonzo Ball.....	LAL	31	33.9	.349	.297	.480	6.9	7.1	1.35	1.00	10.0
5.	De'Aaron Fox.....	SAC	29	25.1	.402	.289	.667	2.8	3.7	0.86	0.24	9.4
4.	Josh Jackson.....	PHO	35	22.5	.384	.247	.554	3.6	1.1	0.97	0.31	9.4

**INSIDE THE BOX SCORE:** Portland finished 5-for-5 from the FT line on Dec. 18, the fewest attempts by a Minnesota opponent since the Blazers went 3-for-4 on Mar. 7, 2012 at Target Center (a 106-94 Wolves win). *Minnesota has outscored the opposition by +4.9 ppg from the FT line this season*, second only to Houston's +5.1 ppg. A look at some of the Wolves' key figures to date (through Dec. 23):

Last 5 Games	FG Pct.	FTAs	Reb	TO	Pts off TOs	Paint Pts	Fast Break	2nd Chance	Bench Pts
	Min-Opp	Min-Opp	Margin	Margin	Min-Opp	Min-Opp	Min-Opp	Min-Opp	Min-Opp
12/14 vs. Sacramento	56.1%-41.4%	20-12	Min -3	Min +4	18- 9	52-36	13- 3	15-23	24-54
12/16 vs. Phoenix	42.1%-45.8%	24-35	Min -21	Min +20	29- 7	46-34	14-10	19-15	20-69
12/18 vs. Portland	46.2%-54.8%	21- 5	Min -8	Min +7	13-11	48-54	4-10	13-12	23-32
12/20 @ Denver	49.4%-50.0%	19-24	Min -5	Min +13	21- 9	52-40	12-18	8- 7	27-24
12/23 @ Phoenix	50.0%-46.5%	29-24	Min +11	Min -1	18-18	52-48	12-17	13-17	29-51
<b>Season Averages</b>	<b>47.1%-48.2%</b>	<b>24.5-18.8</b>	<b>Min +0.5</b>	<b>Min +2.7</b>	<b>18.5-16.5</b>	<b>47.6-45.3</b>	<b>9.3-13.1</b>	<b>14.5-12.2</b>	<b>25.5-37.3</b>

### 2017-18 TIMBERWOLVES PLUS/MINUS REPORT:

Last 5 Games	Wolves	Aldrich	Bjelica	Brooks	Butler	Crawford	Dieng	Georges-Hunt	Gibson	Jones	Teague	Towns	Wiggins
12/14 vs. Sacramento	W23	+4	DNP	+4	+13	+1	+22	+7	0	+11	+12	+22	+19
12/16 vs. Phoenix	L2	DNP	DNP	DNP	+10	-17	-17	0	0	-8	+6	+13	+3
12/18 vs. Portland	W1	DNP	DNP	DNP	+15	-1	-8	-4	-3	-2	+3	+8	-3
12/20 @ Denver	W8	DNP	DNP	DNP	-5	+27	+13	+2	-8	+10	-2	0	+3
12/23 @ Phoenix	W9	DNP	DNP	DNP	+2	+12	+11	+10	-9	+14	-5	+14	-4
<b>Season Totals:</b>	<b>+55</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>+140</b>	<b>-67</b>	<b>-59</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>+99</b>	<b>+45</b>	<b>+63</b>	<b>+93</b>	<b>+88</b>
<b>Per Game:</b>	<b>+1.7</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>+1.0</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>+4.5</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>+0.4</b>	<b>+3.0</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	<b>+2.2</b>	<b>+2.8</b>	<b>+2.7</b>
<b>Per 48 Minutes:</b>	<b>+1.7</b>	<b>-14.9</b>	<b>+3.1</b>	<b>-28.5</b>	<b>+5.8</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>+4.3</b>	<b>+3.9</b>	<b>+3.1</b>	<b>+3.8</b>	<b>+3.5</b>

**THE BREAKDOWN:** Some quick comparisons of Minnesota's 2017-18 numbers to date:

	----- Records -----			----- Wolves -----			----- Opponents -----			----- Margins -----		
	Total	Home	Road	Pts	FG%	3Pt%	Pts	FG%	3Pt%	Pts	Reb	TO
2017-18 (thru 33 games).....	20-13	11-6	9-7	108.0	.471	.357	106.3	.482	.370	+1.7	+0.5	+2.7
2016-17 (thru 33 games).....	11-22	6-11	5-11	104.2	.455	.354	105.6	.471	.360	-1.5	+2.3	-0.2
2015-16 (thru 33 games).....	12-21	5-12	7-9	100.1	.448	.327	103.0	.457	.348	-2.8	+0.3	+0.3
2014-15 (thru 33 games).....	5-28	3-14	2-14	98.4	.435	.339	108.5	.496	.383	-10.1	-2.7	+1.4
2013-14 (thru 33 games).....	16-17	10-6	6-11	106.8	.434	.337	102.9	.475	.354	+4.0	+2.2	+2.7
2012-13 (thru 33 games).....	16-17	10-5	6-12	95.4	.431	.298	96.1	.450	.356	-0.7	+4.8	-1.1
2011-12 (thru 33 games).....	16-17	9-10	7-7	96.7	.431	.316	95.5	.437	.354	+1.2	+2.5	-1.6
2010-11 (thru 33 games).....	8-25	6-8	2-17	103.0	.442	.389	109.6	.468	.384	-6.6	+2.7	-2.8
2009-10 (thru 33 games).....	7-26	4-13	3-13	95.0	.442	.294	104.9	.472	.361	-9.9	-0.1	-1.1
2008-09 (thru 33 games).....	8-25	4-12	4-13	96.6	.433	.329	102.6	.470	.392	-6.0	+0.3	-1.1
2007-08 (thru 33 games).....	4-29	3-13	1-16	93.0	.433	.342	102.3	.465	.342	-9.3	+0.1	-2.5
2006-07 (thru 33 games).....	17-16	11-6	6-10	94.7	.470	.313	94.6	.447	.342	+0.1	+0.2	-1.3
Last 8 Games.....	6-2	3-2	3-0	110.3	.482	.339	104.8	.472	.396	+5.5	-1.6	+5.8
Previous 10 Games.....	4-6	3-3	1-3	105.9	.472	.339	105.9	.485	.391	0.0	+0.1	+3.1
At Target Center.....		11-6		107.5	.469	.356	104.5	.483	.391	+3.1	+1.6	+3.6
On the Road.....			9-7	108.5	.473	.358	108.3	.480	.349	+0.2	-0.6	+1.8
vs. .500+ Opponents.....	8-6	5-3	3-3	105.9	.462	.337	105.9	.483	.379	0.0	+1.4	+2.3
vs. <.500 Opponents.....	12-7	6-3	6-4	109.5	.478	.371	106.6	.481	.364	+2.9	-0.1	+3.1
In Wins.....	20-0	11-0	9-0	112.2	.493	.392	102.8	.466	.352	+9.4	+5.3	+1.3
In Losses.....	0-13	0-6	0-7	101.5	.439	.305	111.8	.507	.401	-10.2	-6.8	+5.0
vs. Western Conference.....	17-6	9-1	8-5	108.6	.482	.371	103.7	.473	.364	+4.9	+2.1	+2.3
vs. Eastern Conference.....	3-7	2-5	1-2	106.6	.446	.328	112.3	.501	.384	-5.7	-3.1	+3.6
1+ Days Rest.....	18-10	10-6	8-4	108.5	.472	.362	106.4	.483	.368	+2.1	+0.7	+2.9
0 Days Rest.....	2-3	1-0	1-3	105.4	.464	.328	106.2	.474	.382	-0.8	-0.2	+1.6

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**EARLY INDICATORS:** Minnesota shot 66.7% (14-for-21) in building a 32-22 lead after one quarter vs. Sacramento on Dec. 14, its second-largest advantage entering the 2nd period this season (33-14 at Utah, Nov. 13). Over their past 14 contests, the Wolves are tallying 27.9 points and shooting 51.5% in the opening 12 minutes. A quarter-by-quarter look at 2017-18 to date for Minnesota:

<u>through Dec. 23</u>	<u>1st Qtr</u> Pts / FG%	<u>2nd Qtr</u> Pts / FG%	<u>1st Half</u> Pts / FG%	<u>3rd Qtr</u> Pts / FG%	<u>4th Qtr</u> Pts / FG%	<u>2nd Half</u> Pts / FG%	<u>Game</u> Pts / FG%
Timberwolves.....	26.4 / 47.2%	29.3 / 50.5%	55.7 / 48.8%	26.5 / 46.2%	25.0 / 44.4%	51.5 / 45.4%	108.0 / 47.1%
Opponents.....	25.6 / 47.7%	27.0 / 48.6%	52.6 / 48.1%	25.9 / 47.8%	26.9 / 48.5%	52.8 / 48.1%	106.3 / 48.2%
Scoring Margins.....	(+0.8 pts)	(+2.3 pts)	(+3.2 pts)	(+0.5 pts)	(-1.9 pts)	(-1.4 pts)	(+1.7 pts)

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**DOUBLING DOWN:** Minnesota spotted Portland a 10-point lead with 7:28 to play before rallying to win on Dec. 18, its first double-digit comeback in the final 8:00 of a game since on Feb. 22, 2012 vs. Utah and just its 10th such victory in the past two decades. Meanwhile, the Wolves built a 15-point advantage on Dec. 16 before Phoenix rallied, the largest lead they've let slip away this year as well as the fifth game they've lost after taking a lead into the 4th quarter. A look at Minnesota's "volatility factor" thus far in 2017-18:

<u>Comebacks</u>					<u>Blown Leads</u>				
<u>Deficit</u>	<u>Time, Qtr</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Time, Qtr</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Final</u>
14 (66-80)	4:38 / 3rd	@ Denver	Dec. 20	112-104	15 (50-35)	1:47 / 2nd	Phoenix	Dec. 16	106-108
14 (43-57)	11:16 / 3rd	@ Dallas	Nov. 17	111- 87	13 (56-43)	9:51 / 3rd	Washington	Nov. 28	89- 92
13 (38-51)	6:14 / 2nd	@ Miami	Oct. 30	125-122 OT	11 (84-73)	9:57 / 4th	Detroit	Nov. 19	97-100
11 (28-39)	8:21 / 2nd	Oklahoma City	Oct. 27	119-116	9 (86-77)	6:06 / 4th	Philadelphia	Dec. 12	112-118 OT
10 (87-97)	7:28 / 4th	Portland	Dec. 18	108-107	9 (41-32)	7:11 / 2nd	@ Phoenix	Nov. 11	110-118
					9 ( 9- 0)	9:25 / 1st	@ Detroit	Oct. 25	101-122

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**TOWNS IS WEEK'S BEST IN WEST:** On Nov. 20, Wolves center Karl-Anthony Towns was named the NBA's Western Conference Player of the Week for games played Nov. 13-19. Towns helped Minnesota post a 3-1 record for the week – including road victories at Utah and Dallas – by averaging 20.3 ppg and 12.3 rpg while shooting 55.4% from the floor and 56.3% (9-for-16) from long range. He collected 24 points and 13 rebounds (sinking a career-high four 3-pointers) in the Nov. 13 triumph at Utah, followed up with 26 points, 16 rebounds and two blocks as Minnesota beat San Antonio on Nov. 15 at a sold-out Target Center, and had 15 points and 11 rebounds in the Nov. 17 win at Dallas. It's the third weekly honor of Towns' career (also Apr. 11, 2016 and Mar. 13, 2017); he's one of eight players 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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**DOUBLE-DIPPING:** Karl-Anthony Towns tallied 30 points, 14 rebounds, five assists and five blocks in the Dec. 14 win vs. Sacramento, joining Kevin Garnett (twice) as the only players in franchise history – *and becoming just the NBA's ninth player in the past decade* – to register 30+ pts/10+ reb/5+ ast/5+ blk. Saturday's game at Phoenix was Towns' 197th in a Wolves uniform; over the last 35 years, only Shaquille O'Neal, Tim Duncan and David Robinson have collected more double-doubles at the same juncture of their careers:

<i>NBA (since 1983-84)</i>		<i>NBA (since 1983-84)</i>		<i>Minnesota Timberwolves</i>	
<b>Most Double-Doubles, First 197 Games</b>		<b>Most Double-Doubles Before Age 22</b>		<b>Most Double-Doubles, Career</b>	
#	<u>Player_Team</u>	#	<u>Player_Team</u>	#	<u>Player</u> <u>Years</u>
153	Shaquille O'Neal, Orlando	169	Dwight Howard, Orlando	607	Kevin Garnett..... 1995-2007
147	Tim Duncan, San Antonio	<b>124</b>	<b>Karl-Anthony Towns, Minnesota</b>	256	Kevin Love..... 2008-2014
145	David Robinson, San Antonio	114	Andre Drummond, Detroit	<b>140</b>	<b>Karl-Anthony Towns..... 2015-2017</b>
<b>140</b>	<b>Karl-Anthony Towns, Minnesota</b>	110	Shaquille O'Neal, Orlando	120	Al Jefferson..... 2007-2010
133	Hakeem Olajuwon, Houston	90	Anthony Davis, New Orleans	86	Ricky Rubio ..... 2011-2017
131	Dikembe Mutombo, Denver	80	Antoine Walker, Boston	83	Tom Gugliotta ..... 1995-1998
124	Blake Griffin, L.A. Clippers	76	Kevin Garnett, Minnesota	83	Christian Laettner ..... 1992-1996

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**CHECKING EVERY BOX:** Jimmy Butler netted 26 points, 10 rebounds and five steals Nov. 19 vs. Detroit, joining Kevin Garnett and Tom Gugliotta as the only Wolves players to accumulate those numbers in one game. Meanwhile, Tyus Jones marked his first NBA start on Nov. 26 vs. Phoenix by becoming the fifth player in club history to register 7+ points, 7+ assists and 7+ steals in a game:

<i>Minnesota Timberwolves</i>						<i>Minnesota Timberwolves</i>					
<b>23+ Points/10+ Rebounds/5+ Steals, Game</b>						<b>7+ Points/7+ Assists/7+ Steals, Game</b>					
<u>Player</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Reb</u>	<u>Stl</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Ast</u>	<u>Stl</u>
Jimmy Butler	Nov. 19, 2017	vs. Detroit	26	10	5	Tyus Jones	Nov. 26, 2017	vs. Phoenix	9	7	7
Michael Beasley	Apr. 6, 2011	vs. Phoenix	24	11	5	Ricky Rubio	Dec. 16, 2015	at New York	9	12	8
Kevin Garnett	Jan. 7, 2003	at Houston	25	16	5	Ricky Rubio	Feb. 12, 2014	vs. Denver	11	12	7
Kevin Garnett	Jan. 25, 2000	at Houston	27	12	5	Ricky Rubio	Apr. 3, 2013	at Milwaukee	19	12	8
Tom Gugliotta	Jan. 5, 1996	at Golden State	36	10	5	Terrell Brandon	Mar. 24, 2000	at New Jersey	14	9	8
Christian Laettner	Mar. 10, 1995	vs. L.A. Lakers	24	12	5	Kevin Garnett	Dec. 14, 1999	at Atlanta	22	10	7
Sam Mitchell	Nov. 15, 1989	vs. San Antonio	23	10	6	Micheal Williams	Jan. 18, 1993	vs. L.A. Clippers	20	16	7

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**CLUB 5K:** Andrew Wiggins tallied the 5000th point of his career on a free throw with 5:21 to play in the 1st quarter at San Antonio on Oct. 18, becoming the 8th-youngest player in NBA history to reach the 5000 mark. At the other end of the spectrum, Jamal Crawford's 1st-quarter entrance at San Antonio made him the 4th-oldest player ever to appear in a regular-season game for the Timberwolves:

<i>NBA</i>				<i>Minnesota Timberwolves</i>			
<b>Youngest to Score 5000 Career Points</b>				<b>Oldest to Appear in Regular-Season Game</b>			
<u>Player_Team</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
LeBron James, Cle.	21y,022d	Jan. 21, 2006	at Utah	Andre Miller	39y,328d	Feb. 10, 2016	vs. Toronto
Kevin Durant, OkC	21y,133d	Feb. 9, 2010	at Portland	Kevin Garnett	39y,249d	Jan. 23, 2016	vs. Memphis
Carmelo Anthony, Den.	21y,292d	Mar. 17, 2006	at Memphis	Sam Mitchell	38y,227d	Apr. 17, 2002	vs. Denver
Dwight Howard, Orl.	22y,081d	Feb. 27, 2008	at Philadelphia	<b>Jamal Crawford</b>	<b>37y,278d</b>	<b>Dec. 23, 2017</b>	<b>at Phoenix</b>
Kobe Bryant, LA-L	22y,116d	Dec. 17, 2000	at Toronto	Ervin Johnson	37y,118d	Apr. 18, 2005	at New Orleans
Derrick Rose, Chi.	22y,191d	Apr. 13, 2011	vs. New Jersey	Rod Strickland	36y,279d	Apr. 16, 2003	at Memphis
Tracy McGrady, Orl.	22y,226d	Jan. 5, 2002	vs. Golden State	Kevin Ollie	36y,109d	Apr. 15, 2009	vs. Sacramento
<b>Andrew Wiggins, Min.</b>	<b>22y,237d</b>	<b>Oct. 18, 2017</b>	<b>at San Antonio</b>	Tayshaun Prince	36y,043d	Apr. 11, 2016	vs. Houston
Shaquille O'Neal, Orl.	22y,292d	Dec. 23, 1994	vs. Milwaukee	Brad Miller	36y,014d	Apr. 26, 2012	vs. Denver
Anthony Davis, N.O.	22y,337d	Feb. 11, 2016	at Oklahoma City	Sam Cassell	35y,153d	Apr. 20, 2005	vs. San Antonio

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**BEAT THE CLOCK:** Andrew Wiggins' game-winning 3-pointer as time expired on Oct. 22 at Oklahoma City marked the 16th time the Wolves have won a game by scoring the deciding points with :00.0 to play (\*\*) – and just the fourth time out of those 16 that the shot changed a Minnesota loss to a win (**bold**). Overall, the Wolves have won 28 games by scoring the deciding points in the final second, with three of those coming at Chesapeake Energy Arena – representing their complete victory total in the building (3-15 all-time):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
<b>Oct. 22, 2017</b>	<b>Andrew Wiggins</b>	<b>@ Oklahoma City</b>	<b>115-113 **</b>	Feb. 11, 2003	Wally Szczerbiak	Dallas	100- 98 **
<b>Jan. 24, 2017</b>	<b>Andrew Wiggins</b>	<b>@ Phoenix</b>	<b>112-111 **</b>	Apr. 10, 2000	Kevin Garnett	Detroit	102-100 **
Mar. 11, 2016	Ricky Rubio	@ Oklahoma City	99- 96	Mar. 22, 2000	Anthony Peeler	@ Boston	109-106
Nov. 9, 2012	Chase Budinger	Indiana	96- 94	<b>Jan. 17, 2000</b>	<b>Malik Sealy</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>101-100 **</b>
Feb. 22, 2012	Luke Ridnour	Utah	100- 98 **	Dec. 27, 1999	Malik Sealy	@ Orlando	107-105 **
Feb. 19, 2012	Kevin Love	Philadelphia	92- 91	Apr. 18, 1998	Tom Hammonds	@ Milwaukee	111-109 **
Jan. 20, 2012	Kevin Love	@ L.A. Clippers	101- 98 **	Jan. 16, 1998	Tom Gugliotta	@ Houston	116-115 OT
Oct. 28, 2009	Damien Wilkins	New Jersey	95- 93 **	Jan. 31, 1997	Chris Carr	@ San Antonio	97- 95
Nov. 28, 2008	Mike Miller	@ Oklahoma City	105-103	Feb. 23, 1996	Isaiah Rider	Detroit	94- 93
<b>Mar. 25, 2007</b>	<b>Kevin Garnett</b>	<b>Portland</b>	<b>94- 93 **</b>	Feb. 13, 1992	Pooh Richardson	@ Detroit	96- 93 **
Feb. 11, 2007	Ricky Davis	Boston	109-107	Apr. 21, 1991	Tony Campbell	@ Washington	89- 87 **
Jan. 5, 2007	Kevin Garnett	Philadelphia	104-102 OT **	Dec. 4, 1990	Sam Mitchell	Indiana	83- 81
Mar. 6, 2005	Latrell Sprewell	@ Boston	99- 97	Nov. 20, 1990	Tyrone Corbin	@ Dallas	92- 91 OT
Dec. 7, 2003	Kevin Garnett	@ L.A. Clippers	96- 94 **	Mar. 30, 1990	Sam Mitchell	@ Dallas	84- 82 **

**WOLF TRACKS:** Minnesota earned a split of its four-game season series vs. Phoenix with Saturday's 115-106 decision in the desert... The Wolves never trailed in the contest, their second wire-to-wire victory this year (also Dec. 6 at the Clippers)... Minnesota improves to 20-13, tying the 3rd-best 33-game start in club history (24-9 in 2001-02, 22-11 in 2003-04, 20-13 in 1998-99), and is two games up on Oklahoma City (18-15) and Denver (18-15) atop the Northwest Division... The Wolves stand 4th in the West overall, 2.5 games back of San Antonio (23-11)... Minnesota began its current three-game Western swing by rallying past Denver, 112-104, on Dec. 20; the teams meet again Wednesday at Target Center... The Denver win boosted the Wolves' record to 6-1 overall vs. Northwest Division rivals; they finished 5-11 in the division a year ago... Minnesota wrapped up a five-game homestand by edging Portland 108-107 on Dec. 18... The Wolves kicked off the homestand by beating Dallas 97-92 on Dec. 10, followed up with a 118-112 OT loss to Philadelphia on Dec. 12 and continued with a 119-96 win over Sacramento on Dec. 14 and a 108-106 loss to Phoenix on Dec. 16...

**ROAD WORK:** The Wolves enter tonight in search of their first four-game road winning streak since November 2015; they've won at the Clippers (Dec. 6), Denver (Dec. 20) and Phoenix (Saturday)... Minnesota is 9-7 away from Target Center, joining Houston (12-1), Golden State (14-3) and Portland (10-6) as the West's only teams with winning road records... Minnesota began its previous trip by falling 95-92 at Memphis on Dec. 4, one night after a 112-106 home win vs. the Clippers... The Wolves ended a two-game trip by losing 111-107 on Dec. 1 at Oklahoma City; the teams' three meetings to date (Minnesota won the first two) have been decided by a total of nine points... Minnesota capped November with the 120-102 win on Nov. 29 at New Orleans, bookending a 104-98 triumph on Nov. 1 at the Smoothie King Center... The Wolves went 9-6 for the month, tying their best win total ever for November (9-4 in 2001-02)...

**STREAKBUSTERS:** Minnesota snapped Denver's eight-game home winning streak with the Dec. 20 victory, the Nuggets' first defeat at the Pepsi Center since Nov. 4 (127-108 vs. Golden State)... Detroit ended the Wolves' three-game winning streak by claiming a 100-97 decision on Nov. 19... Minnesota halted a five-game slide in Dallas with the 111-87 win on Nov. 17, and stopped a 12-game series skid overall vs. San Antonio by winning 98-86 at a sold-out Target Center on Nov. 15; the latter was their first triumph over the Spurs since Apr. 8, 2014... Minnesota salvaged the finale of its three-game Western swing by downing Utah 109-98 on Nov. 13... The Wolves began the trip with a 125-101 loss at Golden State on Nov. 8, a decision that snapped Minnesota's first five-game winning streak in nearly nine years (Jan. 2-10, 2009) and halted a five-game run of success vs. Western Conference rivals...

**HOME IMPROVEMENT:** The Dec. 18 win over Portland hiked the Wolves' Target Center record to 11-6, tying their best 17-game home start since going 12-5 in 2003-04; they broke from the gate with a 15-2 mark in 2001-02... Minnesota is 9-1 at home (17-6 overall) vs. Western Conference opponents; the Wolves haven't compiled a winning record vs. the West since going 30-22 in 2004-05... Their 17-6 mark represents the top win total in West-only matchups; Houston (14-4, .778) leads in winning percentage... Minnesota finished each of the past two seasons 18-34 vs. Western foes and didn't notch its 17th conference win a year ago until Mar. 30 at the L.A. Lakers... Minnesota capped a 2-2 homestand with the 92-89 loss to Washington on Nov. 28... The homestand began with a 124-118 triumph over Orlando (Nov. 22) and continued with a 109-97 loss to Miami (Nov. 24) and a 119-108 win over Phoenix on Nov. 26...

**THE BOARD REPORT:** The Wolves outrebounded Phoenix 47-36 on Saturday, their sixth double-digit spread of the year; they're 14-4 with the upper hand overall... Minnesota posted a 10+ edge on 11 occasions in 2016-17 (going 7-4 in those) while facing double-figure deficits six times... Phoenix piled up a 52-31 rebounding margin on Dec. 16, the Wolves' largest deficit since being outboarded 57-36 at Phoenix on Mar. 14, 2016... It's the 39th time in club history Minnesota has faced a spread of 20+; the only victory in those 39 occurred on Feb. 17, 1992 at Houston (a 57-32 deficit)... The Wolves currently stand 9th in the NBA in total rebounding pct (.509) and 5th in offensive rebounding pct (.254) but 25th in defensive rebounding pct (.763)... They rank 4th in second-chance points (14.9 ppg) and 6th in paint scoring (47.6 ppg), but 22nd in paint points allowed (45.3 ppg) and 25th in fast break points allowed (13.1 ppg)...

**MARGINAL INFORMATION:** The Dec. 18 win over Portland was the Wolves' first game of the year to be decided by one point... Their final such outing a year ago, a 110-109 loss at the L.A. Lakers on Apr. 9, ended an NBA-record-tying string of 10 consecutive victories in one-point decisions that began in November 2014... The 23-point win over Sacramento on Dec. 14 is the Wolves' 2nd-largest this year; they notched a 111-87 win at Dallas on Nov. 17... Each of Minnesota's prior six outings had been decided by six points or fewer, its longest such run since January 2007... Indiana ran its Target Center winning streak to four with the 130-107 victory on Oct. 24 – the Wolves' biggest home loss since Detroit won 117-90 last Dec. 9; they incurred five 20+ defeats a year ago... The Wolves eked out a 115-113 victory on Oct. 22 at Oklahoma City – just their third road success in 19 tries since the Thunder moved from Seattle in 2008...

**THE BIG 80s:** Washington held the Wolves to a season-low 89 points on Nov. 28; Minnesota has lost its last 33 games when scoring fewer than 90 points, dating to the 88-77 home win vs. New Orleans on Jan. 29, 2014... The Wolves bounced back to shoot a season-high 58.0% in the Nov. 29 win at New Orleans, one of 11 50%+ efforts on the year and their top percentage in a road game since hitting 58.1% at Houston on Jan. 30, 2012... Minnesota outscored Dallas 68-32 in the 2nd half on Nov. 17, holding the Mavericks to 87 points for the night... The 36-point spread is the largest differential for any half in team history; the Wolves outscored San Antonio by 33 in the 2nd half on Feb. 23, 2002... Minnesota is 5th in Offensive Rating (109.3), 7th in scoring (108.0 ppg) and 7th in FG accuracy (47.1%) but 30th in three-pointers made (8.06 per game)... San Antonio's 86 points on Nov. 15 are the fewest allowed by the Wolves to date...

**SCHEDULE NOTES:** The Dec. 18 win over Portland capped a season-high five-game homestand for the Wolves that began Dec. 10 vs. Dallas... Including tonight, five of Minnesota's next seven (through Jan. 5 at Boston) will be away from Target Center... The Dec. 4 loss at Memphis concluded the fifth of 15 back-to-back sets for the Wolves; they're 2-3 in the first game of such pairings and 2-3 in the second... Minnesota played 15 pairs of back-to-back games a year ago, going 4-11 on the front end and 5-10 on the tail... The Nov. 28 loss to Washington ended a stretch of playing five of six vs. Eastern Conference opponents for Minnesota (3-7 overall vs. the East this year); Wednesday's home game vs. Denver will complete a four-week run in which 13 of 14 games have been vs. Western rivals...

## 2017-18 Minnesota Timberwolves

### Season Superlatives (through Dec. 23)

#### Wolves Individual Highs:

Points .....	<b>38</b>
Field Goals Made .....	<b>15</b>
Field Goals Attempted.....	<b>33</b>
Field Goal Percentage (Min. 10 FGM).....	<b>.706</b>
3-Point Field Goals Made.....	<b>4</b>
3-Point Field Goals Attempted.....	<b>9</b>
Free Throws Made .....	<b>14</b>
Free Throws Attempted.....	<b>16</b>
Free Throw Percentage (Min. 10 FTM) .....	<b>.923</b>
Total Rebounds .....	<b>19</b>
Offensive Rebounds.....	<b>7</b>
Defensive Rebounds .....	<b>14</b>
Assists.....	<b>12</b>
Steals .....	<b>7</b>
Turnovers .....	<b>7</b>
Blocked Shots .....	<b>5</b>
Minutes Played.....	<b>48:07</b>

Jimmy Butler vs. Philadelphia (12/12/17) OT  
 Jimmy Butler vs. Philadelphia (12/12/17) OT  
 Jimmy Butler vs. Philadelphia (12/12/17) OT  
**(12-17)** Karl-Anthony Towns vs. Indiana (10/24/17)  
 (11x) *MR:* Jamal Crawford at Denver (12/20/17)  
 Jimmy Butler vs. Washington (11/28/17);  
     Jimmy Butler vs. Philadelphia (12/12/17) OT  
 Jimmy Butler at Phoenix (11/11/17)  
 Jimmy Butler at Phoenix (11/11/17)  
**(12-13)** Jimmy Butler at Phoenix (12/23/17)  
 Karl-Anthony Towns vs. Oklahoma City (10/27/17)  
 Karl-Anthony Towns vs. Oklahoma City (10/27/17);  
     Taj Gibson vs. Phoenix (11/26/17)  
 Karl-Anthony Towns vs. Washington (11/28/17)  
 Jeff Teague vs. Charlotte (11/5/17)  
 Tyus Jones vs. Phoenix (11/26/17)  
 Karl-Anthony Towns vs. Dallas (12/10/17)  
 Karl-Anthony Towns vs. Sacramento (12/14/17)  
 Karl-Anthony Towns vs. Philadelphia (12/12/17) OT

#### Opponent Individual Highs:

Points .....	<b>36</b>
Field Goals Made .....	<b>15</b>
Field Goals Attempted.....	<b>28</b>
Field Goal Percentage (Min. 10 FGM).....	<b>1.000</b>
3-Point Field Goals Made.....	<b>7</b>
3-Point Field Goals Attempted.....	<b>12</b>
Free Throws Made .....	<b>11</b>
Free Throws Attempted.....	<b>14</b>
Free Throw Percentage (Min. 10 FTM) .....	<b>1.000</b>
Total Rebounds .....	<b>21</b>
Offensive Rebounds.....	<b>12</b>
Defensive Rebounds .....	<b>14</b>
Assists.....	<b>16</b>
Steals .....	<b>6</b>
Turnovers .....	<b>10</b>
Blocked Shots .....	<b>5</b>
Minutes Played.....	<b>43:10</b>

Paul George at Oklahoma City (12/1/17)  
 T.J. Warren at Phoenix (11/11/17)  
 Dion Waiters at Miami (10/30/17) OT  
**(11-11)** Steven Adams at Oklahoma City (12/1/17)  
 Austin Rivers vs. L.A. Clippers (12/3/17)  
 Klay Thompson at Golden State (11/8/17);  
     Troy Daniels at Phoenix (12/23/17)  
 Paul George at Oklahoma City (12/1/17);  
     Embiid/Redick vs. Philadelphia (12/12/17) OT  
 Dwight Howard at Charlotte (11/20/17)  
**(11-11)** Paul George at Oklahoma City (12/1/17);  
     **(11-11)** JJ Redick vs. Philadelphia (12/12/17) OT  
 DeAndre Jordan at L.A. Clippers (12/6/17)  
 DeAndre Jordan at L.A. Clippers (12/6/17)  
 Dwight Howard at Charlotte (11/20/17)  
 Darren Collison vs. Indiana (10/24/17)  
 DeMarcus Cousins at New Orleans (11/1/17)  
 Nikola Jokić at Denver (12/20/17)  
 Marquese Chriss at Phoenix (11/11/17)  
 Anthony Davis at New Orleans (11/1/17)



