

UTAH JAZZ

Rookie Scale Extension Plan

*Keyonte George
Taylor Hendricks
Brice Sensabaugh*



GLOSSARY

- 1. Salary Cap / Luxury Tax / First Apron / Second Apron**
- 2. Rookie Scale Extension**
- 3. Restricted Free Agency (RFA)**
- 4. Qualifying Offer (QO)**
- 5. Cap Hold**
- 6. Bird Rights / Exceptions**
- 7. Poison Pill Provision**
- 8. Team Option vs Player Option**
- 9. Starter Criteria**
- 10. Likely vs Unlikely Bonuses (we avoid bonuses)**

UTAH JAZZ

Objective: Convert our youth movement into a scalable contender timeline without burning flexibility before we know the final form of the roster.



ORGANIZATION'S FOCUS

We're close to exiting Phase 1 of the rebuild, but we are not done shaping the roster. The right extensions should:

- (1) lock in scarce upside**
- (2) protect the downside**
- (3) remain trade-functional at every point of the deal.**





DEFENSIVE STRUGGLES

OPPG

OFG%

O3FG%

Turnovers Forced

NBA RANK
(2026)



#30

127.8



#30

49.3



#29

37.8



#27

13.0

UTAH'S DEFENSE

- League's Worst Defense
- Structural, Not Effort-Based Issues
 - Poor point-of-attack resistance → constant rotations → open shots
- Lack of Defensive Anchors on the Floor
- 29th in turnovers → transition defense breakdowns → easy points

Offense					
PPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%	AST	TO
119.0	46.8	35.0	80.3	30.3	15.3
4th	17th	21st	7th	🏆 2nd	29th
Defense					
OPPG	OFG%	O3FG%	BLK	STL	REB
127.8	49.3	37.8	3.5	7.7	44.0
30th	30th	29th	30th	24th	15th



 **DRAFT 2023**

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WASSERMAN

Wasserman represents 5 players who are currently members of the Jazz.

Brice Sensabaugh
Agent: Jelani Floyd, Thad Foucher, Joe Smith
(Wasserman)

Keyonte George
Agent: Thad Foucher, Jason Ranne, Joe Smith
(Wasserman)

Kyle Anderson
Agent: Thad Foucher
(Wasserman)

Georges Niang
Agent: Thad Foucher
(Wasserman)

Isaiah Collier
Agent: B.J. Armstrong
(Wasserman)



ROOKIE SCALE EXTENSION PLAN

Ideal Plan



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19.5% of the cap



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ROOKIE SCALE EXTENSION PLAN

Realistic Plan



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WALK-AWAY PLAN

Our Leverage:
Restricted Free Agency



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5-year/\$200 million
\$40 million AAV



Brice Sensabaugh
4-year/\$70 million
\$17.5 million AAV

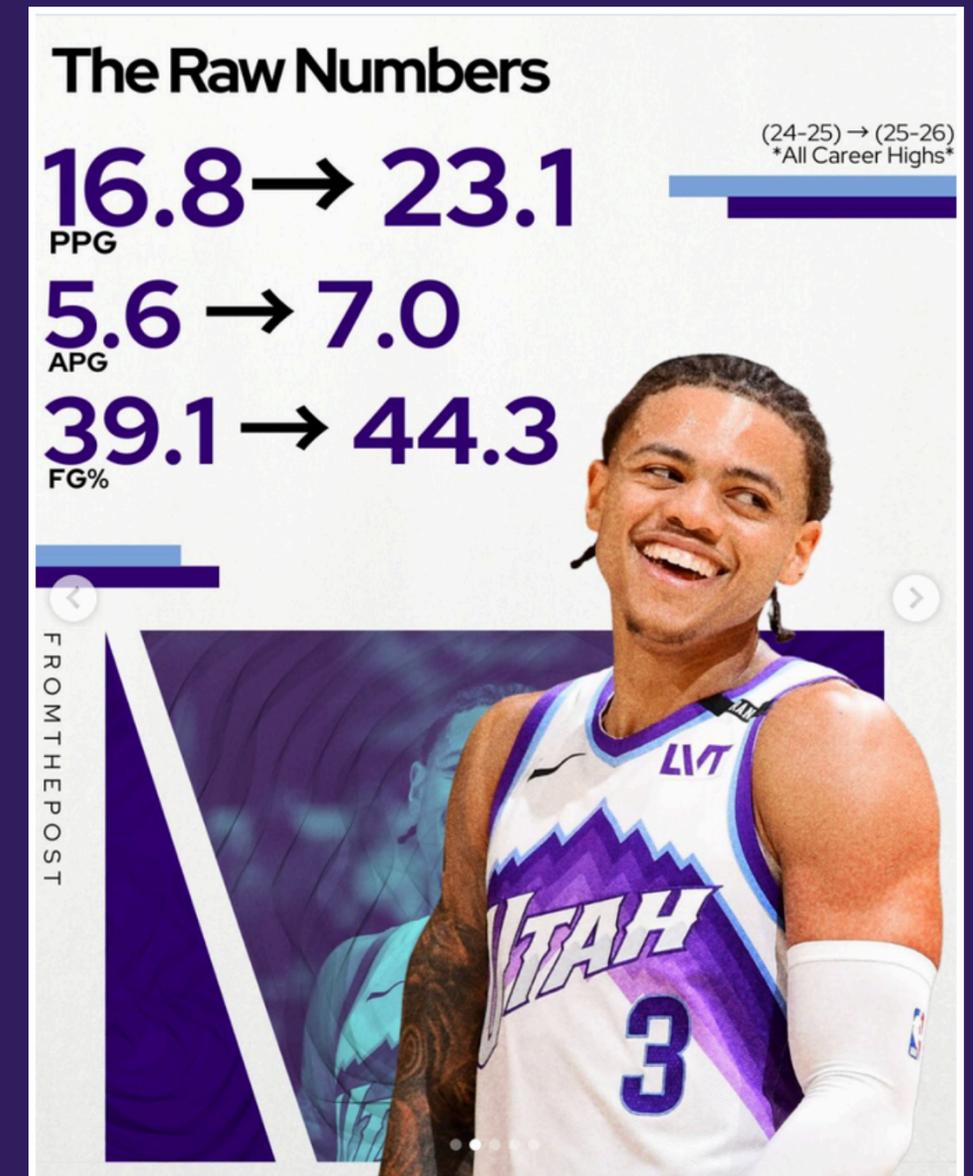
KEYWORD: WHITE

GEORGE



KEYONTE GEORGE

1. We believe in Keyonte long-term.
2. We do not believe he's a finished product.
3. We refuse to let one breakout season dictate our entire cap future.



