

[EUROPEAN & FORMER INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS WITH EURO TIES IN NBA 2012-13](#)

1. **6' 0" 165 1975 Georgetown-- Allen Iverson -- Besiktas-- Turkey [VIDEO](#)**
Was the 1st pick in the 1996 NBA draft by the Philadelphia 76ers after playing for John Thompson at Georgetown University. Became rookie of the year in the NBA for the 1997 season and was an 11 time All-Star in the NBA. Won the MVP of the NBA in 2001 and led the 76ers to the finals along with coach Larry Brown and a cast of defensive minded teammates, who let Allen be the main man with the ball and do his thing by getting into the lane to score over larger defenders in a way the league never saw from such a small player. Things got rough with the media in Philly and with coach Larry Brown so he was dealt to the Nuggets for Andre Miller and also played for Detroit and Memphis before returning to Philly last season. His return was hampered with leg problems, which cut his practice time. Signed a 2 year deal with Besiktas in the Turkish league as he will try to lead them to their 1st Turkish title since 1975. Iverson will also compete in Eurocup play, and with a good showing with Besiktas he might move on to a Euroleague power next year. Another shot with an NBA team has not come to Iverson and Europe could be an option, but talk of him going to China is still out there and he played a game there in 2012 versus Stephon Marbury.

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Eurocup Avg.- 3(G)22.3(M)9.3(PT)37.0(FG)60.0(3PT)50.0(FT)3.0(A)1.7(S)

Turkish L. Avg.- 7(G)31.4(M)14.3(PT)43.8(FG)42.9(3PT)73.0(FT)4.7(A)1.7(S)

Eurocup Game 1- 15(PT)23(M)4-10(FG)3-4(3PT)4-6(FT)3(R)2(A)

Eurocup Game - 18(PT)31(M)6-13(FG)1-2(3PT)5-5(FT)1(R)1(A) Protest Gm.

Turkish L. Gm. 1- 2(PT)19(M)1-6(FG)0-0(3PT)0-0(FT)4(R)0(A)

Turkish L. Gm. 2- 14(PT)28(M)5-9(FG)0-0(3PT)4-6(FT)8(A)3(R)

Eurocup Game 2- 4(PT)20(M)2-5(FG)0-0(3PT)0-2(FT)4(A)3(S)

Turkish L. Gm. 3- 10(PT)37(M)3-10(FG)1-2(3PT)3-5(FT)5(A)4(S)

Eurocup Game 3- 9(PT)25(M)4-12(FG)0-1(3PT)1-2(FT)3(A)2(S)

Turkish L. Gm. 4- 20(PT)27(M)5-11(FG)4-7(3PT)6-6(FT)3(A)2(S)

Turkish L. Gm. 5- 26(PT)34(M)9-16(FG)2-5(3PT)6-9(FT)5(A)3(S)

Turkish L. Gm. 6- 11(PT)36(M)3-10(FG)1-4(3PT)4-6(FT)4(A)5(R)

Turkish L. Gm. 7- 17(PT)40(M)6-11(FG)1-3(3PT)4-5(FT)8(A)1(R)

[PEKOVIC VIDEO](#) [PEKOVIC 30 PT GAME TWELVES](#)

2. **6' 11" 280 1986 Montenegro- Nikola Pekovic- Minnesota T-Wolves**

Nikola started playing pro ball in the Serbian and Adriatic league with Partizan. In his first year of Euro-league play with Partizan, he proved to be a bull down in the low-post, as he was a major reason that Partizan knocked off then Euroleague champions Panathinaikos in the playoff round. He was signed by Panathinaikos to a big contract in the next off

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season and he teamed with Mike Batiste to form a tough tandem in the paint and won 1 Euroleague crown and 2 Greek titles with Panathinaikos. Nikola made it known that he was not a fan of the NBA game, so he fell to the 1st pick in the 2nd round of the 2008 NBA draft taken by Minnesota. With the off season trade of Al Jefferson, Nikola could get big minutes for the T-Wolves at the center and power forward spots. He has a good hook shot and runs the floor well for a man his size. He is not the best leaper in the world and does not block shots all that well, but with his good low-post game, he could be in the running for the All-rookie team, if he can get the minutes from coach Kurt Rambis and if the guards feed him the ball in the paint.

The play of Kevin Love has caused Nikola to get less minutes than anticipated in the pre-season and it is tough playing both at the same time, because of quickness on the court. The 1st year will be a learning NBA year now and could help another NBA team with his good post-moves if the right trade comes to the Twolves. Had a breakout year with Twolves in 2011-12, as he had 30 point and 27 point games, as he showed that he can play with Kevin Love and get it done in the paint in the NBA just like he did in Europe and in 2012-13, playing with new teammates Andrei Kirilenko and Alexey Shved to go along with Ricky Rubio when he comes back, the Euro feel of the Twolves to go along with All-star Kevin Love should make Nikola Pekovic feel even more at home and have them in the mix for a playoff spot.

09-10-Stats- Panathinaikos

Euroleague Av.- 12(G)21.5(M)14.3(PT)59.3(FG)71.4(FT)3.8(R)0.3(BK)

Greek Av.- 35(G)16.6(M)12.2(PT)68.3(FG)75.5(FT)3.7(R)0.6(BK)

2010-2011 SEASON NBA

T-WOLVES- 65(G)5.5(PT)13.6(M)51.7(FG)0-0(3PT)76.3(FT)3.0(R)0.5(BK)

[BIEDRINS VIDEO](#)

3. 6' 11" 240 1986 Latvian Andris Biedrins--Golden State Warriors

Started his pro career in the Latvian league playing with BK Skonto from 2002 to 2004. Andris had a very good second year and was picked with the 11th selection in the 2004 NBA draft by Golden State. Had a bad beginning to his NBA career, but was inserted into the starting lineup by new coach Don Nelson and had a breakout season. Andris is very mobile, and blocks many shots, also is among league leaders in field goal percentage, but his slight frame causes him problems against bulkier centers and still needs to work on FT percentage. Overall Andris arrived to the NBA from a small nation and has overachieved enough to make 9 million dollars a year playing center in a league with few quality 5 men. New coach Mark Jackson could give Biedrins new life.

09-10--Stats- G State- 33(GM)23.1(MN)59.1(FG)0.16(FT)7.8(RB)1.3(BLK)5.0(PT)

10-11--Stats- G State- 59(G)5.0(PT)23.7(M)53.4(FG)32.3(FT)7.2(R)0.9(B)

[GINOBILI VIDEO](#)

4. 6' 6" 205 1977 Argentinian- Manu Ginobili- San Antonio Spurs

Started his pro career in Argentina in 1995-96 with Andino Sport Club and then played with

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Estudiantes de Bahia Blanca until 1998. He moved to the Italian league with Viola Reggio Calabria from 1998-2000. He played with Kinder Bologna from 2000-2002 where he helped them to the Euroleague title and also won the Italian title in 2001. He was named the Euroleague Final Four MVP in 2001-02 and also won the Italian League MVP in 2000-01 and 2001-02. The Spurs saw his talent and was the 57th pick in the 1999 NBA draft. The Spurs were ahead of other teams with their international scouting as Ginobili along with Tony Parker have become main go to guys at the end of games that has let them win 3 NBA championships with Ginobili. Charles Barkley of TNT saw his talent early and would yell his name out during highlight reels of him dunking over bigger players GINOBILIIIIII. Manu has also been part of the Argentinian national team that beat team U.S.A, in Athens, Greece to help them win the Gold medal. At age 34 Manu has put up big numbers this year for the Spurs after taking off from the national team in 2010. The Spurs have the best record and are hoping that Manu can make big shots in this playoff run that he has made in prior NBA and international championship runs. Helped Argentina qualify for the 2012 Olympics in Great Britain by winning the Fiba Americas in the summer of 2011 in Argentina.