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### Season Superlatives (through Dec. 23)

#### Wolves Highs:

Points, Game .....	<b>125</b>	at Miami (10/30/17) OT
Points, 1st Half .....	<b>68</b>	vs. Charlotte (11/5/17)
Points, 2nd Half .....	<b>68</b>	at Dallas (11/17/17)
Points, 1st Quarter .....	<b>33</b>	(4x) <i>MR</i> : at Phoenix (12/23/17)
Points, 2nd Quarter .....	<b>41</b>	vs. Indiana (10/24/17)
Points, 3rd Quarter .....	<b>41</b>	vs. Orlando (11/22/17)
Points, 4th Quarter .....	<b>37</b>	at Dallas (11/17/17)
Points, Overtime.....	<b>15</b>	at Miami (10/30/17)
Field Goals Made .....	<b>49</b>	vs. Phoenix (11/26/17)
Field Goals Attempted.....	<b>108</b>	vs. Philadelphia (12/12/17) OT
Field Goal Percentage.....	<b>.580</b>	<b>(47-81)</b> at New Orleans (11/29/17)
3-Pt Field Goals Made.....	<b>13</b>	at Dallas (11/17/17)
3-Pt Field Goals Attempted .....	<b>30</b>	(2x) <i>MR</i> : vs. Washington (11/28/17)
3-Pt Field Goal Percentage .....	<b>.500</b>	<b>(12-24)</b> at Oklahoma City (12/1/17)
Free Throws Made .....	<b>36</b>	vs. Orlando (11/22/17)
Free Throws Attempted.....	<b>45</b>	vs. Orlando (11/22/17)
Free Throw Percentage.....	<b>.947</b>	<b>(18-19)</b> (2x) <i>MR</i> : at Denver (12/20/17)
Total Rebounds.....	<b>54</b>	vs. Charlotte (11/5/17)
Offensive Rebounds.....	<b>19</b>	(2x) <i>MR</i> : vs. Phoenix (11/26/17)
Defensive Rebounds.....	<b>42</b>	vs. Charlotte (11/5/17)
Assists.....	<b>33</b>	vs. Dallas (11/4/17)
Steals .....	<b>16</b>	at Miami (10/30/17) OT
Turnovers .....	<b>22</b>	at New Orleans (11/1/17)
Blocked Shots .....	<b>9</b>	(2x) <i>MR</i> : vs. Sacramento (12/14/17)
Personal Fouls .....	<b>25</b>	at Miami (10/30/17) OT

#### Wolves Lows:

<b>89</b>	vs. Washington (11/28/17)
<b>43</b>	at Dallas (11/17/17)
<b>38</b>	vs. Washington (11/28/17)
<b>17</b>	at Denver (12/20/17)
<b>18</b>	at Detroit (10/25/17)
<b>18</b>	(3x) <i>MR</i> : vs. L.A. Clippers (12/3/17)
<b>15</b>	vs. Charlotte (11/5/17)
<b>12</b>	vs. Philadelphia (12/12/17)
<b>35</b>	(2x) <i>MR</i> : at Memphis (12/4/17)
<b>71</b>	at Utah (11/13/17)
<b>.406</b>	<b>(39-96)</b> at Phoenix (11/11/17)
<b>4</b>	(2x) <i>MR</i> : at Memphis (12/4/17)
<b>16</b>	at Phoenix (12/23/17)
<b>.172</b>	<b>(5-29)</b> vs. Philadelphia (12/12/17) OT
<b>9</b>	vs. Washington (11/28/17)
<b>14</b>	vs. Washington (11/28/17)
<b>.615</b>	<b>(16-26)</b> vs. Miami (11/24/17)
<b>26</b>	at Oklahoma City (12/1/17)
<b>5</b>	at Utah (11/13/17)
<b>18</b>	vs. Indiana (10/24/17)
<b>13</b>	at Charlotte (11/20/17)
<b>3</b>	vs. Washington (11/28/17)
<b>7</b>	(3x) <i>MR</i> : vs. Phoenix (12/16/17)
<b>0</b>	(2x) <i>MR</i> : at Dallas (11/17/17)
<b>13</b>	at Utah (11/13/17)

#### Opponent Highs:

Points, Game .....	<b>130</b>	vs. Indiana (10/24/17)
Points, 1st Half .....	<b>64</b>	at Oklahoma City (12/1/17)
Points, 2nd Half .....	<b>74</b>	at Golden State (11/8/17)
Points, 1st Quarter .....	<b>42</b>	at Oklahoma City (12/1/17)
Points, 2nd Quarter .....	<b>40</b>	at Detroit (10/25/17)
Points, 3rd Quarter .....	<b>44</b>	at Golden State (11/8/17)
Points, 4th Quarter .....	<b>38</b>	(2x) <i>MR</i> : vs. Orlando (11/22/17)
Points, Overtime.....	<b>18</b>	vs. Philadelphia (12/12/17)
Field Goals Made .....	<b>56</b>	vs. Indiana (10/24/17)
Field Goals Attempted.....	<b>99</b>	at L.A. Clippers (12/6/17)
Field Goal Percentage.....	<b>.667</b>	<b>(56-84)</b> vs. Indiana (10/24/17)
3-Pt Field Goals Made.....	<b>19</b>	vs. Miami (11/24/17)
3-Pt Field Goals Attempted .....	<b>40</b>	at Utah (11/13/17)
3-Pt Field Goal Percentage .....	<b>.500</b>	<b>(13-26)</b> vs. Phoenix (11/26/17)
Free Throws Made .....	<b>31</b>	vs. Phoenix (12/16/17)
Free Throws Attempted.....	<b>35</b>	vs. Phoenix (12/16/17)
Free Throw Percentage.....	<b>1.000</b>	<b>(5-5)</b> vs. Portland (12/18/17)
Total Rebounds.....	<b>52</b>	(3x) <i>MR</i> : vs. Phoenix (12/16/17)
Offensive Rebounds.....	<b>17</b>	at L.A. Clippers (12/6/17)
Defensive Rebounds.....	<b>45</b>	vs. Philadelphia (12/12/17) OT
Assists.....	<b>37</b>	at Golden State (11/8/17)
Steals .....	<b>13</b>	at New Orleans (11/1/17)
Turnovers .....	<b>27</b>	vs. Phoenix (12/16/17)
Blocked Shots .....	<b>11</b>	at San Antonio (10/18/17)
Personal Fouls .....	<b>31</b>	vs. Orlando (11/22/17)

#### Opponent Lows:

<b>86</b>	vs. San Antonio (11/15/17)
<b>42</b>	(3x) <i>MR</i> : vs. Phoenix (12/16/17)
<b>32</b>	at Dallas (11/17/17)
<b>14</b>	at Utah (11/13/17)
<b>19</b>	(2x) <i>MR</i> : at Phoenix (12/23/17)
<b>16</b>	vs. Sacramento (12/14/17)
<b>15</b>	(2x) <i>MR</i> : at Dallas (11/17/17)
<b>12</b>	at Miami (10/30/17)
<b>32</b>	at Dallas (11/17/17)
<b>72</b>	(3x) <i>MR</i> : at Denver (12/20/17)
<b>.372</b>	<b>(32-86)</b> at Dallas (11/17/17)
<b>6</b>	at Memphis (12/4/17)
<b>21</b>	(2x) <i>MR</i> : at Memphis (12/4/17)
<b>.211</b>	<b>(8-38)</b> at Dallas (11/17/17)
<b>5</b>	vs. Portland (12/18/17)
<b>5</b>	vs. Portland (12/18/17)
<b>.524</b>	<b>(11-21)</b> vs. Charlotte (11/5/17)
<b>28</b>	at New Orleans (11/29/17)
<b>3</b>	at Golden State (11/8/17)
<b>20</b>	at New Orleans (11/29/17)
<b>17</b>	at Miami (10/30/17) OT
<b>3</b>	(2x) <i>MR</i> : vs. L.A. Clippers (12/3/17)
<b>7</b>	vs. Washington (11/28/17)
<b>1</b>	vs. Phoenix (11/26/17)
<b>16</b>	vs. Washington (11/28/17)

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## Top Individual Performances (through Dec. 23)

### POINTS

38 Jimmy Butler, 12/12 vs. Phi.  
37 Jimmy Butler, 12/18 vs. Por.  
33 Jimmy Butler, 12/3 vs. LAC  
33 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/27 vs. OkC  
32 Jimmy Butler, 12/23 at Pho.  
32 Karl-Anthony Towns, 11/26 vs. Pho.  
31 Karl-Anthony Towns, 11/4 vs. Dal.  
30 Karl-Anthony Towns, 12/14 vs. Sac.  
30 Jimmy Butler, 12/4 at Mem.

### FIELD GOALS

15 Jimmy Butler, 12/12 vs. Phi.  
12 Jimmy Butler, 12/18 vs. Por.  
12 Karl-Anthony Towns, 11/26 vs. Pho.  
12 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/27 vs. OkC  
12 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/24 vs. Ind.

### FREE THROWS

14 Jimmy Butler, 11/11 at Pho.  
12 Jimmy Butler, 12/23 at Pho.  
11 Jimmy Butler, 12/18 vs. Por.  
11 Jimmy Butler, 12/3 vs. LAC  
11 Jimmy Butler, 10/27 vs. OkC

### 3-PT. FIELD GOALS

4 on 11 occasions, *MR*:  
Jamal Crawford, 12/20 at Den.  
Karl-Anthony Towns, 12/16 vs. Pho.  
Jeff Teague, 12/6 at LAC  
Andrew Wiggins, 12/1 at OkC

### TOTAL REBOUNDS

19 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/27 vs. OkC  
17 Karl-Anthony Towns, 11/28 vs. Was.  
16 Karl-Anthony Towns, 12/12 vs. Phi.  
16 Karl-Anthony Towns, 11/15 vs. S.A.  
14 Karl-Anthony Towns, 12/23 at Pho.  
14 Karl-Anthony Towns, 12/14 vs. Sac.  
14 Taj Gibson, 12/6 at LAC  
14 Taj Gibson, 11/26 vs. Pho.  
13 *MR*: K.-A. Towns, 11/22 vs. Orl.

### OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

7 Taj Gibson, 11/26 vs. Pho.  
7 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/27 vs. OkC  
6 Taj Gibson, 12/3 vs. LAC  
6 Karl-Anthony Towns, 11/15 vs. S.A.  
6 Taj Gibson, 11/11 at Pho.  
6 Taj Gibson, 11/4 vs. Dal.

### DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

14 Karl-Anthony Towns, 11/28 vs. Was.  
12 Karl-Anthony Towns, 12/12 vs. Phi.  
12 Karl-Anthony Towns, 11/13 at Utah  
12 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/27 vs. OkC

### BLOCKED SHOTS

5 Karl-Anthony Towns, 12/14 vs. Sac.  
4 Karl-Anthony Towns, 12/6 at LAC  
4 Karl-Anthony Towns, 10/27 vs. OkC  
3 *MR*: Jeff Teague, 12/16 vs. Pho.

### ASSISTS

12 Jeff Teague, 11/5 vs. Cha.  
11 Jeff Teague, 11/22 vs. Orl.  
11 Jeff Teague, 10/30 at Mia.  
10 Jeff Teague, 12/3 vs. LAC  
10 Jeff Teague, 12/1 at OkC  
10 Jimmy Butler, 11/28 vs. Was.  
10 Jeff Teague, 11/17 at Dal.  
10 Jimmy Butler, 11/13 at Utah  
10 Jeff Teague, 11/4 vs. Dal.  
10 Jeff Teague, 10/27 vs. OkC

### STEALS

7 Tyus Jones, 11/26 vs. Pho.  
6 Jeff Teague, 10/30 at Mia.  
5 Jimmy Butler, 11/19 vs. Det.  
5 Jimmy Butler, 10/20 vs. Utah

### TURNOVERS

7 Karl-Anthony Towns, 12/10 vs. Dal.  
6 Karl-Anthony Towns, 11/29 at N.O.  
6 Jeff Teague, 11/11 at Pho.  
6 Jeff Teague, 10/27 vs. OkC

### MINUTES PLAYED

48 Karl-Anthony Towns, 12/12 vs. Phi.  
46 Jimmy Butler, 12/12 vs. Phi.  
43 Jimmy Butler, 12/6 at LAC  
42 Andrew Wiggins, 11/19 vs. Det.  
42 Jimmy Butler, 11/19 vs. Det.

## 2016-17 in Review:

### 2016-17 STARTING LINEUPS:

Game #s	Forward	Forward	Center	Guard	Guard	Record
1-2,8,10-38,41-43,45-50	Wiggins	Dieng	Towns	Rubio	LaVine	13-28
3-7,44	Wiggins	Dieng	Towns	Dunn	LaVine	3-3
9	Bjelica	Dieng	Towns	Rubio	Wiggins	1-0
39-40,51-62,64-81	Rush	Dieng	Towns	Rubio	Wiggins	13-19
63	Muhammad	Dieng	Towns	Rubio	Wiggins	1-0
82	Rush	Dieng	Towns	Dunn	Wiggins	0-1

### 2016-17 TIMBERWOLVES LEADERS (Final):

	TIMES LED TEAM			DOUBLE FIGURES					*Triple-Double DOUBLE-DOUBLES	
	Pts	Reb	Ast	10+	20+	30+	10+	10+	Pt/ Reb	Pt/ Ast
				Pts	Pts	Pts	Reb	Ast	Reb	Ast
Cole Aldrich.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Nemanja Bjelica.....	0	1	0	15	1	0	4	0	4	0
Omri Casspi.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gorgui Dieng.....	1	16	2	45	3	0	21	0	13	0
Kris Dunn.....	0	0	6	7	0	0	0	1	0	1
Jordan Hill.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tyus Jones.....	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zach LaVine.....	14	0	2	41	22	4	0	0	0	0
John Lucas III.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shabazz Muhammad.....	1	1	0	40	8	0	1	0	1	0
Adreian Payne.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ricky Rubio.....	2	0	70	44	9	1	1	34	*1	25
Brandon Rush.....	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lance Stephenson.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karl-Anthony Towns.....	37	65	5	81	62	21	63	1	62	*1
Andrew Wiggins.....	30	2	0	79	57	14	1	0	1	0

### BY THE NUMBERS: The Wolves were...

- **26-32** when scoring 100+ points
- **5-19** when scoring less than 100 points
- **25-22** when shooting 45%+
- **6-29** when shooting less than 45%
- **15-44** when allowing 100+ points
- **16-7** when allowing less than 100 points
- **11-42** when allowing 45%+
- **20-9** when allowing less than 45%
- **25-14** when outshooting their foe or even
- **6-37** when being outshot
- **23-29** when outrebounding their foe or tied
- **8-22** when being outrebounded
- **25-13** when leading or tied after 3 quarters
- **6-38** when trailing after 3 quarters
- **18-19** in games decided by 10+ points
- **7-13** in games decided by ≤4 points

### 2016-17 TIMBERWOLVES GAMES LOST DUE TO INJURY/ILLNESS (Final):

Nikola Peković.....	82	Shabazz Muhammad ...	4
Zach LaVine.....	34	Lance Stephenson.....	2
Nemanja Bjelica.....	17	Brandon Rush.....	1
Adreian Payne.....	13		
Ricky Rubio.....	5	<b>Team:</b>	<b>158</b>

### DUNK-O-METER: Wolves players' dunk totals for 2016-17 (Final):

Karl-Anthony Towns.....	130
Andrew Wiggins.....	78
Shabazz Muhammad.....	53
Gorgui Dieng.....	47
Zach LaVine.....	36
Cole Aldrich.....	11
Nemanja Bjelica.....	7
Kris Dunn.....	7
Brandon Rush.....	7
Adreian Payne.....	4
Omri Casspi.....	2
Jordan Hill.....	1
Tyus Jones.....	0
Ricky Rubio.....	0