George: 5-year/ \$170-190M

THE HEARTBEAT OF THE OFFENSE

Utilizing The Charity Stripe

89.9
FT%

90th
Percentile

16.5
SFLD%

96th
Percentile

A key factor in George's leap this season is both his improved efficiency at the line, but also his drastic increase in the rate at which he creates contact and draws fouls



Keyonte's year-over-year growth confirms him as our offensive engine, not yet an elite offensive finisher.

Offensive Elevation

+8.5
On/Off ORTG

89th
Percentile

Keyonte has solidified himself as Utah's elite primary ballhandler, seamlessly complementing Lauri Markkanen and unlocking their offense



George: 5-year/ \$170-190M

REALITY OF KEYONTE

Darko DPM: -2.27
TOV%: 16.2%

Despite the production jump, impact metrics still reflect the cost of primary responsibility.



George: 5-year/ \$170-190M

UP-AND-COMING TALENT

This contract keeps us aligned through his prime without handing over future control.



5 years / \$170–190M
~19.5% of cap
No player option
No incentives

A social media post featuring a basketball player in a white and purple jersey. The player is looking intently. A circular inset shows a smaller image of the same player. The text below the image reads: "HE'S ONE OF THE LEAGUE'S TOP UP AND-COMING TALENTS." Below the text, it says "ISAIAH THOMAS ON KEYCOTE GEORGE". There is a red heart icon and a number "4750" next to it. The post has a white background and a green quote icon.

WHY NOT A MAX?



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A max contract signals finished hierarchy.
This deal signals belief without
foreclosing flexibility.

KEYONTE EXTENSION

- 1) Production confirms franchise engine
24.4 + 6.7 on elite efficiency = lead guard profile.
- 2) This is max VALUE without max STRUCTURE
We acknowledge his ceiling without locking our blueprint too early.
- 3) 20–21% is the sweet spot
 - Star bet
 - Not roster handcuffs
 - Still tradable



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COMPARATIVE SALARIES



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MAXEY V. GEORGE

Player	Age	From	FG%	2P%	3P%	FTA	FT%	TRB	AST	TOV	PTS	DARKO	Offensive DARKO	Defensive DARKO
Keyonte George	22	26	0.459	0.518	0.376	7.2	0.903	4	6.7	3.5	24.4	-2.3	0.2	-2.5
Tyrese Maxey	22	23	0.481	0.513	0.434	3.6	0.845	2.9	3.5	1.3	20.3	-0.2	1	-1

- **Tyrese Maxey (3rd year):**
 - **Clear max player**
 - **Efficiency + impact + playoff proof**
- **Turnovers: 3.5 (George), 1.3 (Maxey)**
- **Keyonte has not yet crossed the Maxey threshold and that distinction matters.**

Maxey: 5-year/ \$203.9M

George: 5-year/ \$170-190M

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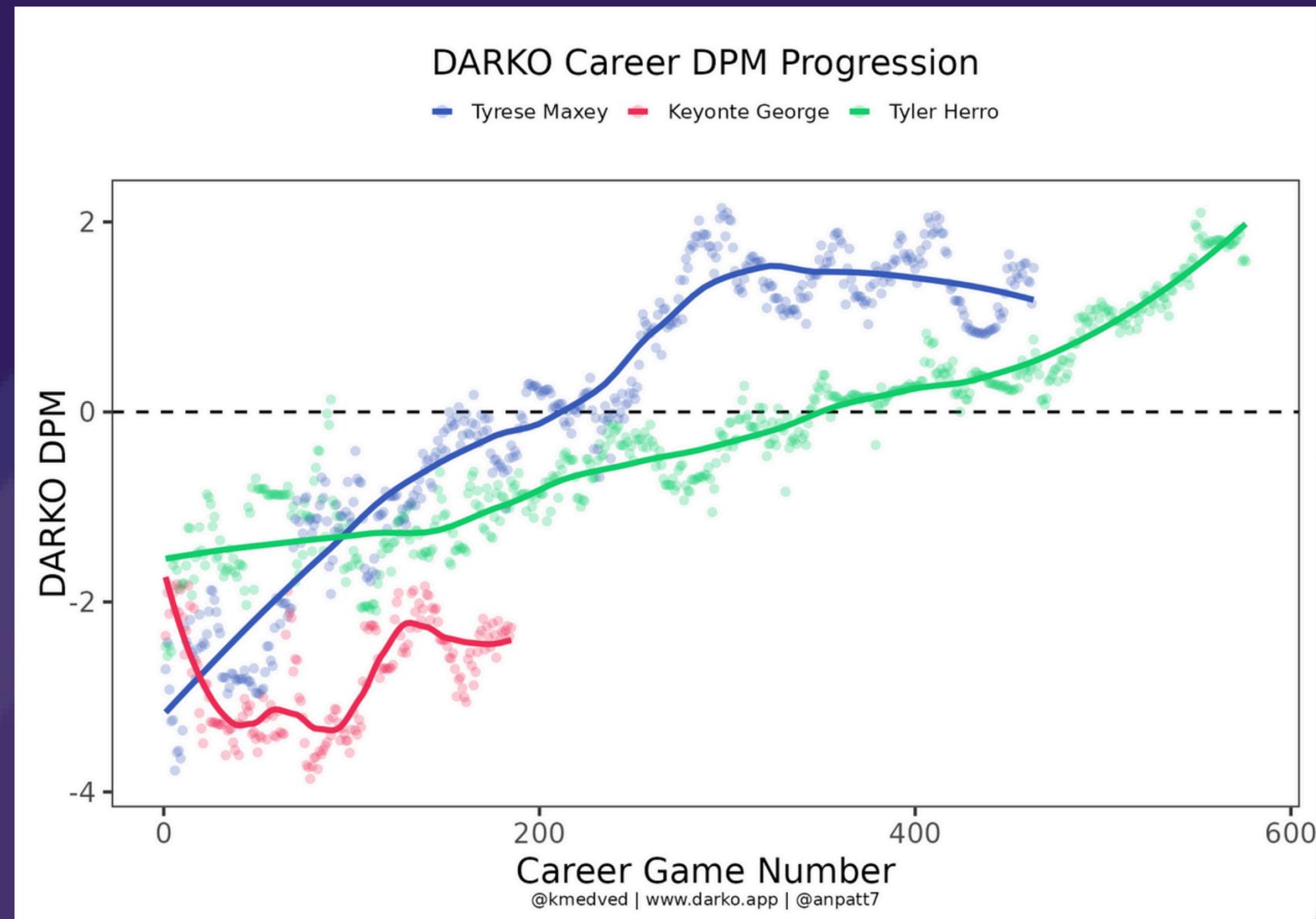
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Tyler Herro	22	22	0.447	0.477	0.399	3.3	0.868	5	4	2.6	20.7	-0.9	0.4	-1.2

