

PF	Gustavo Ayon	Hght: 6'9"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 245	From: Mexico		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
15		2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			+5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	NOH	27.1	61	-	.175	.000	.078	1.078	.588	.000	.609	.608	.167	.028	.150	.036	.022	.054	-	-	.607	-
Most similar to: <i>Vlade Divac (94.8), Chris Gatling, Ben Wallace, Danny Manning</i>																	IMP: 57%	BRK: 2%	COP: 4%			

When the Hornets signed Gustavo Ayon late in training camp, he became the third Mexican-born player in NBA history, joining Charlotte Bobcats forward Eduardo Najera and former Phoenix Suns big man Horacio Llamas. Ayon has a chance to be more than just a bit of trivia. He spent last season and the first two months of 2011-12 playing for Spanish club Fuenlabrada in the ACB. If that team sounds familiar, it's because one of Ayon's teammates last year was Bismack Biyombo. Ayon started ahead of the No. 7 overall pick, and his translated statistics suggest he can be a useful contributor in the NBA.

As compared to players who have made the leap from the ACB in the past, Ayon stands out in a pair of important categories. His two-point percentage in Spain (66.5 percent) ranked second behind Marc Gasol and his rebound percentage (16.6 percent) trailed just Serge Ibaka and Ersan Ilyasova. After playing the post for Fuenlabrada, Ayon will have to play facing the basket more frequently in the NBA at 6-9, but his steal and block rates suggest the requisite athleticism. DraftExpress' Jonathan Givony called Ayon "a steal" for New Orleans, and nothing in the statistics indicates otherwise. Ayon may not play much this year, but with Chris Kaman and Carl Landry both becoming free agents next summer, he could carve out a significant role in 2012-13.

PF	Josh Davis	Hght: 6'8"	Exp: 3	Salary: \$0.9 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 235	From: Wyoming		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
18		2012-13 status: free agent			+2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	MEM	31.7	61	-	.171	.398	.052	.654	.477	.320	.816	.510	.111	.019	.116	.016	.026	.060	-	-	.496	-
Most similar to: <i>Brian Cardinal (96.1), Ime Udoka, Chris Morris, George McCloud</i>																	IMP: 34%	BRK: 2%	COP: 11%			

The Grizzlies auditioned several fringe big men in the preseason in an effort to make up for the loss of Darrell Arthur to an injured Achilles tendon, not to mention Hamed Haddadi's delayed return from overseas because of visa problems. Josh Davis edged out Walter Sharpe, Mikki Moore and Brian Skinner for the right to back up Marc Gasol. Davis hadn't played in the league since appearing for three teams during the 2005-06 season. Now 31, Davis has played in just about every country in which basketball is played and perhaps even a couple where it isn't. Davis offers rebounding and face-up shooting in an undersized body. It's a combination that is a little redundant to what Dante Cunningham offers and Memphis gave Cunningham a multi-year contract. Guess who's going to get the minutes?

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C	Mickell Gladness	Hght: 6'11"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																				
		Wght: 230	From: Alabama A&M		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH													
32		2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			-3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--												
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP			
11-12p	MIA	25.7	61	-	.120	.008	.092	1.084	.502	.003	.560	.506	.132	.007	.165	.055	.010	.072	-	-	.385	-			
Most similar to: Ryan Hollins (96.9), Dan Gadzuric, Adonal Foyle, Hilton Armstrong																	IMP: 54%			BRK: 17%			COP: 5%		

Mickell Gladness was one of two D-Leaguers to make Miami's opening roster after earning a training-camp invitation. He's less likely to see court time than Terrel Harris. Gladness has potential as a big-time shot blocker --he once blocked an NCAA Division I record 16 shots in a game when he played at Alabama A&M. Other than that, Gladness is a project. He'll see some spot minutes while the Heat wait for Eddy Curry to round into shape. When they realize that will never happen, Miami will probably seek out another veteran to round out the bench.