09-10--Stats-Spurs- 75(G)28.7(M)16.5(PT)44.1(FG)37.7(3PT)87.0(FT)4.9(A)3.8(R)

10-11-Stats-Spurs- 80(G)30.3(M)17.4(PT)43.3(PT)34.9(3PT)87.1(FT)4.9(A)3.7(R)

[VAREJAO VIDEO](#)

5. 6' 11" 260 1982 Brazilian Anderson Varejao-- Cleveland Cavs

Started his pro career in 1998 with Brazilian team Franca Basquetebol clube and played there until 2002. He was picked up by Spanish power FC Barcelona in 2002 and played there to 2004 where he was part of the Euroleague championship team in 2002-2003, playing with European legend Dejan Bodiroga. Averaged 8.8 points per game in Euroleague play in 2003-2004 and was taken with the 30th pick in the 2004 NBA draft by the Magic. He was traded to the Cavs, where he has been a major part of their team. He has gotten better on the offensive end, where he can now stick an open 16 foot jumper and has always been a fine defender using his good length to take away many post-games of power forwards in the NBA. Has also been a big part of the Brazilian national team, playing side by side with Tiago Splitter. Was missed very much by the Cavs in 2010-11 and his hustle and energy will make others play harder which could mean more wins.

09-10--Stats-Cavs- 76(G)28.5(M)8.6(PT)57.2(FG)20.0(3PT)66.3(FT)7.6(R)0.9(B)

10-11-Stats--Cavs- 31(G)31.9(M)9.1(PT)52.8(FG)00.0(3PT)66.8(FT)9.7(R)1.2(B)

[ASIK VIDEO](#) [BULLS VIDEO](#)

6. 6' 11" 265 1986 Turkish- Omer Faruk Asik- Houston Rockets

Omer started his pro career in Turkey with Fenerbahce. He was drafted by the Portland Blazers with the 36th pick in the 2008 NBA draft and his rights were traded to the Chicago Bulls on draft day. Omer is a very good shot blocker, but needs to increase his 40 percent FT percentage to stay on the court at the end of games. The FT percentage was most evident at the 2010 World Championship for Turkey, when he was unable to shoot FT's late in the game with Serbia after being hit in the face by Milos Teodosic, Omer made it seem as though Mike Tyson in his prime hit him. Averaged 9 points and 7 rebounds for Turkey and helped them to a silver medal in front of the home fans. Signed by the Bulls to a 3 year contract and should help at the defensive end and is good at rolling to the basket for dunks off of picks. Could be a key defensive piece in his 2nd season in the Bulls hopes of shutting down the lane to get by the Heat in the playoffs in

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2011-12. The loss of Derrick Rose hurt the Bulls chances in the 2012-13 playoffs and the loss of Noah had Asik play big minutes versus Philadelphia. Asik did a good job in the paint, but the Bulls did not match the big contract offer by Houston, so with James Harden and Jeremy Lin, Asik will get many easy dunks and will be a huge rebounder, hope fantasy fans thought outside the NBA box and looked at his name.

2009-2010 SEASON

Euro. Av.- 7(G)8.9(PT)22(M)65.8(FG)36.4(FT)6.0(RB)1.4(BK)

Turkey Av.- 8(G)11.1(PT)27(M)60.7(FG)42.9(FT)5.9(RB)1.8(BK)

BULLS 10-11 Stats- 82(G)2.8(PT)12.1(M)55.3(FG)50.3(FT)3.7(RB)0.7(BK)

[KLEIZA VIDEO](#) [KLEIZA VIDEO](#)

7. 6' 8" 245 1985 Lithuanian- Linas Kleiza- Toronto Raptors

Went to high school in the USA and played for the U-19 Lithuanian team at the World Championship averaging 29 points per game and winning a silver medal. Became a big-time scorer at Missouri University averaging 29.5 points per game at the 2005 Big 12 tournament. Linas was selected with the 27th pick in the 2005 NBA draft by the Blazers and his rights were traded to the Nuggets, where he had a slow rookie year only averaging 3.5 points in late game minutes. Played for Olympiacos in Greece last season along with Josh Childress and led the Euroleague in scoring. The year in Europe was good for Linas, who had to deal with zone defenses and figured out different ways to put the ball in the hoop. Linas came back to the NBA, signing a 4 year deal with the Raptors in the summer of 2010. Playing in Toronto is a good fit for Linas and his good scoring numbers should continue. Played with Lithuania at the 2010 World Championship and led them to a bronze medal averaging 19 points and 7 rebounds per game and being named to the All tournament team. Did not play with Lithuania at Eurobasket 2011 due to injury, but could be key for Toronto rebounding to get back in the playoff mix in 2011-12 if he is healthy again. Injuries hurt Kleiza in 2011-12 season.

2009-2010 SEASON

Euro. Av.- 22(G)17.1(PT)29.6(M)48.0(FG)35.0(3PT)79.7(FT)6.4(RB)

Greek A1 Av.- 31(G)14.0(PT)24.5(M)52.3(FG)34.8(3PT)79.8(FT)5.1(RB)

RAPTORS 10-11 Stats- 39(G)11.2(PT)26.5(M)43.8(FG)29.8(3PT)63.1(FT)4.5(RB)1.0(A)

[ILGAUSKAS VIDEO](#)

8. 7' 3" 260 1975 Lithuanian Zydrunas Ilgauskas--Miami Heat- Retired

Started pro career in Lithuania with Lietuvos from 1994 to 1996. Selected 20th overall in the 1996 NBA draft by Cleveland. Had a true post-up game his first year of NBA ball, also had a more mobile presence before his foot injuries. Has become a pick and pop center in his later years of the league, with his lateral footwork slowing to a crawl as demonstrated against Dwight Howard in the 2009 playoffs. Could split time with Shaq in the upcoming 2010 season. Trading Big Z would be tough because of the big money he makes. It is a shame injuries curtailed his true effectiveness, I remember a game his rookie season when Big Z dominated Karl Malone, Greg Ostertag, and Antoine Carr going for 34 points in a win on the road in tough Salt Lake City. Those type of dominant games were gone after the injuries. Traded to the Wizards and then picked back up by the Cavs, where he played limited minutes in the 2009-2010 playoffs. Followed LeBron James to Miami in the off season and will try to do some dirty work in the

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middle to help the scoring trio.

09-10--Stats-Cavs-63(GM)20.9(M)7.4(PT)44.4(FG)73.2(FT)5.4(RB)0.8(BLK)□

HEAT- 10-11- Stats- 72(G)5.0(PT)15.9(M)50.8(FG)78.3(FT)4.0(R)0.8(B)

[DELFINO VIDEO](#)

9.□ 6'□ 7"□□ 230□ 1982□□ Argentinian--□ Carlos Delfino -- Houston Rockets

Started his pro career in Argentina in 1998. Moved to the Italian league to play for Calabria and Skipper Bologna. Was drafted by the Detroit Pistons with the 25th pick of the 2003 NBA draft. Moved to the NBA with the Pistons, but playing time was limited in Larry Brown's system and had many veterans ahead of him at the time. Traded to the Raptors, where he got regular rotation minutes and averaged 9 points per game off the bench. Signed a 3 year 10 million dollar deal in the Russian league but returned to the Bucks of the NBA, where his talent came out in a good playoff run he was apart of. Has become very good deep shooter on the Argentinian national team and with the Bucks and can still rise up to dunk over defenders. Helped Argentina qualify for the 2012 Olympics by winning Gold at the Fiba Americas 2011 in Argentina. The Bucks have a deep roster in 2011-12 and Carlos could be an X-factor if he is playing at a high level. Signed with Rockets for 2012-13 season and could be key guy off bench.