- **Tyler Herro (3rd year):**
- **Similar offensive role**
- **Similar cap positioning historically**
- **Herro represents the correct tier, a high-level offensive creator without max-level certainty.**

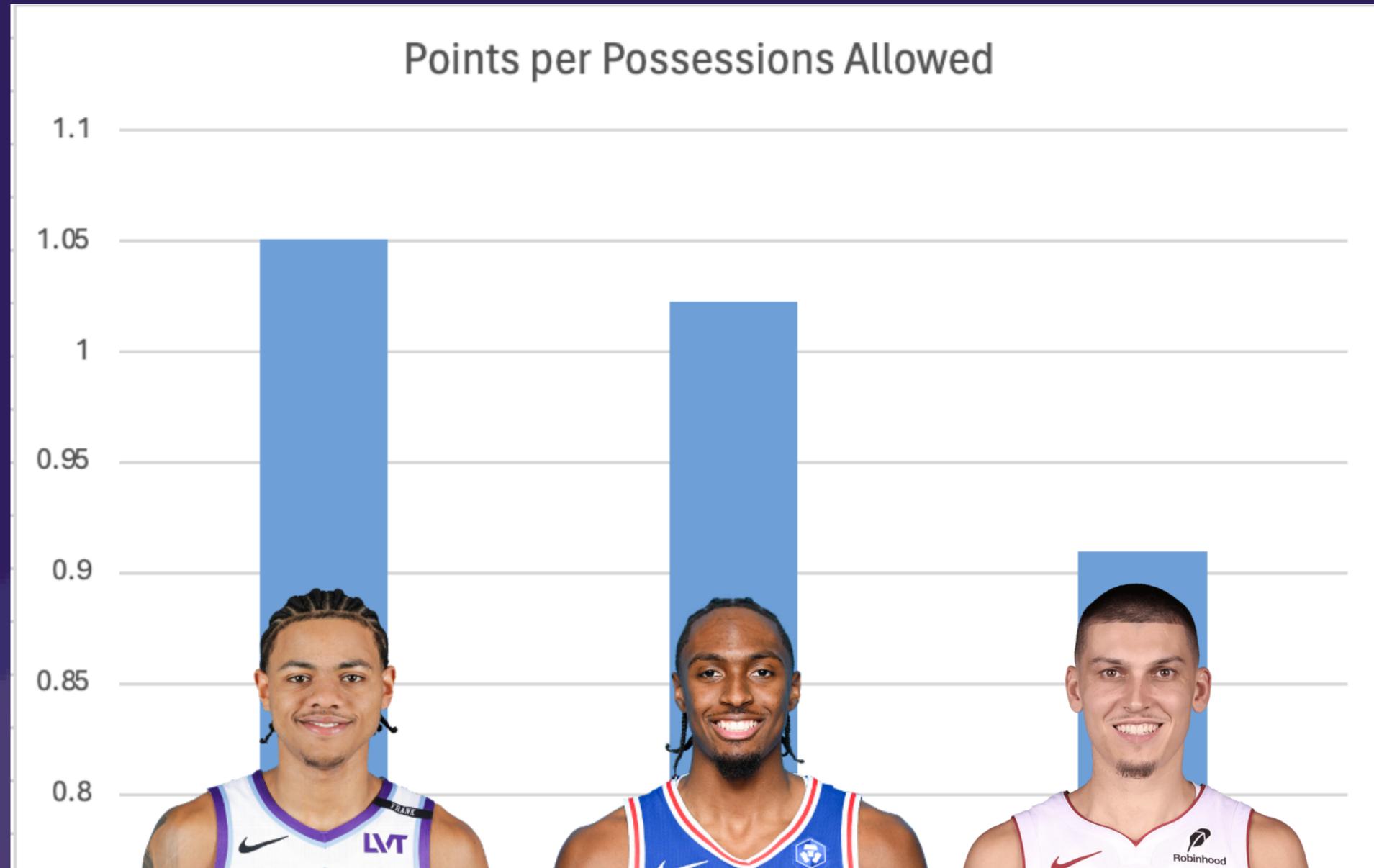
Herro: 4-year/ \$120M

George: 5-year/ \$170-190M

COMPARATIVE PLAYERS



FOR 3RD YEAR SEASON



TAYLOR HENNINGSEN



TAYLOR HENDRICKS

1. We believe in Taylor's theoretical ceiling.
2. We do not yet have role certainty.
3. We refuse to pay for uncertainty while defining our foundation.

Evaluation: not rejection.