SG	Terrel Harris	Hght: 6'5"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																				
		Wght: 190	From: Oklahoma State		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH													
14		2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--													
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP			
11-12p	MIA	24.7	61	-	.145	.413	.067	.653	.495	.353	.730	.527	.078	.042	.180	.003	.025	.075	-	-	.431	-			
Most similar to: Morlon Wiley (95.2), Ronnie Price, Donell Taylor, Randy Brown																	IMP: 54%			BRK: 12%			COP: 0%		

While we were writing the Miami chapter for *Pro Basketball Prospectus 2011-12*, the Heat was busy implementing just about every tweak that we suggested. One of those was to round out the bench with younger, more athletic players. Sure enough, the Heat kept D-Leaguer Terrel Harris after inviting him to training camp. Harris is a 3 & D-type with solid athleticism. Erik Spoelstra likes his defensive effort, so that bodes well for his potential for future employment. Harris hit four three-pointers in a preseason game to grab everyone's attention, but it was still a surprise to see him make the roster over stalwart Eddie House.

PG	Cory Higgins	Hght: 6'4"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 180	From: Colorado		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
11		2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			-5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	CHA	22.9	61	-	.181	.134	.101	.967	.367	.280	.847	.447	.047	.033	.131	.005	.011	.043	-	-	.279	-
Most similar to: Nick Young (95.2), Joe Crawford, Sonny Weems, Acie Law																	IMP: -	BRK: -	COP: -			

Cory Higgins played in the Colorado backcourt with Jazz rookie Alex Burks, but unlike his old teammate, Higgins went undrafted. He went to camp with the Denver Nuggets and was released before the season. The Bobcats picked him up off waivers. It's no surprise--Higgins father is Rod, Charlotte's president of basketball operations. Cory projects as a score-first combo guard who can't really score. Higgins got his feet wet by playing five games in the D-League during the lockout. After a good start, he shot 6-for-32 over his last three appearances. The rebuilding Bobcats are in wishcasting mode this year, so why not Higgins?

PF	Dennis Horner	Hght: 6'9"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 226	From: North Carolina State		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
31		2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	NJN	24.2	61	-	.170	.180	.098	.918	.438	.286	.767	.485	.090	.022	.131	.016	.015	.056	-	-	.391	-

Dennis Horner might have been the best story of training camp. One of three Springfield Armor players who went to training camp with the New Jersey Nets, the Linwood, NJ native started out as just a body and played his way into a roster spot by posting four points, four rebounds and three assists in an extended preseason outing against the Knicks.

The Nets envision Horner developing into a stretch four. He's got decent size for the position and made 31 three-pointers as a senior at North Carolina State in 2009-10. The biggest issue for Horner up front will be rebounding. His translated college statistics suggest he will only be an average rebounder for a small forward and could struggle against bigger players. That would be a problem if the Nets ever want to use him next to Brook Lopez. Such concerns might be getting carried away, however. Horner's work ethic and excitement to be in the league--as chronicled by Jonathan Abrams in a Grantland takeout that revealed Horner's wide-eyed NBA naivete--make him a fit at the end of the bench.

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SG	Larry Hughes	Hght: 6'5"	Exp: 12	Salary: \$0.9 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 185	From: St. Louis	TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH											
20		2012-13 status: free agent			0	--	-2	--	--	--	--	--	--									
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
08-09	NYK	30.2	55	26.9	.207	.279	.092	.813	.409	.389	.807	.515	.061	.036	.103	.005	.024	.029	109.3	110.3	.470	1.6
09-10	CHA	31.2	45	24.8	.210	.272	.097	.825	.381	.309	.832	.472	.074	.056	.147	.010	.024	.029	109.0	109.5	.484	1.6
11-12p	ORL	33.2	61	-	.193	.295	.085	.790	.381	.340	.796	.478	.065	.047	.139	.010	.022	.031	-	-	.454	-
Most similar to: Derek Fisher (96.5), Lindsey Hunter, Derek Harper, Sleepy Floyd																	IMP: 46%	BRK: 10%	COP: 10%			

Honestly, Larry Hughes probably belonged in the NBA last season. While Hughes has never been an efficient scorer, he brings enough complementary skills that he's preferable to other former stars long past their prime. Hughes was a positive contributor as recently as two years ago and is still just 33.