**ROOKIE ROUNDUP:** Kris Dunn made his sixth start of the year in the Jan. 22 triumph over Denver, totaling 10 points with season bests in rebounds (eight) and assists (nine) to become the fifth rookie in franchise history to register a 3x8 game. A look at the NBA's rookie class of 2016-17:

#	Name	Team	G	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	Blk	Pts
-	Joel Embiid.....	PHI	31	25.4	.466	.367	.783	7.8	2.1	0.87	2.45	20.2
-	Dario Šarić.....	PHI	81	26.3	.411	.311	.782	6.3	2.2	0.70	0.37	12.8
6.	Buddy Hield.....	SAC	82	23.0	.426	.391	.842	3.3	1.5	0.46	0.11	10.6
36.	Malcolm Brogdon.....	MIL	75	26.4	.457	.404	.865	2.8	4.2	1.12	0.16	10.2
7.	Jamal Murray.....	DEN	82	21.5	.404	.334	.883	2.6	2.1	0.62	0.29	9.9
2.	Brandon Ingram.....	LAL	79	28.8	.402	.294	.621	4.0	2.1	0.63	0.46	9.4
8.	Marquese Chriss.....	PHO	82	21.3	.449	.321	.624	4.2	0.7	0.82	0.85	9.2
-	Willy Hernangómez.....	NYK	72	18.4	.529	.267	.728	7.0	1.3	0.57	0.50	8.2
42.	Isaiah Whitehead.....	BKN	73	22.5	.402	.295	.805	2.5	2.6	0.58	0.49	7.4
34.	Tyler Ulis.....	PHO	61	18.4	.421	.266	.775	1.6	3.7	0.79	0.08	7.3
3.	Jaylen Brown.....	BOS	78	17.2	.455	.343	.685	2.8	0.8	0.45	0.23	6.6
24.	Timothé Luwawu.....	PHI	69	17.2	.402	.311	.854	2.2	1.1	0.46	0.14	6.4
-	Rodney McGruder.....	MIA	78	25.2	.413	.332	.620	3.3	1.6	0.59	0.23	6.4
5.	<b>Kris Dunn.....</b>	<b>MIN</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>.377</b>	<b>.288</b>	<b>.610</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>3.8</b>

**HUSTLE POINT LEADERS:** Karl-Anthony Towns led the NBA in paint scoring (1154) and 2nd-chance points (386) last year. The paint total is the most ever by a Wolves player as well as a league best since Shaquille O'Neal tallied 1266 for Miami in 2004-05. Al Jefferson held the prior single-season club mark for paint points (1098 in 2007-08) and retains the record for 2nd-chance points (421 in 2007-08):

2016-17 NBA Most Paint Points	2016-17 NBA Most 2nd-Chance Points	2016-17 NBA Most Fast Break Points	2016-17 NBA Most Points off Turnovers
Player, Team	Points	Player, Team	Points
<b>Karl-Anthony Towns, Min. ....</b>	<b>1154</b>	<b>Karl-Anthony Towns, Min. ....</b>	<b>386</b>
Giannis Antetokounmpo, Mil. ....	1044	Hassan Whiteside, Mia. ....	375
LeBron James, Cle. ....	1032	Andre Drummond, Det. ....	355
Hassan Whiteside, Mia. ....	970	Dwight Howard, Atl. ....	315
Anthony Davis, N.O. ....	970	Rudy Gobert, Utah .....	301
Andre Drummond, Det. ....	882	Russell Westbrook, OkC .....	292
DeMarcus Cousins, Sac.-N.O. ....	848	Anthony Davis, N.O. ....	282
DeAndre Jordan, LA-C .....	824	DeAndre Jordan, LA-C .....	266
Rudy Gobert, Utah .....	822	Enes Kanter, OkC .....	260
Russell Westbrook, OkC.....	816	Zach Randolph, Mem. ....	255
John Wall, Was. ....	774	LaMarcus Aldridge, S.A. ....	247
<b>Andrew Wiggins, Min. ....</b>	<b>766</b>	Nikola Jokic, Den. ....	246
		Russell Westbrook, OkC.....	540
		Stephen Curry, G.S.....	477
		John Wall, Was. ....	462
		Giannis Antetokounmpo, Mil. ....	429
		LeBron James, Cle. ....	407
		Devin Booker, Pho. ....	387
		Kevin Durant, G.S. ....	356
		Isaiah Thomas, Bos. ....	340
		Klay Thompson, G.S. ....	329
		James Harden, Hou. ....	323
		Jimmy Butler, Chi. ....	306
		Eric Bledsoe, Pho. ....	279
		Russell Westbrook, OkC.....	380
		Giannis Antetokounmpo, Mil. ....	377
		James Harden, Hou. ....	357
		Stephen Curry, G.S.....	346
		John Wall, Was. ....	323
		Kawhi Leonard, S.A. ....	321
		Klay Thompson, G.S.....	313
		Paul George, Ind.....	313
		Devin Booker, Pho. ....	311
		LeBron James, Cle. ....	303
		Jimmy Butler, Chi. ....	301
		Isaiah Thomas, Bos. ....	292

**THE BREAKDOWN:** Some quick comparisons of Minnesota's 2016-17 numbers:

	----- Records -----			----- Wolves -----			----- Opponents -----			----- Margins -----		
	Total	Home	Road	Pts	FG%	3Pt%	Pts	FG%	3Pt%	Pts	Reb	TO
2016-17 (Final).....	31-51	20-21	11-30	105.6	.467	.349	106.7	.475	.366	-1.1	+2.0	+0.2
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
April.....	1-7	1-2	0-5	108.8	.470	.320	113.9	.490	.407	-5.1	+1.4	+0.4
March.....	6-8	4-1	2-7	106.1	.473	.359	107.1	.487	.362	-1.0	+0.4	+1.5
February.....	5-7	3-4	2-3	108.4	.483	.335	109.3	.475	.381	-0.9	+1.8	+1.4
January.....	8-7	6-3	2-4	104.3	.474	.353	102.7	.465	.344	+1.6	+3.5	-1.0
December.....	6-9	3-5	3-4	105.4	.464	.358	107.5	.472	.383	-2.1	+4.1	-1.3
Oct.-November.....	5-13	3-6	2-7	103.1	.448	.351	104.1	.471	.339	-1.0	+0.8	+0.7
At Target Center.....		20-21		106.6	.474	.366	103.7	.468	.360	+2.9	+3.6	+0.4
On the Road.....			11-30	104.6	.461	.331	109.7	.483	.373	-5.1	+0.4	+0.1
vs. .500+ Opponents.....	17-30	11-14	6-16	104.9	.465	.359	107.1	.470	.356	-2.2	+2.9	-1.4
vs. <.500 Opponents.....	14-21	9-7	5-14	106.4	.471	.334	106.1	.483	.381	+0.4	+0.8	+2.5
In Wins.....	31-0	20-0	11-0	110.5	.489	.390	98.1	.441	.313	+12.4	+4.8	+1.6
In Losses.....	0-51	0-21	0-30	102.6	.454	.324	111.9	.497	.397	-9.3	+0.3	-0.6
vs. Western Conference.....	18-34	12-14	6-20	104.4	.465	.341	106.0	.473	.365	-1.6	+2.4	+0.0
vs. Eastern Conference.....	13-17	8-7	5-10	107.7	.472	.361	107.9	.479	.368	-0.2	+1.3	+0.5
1+ Days Rest.....	26-41	18-18	8-23	104.8	.466	.341	105.7	.475	.361	-0.9	+2.1	+0.2
0 Days Rest.....	5-10	2-3	3-7	109.0	.475	.379	111.2	.478	.387	-2.2	+1.7	+0.4

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**GETTING THE DROP:** Minnesota opened a 49-38, 2nd-quarter lead Apr. 7 at Utah and enjoyed double-digit advantages in the 1st halves of 40 of its 82 games overall. *The Wolves finished 2nd in the NBA in 1st-half FG accuracy (49.1%), 6th in Net Rating (+4.5), 5th in Offensive Rating (111.6) and 9th in three-point accuracy (37.9%).* A quarter-by-quarter look at 2016-17 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.....	27.8 / 50.1%	27.1 / 48.1%	54.9 / 49.1%	24.9 / 45.7%	25.0 / 43.0%	49.9 / 44.3%	105.6 / 46.7%
Opponents.....	26.0 / 46.7%	26.9 / 49.2%	52.9 / 47.9%	26.7 / 47.5%	26.1 / 46.6%	52.9 / 47.1%	106.7 / 47.5%
Scoring Margins.....	(+1.7 pts)	(+0.2 pts)	(+2.0 pts)	(-1.8 pts)	(-1.1 pts)	(-3.0 pts)	(-1.1 pts)

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**DOUBLING DOWN:** Minnesota spotted Chicago a 21-point lead on Dec. 13 before rallying to win, its largest comeback since making up a 22-point deficit at Brooklyn on Nov. 5, 2012. On the other hand, *the Wolves lost 22 of the 46 games last season in which they built leads of 10+ points*, the most by any NBA team in the past two decades. A look at Minnesota's "volatility factor" for 2016-17:

Comebacks					Blown Leads				
Deficit	Time, Qtr	Opponent	Date	Final	Lead	Time, Qtr	Opponent	Date	Final
21 (30-51)	6:37 / 2nd	@ Chicago	Dec. 13	99- 94	18 (33-15)	11:22 / 2nd	Memphis	Feb. 4	99-107
15 (64-79)	2:38 / 3rd	@ Charlotte	Dec. 3	125-120 OT	18 (45-27)	8:51 / 2nd	@ Sacramento	Oct. 29	103-106
13 (42-55)	3:57 / 2nd	Toronto	Feb. 8	112-109	17 (65-48)	9:23 / 3rd	Houston	Dec. 17	109-111 OT
13 (56-69)	5:01 / 3rd	@ Phoenix	Nov. 25	98- 85	17 (20- 3)	7:19 / 1st	@ Memphis	Oct. 26	98-102
12 (53-65)	10:08 / 3rd	Portland	Apr. 3	110-109	16 (29-13)	1:59 / 1st	Sacramento	Apr. 1	117-123
12 (46-58)	10:25 / 3rd	@ L.A. Clippers	Jan. 19	104-101	15 (70-55)	9:39 / 3rd	@ Portland	Apr. 6	98-105
11 (27-38)	8:59 / 2nd	@ Phoenix	Jan. 24	112-111	15 (82-67)	6:27 / 3rd	@ L.A. Lakers	Mar. 24	119-130 OT
9 (97-106)	5:41 / 4th	@ Indiana	Mar. 28	115-104	15 (55-39)	0:54 / 2nd	@ San Antonio	Mar. 4	90- 97 OT
9 (91-100)	6:06 / 4th	Denver	Jan. 22	111-108	15 (46-31)	9:27 / 2nd	New Orleans	Feb. 10	106-122
8 (10-18)	5:00 / 1st	@ Sacramento	Feb. 27	102- 88	15 (81-66)	0:18 / 3rd	Boston	Nov. 21	93- 99
					15 (35-20)	1:13 / 1st	Denver	Nov. 3	99-102
					14 (49-35)	0:40 / 2nd	Portland	Jan. 1	89- 95
					14 (58-44)	0:54 / 2nd	Charlotte	Nov. 15	108-115
					13 (50-37)	4:49 / 2nd	@ New Orleans	Mar. 19	109-123
					13 (73-60)	3:34 / 3rd	Utah	Jan. 7	92- 94
					13 (37-24)	9:48 / 2nd	@ Denver	Dec. 28	103-105

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**INSIDE THE BOX SCORE:** The Warriors outscored Minnesota 41-22 in transition on Apr. 4, the most fast-break points by a Wolves opponent since Golden State's 42-point effort on Nov. 9, 2009. Meanwhile, Minnesota outscored Houston 68-44 in the paint on Feb. 25, equaling its 4th-highest single-game haul in the past 20 years. A look at some of the Wolves key figures for 2016-17:

<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 (5-13)	44.8%-47.1%	26.4-25.3	Min +0.8	Min +0.7	17.5-18.6	43.3-46.7	12.2-13.9	15.4-14.0	21.5-37.6
December (6-9)	46.4%-47.2%	21.9-22.3	Min +4.1	Min -1.3	16.9-15.9	42.5-45.7	13.1-12.3	15.7-12.9	22.1-34.1
January (8-7)	47.4%-46.5%	23.3-22.3	Min +3.5	Min -1.0	15.8-18.5	44.1-43.5	12.7-12.5	11.7-11.3	21.5-27.9
February (5-7)	48.3%-47.5%	23.2-21.9	Min +1.8	Min +1.4	17.2-16.2	48.5-43.0	15.0-13.9	16.3-14.8	25.3-30.3
March (6-8)	47.3%-48.7%	24.5-21.2	Min +0.4	Min +1.5	16.4-15.9	47.1-51.6	11.3-15.9	14.5-13.6	23.7-36.1
April (1-7)	47.0%-49.0%	26.4-24.6	Min +1.4	Min +0.4	16.4-18.4	52.8-47.0	13.3-16.0	15.1-14.1	24.1-41.8
<b>Season Averages</b>	<b>46.7%-47.5%</b>	<b>24.2-22.9</b>	<b>Min +2.0</b>	<b>Min +0.2</b>	<b>16.7-17.2</b>	<b>45.7-46.2</b>	<b>12.8-13.9</b>	<b>14.7-13.4</b>	<b>22.8-34.3</b>

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**2016-17 TIMBERWOLVES PLUS/MINUS REPORT:**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Wolves</u>	<u>Aldrich</u>	<u>Bielica</u>	<u>Dieng</u>	<u>Dunn</u>	<u>Jones</u>	<u>LaVine</u>	<u>Muhammad</u>	<u>Payne</u>	<u>Rubio</u>	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Towns</u>	<u>Wiggins</u>
Oct.-Nov. (5-13)	-18	+8	-2	-13	-24	+40	-47	-16	-5	-48	+14	-18	+3
December (6-9)	-31	-32	-6	+20	-48	-2	-24	+5	-16	+9	-22	-18	-21
January (8-7)	+24	-9	-41	+49	+31	+9	-17	+21	+3	+4	+15	+33	+22
February (5-7)	-11	-10	+16	-15	-21	+25	-29	-21	-2	-5	-14	+24	0
March (6-8)	-14	-4	+20	+37	-36	-25	INJ	-28	+12	+30	-20	-29	+15
April (1-7)	-41	+17	INJ	-46	-35	-13	INJ	-37	+16	+3	-13	-18	-36
<b>Season Totals:</b>	<b>-91</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>+32</b>	<b>-133</b>	<b>+34</b>	<b>-117</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-17</b>
<b>Per Game:</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>+0.4</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>+0.6</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>+0.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Per 48 Minutes:</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>+0.6</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>+2.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.3</b>

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**THROUGH THE RECORD BOOK:** Karl-Anthony Towns (a club-record 2061) and Andrew Wiggins (1933) were the NBA's most prolific scoring duo in 2016-17, combining for 3994 points – the most ever by a Wolves tandem – to outpace Portland's Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum (3861), Cleveland's LeBron James and Kyrie Irving (3770), and Golden State's Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson (3741):

**Minnesota Timberwolves Individual Season Highs**

<u>Points</u>	<u>Rebounds</u>	<u>FG Percentage</u>	<u>Assists</u>
<b>Karl-Anthony Towns</b> 2061 16-17	Kevin Garnett 1139 03-04	Nikola Pekovic .564 11-12	Pooh Richardson 734 90-91
Kevin Love 2010 13-14	Kevin Love 1112 10-11	Karl-Anthony Towns .542 15-16	Stephon Marbury 704 97-98
Kevin Garnett 1987 03-04	Kevin Garnett 1108 04-05	<b>Karl-Anthony Towns</b> .542 16-17	Ricky Rubio 703 13-14
<b>Andrew Wiggins</b> 1933 16-17	Kevin Garnett 1102 02-03	Nikola Pekovic .540 13-14	Pooh Richardson 685 91-92
Tony Campbell 1903 89-90	<b>Karl-Anthony Towns</b> 1007 16-17	Gorgui Dieng .532 15-16	<b>Ricky Rubio</b> 682 16-17