CAREER STATS

7.1	4.7	36.8	43
PPG	RPG	3P%	GP

Team Option Exercised → Evaluation Year → Qualifying Offer Window
~4.6% of cap (if extended)

TAYLOR HENDRICKS

- Development disrupted by injury and inconsistent availability
- No sustained sample of NBA-level role minutes
- Defensive upside remains conceptual, not operational



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CATASTROPHIC INJURY

- **Season-ending non-contact injury (Oct. 28, 2024)**
- **Broken right fibula + dislocated ankle**
- **Severe lower-extremity trauma requiring surgical repair**



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HISTORICAL PRECEDENT

- **Comparable injury: Gordon Hayward**
 - **Contact injury**
 - **Cleared for play within a year**
 - **Required 2 full seasons to regain comfort, confidence, and consistency**



Key difference: Hayward was a proven All-Star at the time of injury. Hendricks is still defining his NBA role.

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EXTENSION OPTIONS

- **Injury increases variance, not certainty**
- **We are patient enough to wait, and disciplined enough to walk.**



Taylor Hendricks
3-year/\$20 million
\$6.67 million AAV
4.6% of the cap or
Qualifying Offer

TAYLOR HENDRICKS

- Limited availability and inconsistent role definition
- No sustained sample of NBA rotation minutes
- Development disrupted by injury and evaluation timing
- O-DPM: -0.92 | D-DPM: -0.38

SUMMARY	G	PTS	TRB	AST	FG%	FG3%	FT%	eFG%
2025-26	31	5.0	3.1	0.7	47.0	36.5	76.7	56.8
Career	74	6.2	4.0	0.7	44.5	36.7	77.8	55.1

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COMPARATIVE SALARIES



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**\$52.2 million
Guaranteed**



Jonathan Issac

4-year/\$69.6 million (2021-22)

\$17.4 million AAV

15.5% of the cap

ISSAC V. HENDRICKS

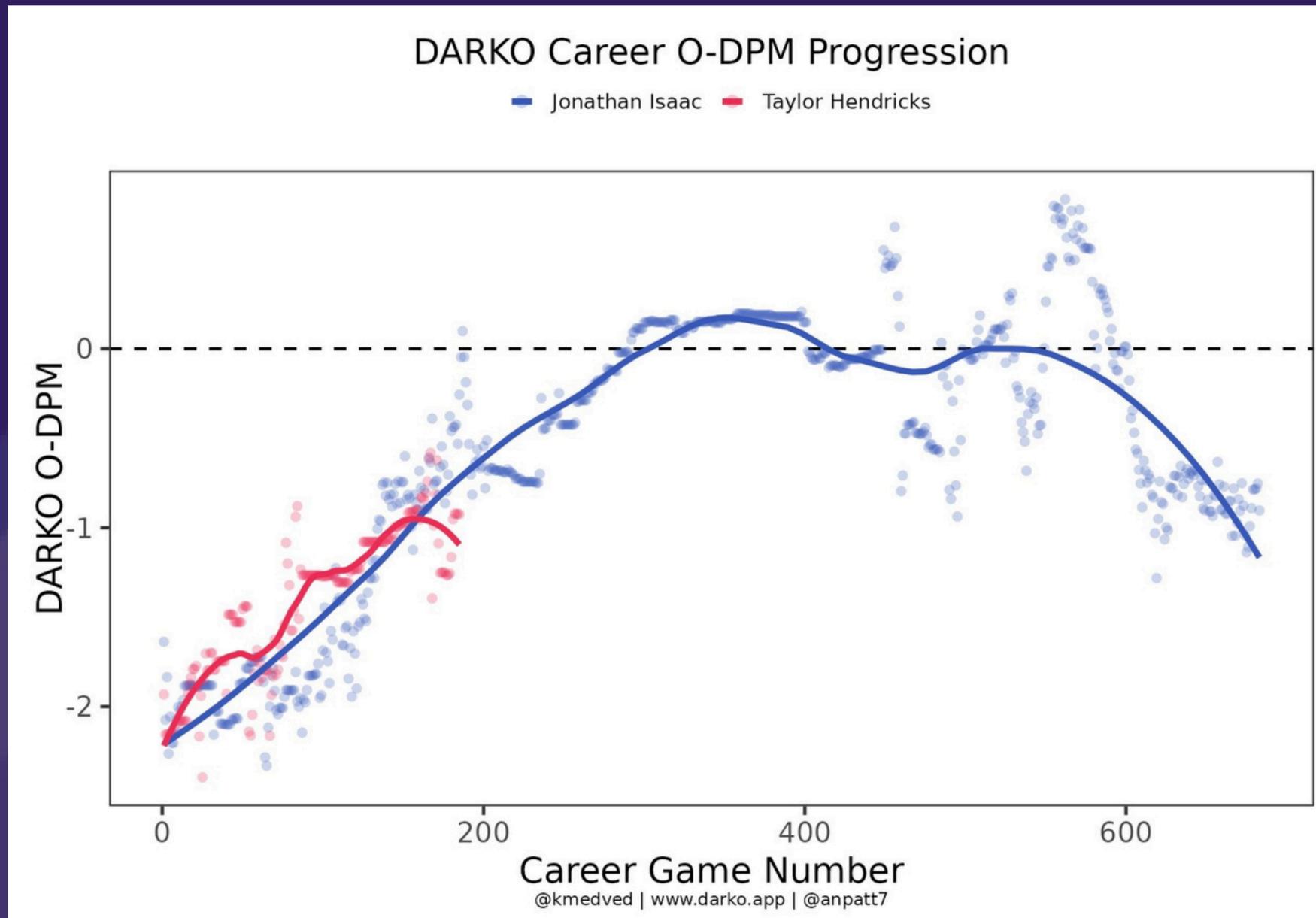
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Taylor Hendricks	22	2025-26	0.47	0.593	0.365	1	0.767	3.1	0.7	0.5	5	-1.3	-0.92	-0.38
Jonathan Isaac	22	2019-20	0.47	0.521	0.34	2.3	0.779	6.8	1.4	1.4	11.9	1	-0.7	1.6

- **Jonathan Issac (3rd year):**
- **Positive two-way impact**
- **Defensive scalability that translated to winning contexts**
- **Role clarity as a lineup-anchoring defender**
- **Proof of concept across meaningful NBA minutes**