Hughes landed with the Orlando Magic and won a spot in training camp. Hughes is an odd fit with the Magic since the team is already flush with wing players (J.J. Redick, Quentin Richardson and Von Wafer are all reserves ahead of him in the bench rotation.) If Hughes is to carve out a regular, it will almost certainly be as a point guard. Hughes showed decent playmaking ability two years ago, but his best attribute at the position is almost certainly his not being Chris Duhon. The key for Hughes will be making spot-up jumpers. If he shoots nearly 40 percent from downtown, as in 2008-09, Hughes can help Orlando.

PF	Ivan Johnson	Hght: 6'8"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 255	From: Cal State-Bernardino	TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH											
44		2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--									
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	ATL	28.0	61	-	.253	.030	.092	1.062	.494	.184	.721	.515	.112	.039	.148	.010	.024	.068	-	-	.439	-
Most similar to: George Lynch (96.6), Tony Allen, Jerry Reynolds, Malik Rose																	IMP: 31%	BRK: 0%	COP: 14%			

It's been a long, circuitous route to the NBA for Ivan Johnson, who makes his debut in the league at the not-so-tender age of 27. Johnson has struggled with a reputation for petulant behavior, which kept him on the move from the University of Oregon to Cal State San Bernardino to the D-League to Korea. An undersized but burly combo forward, Johnson brings an element of toughness to a Hawks roster short on that quality. SCHOENE sees him as a surprisingly high-usage player, though he's unlikely to really use 25 percent of his team's possessions. Johnson has improved as his career has gone along and he was one of the top players in the D-League last season, averaging 22.6 points per game on a .598 True Shooting Percentage. The Hawks liked Johnson well enough to keep him over second-round pick Keith Benson, a taller, younger player with a much higher ceiling. As for that bad attitude--Johnson drew a technical foul within two minutes of stepping onto an NBA floor for the first time.

PG	Squeaky Johnson	Hght: 5'10"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 195	From: Alabama-Birmingham		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
5		2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	NOH	29.2	61	-	.129	.367	.056	.689	.387	.386	.737	.518	.051	.062	.171	.002	.021	.043	-	-	.407	-
Most similar to: Jason Hart (94.9), Anthony Johnson, Danny Young, Luke Ridnour																	IMP: 65%	BRK: 9%	COP: 3%			

Carldell Johnson--you can call him "Squeaky"--has been plugging away in the D-League for a long time. After four-plus seasons with the Austin Toros, Johnson is in the D-League's all-time top 10 in both assists and steals. He finally gets an overdue crack at the NBA a month shy of his 29th birthday. Here's a sign of how long Johnson has been working toward his big break: Along with the Taylor twins (Donell and Ronell), Johnson helped launch Mike Anderson's coaching career by leading UAB to the 2004 Sweet 16. That was two jobs ago for Anderson.

Johnson's translated D-League statistics have consistently put him on the fringe of the NBA. He is an excellent three-point shooter, but tends to struggle in the paint, which is inevitable for a sub-6-footer. Johnson is a credible though unspectacular playmaker. He was in line to potentially serve as the Hornets' backup point guard before the team dealt for Greivis Vasquez on Christmas Eve. Now, Johnson is left to battle namesake Trey Johnson for scraps of playing time.