09-10--Stats- Bucks- 75(G)30.4(M)11.0(PT)40.8(FG)36.7(3PT)78.3(FT)5.3(R)2.6(A)

BUCKS- 10-11- Stats- 49(G)11.5(PT)32.4(M)39.0(FG)37.0(3PT)80.0(FT)4.1(R)2.3(A)

[AJINCA VIDEO](#)

10.□ 7'□ 0"□□ 240□□ 1988□ French□□□ Alexis Ajinca--Toronto Raptors - Strasbourg - France

Started pro career in France with Pau-Orthez in 2006. Selected with the 20th pick of the 2008 NBA draft by Charlotte. Has raw athletic ability and a wingspan of 7' 9". Alexis runs the floor extremely well and also has a surprisingly good mid-range jumpshot. The French league is not one of the top 3 in Europe so Charlotte took a chance on his raw ability, who is a hard worker, but a good game at the Nike hoop-summit against U.S high -school stars is not a reason to guarantee a 3 year deal in the NBA. Feeding the post in game situations is done in Greece on a mid-level team and not done sitting on an NBA bench. Needs quality minutes in a top European league before he can become a legitimate NBA center. Was traded to the Dallas Mavericks for Eric Dampier and Tyson Chandler also goes to Dallas. The new team might mean a better shot at minutes, but he must get stronger and do what he does best block shots and use his length. Traded to the Raptors in January, where his length and size could help Andrea Bargnani inside. Played in France during the NBA lockout.

09-10--Stats- Bobcats- 6(GM)5.0(MN)1.7(PT)50.0(FG)0.0(FT)0.7(RB)0.2(BLK)

D-Leag.- 09-10- Stats--22(G)26.0(M)14.6(PT)54.6(FG)74.8(FT)7.5(R)3.1(BK)

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MAVS-Raptors 10-11-- Stats-- 34(G)9.3(M)4.2(PT)44.4(FG)72.2(FT)2.3(R)0.6(BK)

[BATUM VIDEO](#)

11. 6'8" 210 1988 French Nicolas Batum--Portland Blazers

Started his pro career in France with Lemans in 2006. Selected 25th overall by Houston in the 2008 NBA draft ,with his rights being traded to Portland. Batum is the future of the French national team, he has more raw ability than Boris Diaw, who does not attack the defense as much as Batum does. Has legitimate NBA ability with his length and athleticism. Batum can hit the deep 3 point shot, plays tough defense, and handles the ball very well, with the ability to play point forward at times like he did in the French league. Had a fine season playing in the Euro-League the year before entering the NBA, which helped his transition in Portland. I see a more expanded role for Batum in future years in Portland as his young body matures. Played with France at the 2010 World Championship and helped France beat Spain in an early game. France advanced to the final 16 but lost to the home team Turkey. Played with France at Eurobasket 2011 and helped them get the silver medal. Played with Nancy during the NBA lockout in France.

09-10--Stats- Blazers- 36(GM)10.1(PT)24.4(M)52.3(FG)41.3(3PT)87.8(FT)3.6(R)

BLAZERS-10-11-Stats-- 80(G)12.4(PT)31.5(M)45.5(FG)34.5(3PT)84.1(FT)4.5(R)1.5(A)

[DIAW VIDEO](#)

12. 6'8" 235 1982 French Boris Diaw--San Antonio Spurs

Started his pro career with French team Pau-Orthez in 2001. Selected by the Atlanta Hawks with the 21st pick of the 2003 NBA draft. Played limited minutes with Hawks and was traded to Phoenix in 2005. Boris is a player with a variety of offensive skills with the ability to play different positions. He can take bigger guys off the dribble, with the range to hit the 3 point shot is they back off of him. Boris also has a variety of post-moves in the paint, he showed his skills to the league when Amare Stoudemire was injured which made Boris a hot commodity in trade talks.Stoudemire eventually returned to the Phoenix lineup, so Boris was traded to the Bobcats and fit in very well in Larry Brown's system. Boris is still in the prime of his career, and if he stays aggressive he could get even better with the increased minutes with the Bobcats. Was the veteran player on the French national team at the 2010 World Championship that advanced to the knockout stage. Was also part of the silver medal winning team for France at Eurobasket 2011. Played in the French B league during the NBA lockout.Found himself on the Euro based Spurs roster and is still a fine passing big guy.

09-10--Stats- Bobcats- 81(GM)35.6(MN)11.3(PT)48.1(FG)32.4(3PT)76.9(FT)5.2(RB)4.0(AS)

BOBCATS- Stats-10-11-- 82(G)11.3(PT)33.9(M)49.2(FG)34.5(3PT)68.3(FT)5.0(R)4.1(A)

[MOZGOV VIDEO](#)

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13. 7' 1" 265 1986 Russian-- Timofey Mozgov- Denver Nuggets

Played in Russia and started his pro career at a later age with 3rd division team Konti and then moved on to Khimki's 2nd division team. Playing time was good for this late bloomer on the 2nd division Khimki squad and soon he moved up to Khimki's top team where he showed good low-post skill and a big body who reminds me of Fesenko on the Utah Jazz. The Knicks saw his progress at the Eurobasket event in 2009 with Russia and signed him to a 3 year deal. If the Knicks feed him the ball he can do damage on NBA players who are not familiar with him, Played well at the 2010 World championship with Russia. Traded to the Nuggets for Carmelo Anthony, but might need a new team to get minutes. Played with the bronze medal winning Russian national team at Eurobasket 2011. Played again with Khimki in Russia during the NBA lockout.

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EuroL. Av.- 16(G)6.0(PT)13.3(M)50.6(FG)62.1(FT)4.2(R)0.9(BK)

Russia Av.- 32(G)7.5(PT)18.1(M)55.5(FG)71.8(FT)4.8(R)1.0(BK)

KNICKS- Nuggets- 10-11- Stats- 45(G)3.6(PT)11.6(M)47.4(FG)71.2(FT)2.7(R)0.6(BK)

[MAHINMI VIDEO](#)

14. 6' 11" 245 1986 French Ian Mahinmi--Indiana Pacers

Started his pro career in France with STB LeHavre. Transferred to French team Pau Orthez in 2006 but saw limited minutes averaging 4 points and 3 rebounds in 13 minutes a game. Had a decent Under-18 European championship tournament, so the Spurs took a chance on Ian selecting him with the 28th pick of the 2005 NBA draft. Mahinmi has the body and the athleticism to play in the NBA, but his body of work in a so-so French league did not project him as a 1st round selection. The D-League or a mid-level European team is where you might see him in the next few years, a project, who in time could be a nice addition, but has a lot of work to do before he can get consistent NBA minutes. Has a nice solid body that helped battle taller players at the 2010 World Championship for France and did a nice job against bigger name players. Now a member of the Mavs for the 2010-2011 season. Played in France with Le Havre during the NBA lockout. Signed with Indiana Pacers for 2012-13 season.