Issac: 4-year/ \$69.6M

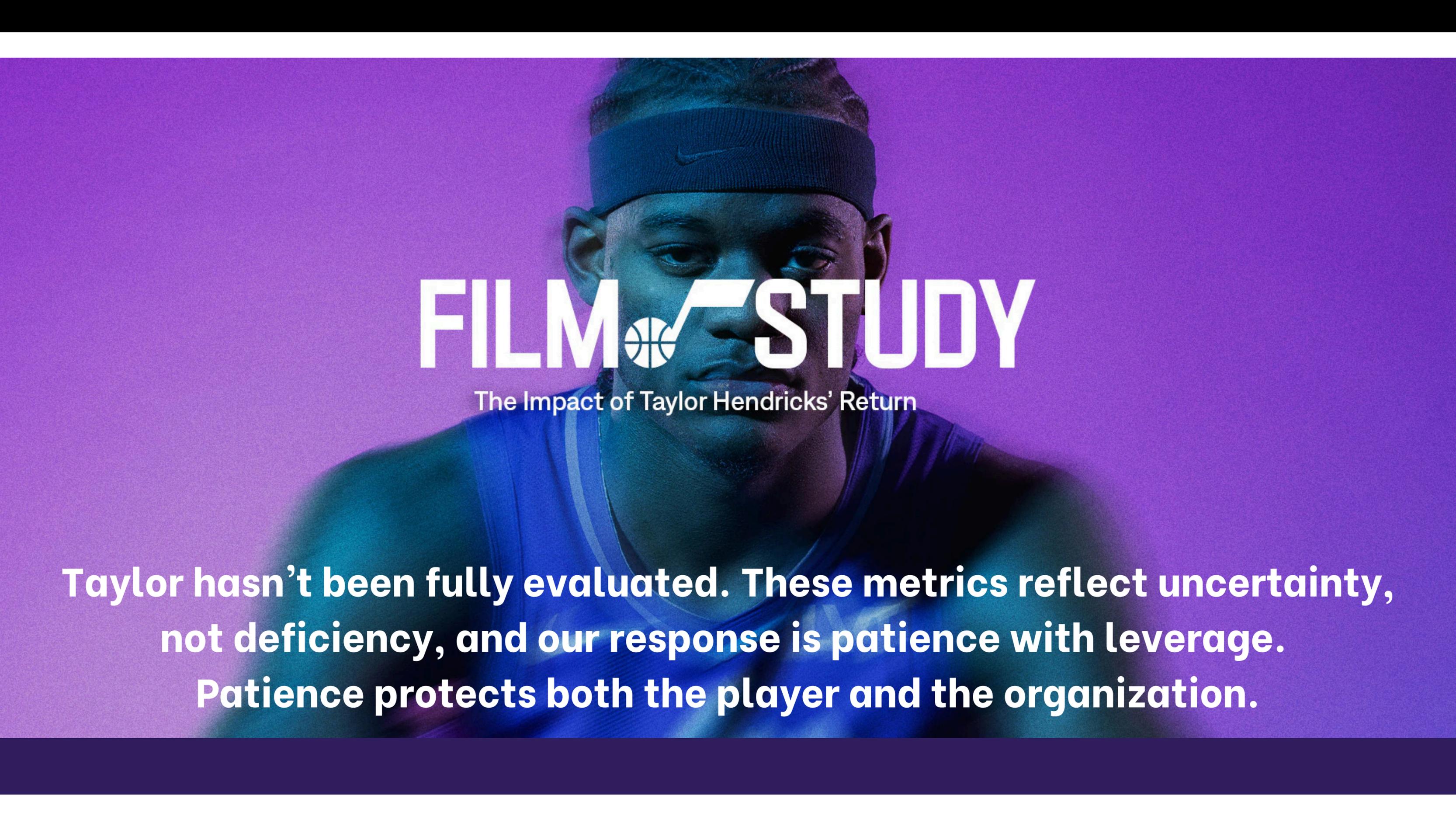
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A close-up portrait of Taylor Hendricks, a basketball player, wearing a blue jersey and a black headband with a Nike logo. He is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. The background is a solid blue color.

FILM STUDY

The Impact of Taylor Hendricks' Return

Taylor hasn't been fully evaluated. These metrics reflect uncertainty, not deficiency, and our response is patience with leverage. Patience protects both the player and the organization.

BRUCE SENSEI MUGH



BRICE SENSABAUGH

1. We value Brice as a coverage-breaking shooter.
2. We recognize his growth into a three-level scorer.
3. We do not project him as a foundational piece.

Weaponizing the Bench.



Sensabaugh: 4-year/ \$60M

BRICE SENSABAUGH

- Elite shooting gravity changes second-unit defenses.
- Expanded off-the-dribble scoring increases lineup flexibility.
- Priced as a weapon, not a star.

Offensive value without star minutes.



Sensabaugh: 4-year/ \$60M

BRICE SENSABAUGH

- Brice Is Not “Core”
- He’s a Tradable Asset Tier
- Production: 11.7 PPG in 20.9 MPG | 45.6% FG
- This deal is not buying “star.”

This deal buys:

- Rotation certainty
- Scoring stability
- Trade-flex value



Sensabaugh: 4-year/ \$60M

BRICE'S EXTENSION

Protect the Downside (Defense Swing Skill)

Must-have structure:

- **Descending structure (to maximize cap flexibility)**
- **NO trade kicker**

Ownership framing:

If he hits → below-market wing value.

If he doesn't → still a movable contract.