PF	Ryan Reid	Hght: 6'8"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 232	From: Florida State		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
33		2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			-4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	OKC	25.5	61	-	.138	.003	.111	1.108	.447	.000	.717	.496	.126	.018	.167	.012	.017	.070	-	-	.349	-
Most similar to: Byron Houston (97.5), Marty Conlon, Josh Powell, Donald Hodge																	IMP: 64%	BRK: 18%	COP: 5%			

Trading Byron Mullens and buying out Nate Robinson gave the Thunder a roster spot to use on Ryan Reid, acquired by Oklahoma City in the second round of the 2010 NBA Draft. Reid spent last season with the Thunder's D-League affiliate in Tulsa, where he did little to change the impression of him coming out of Florida State. The box score will never adequately capture Reid's production. He's a non-factor on offense who contributes relatively little on the defensive glass.

So why exactly is Reid in the NBA? Oklahoma City is enamored of Reid's defensive potential. He played for one of the country's top defensive coaches in Leonard Hamilton and excels at being in the right place defensively, a la Thunder center Nick Collison. Reid is probably most comparable to Sacramento Kings center Chuck Hayes. There is a level of distinction between the two players, however. Where Hayes' basketball IQ is the difference between replacement-level individual statistics and a starting-caliber player, Reid's own performance is far worse than replacement and his other skills aren't enough to make him part of an NBA rotation.

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PG	Donald Sloan		Hght: 6'3"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																
			Wght: 205	From: Texas A&M	TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
12			2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--						
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	ATL	24.3	61	-	.157	.173	.087	.914	.455	.329	.702	.490	.055	.061	.140	.000	.013	.025	-	-	.389	-
Most similar to: Alvin Williams (98.2), Acie Law, Chris Smith, Kevin Lynch																	IMP: 71%	BRK: 18%	COP: 6%			

Donald Sloan was a score-first point guard at Texas A&M but was unable to leverage those abilities into an NBA job until Larry Drew decided to keep him around for the start of the season. Sloan worked on his play-making skills in the D-League last season for Reno, finishing ninth in the league in total assists. He's still not a pure playmaker and, as a scorer, he's inconsistent from the outside. Sloan does flash good foul-drawing skills and perhaps Drew sees him as a drive-and-dish, drive-and-finish playmaker in the mold of starter Jeff Teague. Sloan's second-best comp is fellow former Aggie Acie Law, who was a much better college player and nevertheless has been unable to carve out a niche in the NBA. That doesn't bode well for Sloan's long-term prospects.

C	Greg Stiemsma		Hght: 6'11"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																
			Wght: 260	From: Wisconsin	TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
54			2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--						
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	BOS	26.6	61	-	.116	.004	.059	1.054	.474	.004	.789	.494	.127	.018	.151	.062	.010	.070	-	-	.389	-
Most similar to: Jim McLvaine (97.5), Adonal Foyle, Joel Anthony, Dan Gadzuric																	IMP: 41%	BRK: 9%	COP: 9%			

The Celtics faced the prospect of having the gimpy Jermaine O'Neal as the only true center on their roster, which provided the opening Greg Stiemsma needed to get his foot in the NBA door. Stiemsma not only made the team, but joined the rotation as O'Neal's primary backup when Chris Wilcox was injured early in the campaign. Stiemsma is a former Bo Ryan big man in the mold of Milwaukee rookie Jon Leuer, except that he's a better shot blocker. Stiemsma has a solid face-up game that has been honed by his time playing overseas in Turkey and Korea. He's not going to create for himself, but he can burn you if you leave him unguarded on the perimeter. Stiemsma mixes it up well on the boards and, in his one full D-League season a couple of years ago, he was that league's Defensive Player of the Year. Give Danny Ainge credit for finding a player at the minimum salary his capped-out team can actually use.

PG	Julyan Stone	Hght: 6'7"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 200	From: Texas El Paso		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
10		2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			-3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	DEN	23.4	61	-	.100	.126	.130	1.004	.449	.199	.548	.457	.088	.063	.215	.008	.014	.041	-	-	.374	-
Most similar to: David Noel (95.6), Bobby Jones, John Salmons, Royal Ivey																	IMP: -	BRK: -	COP: -			

After four years as a Miner, Julyan Stone struck gold with the Nuggets. The undrafted rookie made Denver’s roster out of training camp thanks to his unusual combination of skills. A 6-7 point guard, Stone was a nightly triple-double threat as a senior. (He came closest with 12 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds against Sam Houston State.) “For years in this league, everyone wanted and searched for a big point guard,” George Karl told the *Denver Post*. “But now with the rule changes, the little quick guard is the ‘in thing.’ But I like him because of his size and his defense.” Stone might work well alongside Ty Lawson in a scenario where the two players share ballhandling duties and Stone defends shooting guards.