09-10--Stats- Spurs- 25(GM)6.0(M)3.7(PT)62.7(FG)67.4(FT)1.9(R)0.3(B)

MAVS-- Stats- 10-11-- 56(G)3.1(PT)8.7(M)56.1(FG)76.8(FT)2.1(R)0.3(BK)

[PARKER VIDEO](#)

15. 6' 2" 180 1982 French Tony Parker--San Antonio Spurs

Started his pro career in France with Paris Basket Racing in 1999. In 2000 Tony had a great

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game at the Nike Hoop Summit against American high school star players and after such a strong showing in front of NBA scouts the Spurs selected Tony with the 28th pick in the 2001 NBA draft. The Utah Jazz must still be kicking themselves for picking Raul Lopez from Spain earlier in the first round, thinking he was better fit to take over for Stockton. Early in Parker's Spurs career, coach Gregg Popovich was not a fan of his decision making skills and sharing of the ball, so Popovich would have Ginobili running the point in crucial late game situations. Teams would also dare Parker to beat them from the outside rather than get beat with his blinding speed off the dribble. As the years and the 3 championships have accumulated, coach Popovich has been more than happy with Tony's improved outside stroke and his decision making skills in late game situations. Tony has a slight frame but has amazing ability to get inside for layups and also gets to the line at a great clip. Tony has the best tear-drop floater in the NBA and uses the Earl Monroe spin-move as a go to move in close games. Tony loves to play for the French national team, and if you ask him which one he would want more this year, an NBA championship or a Eurobasket 2009 championship, he would probably say Eurobasket, because he has never won one with France. Has many good years left in the NBA if he stays healthy. Did not play with France at the 2010 World Championship. Helped France get the silver medal at Eurobasket 2011. Played with ASVEL in France during the NBA lockout.

**09-10--Stats- Spurs- 55(GM)31.0(MN)16.0(PTS)49.0(FG)27.3(3PT)75.7(FT)5.7(AS)0.5(ST)
SPURS-- Stats- 10-11-- 78(G)17.5(PT)32.4(M)51.9(FG)35.7(3PT)76.9(FT)6.6(A)1.2(S)**

[PETRO VIDEO](#)

16. 7' 0" 250 1986 French Johan Petro--Atlanta Hawks

Started his pro career with Pau Orthez in 2003. Was selected with the 25th pick in the 2005 NBA draft by the Sonics. Won a French title with Pau Orthez in 2004 and moved on to the NBA to play with Seattle and Denver. Has good size and leaping ability but might have come over to NBA too early, he could have moved on to the Italian or ACB league 1st, to get a more established post game, where they feed the post more than the NBA. Denver just resigned Johan for the 2010 season, but minutes and touches were limited because of Denver already having Nene Hilario and Chris Anderson at center. Signed with the Nets for 2011 as out going GM thought he could bring good defensive bench minutes. With Brook Lopez in New Jersey, minutes again are tough to come by for Johan. Just looking at the 76ers roster, Thorn might have wanted to wait to bring Petro to Philly for 8 to 10 minutes per game to help Spencer Hawes and Elton Brand with more size off the bench. Could get more minutes with the injury to Brook Lopez in 2011-12. Signed with Atlanta Hawks for 2012-13 season.

09-10--Stats- Nuggets- 35 (GM)12.0(MN)3.4(PTS)53.2(FG)66.6(FT)3.6(RB)0.4(BLK)

NETS- Stats- 10-11-- 77(G)3.5(PT)11.6(M)44.5(FG)53.6(FT)2.8(RB)0.4(BK)

[PIETRUS VIDEO](#)

17. 6' 6" 220 1982 French Mickael Pietrus-- Boston Celtics

Started his pro career with French power Pau Orthez in 1999. Won 2 French titles with Pau in 2001 and 2003. Selected with the 11th pick of the 2003 NBA draft by the Warriors. He had an average 1st 5 years in the NBA with Golden State, again mostly in my mind ,because he jumped directly from a so-so French league to an athletic NBA, instead of going to Spain, Greece or Italy 1st. Was signed as a free-agent by Orlando in 2008 and had a very good playoff run hitting big and clutch 3's, to go along with athletic dunks over big men. I think he has finally figured out his game in the NBA and will have an increased role in Orlando in 2010 with the departure of Turkoglu and the pickup of often injured Vince Carter. Sat out playing for France at the 2010 World championship. Traded to the Suns in 2010. Was released by Suns during the 2011-12 preseason and signed with Boston, where he might get new life if he is in good shape with the loss of Jeff Green.

09-10--Stats- Magic- 74(GM)22.5(MN)8.7(PTS)43.2(FG)38.0(3PT)63.3(FT)2.9(RB)0.7(ST)

MAGIC-SUNS Stats- 10-11- 57(G)7.2(PT)19.4(M)39.2(FG)36.0(3PT)68.4(FT)2.2(R)0.5(S)

[TURIAF VIDEO](#)

18. 6' 10" 250 1983 French Ronny Turiaf-- LA Clippers

Played college ball at Gonzaga, and was selected in the 2nd round of the 2005 NBA draft by the Lakers. Played for the U-18 French national team that won a European title in 2000. Also played for the French senior team at Eurobasket 2009, and was their only physical big man against longer players on other squads, thus France had problems against Spain. Had open heart surgery, but recovered well enough to sign a 4 yr. ,17 million dollar deal with the Warriors as a free-agent. Ronny is a tough, mobile big-man who gives all out hustle and should last in the NBA for a long career, in the mold of a more athletic Kurt Thomas. Traded to the Knicks in the 2010 off-season for David Lee and if Ronny can stay healthy, he will bring toughness to the center spot and could become a crowd favorite. Sat out Eurobasket 2011 due to injury. Traded to Washington for the 2011-12 season after playing with ASVEL during the lockout. Could help with the development of young French center Kevin Seraphin on the Wizards roster. Signed with Clippers for 2012-13 season.

09-10--Stats- Warriors- 40(GM)21.5(MN)5.0(PTS)58.0(FG)46.1(FT)4.8(RB)1.4(BLK)

KNICKS- Stats- 10-11- 64(G)4.2(PT)17.8(M)63.2(FG)62.2(FT)3.2(R)1.1(BK)

[PACHULIA VIDEO](#)

19. 6' 11" 285 1984 Georgian Zaza Pachulia--Atlanta Hawks

Started his pro career in Tukey playing with Ulkerspor from 1999 to 2003. Was selected in the 2nd round of the 2003 NBA draft by the Magic, was selected by the Bobcats in the expansion draft and has also played with the Bucks. Signed with Atlanta in 2005 and became their starting center, averaging 11.7 pts. and 7.9 rebounds a game in 2005. Zaza's role has diminished, in this more high octane young Hawks team, as he is more of a glue guy setting good screens and rebounding the ball defensively for the high flyers to get out on the wings and dunk for the delight of the Hawks crowd. Zaza is a solid player, who fills a defensive tough guy role for the Hawks and after their horrible playoff loss to the Magic, more players on the roster must do the little things, just like Zaza does for them to get by the Celtics or the Magic. Played with Georgia at the Eurobasket qualifier during the summer of 2010 and averaged 16 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. Played with Georgia at Eurobasket 2011 and then Played with Galatasaray in Turkey during the NBA lockout.

**09-10--Stats- Hawks- 77(GM)13.8(MN)4.2(PTS)48.1(FG)65.2(FT)3.7(RB)0.4(BLK)
HAWKS- - 10-11-Stats- 79(G)4.4(PT)15.7(M)46.1(FG)75.4(FT)4.2(R)0.3(BK)**

[GORTAT VIDEO](#)

20. 6' 11" 245 1984 Polish Marcin Gortat--Phoenix Suns

Started his pro career in 2003 and won a German championship with RheinEnergie Cologne in 2006. Was selected in the 2nd round of the 2005 NBA draft by Phoenix. Traded to Orlando, where he sat the bench his 1st season, but saw decent minutes in the 2009 playoffs backing up Dwight Howard and had a great close out game against the Sixers, when Dwight Howard was suspended. I called local radio stations and told them this guy can play, especially good on rolls to the basket as he was against Dalembert when he went for a double-double in that close out game and played well in the rest of the playoffs. Gortat impressed Dallas so much in the playoffs, that Orlando had to match their 5yr. ,34 million dollar deal. Gortat played well for Poland in Eurobasket 2009, but must be dealt to see quality minutes in NBA. With the lack of good centers in the NBA, he could start for many teams but Orlando is not 1 of them playing behind Howard. Orlando might try a twin towers setup and then field trade offers for this hot commodity. Played for Poland in the 2010 summer European qualifier and averaged 18 points and 9 rebounds per game. Got traded to the Suns where he will split time with Robin Lopez and have a great pick and roll point guard in Steve Nash feeding him. The new 2011-12 season could mean a fresh start for Gortat to put up big numbers from the center spot.

