

# NBA

## 2016-17

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### Eastern Conference

#### Atlantic

Boston	53-29
Toronto	51-31
New York	31-51
Philadelphia	28-54
Brooklyn	20-62

#### Central

Cleveland	51-31
Milwaukee	42-40
Indiana	42-40
<b>Chicago</b>	41-41
Detroit	37-45

#### Southeast

Washington	49-33
Atlanta	43-39
Miami	41-41
Charlotte	36-46
Orlando	29-53

### Western Conference

#### Southwest

San Antonio	61-21
Houston	55-27
Memphis	43-39
New Orleans	34-48
Dallas	33-49

#### Northwest

Utah	51-31
Oklahoma City	47-35
Portland	41-41
Denver	40-42
Minnesota	31-51

#### Pacific

Golden State	67-15
LA Clippers	51-31
Sacramento	32-50
LA Lakers	26-56
Phoenix	24-48

**Offense:** Golden State 116.0

**Defense:** Dallas 97.9

Home: Best: Golden State 36- 5

Worst: Brooklyn 13-28

Away: Best: Golden State 31-10

Worst: Brooklyn 7-34

#### League:

7/16: NBA great **Nate Thurmond** passed away at 74.

- League looked for ways to eliminate "Hack-a-Shaq" fouls and reducing number of timeouts late in the game. Commissioner Silver considered **fining teams for resting their elite players**. Cleveland's LeBron James and Golden State's Stephen Curry each sat out a game or two during the season.

**Trouble in NY:** Knicks' **Carmelo Anthony** and club president Phil Jackson did not see eye-to-eye; G **Derrick Rose** took an unauthorized day off; former Knicks great **Charles Oakley** was banned from Madison Square Garden following his arrest for assault during a game.

**Trouble in LA:** Lakers' part owner Jeanie Buss named **Magic Johnson** president of basketball operations and fired GM Mitch Kupchak and Jim Buss (her brother) as VP of basketball operations. LA had been mired in mediocrity since 2013-14, averaging 22 wins per season and setting a new club record for losses (65, 2015-16).

**Fines and penalties:** **OJ Mayo** was suspended 2 years, Knicks' **Joakim Noah** 20G, and OK's **Mitch McGary** 15G for violating NBA's anti-drug policy; **Justin Anderson** (Dallas) \$25K for Flagrant 2 foul during game vs. Minnesota; WA G **John Wall**, **Rudy Gobert**, were each fined \$25K for contact with an official; Milwaukee's **Greg Monroe** \$35K and Lakers' **Nick Young** & **DeAngelo Russell** 25K/each for on-court fight;

Sac **Darren Collison** 8G for domestic violence. **Tim Hardaway, Jr.**, (3G) for DWI; **DeMarcus Cousins** \$50K for inappropriate language directed at a fan; Detroit G **Kentavious Caldwell-Pope** arrested for DUI.

Cousins was whistled for 17 technical fouls during the season.

**Changing Places:** G Derrick Rose & Joakim Noah (NY Knicks), Jeff Teague (Indiana), C Serge Ibaka (Orlando), C Dwight Howard (Atlanta), C Timofey Mosgov (LA Lakers), Al Horford (Boston), Kevin Durant (Golden State), G Rajon Rondo and Dwyane Wade (Chicago), Pau Gasol (San Antonio), Luol Deng (LA Lakers), C/F DeMarcus Cousins (New Orleans)

Toronto re-signed DeMar DeRozan \$139/5 years; Mosgov signed \$64M/4 years; Mike Conley: \$153M/5 Years.

#### Noteworthy games:

10/26: **New Orleans** lost to Denver 107-102 despite monster game from **Anthony Davis**: 50 points, 16 rebounds, and 7 steals.

10/27: **Oklahoma City** beat Phoenix 113-110 in OT. Thunders' **Russell Westbrook**: 51 points, 13 assists, 10 rebounds.

Westbrook shot 17-44 from the field; Oklahoma recorded 13 assists and 22 turnovers.

10/30: **Detroit** beat Milwaukee 98-83. Pistons' **Andre Drummond** (20 points) pulled down 23 rebounds.