Brice Sensabaugh
4-year/\$60 million
\$15 million AAV
8.9% of the cap

Sensabaugh: 4-year/ \$60M

BRICE SENSABAUGH

- 25.7 points per 100 possessions
- Rim FG%: 66.3%
- Darko DPM: -1.15

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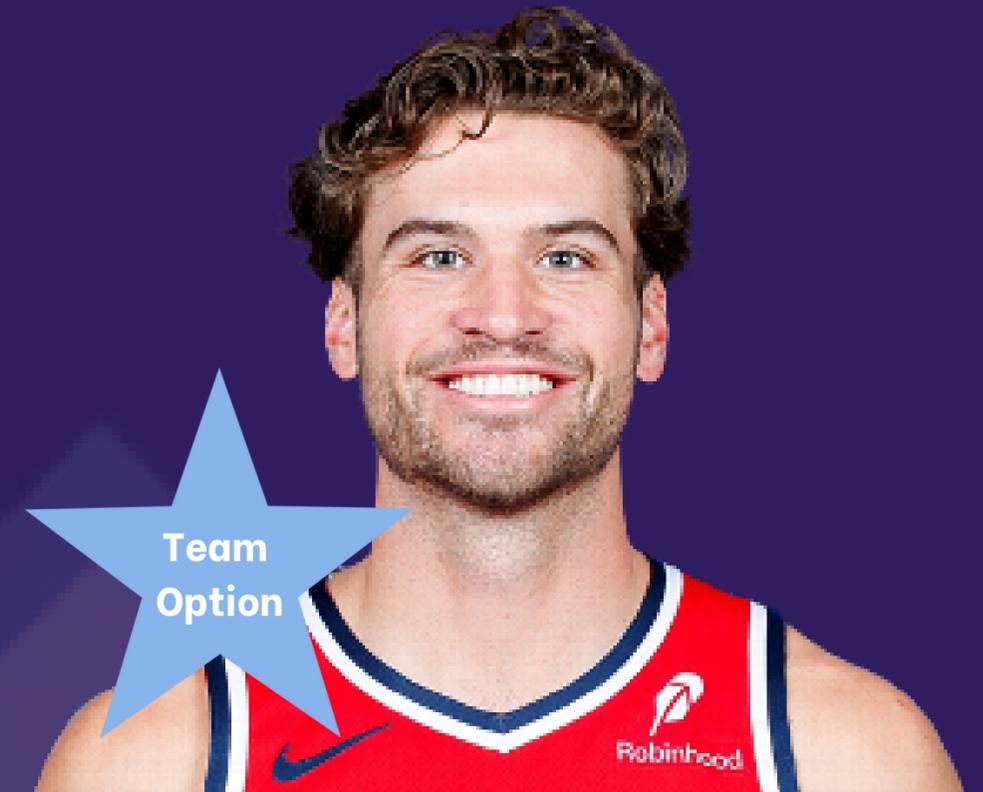


Gary Trent Jr.

3-year/\$51.8 million (2021-22)

\$17.3 million AAV

14.4% of the cap



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Gary Trent Jr.	22	21	0.408	0.435	0.385	1.8	0.783	2.6	1.4	0.7	1.6	15.3	-1.34

DARKO Offensive:

- Sensabaugh: 0.2
- Trent Jr.: -0.2

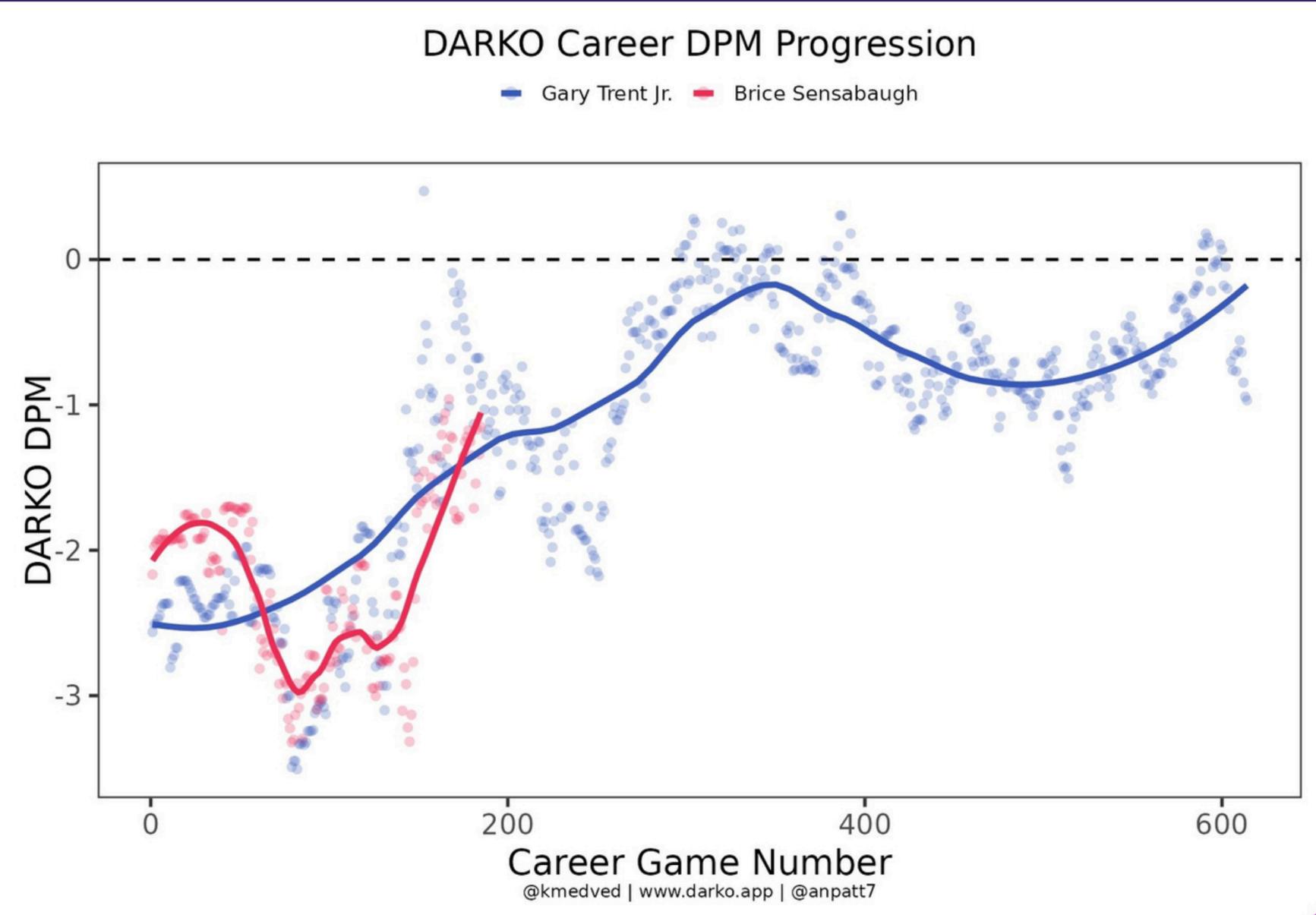
DARKO Defensive:

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- Trent Jr.: -1.2

Sensabaugh already fits the Gary Trent Jr. mold: an offense-first wing who spaces the floor and scores efficiently.