**09-10--Stats- Magic- 80(GM)13.4(MN)3.5(PTS)52.5(FG)65.2(FT)4.2(RB)0.9(BLK)
MAGIC-SUNS Stats- 10-11- 80(G)10.2(PT)25.4(M)56.1(FG)72.5(FT)7.9(R)1.1(BK)**

[NOWITZKI VIDEO](#)

21. 7' 0" 245 1978 German Dirk Nowitzki--Dallas Mavericks

Started pro career in 1994 with German team DJK Wurzburg and played with them until 1998. Dirk played at the 1998 Nike Hoop Summit game, against U.S high school All-Americans and dominated by scoring 33 points. That 1998 game was attended by numerous NBA scouts and essentially made him a lottery pick, and he was selected with the 9th pick of the 1998 NBA draft by the Bucks. His rights were traded to Dallas and initially he started off roughly, not excelling right away. His NBA game took off when Dallas brought on Steve Nash and Micheal Finley and Dirk became a dominant 7' 0" perimeter shooting player, winning the regular season MVP and going to the NBA finals against Miami, after winning a tough series against the Spurs, but owning a 2-0 lead, Miami got physical on the perimeter with Dirk, denying his touches, I would have loved to have seen him in the post more, hitting the smaller defenders with a version of the Lazaros Papadopoulos post-shake to get easier looks at the bucket. Dirk has had a great NBA career, and. Internationally Dirk has been a 1 man team for Germany, with his greatest moment being a victory over a deeper Spanish squad in the semi-finals of Eurobasket 2005, Germany eventually lost in the final to Greece. Dirk did not participate in Eurobasket 2009, due to his older age, and his body needing rest after such a long NBA season. Also sat out the 2010 World Championship and watched a young German squad upset Serbia in an early game. Resigned with Dallas and will try to get more glue guys to help him get back to the finals. Won his 1st NBA title in 2010-11 and was named MVP of the finals beating LeBron James, Dwayne Wade and the Miami Heat. Played with Germany at Eurobasket 2011 and then raised his 1st NBA championship banner on Christmas day 2011-12. The Mavs made many moves in the off-season, so the Mavs might need some time to find team rythm.

09-10--Stats- Mavs- 80(GM)37.6(MN)25.1(PTS)48.2(FG)42.0(3PT)91.9(FT)7.7(RB)1.0(BLK)
MAVS- 10-11-Stats- 73(G)23.0(PT)34.3(M)51.7(FG)39.3(3PT)89.2(FT)7.0(R)0.6(BK)

[DENG VIDEO](#)

22. 6' 9" 225 1985 Gr. Britain Nat. Luol Deng--Chicago Bulls

Started playing internationally with Great Britain in the U-16 championships, being named the MVP of the tournament. Deng moved to the U.S and played high school ball in New Jersey and was named an All-American. Played college ball at Duke. Came out early in the 2004 NBA draft and was selected with the 7th pick by Phoenix. His rights were traded to the Bulls, where he made the All-Rookie team. Deng has the ability to post up, take his man off the dribble and also hit the 3 pointer. Injuries hurt Deng's progression last year, but with the departure of Ben

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Gordon to the Pistons, Deng should get numerous touches in late clock situations, and with all of his tools he should be an all-star if he avoids injury in the upcoming years. Did not play at Eurobasket 2009, but will be an essential piece on Great Britain's 2012 Olympic team being held in London. Played with Great Britain at the 2010 European qualifier and helped lead them to a 6-2 record, averaging 22.6 points. Helped the Bulls get to the 2010-11 Eastern conference finals and then played with Great Britain at Eurobasket 2011 and at the 2012 Olympics in Great Britain.

**09-10--Stats- Bulls- 68(GM)37.9(MN)17.8(PTS)46.9(FG)38.8(3PT)76.7(FT)7.3(RB)0.9(ST)
BULLS- 10-11-Stats- 82(G)17.4(PT)39.1(M)46.0(FG)34.5(3PT)75.3(FT)5.8(R)1.0(S)**

[BARGNANI VIDEO](#)

23. 7' 0" 255 1985 Italian Andrea Bargnani--Toronto Raptors

Started his pro career in 2002 with Stella Azzura Roma of the Italian league. Transferred to Benetton of the Euroleague averaging 11pts. and 4 rebounds, while shooting 56 percent and 43 percent from 3 pt. range in 18 games of the 2006 season. Selected with the 1st overall pick of the 2006 NBA draft by Toronto. Became the 1st European player to ever be drafted number 1 in the NBA draft. Has had a decent NBA career so far, his game could improve with fellow Italian, Marco Belinelli, being added to the roster. Has the size to bang in the paint, and with age, I can see him improving down low. He should be an important part of Italy trying to regain the international power, they showed at the 2004 Olympics. Toronto has many scorers on the roster, but all 5 men on the court have to dig in more on the defensive end, in order for this team to advance in playoff series. Played with Italy at the 2010 European qualifier and averaged 24 points per game and 6.6 rebounds.

**09-10--Stats- Raptors-79(G)35.0(M)17.1(PT)46.8FG)37.1(3PT)77.0(FT)6.2(RB)1.4(BK)
RAPTORS- Stats- 10-11- 66(G)21.4(PT)35.7(M)44.8(FG)34.5(3PT)82.0(FT)5.2(R)0.7(B)**

[BELINELLI VIDEO](#)

24. 6' 5" 200 1986 Italian Marco Belinelli-- Chicago Bulls

Started his pro career with Virtus Bologna of the Italian league in 2001. Won an Italian title with

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Bologna in 2005. Was selected with the 18th pick of the 2007 NBA draft by the Warriors. Marco saw limited minutes in his rookie season after a summer league in Las Vegas that made him the talk of the action. In his 2nd year he played more regular minutes, due to injuries to other higher paid guards, and put up good numbers for a 15 game stretch, scoring 27 against the champion Celtics. Eventually he had a flairup in the press with volatile coach Don Nelson, thus during the off-season he was dealt to Toronto. He did not get starter minutes in Toronto and was traded to the New Orleans Hornets in the summer of 2010. This could be the final shot for Marco to make it big in the NBA and get back to that Las Vegas summer league type of play. The Hornets do not have many off-guards on the roster and it is all up to Marco to make this chance happen. Played with Italy at the European qualifier in 2010 and averaged 15.5 points per game. Signed with Bulls for 2012-13 season.

**09-10--Stats- Raptors- 65(GM)16.9(MN)7.0(PTS)40.2(FG)36.8(3PT)84.0(FT)1.4(AS)0.6(ST)
HORNETS- 10-11-Stats- 80(G)10.4(PT)24.5(M)43.7(FG)41.4(3PT)78.4(FT)1.1(A)0.5(S)**

[GALLINARI VIDEO](#)

25. 6' 10" 225 1988 Italian Danilo Gallinari--Denver Nuggets

Started his pro career with Armani Jeans Milano in Italy of the Euroleague from 2006 to 2008 ,and put up spectacular numbers in that tough league as a teenager. Was selected with the 6th pick overall in the 2008 NBA draft by the Knicks. Danilo has a Toni Kukoc and Dejan Bodiroga type of game, in that for a guy 6' 10" he has the ability to take his man off the dribble from the top of the key and set teammates up, with also the ability to hit the perimeter shot. Danilo has nothing but upside in his game and should thrive in Mike D Antoni's system. Might have needed 1 more European season to be fully ready. Can shoot coming off screens, but his true talent is on top shaking guys with his version of the Bodiroga crossover. If Knicks fans are patient, they might have a true gem in their grasp. Did not play with the Italian national team at the 2010 European qualifier, but must be on the team for Italy to get back to their 2004 success. Traded to the Nuggets for Carmelo Anthony in Feb. 2011 where he could show his total skill level instead of just hanging around the 3 point line as the Knicks liked to use him. Played with Armani Milano during the lockout.