**Minnesota Timberwolves Career Leaders (through 2016-17)**

<u>Scoring Average</u>	<u>Rebound Average</u>	<u>Assist Average</u>	<u>Three-Point FG Made</u>	<u>Blocked Shots</u>
<b>21.7 Karl-Anthony Towns</b>	12.2 Kevin Love	<b>8.5 Ricky Rubio</b>	465 Anthony Peeler	1590 Kevin Garnett
20.6 Tony Campbell	<b>11.4 Karl-Anthony Towns</b>	8.3 Stephon Marbury	440 Kevin Love	373 Rasho Nesterovic
<b>20.4 Andrew Wiggins</b>	11.0 Kevin Garnett	8.3 Terrell Brandon	343 Wally Szczerbiak	<b>367 Gorgui Dieng</b>
20.1 Al Jefferson	10.4 Al Jefferson	8.0 Pooh Richardson	<b>300 Zach LaVine</b>	300 Al Jefferson
19.8 Kevin Garnett	8.5 Tom Gugliotta	6.8 Micheal Williams	295 Isaiah Rider	299 Christian Laettner

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**THE 40-40 CLUB:** Andrew Wiggins pumped in a game-high 41 points while Karl-Anthony Towns added 40 points and 21 rebounds Apr. 9 at the Lakers, becoming just the 11th pair of teammates in NBA history to score 40+ points in the same game. The full list:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Player #1</u>	<u>Player #2</u>
Baltimore	Nov. 14, 1964	vs. Los Angeles	L115-127	Gus Johnson 41	Walt Bellamy 40
Los Angeles	Feb. 11, 1970	at San Francisco	<b>W125-115</b>	Elgin Baylor 43	Jerry West 43
New Orleans	Apr. 10, 1977	vs. Denver	<b>W139-125</b>	Pete Maravich 45	Nate Williams 41
Phoenix	Jan. 5, 1978	at Boston	<b>W121-111</b>	Paul Westphal 43	Walter Davis 40
San Antonio	Mar. 6, 1982	vs. Milwaukee	<b>W171-166 (3ot)</b>	George Gervin 50	Mike Mitchell 45
Denver	Dec. 13, 1983	vs. Detroit	L184-186 (3ot)	Kiki Vandeweghe 51	Alex English 47
Detroit	Dec. 13, 1983	at Denver	<b>W186-184 (3ot)</b>	Isiah Thomas 47	John Long 41
Utah	Mar. 19, 1984	vs. Detroit	<b>W143-125</b>	Adrian Dantley 43	John Drew 42
Chicago	Feb. 18, 1996	at Indiana	<b>W110-102</b>	Michael Jordan 44	Scottie Pippen 40
Oklahoma City	Feb. 19, 2012	vs. Denver	<b>W124-118 (ot)</b>	Kevin Durant 51	Russell Westbrook 40
Oklahoma City	Mar. 23, 2012	vs. Minnesota	<b>W149-140 (2ot)</b>	Russell Westbrook 45	Kevin Durant 40
Oklahoma City	Oct. 30, 2015	at Orlando	<b>W139-136 (2ot)</b>	Russell Westbrook 48	Kevin Durant 43
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>Apr. 9, 2017</b>	<b>at L.A. Lakers</b>	<b>L109-110</b>	<b>Andrew Wiggins 41</b>	<b>Karl-Anthony Towns 40</b>

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**WOLF TRACKS:** Minnesota finished 2016-17 with a 31-51 record, a two-game improvement from a year ago and 15 wins better than 2014-15... That's the largest two-year increase in the NBA this season, ahead of New York (+14), Boston (+13) and Utah (+13), as well as the 3rd-best full-season two-year bump in franchise history (+19 from 1994-95 to 1996-97, +19 from 1995-96 to 1997-98)... The final record is the sixth time in seven seasons Minnesota has improved on its previous year's victory total... The Wolves have now missed the postseason in 13 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 (11) and Phoenix (seven) are next on that list – and is 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 with six victories in its first 24 games (through Dec. 11), then fashioned a 22-20 record over the next three months – highlighted by home wins over Houston, Oklahoma City, Toronto, Golden State and Washington, as well as road successes at Chicago, Atlanta, the L.A. Clippers and Utah – before stumbling to 13 losses in its final 16 contests...

**SCHEDULE NOTES:** The Wolves finished 20-21 at Target Center, matching their 2nd-best home record in the past decade; Minnesota went 24-17 (and 40-42 overall) in 2013-14, and also won 20 games in 2006-07 and 2012-13... The Wolves put together a pair of four-game home winning streaks – Jan. 9-22 and Feb. 24-Mar. 13 – that bookended a nine-week spree that saw them win 12 of 17 at Target Center following a 6-13 start... Minnesota won consecutive road games on only three occasions: Dec. 13-21, Jan. 19-24 and Feb. 27-Mar. 1... The latter pair fueled a stretch that saw the Wolves win five of eight away from Target Center and was capped by the 107-80 triumph at Utah on Mar. 1... However, Minnesota managed just one victory in its final 13 road starts, a 115-114 decision Mar. 28 at Indiana that snapped a seven-game skid... The Wolves played 15 sets of back-to-back games this season, going 4-11 on the front end and 5-10 in the second games of such pairings... Minnesota went 6-4 vs. Southeast Division opponents, its best such record since the NBA realigned divisions in 2004-05... Meanwhile, the Wolves lost all nine road games against Southwest Division foes and are 2-21 in Southwest arenas (winning Feb. 27, 2016 at New Orleans and Mar. 16, 2016 at Memphis) over the past three seasons...

**MARGINAL NOTES:** The 110-109 loss Apr. 9 at the L.A. Lakers was Minnesota's first in a one-point decision since November 2014, ending its NBA-record-tying string of 10 consecutive wins in such games... The 107-80 triumph at Utah on Mar. 1 was the Wolves' sixth by 20+ points this season; they registered only two such victories a year ago and one in 2014-15... The 27-point Utah decision also tied the 7th-largest road win in team history... Feb. 8 vs. Toronto was the lone time this season the Wolves erased a double-figure halftime spread to win; Minnesota faced only seven such deficits overall, the fewest in the NBA (Golden State 8, Houston 8, San Antonio 9)... Meanwhile, the 125-97 loss at Cleveland on Feb. 1 was Minnesota's biggest losing margin since San Antonio beat them 121-92 on Nov. 21, 2014 at Target Center... The 112-111 victory Jan. 24 at Phoenix was the Wolves' third in as many outings in games decided by four points or fewer; they beat Denver 111-108 on Jan. 22, two nights after edging the L.A. Clippers 104-101 to halt an 0-10 start in that category, and finished the year 7-12 overall... Portland erased a 15-point, 3rd-quarter deficit to win, 105-98, on Apr. 6; the Wolves lost 11 games in which they'd built leads of 15+ points, the NBA's most such defeats in the past two decades...

**LOCKED IN:** Minnesota tallied a season-high 130 points Feb. 25 at Houston, its second-best regulation total ever in a road game (132 at Denver, Mar. 3, 2014)... In all, the Wolves cracked the Century Mark 58 times this year, one shy of the club single-season record of 59 set in 2013-14... Minnesota ranked 13th in the NBA in scoring (105.6 ppg) – the second-highest average in club history (106.9 ppg in 2013-14) – while setting franchise records in FG accuracy (46.7%, 8th in the NBA) and FT accuracy (79.9%, 5th in the NBA)... The Wolves also broke their previous single-season mark for three-pointers made (600 in 2013-14) by sinking 601, finishing the year 20th in long-distance accuracy at 34.9%, and set new records for Effective FG Percentage (51.1%) and True Shooting Percentage (55.5%)... Minnesota shot a season-best 56.3% vs. Dallas on Jan. 9, eclipsing the 55.8% showing in the Dec. 30 win vs. Milwaukee; they're 86-13 all-time when shooting 55% or better... The Wolves finished 15-for-31 from beyond the arc in the Dec. 26 win vs. Atlanta, the fifth time in club history they've made 15+ threes (second this season) and one of 16 times this season they made 10+ threes...

**AT THE OTHER END:** The Wolves closed the season by permitting 100+ points in each of their final 19 contests (Mar. 10-Apr. 12), the second-longest such streak in franchise history behind a 24-game run in 1991-92... For the year, Minnesota ranked 18th in scoring defense (106.7 ppg), 28th in defensive FG percentage (47.5%) and 26th in Defensive Rating (109.1); those numbers were 23rd (106.0 ppg), 28th (47.1%) and 27th (107.1), respectively, in 2015-16... In dropping 13 of their final 16 games, the Wolves surrendered 114.6 ppg (a Defensive Rating of 117.1) and a combined 51.2% accuracy from the floor... Utah finished at 60.0% on Apr. 7, the third 60%+ effort allowed by the Wolves this season; Portland shot 63.4% on Mar. 25 (the 4th-highest percentage ever by a Minnesota opponent) while New Orleans shot 60.0% on Feb. 10... The Wolves held Utah to 38.9% on Mar. 1, their sixth sub-40% defensive effort in 2016-17; the Jazz' 80 points matched the fewest allowed by Minnesota this year (also Nov. 1 vs. Memphis)... Houston erupted for 142 points on Feb. 25; the combined 272 points represent the highest-scoring regulation game in franchise history... The Rockets finished 22-for-58 from beyond the arc in that game, the most three-point makes and attempts ever by a Wolves opponent...

**THE BOARD REPORT:** Minnesota outrebounded seven of its eight April opponents, after coming up short in six of its final seven March starts... Overall, the Wolves ranked 5th in the NBA in total rebounding pct (.516, the third-best percentage in franchise history), 3rd in offensive rebounding pct (.272), 20th in defensive rebounding pct (.759) and 7th in rebounding margin (+2.0 rpg)... Minnesota also finished 6th in second-chance scoring (14.8 ppg) and 9th in paint scoring (45.7 ppg), up from 12th (13.0 ppg) and 10th (44.1 ppg) in those respective categories a year ago... Oklahoma City outrebounded Minnesota 54-35 on Apr. 11, the largest of six double-figure deficits for the Wolves on the year; Minnesota enjoyed spreads of 10+ on 10 occasions, most recently posting a 50-40 advantage Apr. 4 at Golden State... The Wolves outrebounded Houston 58-32 on Feb. 25; the 21 offensive and 58 total rebounds were season bests, while the +26 margin is the 3rd-largest in franchise history... Minnesota outboarded Dallas 42-25 on Jan. 9; the Mavs' 25 rebounds are the fewest by an opponent at Target Center since Houston totaled 23 on Feb. 21, 1996...

**Coach's Bio:**

**TOM THIBODEAU**

**Overall Record:** 306-203  
**Seasons in League:** 7th

**Record with Minnesota:** 51-64  
**Seasons with Minnesota:** 2nd

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 ..... 14-5	Detroit Pistons ..... 16-8	Milwaukee Bucks ..... 17-5	Portland Trail Blazers ..... 4-10
Boston Celtics ..... 13-8	Golden State Warriors ..... 6-8	Minnesota Timberwolves ..... 8-1	Sacramento Kings ..... 9-6
Brooklyn Nets (N.J.) ..... 14-6	Houston Rockets ..... 5-8	New Orleans Pelicans ..... 9-6	San Antonio Spurs ..... 5-10
Charlotte Hornets ..... 14-8	Indiana Pacers ..... 11-11	New York Knicks ..... 13-7	Toronto Raptors ..... 14-6
Chicago Bulls ..... 2-0	Los Angeles Clippers ..... 7-7	Oklahoma City Thunder ..... 5-11	Utah Jazz ..... 10-5
Cleveland Cavaliers ..... 14-7	Los Angeles Lakers ..... 8-5	Orlando Magic ..... 16-5	Washington Wizards ..... 12-9
Dallas Mavericks ..... 11-4	Memphis Grizzlies ..... 6-9	Philadelphia 76ers ..... 13-6	
Denver Nuggets ..... 6-8	Miami Heat ..... 12-10	Phoenix Suns ..... 12-4	<b>TOTAL: 306-203</b>

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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	31	51	.378			
2012-13	Chicago	45	37	.549	5	7	.417	2017-18	Minnesota	20	13	.606			
2013-14	Chicago	48	34	.585	1	4	.200	<b>Career</b>	<b>7 Seasons</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>.601</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>.451</b>

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## Player Bios:

### COLE ALDRICH

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C 6-11 253 Kansas '10

#45

8th Year

#### Season Averages:

0.5 ppg 33.3 FG% 0.2 rpg 0.2 apg

#### Last 5 Games

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento .....	2:41	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix.....	DNP-CD									
Dec. 18 vs. Portland.....	DNP-CD									
Dec. 20 at Denver .....	DNP-CD									
Dec. 23 at Phoenix .....	DNP-CD									

**Notable:** The Dec. 14 outing was his first since Nov. 20 at Charlotte; he's drawn DNP's in 21 of the last 23... Logged a season-high 4:39 vs. Indiana on Oct. 24.

**2016-17:** Completed his seventh NBA season and first with Minnesota by appearing in a career-high 62 games off the bench... Averaged 1.7 ppg and 2.5 rpg in 8.6 mpg, shooting 52.3% from the field and 68.2% from the line... Also netted 14.3 reb/48, 2.26 stl/48 and 2.08 blk/48 on the year... Drew 20 DNP-CDs, including 13 in the season's final 19 games; he logged 15+ minutes on six occasions but just once in the final four months... Scored the 1000th point of his NBA career Dec. 9 vs. Detroit, and pulled in his 1000th career rebound Nov. 21 vs. Boston... Posted season highs in points (10), rebounds (12), blocks (three) and minutes (27:04) Dec. 2 at New York; it's his 15th career double-double... Added eight points Nov. 12 vs. the Clippers, and picked off a season-high three steals Nov. 13 vs. the Lakers... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a three-year contract on July 13; the Wolves are his sixth NBA team.

#### 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

#### 2016-17 vs. Lakers

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 13 at Minnesota.....	13:30	1-3	0-0	0-2	3	1	3	0	1	2
Mar. 24 at Los Angeles.....	DNP-CD									
Mar. 30 at Minnesota.....	DNP-CD									
Apr. 9 at Los Angeles .....	DNP-CD									

#### Career vs. Lakers

	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
12 games .....	13.1	.536	.000	.571	3.5	0.8	0.75	0.8	1.00	3.2

### NEMANJA BJELICA

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F 6-10 230 Serbia

#8

3rd Year

#### Season Averages:

7.1 ppg 57.8 FG% 2.8 rpg 0.7 apg

#### Last 5 Games

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento .....	DNP-CD									
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix.....	DNP-CD									
Dec. 18 vs. Portland.....	DNP-CD									
Dec. 20 at Denver .....	DNP-CD									
Dec. 23 at Phoenix .....	DNP-CD									

**Notable:** His most recent appearance was Nov. 22 vs. Orlando; *he's missed 15 games due to a sprained left midfoot*... Has dropped off the NBA leaderboard for three-point accuracy (51.2%)... Netted 11 points Nov. 15 vs. San Antonio, his fourth double-figure night (33rd career), and pulled in a season-high seven rebounds Nov. 11 at Phoenix... *Tallied a season-high 18 points Oct. 24 vs. Indiana*; he's shooting 61.1% (22-for-36) from the field in eight home contests.

**2016-17:** Sidelined for the final 15 games of his second NBA campaign after sustaining a fractured navicular bone in his left foot Mar. 15 at Boston... Saw action in 65 contests, missing a pair of games (Dec. 9-11) due to a sore right ankle... Averaged 6.2 ppg, 3.8 rpg and 1.2 apg while logging 18.3 mpg; he hit 42.4% from the floor, 31.6% (56-for-177) from three-point range and 73.8% from the FT line... Connected on 17 of his last 43 from beyond the arc (39.5%) and shot 55.5% (61-for-110) from two-point distance in his final 35 outings... *Made his first NBA start Nov. 13 vs. the Lakers, registering career highs in points (24), steals (three), three-pointers (five) and minutes (40:52)*... Contributed 16 points and nine rebounds Mar. 13 vs. Washington, his 15th double-digit scoring effort on the year... Snagged a season-high 12 rebounds Mar. 10 vs. Golden State, part of his third double-double in an eight-game run (sixth career); he tallied 9.0 ppg and 7.7 rpg in those eight (26.8 mpg)... Also grabbed 12 rebounds Feb. 27 at Sacramento, and collected 13 points, 11 rebounds and a season-high five assists in the Mar. 1 win at Utah.