- 11/3: **Golden State** beat Oklahoma 122-96. After 8 years in OK, Warriors' **Kevin Durant** (39 points) faced his former team.
- 11/4: **LA Lakers** beat Golden State 117-97. Warriors' **Stephen Curry's** streak of games making a 3-point shot ended at 157.
- 11/6: **Milwaukee** lost to Dallas 86-75 in OT. Bucks scored just 1 point in the overtime period.
- 11/7: **Golden State** beat New Orleans 116 -106. Warriors' **Stephen Curry** (46 points) made NBA-record 13 3-point shots.
- 11/15: **Miami** lost to Atlanta 93-90 despite 19 points and 25 rebounds by **Hasan Whiteside**.
- 11/23: **Cleveland** beat Portland 137-125. Cavs' Kevin Love (40 points) scored 34 points in 1<sup>st</sup> Q.  
Cleveland's 46 points was an NBA record for most points scored in the 1<sup>st</sup> Q.  
**Golden State** beat LA Lakers 149-106. Warriors shot 62% from the floor and their 47 assists was a club record.  
**Minnesota** lost to New Orleans 117-96. Wolves' **Andrew Wiggins** had a tough night - shooting 2-19 from the floor.
- 12/3: **Toronto** beat Atlanta 128-84. Raptors out-scored the Hawks 42- 14 in the 4thQ.
- 12/5: **Golden State** beat Indiana 142-106. Warriors' **Klay Thompson** scored 60 points (21-33 from the floor).
- 12/6: **Washington** lost to Orlando 124-116. Wizard's **John Wall** scored 52 points in a losing cause.
- 12/7: **Golden State** beat LA Clippers 115-98. Warriors' **Stephen Curry** was credited with 7 steals.
- 12/10: **LA Clippers** beat New Orleans 133-105. Clippers G **Chris Paul** (20 points) handed out 20 assists (0 turnovers).
- 12/13: **Orlando** beat Atlanta 131-120. Led by **Serge Ibaka** (29 points), 4 Magic players scored 20 or more points.
- 12/14: **Washington** beat Charlotte 109-106. Wizards' **John Wall** was credited with 7 steals.
- 12/16: **Houston** beat New Orleans 122-100. Rockets made new **NBA record** 24 3-point shots
- 12/17: **Oklahoma** beat Phoenix 114-101. Thunders' **Russell Westbrook**: 26/11 and 22 assists.
- 12/20: **Sacramento** beat Portland 126-121. Kings' **DeMarcus Cousins** scored 55 points.
- 12/28: **LA Clippers** lost to New Orleans 102-98. Clippers' **DeAndre Jordan** (13 points) pulled down 25 rebounds.
- 12/30: **Boston** beat Miami 117-114. Celtics G **Isaiah Thomas** scored 52 points.
- 12/31: **Chicago** beat Charlotte 118-111. Bulls' **Jimmy Butler** scored 52 points, including 21-22 from FT line.
- 1/8: **Houston** beat Toronto 129-122. Rockets' **James Harden** with (unwanted) quadruple-double: 40/10/11 and 10 turnovers.
- 1/12: **San Antonio** beat LA Lakers 134-94. Spurs shot 61% from the floor (C Pau Gasol: 9-9, Kawhi Leonard: 10-13).
- 1/20: **Utah** beat Dallas 112-107. Jazz C **Rudy Gobert**: 27 points and 24 rebounds.
- 1/22: **Dallas** beat LA Lakers 122-73 – **worst defeat in Lakers' history**. Mavs led 67-33 at the half.
- 1/27: **Houston** beat Philadelphia 123-118. Rockets' **James Harden**: 51 points, 13 rebounds and 13 assists.
- 1/28: **Golden State** beat LA Clippers 144-98. Warriors shot 62% from the floor; G **Stephen Curry** scored 43 points.
- 1/29: **Atlanta** beat NY Knicks 141-139 in 4 OT. Hawks' **Paul Milsap** (37 points) played all 60 minutes.  
NY's **Carmelo Anthony** led all scorers with 45 points. Knicks totaled 39 fouls, 4 fouled out.
- 2/11: **Golden State** beat Oklahoma 130-114. Thunder's **Russell Westbrook** with odd triple-double: 47/11 and 11 turnovers.
- 2/15: **Brooklyn** lost to Milwaukee 129-125. Nets' **Robin Lopez** (36 points) blocked 8 shots.  
**Boston** beat Philadelphia 116-108. Celtics' **Marcus Smart** (21 points) recorded 8 steals.
- 2/23: **Golden State** beat LA Clippers 123-113. Warriors scored 50 points in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Q.
- 3/3: **Cleveland** beat Atlanta 135-130. Cavs set new record for 3-point shots made (25 in 46 attempts).
- 3/7: **Oklahoma** lost to Portland 126-121. Thunder's **Russell Westbrook** scored 58 points in the loss.
- 3/25: **Phoenix** lost to Boston 130-120. Suns' G **Devin Booker** scored 70 points (24-26 from FT line).
- 3/26: **Sacramento** beat LA Clippers 98-97. Clippers blew 94-76 lead.  
**Houston** beat Oklahoma 137-125. Rockets shot 63% and 4 players scored 22+ points.
- 3/29: **Oklahoma** beat Orlando 114-106. Thunder's **Russell Westbrook**: 57 points, 13 rebounds, and 11 assists.  
Westbrook's 57 points was **NBA record** for a triple double; The OK guard scored 19 points in final 6 minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> Q.
- 4/8: **Portland** beat Utah 101-86. Blazers' **Damian Lillard** scored franchise-record 59 points.  
**Houston** beat Sacramento 135-128. Rockets' **James Harden** scored an odd quadruple-double: 35/11/15 & 10 turnovers.  
**Oklahoma** beat Denver 106-105. OK G **Russell Westbrook's** 42<sup>nd</sup> triple double (50/16/10) was an NBA record.
- December: Oklahoma Thunder G **Russell Westbrook** recorded 7 straight triple-doubles.  
Westbrook's 42 triple-doubles broke previous record held by **Oscar Robertson**.  
Westbrook was 2<sup>nd</sup> NBA player to average a triple-double throughout the season: 31.6/10.7/10.4
  - Dallas F Dirk Nowitzki reached 30,000 career points on 3/7.
  - First time in 38 years **Washington** won their division.