**09-10--Stats- Knicks- 80(GM)33.4(MN)15.0(PTS)42.5(FG)38.0(3PT)82.3(FT)4.9(RB)1.7(AS)
KNICKS-Nugget 10-11-Stats-62(G)15.6(PT)33.9(M)41.4(FG)35.2(3PT)86.2(FT)4.9(R)1.7(A)**

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26. 6' 9" 250 1978 Lithuanian Darius Songaila-- Phila. 76ers - Donetsk- Ukraine

Played college ball at Wake Forest, where he was named 2nd team All-ACC and was an honorable mention All-American his senior season. Returned to Europe in 2002 to play for Russian powerhouse CSKA Moscow, where he won a Russian title. Was selected with the 49th pick of the 2002 NBA draft by Boston. Played 2 years from 2003 to 2005 with the Kings in the NBA and then signed a 1 year deal with Chicago in 2006, where he averaged 9 pts. a game. The Wizards signed Darius to a 5 yr. 23 million dollar deal in the summer of 2006, but herniated disc surgery has slowed his energy off the bench. Traded to the T-wolves before the 2009 NBA draft and most recently traded to the Hornets, where if his back is better could get good minutes playing with a great point guard in Chris Paul. A solid tough player who played well with the Kings off the bench, but the injury could mean an end to his career soon. Did not play with Lithuania at the 2010 World championship. Traded to 76ers for 2010-2011 season, where he could help with toughness. Signed with Galatasaray in Turkey for the 2011-12 season.

09-10--Stats- Hornets- 74(GM)18.8(MN)7.3(PTS)50.0(FG)81.1(FT)3.1(RB)0.2(BLK)

76ERS- 10-11- Stats- 10(G)1.6(PT)7.1(M)46.7(FG)0.0(3PT)50.0(FT)1.0(R)0.0(BK)

[ELSON VIDEO](#)

27. 7' 0" 235 1976 Netherlands Dutch Francisco Elson-- Phila. 76ers - Available

Played college ball at the University of California. Started pro career with Valencia and FC Barcelona in Spain, playing limited minutes in the ACB league. Picked up by Denver in the NBA, where he played backup minutes for 3 seasons. Most known for his years backing up Tim Duncan and Oberto in San Antonio, providing energy and toughness off the bench to a Spurs title team. Recently signed a 2 yr. 3 million dollar deal with the Bucks to help backup Andrew Bogut. Elson is a major part of the Netherlands national team that tried to qualify for the 2009 Eurobasket, but has limited talent as teammates around him. Dealt to the 76ers. Signed by the Utah Jazz in the summer of 2010 and should help with minutes at the center spot, as Jerry Sloan loves going with veteran guys.

09-10--Stats- Bucks- 12(GM)5.5(MN)1.0(PTS)33.3(FG)40.0(FT)1.2(RB)0.0(BLK)

JAZZ- 10-11- Stats- 62(G)2.2(PT)9.8(M)47.8(FG)83.9(FT)1.9(R)0.2(BK)

[KIRILENKO VIDEO](#)

28. 6' 9" 225 1981 Russian Andrei Kirilenko-- Minnesota Twolves

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Started his pro career in 1997, becoming the youngest player ever to participate in the Russian Super pro league. Played for Spartak and then transferred to Russian power CSKA Moscow in 1998. Selected with the 24th pick of the 1999 NBA draft by the Utah Jazz. Andrei has an all-around game, being able to put the ball on the floor, shoot the 3 point shot and his best trait of his game is his defense. When Andrei 1st arrived to the NBA, he was an assassin on the defensive end of the court. He was the only guy I ever saw shut down Kobe Bryant for an entire 4th quarter, taking away his post-up game, due to his length at 6' 9" with long arms and quick leaping ability. One on one in Andrei's 1st couple of seasons, Kobe could not get off a decent look without a pick on the perimeter, Andrei also took away the post game from Grant Hill and an older returning Micheal Jordan, they soon found out those long arms made up for his skinny frame down low. Injuries have limited Andrei to a weak side defender, who blocks shots and not the one on one defender he once was. A very good role playing starter, who can do many things to help the Jazz. Shocked home country Spain at the Eurobasket 2007, as Russia beat favorites Greece and Spain and Andrei was named MVP of the event. Did not play with Russia at the 2010 World Championship. Signed with CSKA Moscow during the NBA lockout. After being named MVP of the 2011-12 Euroleague regular season, Kirilenko and his teammate from CSKA alexey Shved signed with the Twolves for 2012-13 season.

09-10--Stats- Jazz- 58(GM)29.0(MN)11.9(PTS)50.6(FG)29.2(3PT)74.4(FT)4.6(RB)1.2(BLK)
JAZZ- 10-11- Stats- 64(G)11.7(PT)31.2(M)46.7(FG)36.7(3PT)77.0(FT)5.1(R)1.2(B)

[EYENGA VIDEO](#)

29. 6' 6" 210 1989 Congolese-- Christian Eyenga- Orlando Magic - Texas Legends DL

Started his pro career in Spain playing with DKV Joventut's 2nd division affiliate Prat. He showed great athlethic ability and decent 3 point range so the Cavs of the NBA took a shot on him with the 30th pick of the 1st round in the 2009 NBA draft. Moved on to play with DKV Joventut last year in Eurocup and ACB play, but did not put up great numbers. Has shown better play in the Las Vegas summer league and with Lebron James joining Miami, the Cavs are hoping NBA brand of play can bring out the best in him. Played with FIAC T Joventut during the NBA lockout.

2009-2010 SEASON

Eurocup Av.- 11(G)3.4(PT)9.7(M)38.2(FG)14.3(3PT)55.6(FT)1.3(R)0.6(ST)

Spain ACB Av.- 29(G)3.9(PT)12.0(M)50.6(FG)34.8(3PT)55.6(FT)2.1(A)0.6(S)

D League- 10-11- Stats- 11(G)24.4(M)10.9(PT)52.2(FG)28.6(3PT)63.6(FT)4.1(R)

Cavs- 10-11- Stats- 44(G)21.5(M)6.9(PT)42.5(FG)27.5(3PT)64.3(FT)2.8(R)0.8(A)

[KRSTIC VIDEO](#)

30. 7' 0" 265 1983 Serbian Nenad Krstic--Boston Celtics - CSKA Moscow - Russia

Started his pro career with Partizan from 2001 to 2004. Selected by the Nets with the 24th pick of the 2002 NBA draft. Had a fine rookie season with New Jersey, averaging 10 pts. a game in 26 minutes per game. Nenad was becoming one of the finer centers of the NBA, when an anterior cruciate ligament injury to his knee set him back in 2007. Nenad returned to Europe in the summer of 2008 and signed a 2 yr. 6 million euro net income deal with Russian team Triumph, with an opt-out in the deal to return to the NBA. Nenad took that opt-out 2 months into the Russian season, and signed with Oklahoma City in the NBA for 3 yr. offer sheet that the Nets did not match. The Thunder is a good fit for Krstic, because of all the athletes they have, they need his occasional post-up, particularly in half-court slow down games as they progress to playoff contention. Competed for Serbia at Eurobasket 2009 and won a surprising silver medal with a young team. Played with Serbia at the 2010 World Championship leading them with 13.5 points per game. Traded to the Boston Celtics for Kendrick Perkins, national media ripped the trade, but Nenad along with Jeff Green will help the Celtics with their team approach. Signed with CSKA Moscow after the 201-11 season.