#### Career Highs – Nemanja Bjelica

Points:	24	vs. L.A. Lakers .....	11/13/16
Rebounds:	14	vs. Houston .....	4/11/16
Assists:	5	MR: @ Utah .....	3/1/17
Steals:	3	MR: @ Cleveland .....	2/1/17
Blocks:	3	vs. Dallas .....	2/24/17
Minutes:	41	vs. L.A. Lakers .....	11/13/16

#### 2016-17 vs. Lakers

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 13 at Minnesota.....	40:52	9-15	5-8	1-1	8	3	3	1	1	24
Mar. 24 at Los Angeles.....	DNP-Fractured Left Foot									
Mar. 30 at Minnesota.....	DNP-Fractured Left Foot									
Apr. 9 at Los Angeles .....	DNP-Fractured Left Foot									

#### Career vs. Lakers

	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
4 games .....	22.8	.577	.538	.500	4.5	2.0	1.00	0.5	0.50	9.5



# AARON BROOKS

@Thirty2zero

## #30

G 6-0 161 Oregon '07

10th Year

### Season Averages:

2.6 ppg 52.2 FG% 0.6 rpg 0.7 apg

#### Last 5 Games

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento	2:41	2-2	1-1	0-0	1	1	0	1	0	5
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix	DNP-CD									
Dec. 18 vs. Portland	DNP-CD									
Dec. 20 at Denver	DNP-CD									
Dec. 23 at Phoenix	DNP-CD									

**Notable:** Matched his season high with five points Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento; the appearance was his first this month, after playing in four in a row to close out November... Started the Nov. 24 game vs. Miami, his first start since Apr. 5, 2015 for Chicago at Cleveland... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a one-year contract on Sept. 21; Minnesota is his seventh stop in the NBA.

**2016-17:** Concluded his ninth season in the NBA and first with Indiana by playing in 65 games off the bench... Averaged a career-low 5.0 ppg, 1.1 rpg and 1.9 apg while logging 13.8 mpg; he shot 40.3% from the field, 37.5% (48-for-128) from three-point distance and 80.0% from the FT line... Also saw action in one playoff game, totaling five points in 7:17 Apr. 15 at Cleveland... Chipped in 18 points (going 4-for-5 from beyond the arc) Mar. 29 at Memphis; the minute total (28:28) was a season best... Tallied a team- and season-high 19 points Dec. 26 at Chicago, one of 11 double-figure scoring nights; he also posted season bests with four rebounds and seven assists in the game... Added 16 points Nov. 30 at Portland... Signed as an unrestricted free agent on July 21.

#### Career Highs – Aaron Brooks

Points:	43	vs. Minnesota	1/13/10
Rebounds:	10	@ Minnesota	12/20/08
Assists:	17	vs. Detroit	3/19/14
Steals:	5	@ Oklahoma City	11/29/09
Blocks:	3	vs. Orlando	11/4/14
Minutes:	59	vs. Minnesota	1/13/10

#### Career vs. Lakers

	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
22 games	24.1	.413	.380	.762	1.9	3.9	0.45	2.0	0.09	12.1

# ANTHONY BROWN

@TwoShotOne

## #3

F 6-7 224 Stanford '15

3rd Year

### Season Averages (Iowa, G-League):

20.3 ppg 44.6 FG% 6.2 rpg 2.9 apg

#### Last 5 Games

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 13 at Memphis (G-League)	34:22	7-16	3-8	0-0	5	3	0	1	0	17
Dec. 15 vs. Northern Arizona (G-League)	38:38	8-16	4-8	0-0	6	1	0	2	1	20
Dec. 17 at Sioux Falls (G-League)	38:08	9-14	2-3	5-5	6	6	1	2	1	25
Dec. 19 vs. Memphis (G-League)	39:18	9-14	3-5	3-4	8	3	1	2	0	24
Dec. 23 vs. Agua Caliente (G-League)	40:00	4-13	0-7	6-8	3	4	0	1	0	14

**Notable:** Tallied 30.3 ppg (50.0%), 8.8 rpg and 3.0 apg in his last four November starts for Iowa, including a 32-point, 13-rebound night Nov. 17 at Memphis... Scored 25 points in Iowa's season-opening win Nov. 4 vs. Lakeland... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a one-year, two-way contract on Aug. 1.

**2016-17:** Split his second NBA season between New Orleans and Orlando, playing in 11 contests and averaging 3.9 ppg and 3.0 rpg while hitting 36.0% from the floor and 25.9% (7-for-27) from long range... Also made 24 starts for the D-League's Erie BayHawks, where he tallied 20.3 ppg, 5.4 rpg and 3.1 apg in 37.7 mpg... Shot 46.6% from the field, 46.7% (57-for-122) from beyond the arc and 80.8% from the line... Had six points in the D-League All-Star Game, held Feb. 18 in New Orleans... Signed a 10-day contract with Orlando on Jan. 22 and made two appearances... Waived by New Orleans on Dec. 9; he'd signed with the Pelicans on Nov. 21 and saw action in nine games... Posted season highs with nine points and six rebounds in 29:22 vs. Memphis on Dec. 5... Waived by the L.A. Lakers on Oct. 24, after appearing in six preseason games.

#### Career Highs – Anthony Brown

Points:	10	MR: @ Portland	1/23/16
Rebounds:	7	@ Utah	1/16/16
Assists:	3	MR: @ L.A. Clippers	1/29/16
Steals:	2	MR: vs. L.A. Lakers	11/29/16
Blocks:	2	vs. Oklahoma City	1/8/16
Minutes:	35	vs. Atlanta	3/4/16

#### Career vs. Lakers

	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
1 game	22.0	.600	.500	.000	6.0	2.0	2.00	1.0	0.00	7.0

# JIMMY BUTLER

@JimmyButler

## #23

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Marquette '11

7th Year

### Season Averages:

**20.6 ppg 46.5 FG% 5.5 rpg 4.6 apg**

#### Last 5 Games

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento .....	35:33	7-10	0-0	7-7	7	9	2	0	2	21
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix.....	36:31	5-18	0-3	0-0	6	2	3	1	0	10
Dec. 18 vs. Portland.....	35:15	12-21	2-3	11-12	6	4	2	0	0	37
Dec. 20 at Denver .....	34:51	8-15	1-4	8-8	2	4	2	3	0	25
Dec. 23 at Phoenix.....	37:47	10-19	0-3	12-13	6	3	0	1	1	32

**Notable:** Pumped in 32 points Saturday at Phoenix, his fifth 30+ effort this month (34th career); *he's netting 26.3 ppg (50.0%) and 5.6 rpg in December...* Dealt a game-high nine assists Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento, the eighth time he's led the Wolves... *Tallied a season-high 38 points Dec. 12 vs. Philadelphia;* the minute total is a season best while his career-high 33 FG attempts tie the club single-game record shared by Mo Williams and Kevin Garnett... Netted 20 of his 33 points in the 4th quarter vs. the L.A. Clippers on Dec. 3, *becoming the 14th player in Wolves history to score 20+ in a quarter...* Dished a season-best 10 assists Nov. 28 vs. Washington... Contributed 26 points, 10 rebounds and five steals Nov. 19 vs. Detroit, becoming the third player in club history (with Tom Gugliotta and Kevin Garnett) to record a 25+ pt/10+ reb/5+ stl game... *Ranks 22nd in scoring (20.6 ppg), 30th in assists (4.6 apg), 11th in steals (1.81 spg) and 4th in minutes (37.2 mpg)...* Dealt 10 assists Nov. 13 at Utah, part of his ninth career 20+ pt/10+ ast effort... Acquired from Chicago (with the draft rights to center Justin Patton) on June 22 in return for guards Kris Dunn and Zach LaVine and the draft rights to forward Lauri Markkanen.

#### Career Highs – Jimmy Butler

Points:	<b>53</b>	@ Philadelphia.....	1/14/16
Rebounds:	<b>17</b>	vs. Detroit.....	4/2/16
Assists:	<b>14</b>	@ Milwaukee.....	3/26/17
Steals:	<b>6</b>	MR: @ Atlanta.....	11/9/16
Blocks:	<b>5</b>	vs. Toronto.....	12/22/14
Minutes:	<b>60</b>	@ Orlando.....	1/15/14

**2016-17:** Wrapped up his sixth year in Chicago by earning All-NBA Third Team accolades, the first such honor of his career... Started 76 games; he's missed a total of 53 games over the last four years... *Averaged a career-high 23.9 ppg – his third consecutive 20+ season – along with career bests of 6.2 rpg and 5.5 apg in 37.0 mpg...* Shot 45.5% from the floor, 36.7% (91-for-248) from three-point range and a career-high 86.5% from the FT line... Ranked 14th in the NBA in scoring, 25th in assists, 20th in FT accuracy, 4th in FTs made (a career-best 565), 4th in minutes and 5th in steals (1.88 spg)... Started all six playoff games, averaging 22.7 ppg (42.6%), 7.3 rpg, 4.3 apg and 1.67 spg in 39.8 mpg... Named Eastern Conference Player of the Week on three occasions (Nov. 21, Jan. 9, Apr. 3)... Selected to start the 2017 All-Star Game, finishing with six points with three rebounds in 19:29 for the East on Feb. 19 in New Orleans... *Tallied 40+ points on five occasions, topped by a 52-point, 12-rebound, six assist effort vs. Charlotte on Jan. 2;* it was the second 50+ performance of his career... Registered a pair of triple-doubles (Feb. 25 at Cleveland, Apr. 6 at Philadelphia), doubling his career total to four... Had 20 points and a career-high 14 assists Mar. 26 at Milwaukee, and collected 39 points and a career-best six steals Nov. 9 at Atlanta... Set single-game career highs for FTs made and attempted by going 21-for-22 Jan. 2 vs. Charlotte, then shot 18-for-20 from the line five nights later vs. Toronto... Scored the 5000th point of his NBA career Dec. 13 vs. Minnesota, and passed the 6000-point plateau Mar. 30 vs. Cleveland... Put together a string of 15 consecutive 20+ point games from Nov. 7-Dec. 6, the longest such streak by any Chicago player since Michael Jordan's 24-game run in 1995-96.

**Milestones:** *Sank his 2000th career FT Saturday at Phoenix;* he needs 153 points to hit the 7000 mark... Hauled in his 2000th career rebound Nov. 20 at Charlotte, and reached the 400-game plateau Oct. 18 at San Antonio.

#### Career vs. Lakers

	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
9 games .....	40.0	.445	.200	.883	6.9	4.0	2.00	1.6	0.33	20.1

# JAMAL CRAWFORD

@JCrossover

#11

G 6-5 185 Michigan '00

18th Year

### Season Averages:

9.7 ppg 41.1 FG% 1.1 rpg 2.3 apg

### Last 5 Games

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento .....	16:55	1-5	0-1	0-0	0	3	1	0	0	2
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix.....	17:30	2-7	1-4	1-1	0	4	0	1	0	6
Dec. 18 vs. Portland .....	22:48	10-16	1-4	2-2	1	2	1	1	0	23
Dec. 20 at Denver .....	28:12	7-14	4-6	2-2	1	7	0	2	0	20
Dec. 23 at Phoenix .....	21:29	4-11	1-4	2-2	1	3	0	2	0	11

**Notable:** The Denver minute total is his high since logging a season-best 29:30 vs. Indiana on Oct. 24 (one of nine games playing 20+; the Wolves are 5-4)... Scored 16 of his season-high 23 points in the 4th period Dec. 18 vs. Portland; since 2012-13, he's 4th in the NBA in 4th-quarter scoring (behind only James Harden, Damian Lillard and LeBron James) with 2146 points... Had 16 points Dec. 10 vs. Dallas, one of 17 double-digit nights on the year (six this month)... Topped the Wolves with 19 points Nov. 20 at Charlotte... Converted a four-point play Nov. 5 vs. Charlotte, extending his NBA-record career total to 51 in that category... Dished nine assists Oct. 24 vs. Indiana (his top single-game effort since 2014), tacking on 18 points... Tallied all of his 17 points Oct. 20 vs. Utah in the 4th quarter... Ranks 4th in FT accuracy (94.5%)... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a two-year contract on July 19; Minnesota is his seventh NBA stop.

### Career Highs – Jamal Crawford

Points:	52	vs. Miami.....	1/26/07
Rebounds:	11	MR: @ Boston.....	4/9/06
Assists:	12	MR: vs. Miami .....	3/15/05
Steals:	6	MR: @ Boston.....	2/13/08
Blocks:	3	@ Dallas .....	11/19/04
Minutes:	60	vs. Sacramento .....	1/14/09

**2016-17:** Wrapped up his 17th season in the NBA and fifth in L.A. by appearing in all 82 games for the first time in his career... Started the Dec. 26 contest vs. Denver, his lone start of the year and just his 40th in the past eight seasons... Averaged 12.3 ppg, 1.6 rpg and 2.6 apg in 26.3 mpg, shooting 41.3% from the field, 36.0% (116-for-322) from three-point range and 85.7% from the FT line... Added 12.6 ppg (42.2%), 1.3 rpg and 1.9 apg while playing in all seven of the Clippers' postseason contests (28.0 mpg)... Went over the 18,000-career-point mark Mar. 26 vs. Sacramento, and sank the 2000th three-pointer of his career Feb. 6 at Toronto; he's just the sixth player in NBA history to connect on 2000 treys... Scored 367 of his 1008 total points in the 4th quarter... Netted a season-high 28 points Mar. 25 vs. Utah... Finished with 27 points (6-for-9 from long distance) Jan. 24 at Philadelphia, one of 19 20+ performances on the year; he collected a season-high eight rebounds Jan. 19 vs. Minnesota... Handed out a season-best eight assists Jan. 6 at Sacramento, and dished the 4000th assist of his NBA career Dec. 31 at Oklahoma City... Re-signed to a one-year contract on July 8.

**Milestones:** The Nov. 22 game vs. Orlando was the 1200th of his career; he's the 37th player to reach that mark... Scored his 10,000th career bench point Oct. 25 at Detroit; in the past 35 years, only Dell Curry (11,147) has tallied more points in a reserve role.

### Career vs. Lakers

	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
38 games .....	29.4	.386	.339	.890	2.3	3.5	0.74	1.6	0.13	14.5

# GORGUI DIENG

@GorguiDieng

## #5

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Louisville '13

5th Year

### Season Averages:

6.2 ppg 48.0 FG% 4.9 rpg 1.3 apg

Last 5 Games	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento	24:12	2-6	0-0	0-0	8	2	4	0	1	4
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix	15:35	1-4	0-1	0-0	2	0	1	1	1	2
Dec. 18 vs. Portland	18:50	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Dec. 20 at Denver	20:41	2-4	0-1	1-2	9	1	2	0	0	5
Dec. 23 at Phoenix	22:52	2-6	2-2	4-4	7	3	1	0	2	10

**Notable:** Saturday marked his seventh double-digit scoring night of the year and the 11th time he's logged 20+ minutes; Minnesota is 8-3 when he plays 20+... Shooting 31.0% (9-for-29) in his last six, after a six-game run at 65.0% (26-for-40)... Contributed season highs with 19 points, five assists and four steals (in a season-best 36:32) Nov. 29 at New Orleans... Returned Nov. 17 at Dallas, having been sidelined for three games with a sprained right index finger to end his ironman streak at 175... Totaled 15 points and a season-high 11 rebounds Nov. 5 vs. Charlotte, his lone double-double this year (56th career); he's just the third player in franchise history to register a double-double while logging fewer than 20 minutes... Helped Sénégal to a 3rd-place finish at AfroBasket 2017, netting 14.2 ppg and 6.8 rpg in six games.