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DARKO Offensive:

- Sensabaugh: 0.2
- Kispert: 0.6

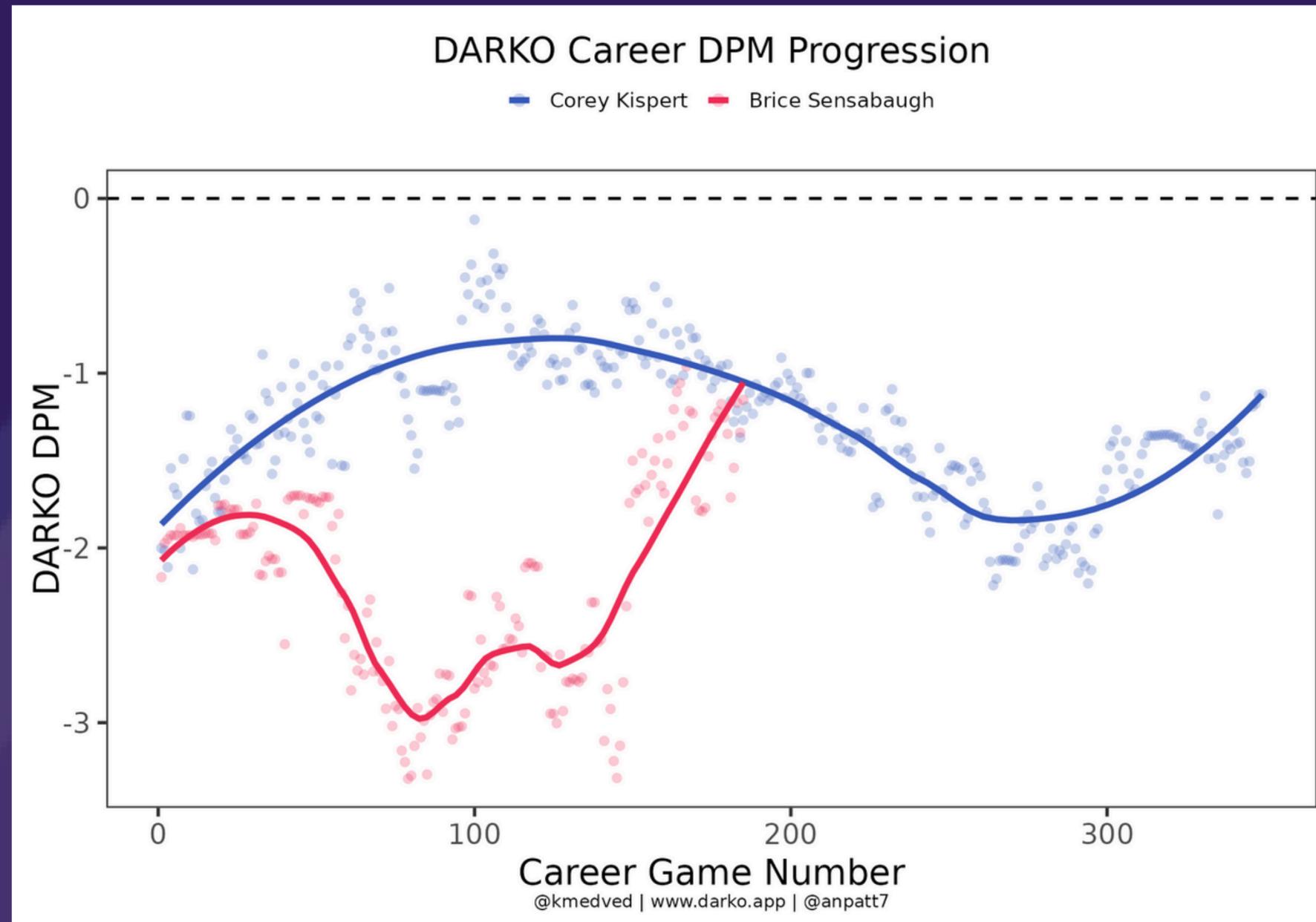
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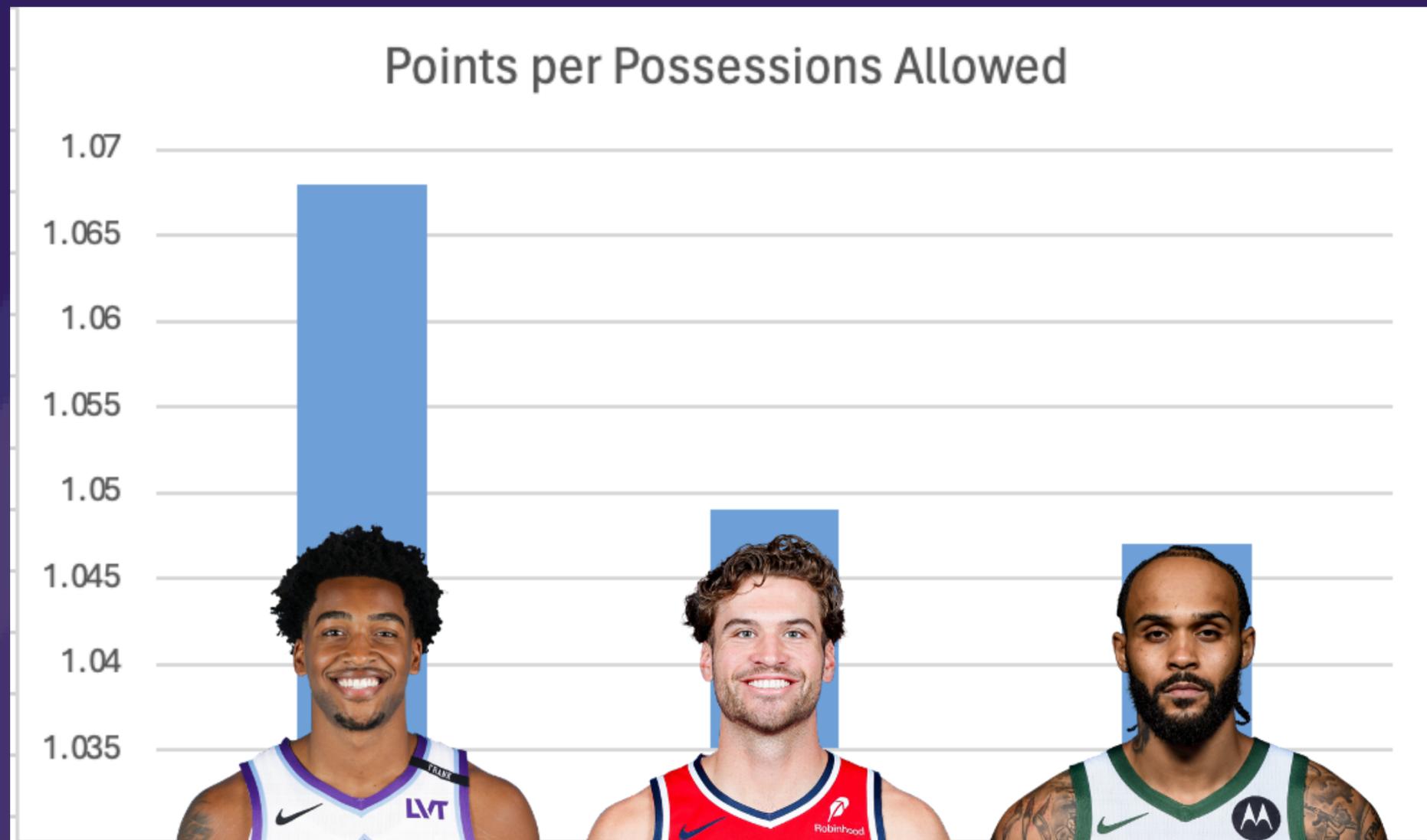
Kispert is the more polished shooter today. Sensabaugh offers similar output at a younger age with growth upside.