**09-10--Stats- Thunder- 76(GM)23.0(MN)8.4(PTS)50.2(FG)71.7(FT)5.0(RB)0.6(BLK)
THUNDER-Celtics 10-11-Stats- 71(G)8.1(PT)22.1(M)51.1(FG)77.4(FT)4.7(R)0.4(BK)**

[MILICIC VIDEO](#)

31. 7' 0" 275 1985 Serbian Darko Milicic--- Boston Celtics

Started his pro career with Hemofarm in Serbia. Darko played 2 yrs. with Hemofarm, and did not play in a tough Greek league or a deep ACB league, but NBA teams looked at his size and young age, and Detroit tried to look towards the future by taking this raw talent of a big man over an established college scorer who won an NCAA championship, in Carmelo Anthony. Darko saw limited minutes on a deep and veteran frontline in Detroit, and after complaining to the press, he was traded to Orlando where he showed signs of being a decent player. After a good year in Orlando, Darko signed a 3 yr., 21 million dollar deal with Memphis where he split time with Marc Gasol. In the summer of 2009 the Knicks traded for Darko to try to lock down the paint on the defensive end. Has become a decent big-man in the NBA in limited minutes, but not worthy of the 2nd pick ahead of Carmelo Anthony. Was dealt to the T-Wolves, which will mean more minutes for his season. Signed a 4 yr. and 20 million dollar deal with the T-Wolves and will be asked to be a defensive stopper and is capable of doing that job with his shot-blocking ability. Did not play with Serbia at the 2010 World Championship. Signed with Boston for 2012-13 season.

**09-10--Stats- Knicks-TWolves-31(G)20.9(MN)6.5(PT)48.5(FG)48.0(FT)4.7(RB)1.1(B)
TWOLVES- 10-11- Stats- 69(G)8.8(PT)24.4(M)46.8(FG)55.7(FT)5.2(R)2.0(BK)**

[SERAPHIN VIDEO](#)

32. 6' 10" 265 1989 French -- Kevin Seraphin-- Washington Wizards

Played with Cholet youth academy and moved on to the French Pro A league to play with Cholet in 2008-2009. Has a good body to post-up with right and left handed hook shots.

Averaged 6 points per game in French league play in 2009-2010 in 15 minutes per game and after a good U-20 European Championship, where he won a silver medal he was taken with the 17th pick in the 2010 NBA draft by the Chicago Bulls. He was sent to the Washington Wizards where he will team with John Wall. Has alot of potential but will have to put in the work to get quality minutes. PLayered in Spain with Caja Laboral during the NBA lockout.

2009-2010 SEASON

Eurocup Av.- 6(G)6.5(PT)20.0(M)51.4(FG)75.0(FT)6.5(R)1.2(BK)

France Av.- 32(G)6.0(PT)15.3(M)52.2(FG)55.6(FT)4.2(R)0.9(BK)

WIZARDS- 10-11- Stats- 58(G)2.7(PT)10.9(M)44.3(FG)71.0(FT)2.6(R)0.5(B)

[RADMONOVIC VIDEO](#)

33. 6' 10" 235 1980 Serbian Vladimir Radmonovic-- Chicago Bulls

Started his pro career with Red Star Belgrade in 1997. Was selected with the 11th pick of the 2001 NBA draft by the Sonics. Has played for the Sonics, Clippers, Lakers and Bobcats in the NBA. Has been a streak outside shooter , who had a good playoff run with the Clippers and received a 5 yr., 31 million dollar payday from the Lakers. Was a starter on the team that lost to Boston in the finals, and with his defense to go along with Sasha Vujacic's defense, I had to hear soft-Euro on local radio until Pau Gasol put that to rest the next year. Vladimir plays for the Bobcats in 2010, and he he is a talented but a non-aggressive player that shows little effort on defense, Guys like Antonis Fotsis of Greece who does the same thing from 3 pt. range and actually plays tough defense , should have got a 2nd look at the NBA, but because of many long-term deals like Vladimir's, he gets termed too old at this stage of his basketball life. Was recently traded to Golden State in return for Stephen Jackson, Coach Nelson's free-wheeling style, could bring some life back to his game. Signed with the Atlanta Hawks for the 2011-12 NBA season. Signed with Bulls for 2012-13 season.

09-10--Stats- Warriors- 41(G)21.9(M)6.2(PTS)37.7(FG)27.6(3PT)74.1(FT)4.4(RB)0.7(ST)

WARRIORS- 10-11- Stats- 74(G)5.1(PT)15.8(M)43.1(FG)40.5(3PT)88.2(FT)2.9(RB)

[STOJAKOVIC VIDEO](#)

34. 6' 10" 230 1977 Serbian Peja Stojakovic--Dallas Mavs- Retired

Started his pro career with Red Star Belgrade in 1992. Transferred to the Greek league with PAOK from 1994 to 1998, where he became a dominant scorer, averaging 24 pts. a game his final season. Selected with the 14th pick of the 1996 NBA draft by the Kings. Had a tough rookie year, dealing with coming off the bench, but soon established himself as one of the best shooters of the NBA scoring 20 pts. a game in 2000 ,and averaging 24 pts. a game in 2003 for the Kings. Traded to Indiana for Ron Artest in 2006. After Indiana, he joined the Hornets getting open looks playing with Chris Paul, has an occasional 30 pt. outburst, but the days of him being money from 3 are almost gone, due to injuries and the long NBA seasons , have taken it's toll on his body. Making 13 million for 2010 season, a very good NBA career, Peja won a gold medal at the 2002 World championships, teaming with Bodiroga, to bring glory once again to his proud basketball nation. Traded to the Toronto Raptors in November. After 2 games with the Raptors, Peja had his contract bought out by Toronto and signed with the Mavs for the rest of the 2011 season, where he could give the Mavs much needed scoring if he stays healthy. Helped the Mavs win their 1st NBA ring as he hit big 3 point shots in the playoffs, Decided to retire after getting his 1st NBA ring.

**09-10--Stats- Hornets- 62(G)31.5(M)12.6(PTS)40.4(FG)37.5(3PT)89.7(FT)3.7(RB)0.8(ST)
NO H-Raptors- Mavs 10-11- Stats- 33(G)8.5(PT)18.7(M)44.1(FG)41.9(3PT)92.0(FT)2.3(RB)**

[DRAGIC VIDEO](#)

35. 6' 4" 180 1986 Slovenian Goran Dragic-- Phoenix Suns

Started his pro career in 2003 at the age of 17 in Slovenia where he won a Slovenian title with Olimpija. Transferred to the deep ACB league in Spain where he played for CB Murcia. Was selected in the 2nd round of the 2008 NBA draft by the Spurs, his rights were traded to the Suns. In Phoenix, he backed up Steve Nash and had to adjust to 2 different styles of play, with a coaching change. Goran has heart and plays good on the ball defense, but needs work on his outside shot. Played with Slovenia at the 2007 Eurobasket as more of a combo guard playing with Jaka Lakovic. Played good minutes against Greek veteran guards at Eurobasket, that Slovenia let slip away as Theo Papaloukas took over with his usual magic at the end of big games. Goran was the best guard on the court in the 1st half, over Papaloukas, Spanoulis and Lakovic, mostly because of his fearless mindset. Showed great play against the Spurs and Lakers in the 2010 playoffs as his spin move on Derek Fisher will be shown for a long time. Played with Slovenia at the 2010 World Championship and averaged 12.7 points per game. Traded to the Rockets in Feb. 2011 for Aaron Brooks, could split time at point-guard with Kyle Lowry if he gains his his confidence back that he had in the 2010 playoffs with the Suns. Played

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with Caja Laboral in Spain during the lockout. After a huge 2nd half of season with Houston in 2011-12, Goran got a huge pay day from Suns.