**2016-17:** Started all 82 games in his fourth NBA season, averaging 10.0 ppg, 7.9 rpg and 1.9 apg in a career-best 32.4 mpg... Shot 50.2% from the field, 37.2% (16-for-43) from three-point range and 81.4% from the FT line; he ranked 25th in rebounding, 26th in FG accuracy and 23rd in blocked shots (1.16 bpg)... Added 11 points, six assists and a season-high 15 rebounds Mar. 30 vs. the Lakers, his 13th double-double of the year... The minute total Mar. 28 at Indiana (44:10) was a season best; he picked off a season-high four steals Mar. 25 at Portland... Grabbed his 2000th career rebound Mar. 11 at Milwaukee... Pulled in 14 rebounds Jan. 30 vs. Orlando, and tied his season high with four blocks Jan. 17 at San Antonio... Scored a season-high 21 points Jan. 15 at Dallas, his third 20+ effort on the year (15th career); the 10-for-12 shooting is the highest percentage by a Wolves player (min. 10 FGM) since Kevin Love went 10-for-12 vs. Utah on Feb. 25, 2009... Netted 20 points Nov. 21 vs. Boston, part of his 10th career 20/10 night, and dished a season-high seven assists Nov. 9 at Orlando... Signed a four-year contract extension on Oct. 31.

**Milestones:** Passed Rasha Nesterović (373) for 2nd place on the franchise's career blocked shot list Saturday at Phoenix... Overtook Christian Laettner (2225) for 4th on the Wolves' all-time rebounding chart Nov. 29 at New Orleans.

2016-17 vs. Lakers	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 13 at Minnesota	30:46	1-4	0-0	0-0	9	2	0	1	0	2
Mar. 24 at Los Angeles	38:43	6-11	0-1	2-2	6	3	1	3	3	14
Mar. 30 at Minnesota	41:49	4-9	1-1	2-3	15	6	0	1	3	11
Apr. 9 at Los Angeles	37:27	4-6	0-0	4-4	7	4	1	1	3	12

Career vs. Lakers	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
14 games	25.8	.521	.250	.786	6.2	2.4	0.64	1.5	1.29	7.7

### 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

# TAJ GIBSON

@TajGibson22

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F 6-9 235 USC '09

9th Year

### Season Averages:

11.2 ppg 54.5 FG% 8.2 rpg 1.4 apg

Last 5 Games	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento	24:22	5-11	0-1	2-2	4	1	1	0	1	12
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix	40:13	8-14	0-0	2-2	10	1	0	0	2	18
Dec. 18 vs. Portland	33:56	5-7	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	2	1	10
Dec. 20 at Denver	30:29	6-9	0-1	0-0	5	0	1	0	1	12
Dec. 23 at Phoenix	34:48	4-8	0-1	1-2	8	0	1	1	1	9

**Notable:** Finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix, his 86th career double-double (12th this year); the minute total is his third 40+ outing of the season... Fouled out of the Philadelphia game in OT, his second DQ (Nov. 19 vs. Detroit)... Ranks 11th in the NBA in FG accuracy (54.5%) and 24th in rebounding (8.2 rpg)... Registered season highs with 14 rebounds and three blocks Dec. 6 at the L.A. Clippers... Scored 20 points with 11 rebounds Dec. 3 vs. the Clippers, the 13th 20/10 outing of his career; the eight FTs tie a career high... Logged a season-best 41:06 vs. Washington on Nov. 28, and grabbed a season-high 14 rebounds Nov. 26 vs. Phoenix... Totaled 24 points Nov. 22 vs. Orlando, his top scoring night since 2014 (one of 24 career 20+ efforts), and dished out a season-high four assists Nov. 4 vs. Dallas... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a two-year contract on July 10; Minnesota becomes his third team.

Career Highs – Taj Gibson	
Points:	26 MR: @ Golden State .....2/6/14
Rebounds:	19 @ Atlanta .....2/2/13
Assists:	7 vs. Washington.....2/24/16
Steals:	4 vs. Sacramento .....3/21/16
Blocks:	6 MR: vs. Milwaukee .....1/5/16
Minutes:	48 @ Brooklyn .....2/1/13

**2016-17:** Completed his eighth NBA campaign in Oklahoma City, having been acquired from Chicago (along with Doug McDermott and a 2nd-round pick in the 2018 NBA Draft) in exchange for Joffrey Lauvergne, Anthony Morrow and Cameron Payne... Between the two stops, he appeared in 78 games (making a career-high 71 starts) and averaged 10.8 ppg and 6.2 rpg in 25.5 mpg... Hit 51.5% from the field (ranking 21st in the league) and 71.5% from the FT line... Also started all five playoff contests for the Thunder, netting 9.8 ppg (60.0%) and 3.6 rpg in 23.6 mpg... Scored 17 points Mar. 14 at Brooklyn, his top point total in a Thunder uniform... Finished with a season-best four blocks Jan. 27 vs. Miami... Netted 15 points and a season-high 15 rebounds Jan. 14 vs. New Orleans; the board total represented the most by any Chicago player for the year... Scored the 5000th point of NBA career Dec. 25 at San Antonio... Went 8-for-8 from the floor Dec. 19 vs. Detroit, then followed up by sinking his first five FG attempts Dec. 21 vs. Washington; it was the Bulls' longest string of consecutive made FGs since Elton Brand made 14 in a row in 2000... Totaled 11 double-doubles, including a season-high 23 points and 11 rebounds Dec. 2 vs. Cleveland.

**Milestones:** The Nov. 17 game at Dallas was the 600th of his NBA career; he sank his 1000th career FT Dec. 10 vs. Dallas.

Career vs. Lakers	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
15 games	26.5	.414	.000	.634	6.5	1.7	1.00	1.5	1.13	8.8

**MARCUS GEORGES-HUNT** @GTMGH3 **#13**  
**G** **6-5** **226** **Georgia Tech '16** **2nd Year**

**Season Averages:**  
**0.9 ppg** **50.0 FG%** **0.1 rpg** **0.2 apg**

Last 5 Games	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento .....	16:54	2-3	1-2	0-0	1	1	0	1	0	5
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix.....	5:34	1-2	0-1	0-2	0	0	1	0	0	2
Dec. 18 vs. Portland.....	7:19	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec. 20 at Denver .....	5:25	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec. 23 at Phoenix.....	5:55	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	0	0	1

**Notable:** The point and minute totals Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento are season highs; *he'd logged a combined 14:52 in nine outings entering the contest...* Recalled from Iowa on Nov. 10, having debuted with 34 points for the Timberwolves' G-League affiliate on Nov. 9 at Northern Arizona... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a one-year contract on Aug. 11, having been waived by Orlando on July 31... Played for the Magic's Summer League entry.

**Career Highs – Marcus Georges-Hunt**

Points:	<b>8</b>	vs. Brooklyn.....	4/6/17
Rebounds:	<b>7</b>	vs. Brooklyn.....	4/6/17
Assists:	<b>2</b>	@ Chicago.....	4/10/17
Steals:	<b>1</b>	MR: @ Phoenix.....	12/23/17
Blocks:	<b>0</b>		
Minutes:	<b>20</b>	vs. Brooklyn.....	4/6/17

**2016-17:** Made his NBA debut with Orlando on Apr. 4 at Cleveland, having signed the previous day... Appeared in the Magic's final five games, averaging 2.8 ppg and 1.8 rpg in 9.6 mpg... Posted season highs with eight points and seven rebounds in 20:16 vs. Brooklyn on Apr. 6... Signed a 10-day contract with Miami on Feb. 8 but did not see action in a game... Spent the bulk of the season with the D-League's Maine Red Claws, where he averaged 15.8 ppg, 6.2 rpg and 4.5 apg in 45 contests (36.4 mpg)... Shot 46.2% from the field, 39.2% (74-for-189) from three-point range and 88.8% (159-for-179) from the FT line... Collected eight points in the D-League All-Star Game, held Feb. 18 in New Orleans... Waived by Boston on Oct. 20, having appeared in two preseason games after signing with the Celtics as an undrafted free agent on Sept. 26.

**TYUS JONES** @1Tyus **#1**  
**G** **6-2** **184** **Duke '15** **3rd Year**

**Season Averages:**  
**4.1 ppg** **46.1 FG%** **1.7 rpg** **2.6 apg**

Last 5 Games	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento .....	17:48	2-2	1-1	1-1	1	1	0	2	0	6
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix.....	13:03	3-3	2-2	2-2	0	1	3	0	0	10
Dec. 18 vs. Portland.....	10:40	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	0	0	0
Dec. 20 at Denver .....	15:35	1-3	0-2	0-0	1	4	0	0	0	2
Dec. 23 at Phoenix.....	14:25	3-4	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	7

**Notable:** Has made 13 of 24 trey attempts over his last 15 contests... *Leads the NBA in both ast/TO ratio (4.72-to-1) and in stl/TO ratio (2.00-to-1)*... Has come off the bench in 11 straight games, after starting the previous three (his first career starts); he tallied 11.3 ppg (53.3%), 4.5 rpg, 6.5 apg and 4.00 spg in the last four November games... Scored a season-high 16 points (in a career-best 41:35) Nov. 28 at New Orleans... *Notched career bests in steals (seven) and blocks (two) Nov. 26 vs. Phoenix*, and snagged a career-high six rebounds Nov. 24 vs. Miami... Had his 2018-19 contract option exercised on Oct. 15.

**Career Highs – Tyus Jones**

Points:	<b>17</b>	@ Houston.....	4/12/17
Rebounds:	<b>6</b>	vs. Miami.....	11/24/17
Assists:	<b>12</b>	vs. New Orleans.....	4/13/16
Steals:	<b>7</b>	vs. Phoenix.....	11/26/17
Blocks:	<b>2</b>	MR: vs. Phoenix.....	11/26/17
Minutes:	<b>42</b>	@ New Orleans.....	11/29/17

**2016-17:** Concluded his second NBA season by playing in 60 games, including each of the final 26... Averaged 3.5 ppg, 1.1 rpg and 2.6 apg in 12.9 mpg, shooting 41.4% from the floor, 35.6% (26-for-73) from beyond the arc and 76.7% from the FT line... Swiped 32 steals in his last 32 contests and finished the season at a team-leading 2.98 stl/48... Pumped in a career-best 17 points with seven assists Apr. 12 at Houston, his fifth double-digit effort of the year... *Dished a season-high nine assists (in a season-high 31:25) Feb. 6 vs. Miami, kicking off a 17-game stretch that saw him deal 48 assists vs. four TOs (271 minutes)*... Chipped in 11 points Feb. 24 vs. Dallas, and drilled the tie-breaking 3-pointer with :19.5 to play Feb. 8 vs. Toronto... Posted season highs in rebounds (five), steals (five) and minutes (32:20) Nov. 8 at Brooklyn, adding 12 points and seven assists; he's the 2nd-youngest player in club history to notch a 4x5 game... Had his 2017-18 contract option exercised on Oct. 23.

2016-17 vs. Lakers	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 13 at Minnesota.....	16:35	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	5	0	2	0	3
Mar. 24 at Los Angeles.....	21:43	3-3	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	3	0	8
Mar. 30 at Minnesota.....	6:24	1-2	0-1	0-1	0	4	0	1	0	2
Apr. 9 at Los Angeles.....	9:35	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	3	1	0	0	0

  

Career vs. Lakers	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
4 games .....	13.5	.625	.333	.667	0.8	3.5	1.00	1.5	0.00	3.3

# SHABAZZ MUHAMMAD

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## #15

F 6-6 221 UCLA '13

5th Year

### Season Averages:

4.0 ppg 38.5 FG% 1.7 rpg 0.3 apg

Last 5 Games	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento	DNP-CD									
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix	DNP-CD									
Dec. 18 vs. Portland	DNP-CD									
Dec. 20 at Denver	DNP-CD									
Dec. 23 at Phoenix	DNP-CD									

**Notable:** Has drawn 10 straight DNP-CDs since his most recent outing (Dec. 1 at Oklahoma City); the Nov. 29 DNP at New Orleans was his first of the year... Grabbed a season-high five rebounds Nov. 24 vs. Miami; the 10 points mark his second double-digit night this year (114th of his career)... Shot 43.1% (22-for-51) in 14 November contests (33.3% in October)... Added a season-high 14 points Oct. 24 vs. Indiana... Re-signed to a one-year contract on Sept. 15.

**2016-17:** Completed his fourth season in the NBA by averaging 9.9 ppg and 2.8 rpg in 19.4 mpg while playing in 78 contests... Missed three games (Nov. 13-17) with a sore right knee, his first DNPs since 2014-15... Shot 48.2% from the field, 33.8% (49-for-145) from three-point range and a career-best 77.4% from the FT line... Chipped in 22 points Apr. 12 at Houston, his 25th career 20+ point night (23rd off the bench, surpassing Sam Mitchell for the most in club history)... Topped the Wolves with a season-high 24 points and a career-best 11 rebounds Apr. 4 at Golden State, his second career double-double... Hauled in eight offensive rebounds at Golden State, the most by a Wolves wing player since Trenton Hassell had eight at Detroit on Jan. 15, 2007... Misfired on 48 of his final 56 trey attempts (14.3%), following a 21-game blitz (Dec. 28-Feb. 8) in which he went 32-for-56 (57.1%) from long range... Started Mar. 8 vs. the L.A. Clippers, his first starting assignment since Jan. 9, 2015 at Milwaukee... Scored his 2000th career point Feb. 14 vs. Cleveland; the Jan. 28 game vs. Brooklyn was the 200th of his career... Netted 22 points Feb. 8 vs. Toronto, and also had 22 points Dec. 30 vs. Milwaukee; he scored at an 11.6 ppg clip (50.3%) over his final 52 outings.

### Career Highs – Shabazz Muhammad

Points:	35	@ Golden State.....	4/5/16
Rebounds:	11	@ Golden State.....	4/4/17
Assists:	5	MR: vs. Phoenix.....	1/7/15
Steals:	3	MR: @ Washington.....	12/16/14
Blocks:	1	MR: @ New Orleans.....	11/1/17
Minutes:	39	@ Golden State.....	4/5/16

2016-17 vs. Lakers	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 13 at Minnesota	Inactive-Sore Right Knee									
Mar. 24 at Los Angeles	11:43	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar. 30 at Minnesota	9:50	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Apr. 9 at Los Angeles	17:35	4-9	0-4	4-5	2	0	0	2	0	12

  

Career vs. Lakers	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
10 games	14.6	.538	.300	.792	2.1	0.4	0.40	1.0	0.00	9.2

# JUSTIN PATTON

@JustinPatton17

## #24

C 7-0 236 Creighton '17

Rookie

### Season Averages (Iowa, G-League):

9.5 ppg 48.9 FG% 5.3 rpg 0.8 apg

Last 5 Games	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 13 at Memphis (G-League)	16:29	6-8	0-0	1-1	2	2	2	2	0	13
Dec. 15 vs. Northern Arizona (G-League)	16:19	4-9	0-0	0-0	8	1	1	3	1	8
Dec. 17 at Sioux Falls (G-League)	18:28	3-8	0-0	0-1	6	2	1	1	2	6
Dec. 19 vs. Memphis (G-League)	17:31	3-7	0-1	2-2	4	0	0	4	0	8
Dec. 23 vs. Agua Caliente (G-League)	19:51	2-6	0-0	3-4	5	0	0	2	1	7

**Notable:** Assigned to Iowa (G-League) on Dec. 3 and made his professional debut in the Dec. 8 win vs. Salt Lake City in Des Moines... Underwent surgery on July 4 to repair a fractured fifth metatarsal in his left foot... Signed to a two-year contract on July 4... Draft rights acquired (along with forward Jimmy Butler) from Chicago on June 22 in exchange for guards Kris Dunn and Zach LaVine and the draft rights to forward Lauri Markkanen... Selected by Chicago in the 1st round (16th overall) of the 2017 NBA Draft on June 22.