Despite his intriguing size, Stone will see his NBA career limited by his shortcomings. He can’t play off the ball because he’s a near-total non-shooter, having made just 52 three-pointers in four seasons at UTEP. Against NBA defenders, turnovers will be a major issue for Stone, who is projected to cough the ball up on better than one in five plays.

PF	Lance Thomas	Hght: 6'8"	Exp: R	Salary: free agent	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 225	From: Duke		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
--		2012-13 status: free agent			-4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	NOH	24.0	61	-	.152	.037	.104	1.067	.459	.079	.692	.491	.094	.016	.125	.007	.011	.053	-	-	.327	-
Most similar to: Antoine Wright (98.2), Bobby Jones, Cal Bowdler, Ronald Dupree																	IMP: 69%	BRK: 22%	COP: 0%			

During four years at Duke, Lance Thomas never averaged more than 5.3 points per game, which made him an unlikely NBA candidate. Even Ryan Reid scored a blistering 6.8 points a night as a senior. Like Reid, Thomas is all about the little plays, skills honed as a starter for the Blue Devils team that won the 2010 NCAA Championship. Still, no one mentioned Thomas as an NBA prospect before he landed in the right place for training camp in New Orleans. With little depth up front, the Hornets kept Thomas as insurance.

Defensively, Thomas should be able to hold his own. He capably matched up with players of all sizes at Duke and does a good job of drawing charges. Thomas is also a positive contributor on the offensive glass. Besides that, Thomas offers little else of value on offense. He lacks range beyond about 15 feet and is too small to be effective finishing around the rim. Thomas’ defensive rebounding is also a major liability that undoes much of his good work on defense. Likely, Thomas is headed back to the D-League before long. As it turned out, that happened before we could get the supplement out, as Thomas was waived on New Year’s Eve.

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21	Mychel Thompson	Hght: 6'6"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 211	From: Pepperdine		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
21		2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			-5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	CLE	23.9	61	-	.208	.239	.066	.827	.300	.234	.755	.358	.086	.024	.110	.016	.012	.039	-	-	.291	-
Most similar to: Brandon Rush (94.3), Demetris Nichols, Courtney Alexander, Wesley Matthews																	IMP: -	BRK: -	COP: -			

This is a big season for the sons of former long-time NBA player Mychal Thompson, two of whom made NBA rosters. While younger brother Klay was a lottery pick of the Golden State Warriors, Mychel went undrafted and had to earn a spot on the Cleveland Cavaliers in training camp. The Cavaliers kept Thompson over last year's undrafted find, Manny Harris, which was a curious decision despite a foot injury that hampered Harris. While Harris has already demonstrated he can hold his own in the NBA, Thompson appears unlikely to be able to contribute based on his translated statistics. Thompson is also more than a year older than Harris.

Thompson's biggest weakness is his inability to finish. In four years at Pepperdine, he never made better than 39.9 percent of his two-point attempts. The translation to the NBA takes a big chunk out of that, and Thompson's projected two-point shooting is worse than any player in our college database. As a senior, Thompson did show the ability to take on a heavy possession load without significant loss of efficiency, but that skill won't do much for him at the NBA level.