Sensabaugh: 4-year/ \$60M

SENSABAUGH V. KISPERT



FOR 3RD YEAR SEASON



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APPENDIX



Whole Team Cap Sheet

Player	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032
Lauri Markkanen	46,394,100	46,113,154	49,824,681	53,536,209	67,258,100		
Keyonte George	4,278,960	6,563,925	34,000,000	36,000,000	38,000,000	40,000,000	42,000,000
Walker Kessler	4,878,938	22,000,000	22,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000		
Brice Sensabaugh	2,693,760	4,862,237	15,500,000	15,500,000	14,500,000	14,500,000	
Jusuf Nurkic	19,375,000	13,000,000	13,000,000	13,000,000			
Taylor Hendricks	6,127,080	7,805,900	10,340,000				
Ace Bailey	9,069,840	9,523,080	9,976,560	12,640,302	37,920,906		
Cody Williams	5,742,480	6,015,600	7,669,890	23,009,670			
Kyle Anderson	9,219,512	9,658,536	6,000,000	6,000,000			
Isaiah Collier	2,638,200	2,763,960	4,998,948	14,996,844			
Walter Clayton Jr.	3,991,320	4,190,520	4,390,320	6,752,312	20,256,936		
Svi Mykhailiuk	3,675,000	3,850,000	4,025,000	7,647,500			
Kyle Filipowski	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	5,700,000			
Georges Niang	8,200,000	15,580,000					
Kevin Love	4,150,000	7,885,000					
John Tonje	0	2,198,879					
Oscar Tshiebwe	0	2,198,879					
Elijah Harkless	0	2,198,879					
Dead Money	10,651,561						
Draft Picks							

Legend

- Non-Guaranteed
- Partially Guaranteed
- Team Option/Non-Guaranteed
- Team Option
- Player Option
- Early Termination Option
- Restricted Free Agent
- Unrestricted Free Agent
- Extension
- Qualifying Offer

Standard NBA Contracts	15	15	12	11	5	2
Incomplete Roster Holds	0	0	0	1	7	10
Incomplete Roster Hold Amount	0	1,272,870	1,336,514	1,403,339	1,473,506	1,547,181
Incomplete Roster Hold Total	0	0	0	1,403,339	10,314,543	15,471,814
<i>Total</i>	<i>144,085,751</i>	<i>169,408,549</i>	<i>184,725,399</i>	<i>216,186,176</i>	<i>208,250,485</i>	<i>69,971,814</i>
Salary Cap Value	154,647,000	166,000,000	174,300,000	183,015,000	192,165,750	201,774,038
Luxury Tax Value	187,895,000	201,690,000	211,774,500	222,363,225	233,481,386	245,155,456
1st Apron Value	195,945,000	210,690,000	221,224,500	232,285,725	243,900,011	256,095,012
2nd Apron Value	207,824,000	223,690,000	234,874,500	246,618,225	258,949,136	271,896,593
	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031
Salary Cap: Over / (Under)	(10,561,249)	3,408,549	10,425,399	33,171,176	16,084,735	(131,802,223)
Luxury Tax: Over / (Under)	(43,809,249)	(32,281,451)	(27,049,101)	(6,177,049)	(25,230,901)	(175,183,641)
1st Apron: Over / (Under)	(51,859,249)	(41,281,451)	(36,499,101)	(16,099,549)	(35,649,526)	(186,123,197)
2nd Apron: Over / (Under)	(63,738,249)	(54,281,451)	(50,149,101)	(30,432,049)	(50,698,651)	(201,924,779)
<u>MLE</u>		<u>15,139,000</u>	<u>15,895,950</u>	<u>16,690,748</u>	<u>17,525,285</u>	<u>18,401,549</u>
<u>BAE</u>		<u>5,511,000</u>	<u>5,786,550</u>	<u>6,075,878</u>	<u>6,379,671</u>	<u>6,698,655</u>
Notes:		GN and KL = \$0	KA -> new deal			
		JN and WK -> new deals				