**2016-17:** Named the Big East Freshman of the Year and earned Second Team All-Big East honors after averaging 12.9 ppg, 6.2 rpg and 1.43 bpg in 35 games for Creighton (25.3 mpg)... Ranked 2nd in the nation in FG accuracy (67.6%) – the 2nd-best percentage by a freshman in NCAA Division I history – while shooting 8-for-15 from three-point range and 51.7% (45-for-87) from the FT line... Hit the go-ahead basket in the Jan. 16 victory at Xavier, capping an 18-1 start to the season for Creighton (finished 25-10)... Scored a season-high 25 points with nine rebounds and a season-high four assists Jan. 4 at St. John's... Hauled down a season-best 11 rebounds Feb. 11 at DePaul, one of three double-doubles; he totaled 21 points and 10 boards Nov. 29 vs. Buffalo... Had a season-high five blocks Feb. 4 vs. Xavier, and pumped in 21 points in the Big East Tournament semifinal win over Xavier on Mar. 10.

# JEFF TEAGUE

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G 6-2 189 Wake Forest '09

9th Year

### Season Averages:

13.7 ppg 44.8 FG% 2.9 rpg 7.1 apg

### Last 5 Games

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento .....	30:12	4-9	2-7	0-0	2	6	2	4	0	10
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix.....	34:57	8-14	1-3	0-1	1	8	1	0	3	17
Dec. 18 vs. Portland.....	37:20	6-13	1-3	0-0	3	5	0	3	0	13
Dec. 20 at Denver .....	32:25	5-13	1-6	5-5	4	8	2	2	0	16
Dec. 23 at Phoenix.....	33:35	5-9	0-1	2-2	7	6	0	5	0	12

**Notable:** Tied his career best with three blocks Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix... Shooting 50.0% (58-for-116) in 11 December starts, but is 7-for-26 from beyond the arc in his last eight... Missed the final four November contests due to a sore right Achilles; he returned Dec. 1 at Oklahoma City to register his seventh double-double (69th career) with 11 points and 10 assists... The Nov. 24 DNP vs. Miami snapped his ironman streak at 168 games... Totaled 22 points and 11 assists Nov. 22 vs. Orlando, his second 20+ pt/10+ ast night of the year (28th career)... Dished out a season-high 12 assists Nov. 5 vs. Charlotte, adding 18 points... Led Minnesota with a season-high 23 points and 11 assists Oct. 30 at Miami; he also equaled his career high with six steals... Ranks 7th in assists (7.1 apg), 22nd in steals (1.45 spg) and 28th in minutes (34.2 mpg)... Signed as an unrestricted free agent to a three-year contract on July 10; Minnesota becomes his third NBA team.

### Career Highs – Jeff Teague

Points:	34	MR: vs. Toronto.....	3/18/14
Rebounds:	9	MR: @ New York .....	3/14/17
Assists:	17	vs. Chicago .....	12/30/16
Steals:	6	MR: @ Miami.....	10/30/17
Blocks:	3	MR: vs. Phoenix.....	12/16/17
Minutes:	53	vs. Utah.....	3/25/12

**2016-17:** Started all 82 games in his eighth NBA season and first with Indiana... Set career highs in games and minutes (2657) played as well as FTs made (360) and attempted (415)... Averaged 15.3 ppg, a career-best 4.0 rpg and 1.22 spg in 32.4 mpg while ranking 7th in assists (a career-high 7.8 apg)... Shot 44.2% from the field, 35.7% (90-for-252) from beyond the arc and 86.7% from the FT line, the latter figure good for 19th in the NBA... Added 17.0 ppg (48.9%), 3.3 rpg and 6.3 apg in four playoff appearances vs. Cleveland (35.5 mpg)... Posted a career-best 16 double-doubles and led the Pacers in assists on 70 occasions; he handed out a career-high 17 assists Dec. 30 vs. Chicago, the top total by any Indiana player since Jamaal Tinsley in 2002... Contributed a season-high 31 points Dec. 22 vs. Boston (going 11-for-11 from the line), one of three 30+ efforts on the year; he reached double figures 65 times overall, including 22 games with 20+ points... Grabbed nine rebounds on three occasions, most recently Mar. 14 at New York; the Pacers went 10-2 when he had 7+ boards... Played in his 600th career game Apr. 12 vs. Atlanta, and sank the 500th three-pointer of his NBA career Mar. 26 vs. Philadelphia... Tallied 30 points and a career-high six steals Nov. 20 at Oklahoma City, and tied his career best with three blocks Nov. 14 vs. Orlando... Acquired by Indiana from Atlanta on July 7 as part of a three-team trade; the Pacers dealt George Hill to Utah while the Jazz sent Taurean Prince to Atlanta to complete the transaction.

**Milestones:** Needs 58 points to reach the 8000 mark for his NBA career... Also needs six starts for 500.

### Career vs. Lakers

	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
13 games .....	25.6	.400	.273	.853	2.3	4.4	1.15	1.8	0.31	11.2



# KARL-ANTHONY TOWNS

@KarlTowns

## #32

C 7-0 248 Kentucky '15 3rd Year

### Season Averages:

20.5 ppg 52.7 FG% 11.7 rpg 1.9 apg

Last 5 Games	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento	34:53	11-16	2-4	6-9	14	5	1	0	5	30
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix	40:06	7-17	4-7	10-12	11	4	2	1	1	28
Dec. 18 vs. Portland	40:38	5-15	3-6	3-4	7	4	1	4	0	16
Dec. 20 at Denver	37:35	11-16	2-2	1-1	10	2	3	1	0	25
Dec. 23 at Phoenix	38:20	6-10	1-2	3-4	14	1	1	3	2	16

**Notable:** Tied a career best by sinking four treys Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix; *he's firing at a 44.2% clip (34-for-77) from three-point distance in the last 21...* Netted 30 points while posting season highs in assists (five) and blocks (five) Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento, joining Kevin Garnett as the only players in club history to collect 30+ pts/10+ reb/5+ ast/5+ blk in a game... *The effort was his 29th career 30+ outing*, moving past Andrew Wiggins for 4th on the team's all-time list (Garnett 82, Love 55, Campbell 30)... Posted career highs in steals (four) and minutes (48:07) Dec. 12 vs. Philadelphia; *he has 26 assists, 17 steals and 15 blocks in his last eight (Minnesota is 6-2)*... Named Western Conference Player of the Week on Nov. 20, his third such honor... Held to a career-low two points Nov. 1 at New Orleans... *Ranks 23rd in scoring (20.5 ppg), 5th in rebounding (11.7 rpg), 18th in FG accuracy (52.7%), 15th in blocks (1.36 bpg) and 1st in double-doubles (26)*... Produced season highs in points (33) and rebounds (19) Oct. 27 vs. Oklahoma City... Had his 2018-19 contract option exercised on Oct. 15.

**2016-17:** Again started all 82 games in his second year with the Wolves while pouring in 2061 points to break Kevin Love's club single-season scoring record (2010 in 2013-14)... Hauled in 1007 rebounds, *becoming the youngest player in NBA history (15th overall and first since Tim Duncan in 2001-02) to collect 2000+ points and 1000+ rebounds in a season*... Averaged 25.1 ppg, 12.3 rpg and 2.7 apg in 37.0 mpg, shooting 54.2% from the floor, 36.7% (101-for-275) from beyond the arc and 83.2% from the FT line... Ranked 12th in scoring, 6th in rebounding, 12th in FG accuracy, 19th in blocked shots (1.26 bpg), 5th in minutes and 2nd in double-doubles (62); *he shot at a 44.4% clip (55-for-124) from three-point range in his final 41 starts*... Closed the season with 28 points and 21 rebounds (including a career-high 20 on the defensive end) Apr. 12 at Houston, his third 20/20 effort... Totaled 40 points and 21 rebounds Apr. 9 at the L.A. Lakers, making him just the 10th NBA player in the last 30 years to register 40+ points and 20+ rebounds in a game; it was his third 40-point showing of the season and 21st 30+ night (25th career)... Named Western Conference Player of the Week on Mar. 13, the second time he's earned that honor... *Collected his 100th career double-double Mar. 8 vs. the Clippers, becoming the 2nd-youngest player in NBA history to reach 100* (Dwight Howard); he also scored his 3000th career point in that game... Netted 37 points and a career-high 22 rebounds Feb. 25 at Houston... Played in the BBVA Compass Rising Stars Challenge on Feb. 17 in New Orleans, totaling 24 points and 11 rebounds... Collected 19 rebounds Feb. 15 at Denver, and led the Wolves with 36 points Feb. 10 vs. New Orleans; *he averaged 28.2 ppg (59.4%) and 12.8 rpg in the final 45 contests*... The 13-for-13 effort from the line Feb. 8 vs. Toronto was a career best for FT accuracy... Scored 37 points Jan. 19 at the Clippers, making a career-best 17 FGs; he pumped in 20 points in the 1st quarter Jan. 9 vs. Dallas... Dealt a career-high 10 assists Dec. 28 at Denver, becoming the 11th (and youngest) player in team history to register a triple-double... Posted his second 40+ outing of the season with the 41-point effort vs. Houston on Dec. 17; he'd poured in a career-high 47 points Nov. 30 vs. New York... Had his 2017-18 contract option exercised on Oct. 23.

**Milestones:** *Overtook Tom Gugliotta (4201) for 10th on the Wolves' all-time scoring chart Dec. 20 at Denver*; he'd surpassed Christian Laettner (2225) for 5th on the club's career rebounding leaderboard Dec. 18 vs. Portland... Scored his 4000th career point Nov. 28 vs. Washington... Hauled down his 2000th career rebound Nov. 13 at Utah, joining Dwight Howard as the only players in NBA history to collect 3000+ points and 2000+ rebounds prior to their 22nd birthdays.

### Career Highs – Karl-Anthony Towns

Points:	47	vs. New York	11/30/16
Rebounds:	22	@ Houston	2/25/17
Assists:	10	@ Denver	12/28/16
Steals:	4	vs. Philadelphia	12/12/17
Blocks:	6	MR: @ Dallas	1/20/16
Minutes:	48	vs. Philadelphia	12/12/17

2016-17 vs. Lakers	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 13 at Minnesota	38:52	7-22	2-7	6-10	12	2	0	2	1	22
Mar. 24 at Los Angeles	42:42	11-19	0-2	3-3	14	4	1	1	2	25
Mar. 30 at Minnesota	41:16	11-22	2-3	8-10	9	2	2	3	1	32
Apr. 9 at Los Angeles	41:16	17-22	1-2	5-8	21	4	1	3	1	40

  

Career vs. Lakers	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
7 games	37.6	.561	.333	.707	13.1	2.3	0.57	2.1	1.43	24.7

# ANDREW WIGGINS

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## #22

G 6-8 202 Kansas '14

4th Year

### Season Averages:

17.6 ppg 42.7 FG% 4.0 rpg 1.7 apg

#### Last 5 Games

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento .....	33:49	9-17	3-4	1-1	1	0	0	1	0	22
Dec. 16 vs. Phoenix.....	36:31	5-16	1-6	2-4	1	1	3	2	1	13
Dec. 18 vs. Portland.....	33:14	4-14	0-3	1-3	7	0	1	0	1	9
Dec. 20 at Denver .....	34:47	3-12	0-2	1-1	5	2	2	0	1	7
Dec. 23 at Phoenix.....	30:49	8-17	1-2	0-0	4	0	1	2	0	17

**Notable:** The Denver win marked the first time he's been held below 10 points in consecutive games since December 2014... Averaging 13.8 ppg over the past 10, shooting 18.9% (7-for-37) from beyond the arc; he'd tallied 21.3 ppg in his previous four (12-for-25 from long range)... Chipped in 22 points Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento, his 15th 20+ night of the season (151st career); he ranks 3rd on Minnesota's all-time list (Garnett 534, Love 167) in that category... Scored a season-high 28 points Nov. 29 at New Orleans while also totaling season bests in rebounds (eight) and assists (five)... Logged a season-high 41:45 Nov. 19 vs. Detroit; he's 9th in the NBA in minutes (36.5 mpg) – 3rd in total minutes (1205) – 39th in steals (1.24 spg) and 40th in scoring (17.6 ppg)... Swiped a season-high four steals Nov. 8 at Golden State, and finished with 27 points Nov. 11 at Phoenix... Hit the game-winning trey as time expired Oct. 22 at Oklahoma City – his second career buzzer-beater (Jan. 24, 2017 at Phoenix) – capping a 27-point night... Signed to a five-year contract extension on Oct. 11.

#### Career Highs – Andrew Wiggins

Points:	47	vs. L.A. Lakers .....	11/13/16
Rebounds:	10	MR: vs. Philadelphia .....	11/17/16
Assists:	9	@ Golden State .....	4/11/15
Steals:	6	@ Golden State .....	4/5/16
Blocks:	3	MR: vs. Detroit.....	11/19/17
Minutes:	49	vs. L.A. Lakers .....	3/25/15

**2016-17:** Concluded his third NBA season by starting all 82 games, registering career highs in scoring (23.6 ppg), assists (2.3 apg), three-point accuracy (35.6%), three-pointers made (103) and minutes (37.2 mpg)... Finished with 1933 points, the fourth-best single-season total in franchise history; the scoring average ranks fifth all-time... Also tallied 4.0 rpg and 1.00 spg while shooting 45.1% from the field and 76.0% from the FT line; he led the league in total minutes played (3048) while ranking 3rd in minutes per game and 16th in scoring... Tallied 26.0 ppg over his final 30 games, boosting that to 28.3 ppg in eight April starts... Converted 22 of his final 53 attempts from beyond the arc (41.5%), and picked off 42 steals in his last 31 starts – including a season-high four Feb. 27 at Sacramento... Led all scorers with 41 points Apr. 9 at the L.A. Lakers, his fifth 40+ night (14th with 30+); only Kevin Love (six in 2013-14) posted more 40+ games in a season in Wolves annals... Overtook Tony Campbell (4888) for 6th on the Wolves' all-time scoring list Apr. 6 at Portland... Logged a season-high 44:17 Mar. 24 at the L.A. Lakers, while the 24-point effort in the Mar. 10 win vs. Golden State was one of 39 times led the Wolves in scoring (14th in a victory)... Saw his then-club-record run of 19 consecutive games scoring 20+ points halted Mar. 4 at San Antonio... Led all scorers with 40 points in the Feb. 15 victory at Denver, becoming just the second player in Wolves history to tally 40+ in consecutive games (Kevin Love, Apr. 13-14, 2014)... Scored his 4000th career point in the Jan. 22 victory vs. Denver; only LeBron James, Kevin Durant and Carmelo Anthony totaled more points than his 4384 prior to their 22nd birthdays... Became the sixth Wolves player ever to post multiple 40+ outings with the 41-point effort Jan. 6 at Washington; the 30 FGAs are a career high... Tied his career best with 10 rebounds Nov. 17 vs. Philadelphia, part of his fourth career double-double... Poured in a career-high 47 points Nov. 13 vs. the L.A. Lakers; the FTs made (17) and attempted (22) are both career bests... His prior top scoring night was the 36-point outing Nov. 8 at Brooklyn; in that game, he sank a career-high six three-pointers... Had his 2017-18 contract option exercised on Oct. 23.

**Milestones:** Sank his 2000th career FG Dec. 14 vs. Sacramento, and passed the 10,000-career-minute plateau Dec. 18 vs. Portland... Pulled in his 1000th career rebound Oct. 20 vs. Utah, and scored his 5000th career point Oct. 18 at San Antonio.

#### 2016-17 vs. Lakers

	Min	FG-A	3P-A	FT-A	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
Nov. 13 at Minnesota.....	41:06	14-21	2-5	17-22	4	3	0	2	1	47
Mar. 24 at Los Angeles.....	44:17	14-28	5-7	3-5	4	2	1	2	1	36
Mar. 30 at Minnesota.....	39:36	9-20	1-3	8-10	4	2	1	0	0	27
Apr. 9 at Los Angeles .....	38:25	13-26	2-5	13-14	2	1	0	2	0	41

#### Career vs. Lakers

	Min	FG%	3Pt%	FT%	Reb	Ast	Stl	TO	Blk	Pts
11 games .....	38.1	.484	.387	.846	3.8	2.0	0.73	1.8	0.55	25.8