PG	Jamaal Tinsley	Hght: 6'3"	Exp: 9	Salary: \$0.9 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 185	From: Iowa State		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
6		2012-13 status: free agent			-4	--	+1	--	--	--	--	--										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
09-10	MEM	32.1	38	15.5	.161	.181	.055	.874	.446	.179	.815	.438	.065	.081	.293	.006	.028	.050	105.8	110.2	.363	-0.7
11-12p	UTA	34.1	61	-	.156	.153	.060	.907	.409	.144	.790	.410	.062	.075	.312	.005	.030	.054	-	-	.324	-
Most similar to: Robert Pack (91.9), Paul Pressey, Anthony Carter, Chris Childs																	IMP: 36%	BRK: 9%	COP: 18%			

Just when you think you're out on Jamaal Tinsley, he pulls you back in. Tinsley didn't play in the league last season and it seemed like he was probably gone for good. Lo and behold, the Jazz invited him to camp and he made the opening night roster as Utah's third point guard behind Devin Harris and Earl Watson. In his prime, Tinsley was an all-around threat as a playmaker and solid rebounder who had the ability to knock down big shots but was in general inefficient as a scorer. Neither Harris nor Watson is a pure distributor, so perhaps there is a role for Tinsley. More likely, he's just around as an insurance policy and, really, there have to be younger, more athletic options on just about any team in the D-League.

PF	Sean Williams	Hght: 6'10"	Exp: 3	Salary: \$0.9 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 235	From: Boston College		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
32		2012-13 status: non-guaranteed contract for \$1.0 million			-3	--	+1	--	--	--	--	--										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
08-09	NJN	22.6	33	11.1	.136	.000	.133	1.133	.417	.000	.625	.465	.129	.017	.189	.042	.010	.093	106.0	110.1	.371	-0.3
09-10	NJN	23.6	20	11.4	.158	.013	.108	1.095	.438	.000	.526	.453	.117	.002	.259	.062	.018	.084	102.7	108.2	.324	-0.4
11-12p	DAL	25.6	61	-	.145	.006	.126	1.120	.445	.000	.618	.479	.125	.021	.200	.062	.010	.087	-	-	.384	-
Most similar to: Adonal Foyle (97.3), Joel Przybilla, Ryan Hollins, Lorenzo Williams																	IMP: 40%		BRK: 7%		COP: 7%	

After a year spent playing for the Dallas Mavericks' D-League affiliate, the Texas Legends, Sean Williams is back in the NBA on a two-year deal. Williams ranked in the D-League's top 10 in WARP, but his translated statistics pegged him right around replacement level. Williams will block shots, that's for sure. The question is whether he can do enough else to stay on the floor. Anything farther from the basket than a dunk is an adventure for Williams, which has led to some ugly two-point percentages. He did show improvement on the defensive glass in the D-League, which would be helpful.

Williams returned with a picked-out fro that drew comparisons to Afroman and Crabman from *My Name is Earl*. He also quickly made headlines for throwing up on the bench in his first game with the Mavericks, albeit after scoring 12 points in 11 minutes. There's an opening in the Dallas frontcourt should Williams prove capable of contributing consistently.

SF	Chris Wright	Hght: 6'8"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.5 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 224	From: Dayton		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
33		2012-13 status: nonguaranteed contract for \$0.8 million			-3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
11-12p	GSW	23.6	61	-	.193	.030	.100	1.070	.374	.188	.586	.406	.123	.027	.186	.026	.010	.065	-	-	.374	-
Most similar to: Rob Kurz (96.7), Brian Scalabrine, Dante Cunningham, Ryan Humphrey																	IMP: -		BRK: -		COP: -	

The lesser of two senior Chris Wrights in the NCAA last season (the other, a guard from Georgetown, is now playing in Turkey), the Dayton version made the Golden State Warriors as an undrafted rookie. He's the first Flyer in the NBA since Negele Knight played in 1998-99. The Warriors liked Wright's size at small forward, which is a new position for him after he played the four in college.

Wright should have the athleticism to pull off the switch. He must improve his shooting, having made just five three-pointers in 22 attempts as a senior. Wright could also work on his finishing, as his two-point percentages were never impressive in college. For his size, Wright is an excellent rebounder and shot blocker, the skills Golden State hopes will carry over on the wing.