**Streaks:** Houston +10, Brooklyn -16; Golden State +14, Phoenix -13.  
Miami won 13 in a row. Heat's record before the streak: 11-30.

**All-Star Game:** West beat East 192-182. MVP **Anthony Davis** scored MVP-record 52 points.

**NBA Top 5:**

<b>Scoring:</b>			<b>Rebounding:</b>		
Russell Westbrook	Oklahoma	31.6	Hassan Whiteside	Miami	14.1
James Harden	Houston	29.1	Andre Drummond	Detroit	13.8
Isaiah Thomas	Boston	28.9	DeAndre Jordan	LA Clippers	13.8
Anthony Davis	New Orleans	28.0	Rudy Gobert	Utah	12.8
DeMar DeRozan	Toronto	27.3	Dwight Howard	Atlanta	12.7

**NBA Top 3:**

<b>Assists</b>			<b>FT %</b>		
James Harden	Houston	11.2	CJ McCollum	Portland	91.2
John Wall	Washington	10.7	Isaiah Thomas	Boston	90.9
R. Westbrook	Oklahoma	10.4	Kyrie Irving	Cleveland	90.5

<b>Blocks</b>			<b>Steals</b>			<b>3-pt %</b>		
Rudy Gobert	Utah	2.6	John Wall	Washington	2.05	Kyle Korver	Atl/Cleveland	45.1
Anthony Davis	NO	2.2	Draymond Green	Golden State	2.02	Allen Crabbe	Portland	44.4
Myles Turner	Indiana	2.1	Trevor Ariza	Houston	1.84	Joe Ingles	Utah	44.1

**Last Season:** Paul Pierce

**Rookie Class:** Malcom Brogdon, Dario Saric, Brandon Ingram, and Marquese Chriss

**#1 Pick in Draft:** LSU F Ben Simmons (Philadelphia)

**Rookie/ Year:** Joel Embiid, Philadelphia (projected)

**6<sup>th</sup> Man:** Zach Randolph, Memphis (projected)

**Improved:** Isaiah Thomas, Boston (projected)

**Defensive Player:** Rudy Gobert, Utah (projected)

**Executive/Year:** Bob Myers, Golden State

**Coach of Year:** Mike D'Antoni, Houston (projected)

**All NBA Team:** LeBron James, James Harden, Russell Westbrook, Anthony Davis, Kevin Durant

**MVP:** James Harden (projected)

**Hall of Fame:** Among the inductees: Tracy McGrady, George McGinnis, former Chicago Bulls GM Jerry Krause, and Zach Clayton (Early African American Pioneers Committee)

**NBA Finals:** Golden State beat Cleveland in 5 games