**09-10--Stats- Suns- 78(GM)18.0(MN)7.9(PTS)44.9(FG)38.8(3PT)75.2(FT)3.0(AS)0.6(ST)
SUNS-Rockets 10-11-Stats- 70(G)7.5(PT)17.6(M)43.5(FG)36.1(3PT)62.4(FT)2.9(A)0.7(S)**

[SPLITTER VIDEO](#)

36. 6' 11" 250 1985 Brazilian-- Tiago Splitter-- San Antonio Spurs

Started his Spanish league pro career with Bilbao Basket in 2001 and moved on to TAU Ceramica-- Caja Laboral from 2003-2010 where he got stronger and better every year. Won the MVP of the ACB finals in 2010 as Caja Laboral upset FC Barcelona 3-0. Was the 27th pick in the 2007 NBA draft by the Spurs and will play in the NBA this season. Has been a big part of the Brazilian national team and won FIBA Americas Gold medal in 2009. Has developed a good post game even though he looks a little mechanical. He will fit well with Duncan in the paint, but could have really helped the past few playoffs. Played with Valencia in Spain during the NBA lockout.

2009-2010 SEASON

Euro. Av.- 16(G)13.0(PT)26.1(M)53.5(FG)63.9(FT)5.4(R)0.5(BK)

Spain Av.- 38(G)15.4(PT)28.5(M)59.0(FG)75.7(FT)7.1(R)0.8(B)

SPURS- 10-11- Stats- 60(G)4.6(PT)12.3(M)52.9(FG)54.3(FT)3.4(R)0.3(BK)

[UDRIH VIDEO](#)

37. 6' 3" 205 1981 SlovenianBeno Udrih-- Milwaukee Bucks

Started his pro career playing for Olimija in his native Slovenia. Also has played for Israeli power Maccabi Tel Aviv and Olimpia Milano of Italy, also with Saratov of the Russian pro league. Selected with the 28th pick of the 2004 NBA draft by the Spurs. Played 3 yrs. for the Spurs, but their trust in him as a quality backup to Tony Parker, fell apart as he struggled to bring the ball over half-court, being pressured by veteran guard Lyndsey Hunter in the NBA finals against Detroit. The Spurs put their backup minutes in the hands of Jacque Vaughn, thus Beno was later picked up by the Kings and took advantage of an injury to starter Mike Bibby, averaging 13 pts. and 4 assists per game in 32 games. That production gave Beno a 5 yr. contract with the Kings in 2008. Beno is a good player in Europe that has split time with Jaka Lakovic on his national team at the point guard position. He is a fine point guard in the NBA, but with Tyreke Evans being drafted by the Kings, Beno could move to a more suitable combo-guard position off the bench. Decided not to play with Slovenia at the 2010 World

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Championship. Traded to Milwaukee for the 2011-12 season.

09-10--Stats- Kings- 78(GM)31.2(MN)12.8(PTS)49.2(FG)37.8(3PT)83.2(FT)4.6(AS)1.1(ST)
KINGS- 10-11- Stats- 79(G)13.7(PT)34.6(M)50.0(FG)35.7(3PT)86.4(FT)4.9(A)1.2(S)

[VUJACIC VIDEO](#)

38. 6' 7" 205 1984 Slovenian Sasha Vujacic---New Jersey Nets- Anadolu Efes
Started his pro career in Italy with Snaidero, at the age of 16 in 2001. Played pro ball in the Italian league until 2004. Selected with the 27th pick of the 2004 NBA draft by the Lakers. Has had an up and down NBA career, starting with 3 slow years, that relegated him mostly to the bench. Had a breakout 4th year as a streak deep shooter, with decent numbers which got him a big contract extension. Sasha has trouble on the defensive end against certain NBA guards, but if he hits a few shots early, his intensity is better with guarding quicker guards. Playing with Kobe Bryant makes it tough on a guy like him who thinks shot 1st. He has to pick and choose his spots not to disrupt Kobe's rythm. Playing for another NBA team he could be a quality scorer. If he got consistent minutes, like Beno Udrih, in Sacramento, he might also have good scoring nights on the floor. Got into an on court problem with Goran Dragic and it went to the national media in the playoffs, as Dragic said the problem started when Vujacic was not selected for the 2009 Slovenian team and Vujacic spoke on the subject on TNT post-game show. Did not play with Slovenia at the 2010 World Championship. Traded to the Nets in 2010 and will get a chance to play good minutes. Had a game winning shot for the Nets against the Bulls and went for 25 points in another win and is still young enough to get even better next season for coach Avery Johnson. Signed in Turkey with Anadolu Efes for the 2011-12 season.
09-10--Stats- Lakers- 65(GM)8.2(MN)2.5(PTS)39.2(FG)30.8(3PT)82.8(FT)0.6(AS)0.3(ST)
LAKERS-NETS 10-11- Stats- 67(G)9.8(PT)24.6(M)40.2(FG)37.0(3PT)84.4(FT)2.0(A)0.8(S)

[CALDERON VIDEO](#)

39. 6' 3" 210 1983 Spanish Jose Calderon---Toronto Raptors
Started his pro career back in Spain, playing in the ACB with CB Alicante, Fuenlabrada and then on to TAU Ceramica, which he helped guide to the 2005 Euroleague Final Four. As a free-agent, Jose signed a 3 yr. deal with the Toronto Raptors in the NBA. Calderon split minutes with T.J Ford, but when Ford was injured, Jose took advantage of the new extended minutes , by putting up big numbers for a young point guard. When he became a free-agent again in the summer of 2008, the Raptors had to make a decision between the 2, and they chose Jose. He can hit big 3's, but when he does, he hot-dogs it by sticking his 3 fingers in the air on both hands as he runs back on defense. This can be irritating to opposing fans. Has good hesitation dribbles to the hoop, but has to become a better defender on keeping the opposing teams guard out of the paint. Jose won a gold medal at the 2006 World championships for Spain, and won a silver medal at the 2008 Olympics. Pulled out of the 2010 World championship after getting injured in a tuneup game with USA. With Hedo Turkoglu traded to the Suns, Jose will have

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more of a point guard role than he had just spotting up for 3 point looks playing with Hedo.

09-10--Stats- Raptors- 67(GM)26.8(MN)10.2(PT)48.0(FG)39.6(3PT)79.4(FT)6.0(AS)0.7(ST)
RAPTORS- 10-11- Stats- 68(G)9.8(PT)30.9(M)44.0(FG)36.5(3PT)85.4(FT)8.9(A)1.2(S)

[FERNANDEZ VIDEO](#)

40. 6' 6" 190 1985 Spanish Rudy Fernandez---Denver Nuggets - Real Madrid

Started playing pro ball at the age of 16, back in Spain for DKV Joventut in 2004, the team he would stay with until 2008. Put up amazing numbers in the deep ACB league, especially his final year when he was a one man highlight reel, dunking numerous lob passes from Ricky Rubio. Selected with the 24th pick of the 2007 NBA draft by the Suns, but his rights were traded to Portland. The Blazers used him as a spot up 3 point shooter in the corners, so his ability to shake guys with spin moves at the top of the key was taken away in Portland's system, due to Brandon Roy being that go to guy at the top of the key. Played well in the Gold medal 2008 Olympic game against Kobe Bryant, and might have been the best player on Spain, at Eurobasket 2009 where he won a gold medal. Phoenix would have been a better fit for Rudy, I do not see him lasting in Portland as his go to moves go to waste watching Brandon Roy with the ball. Needs a trade to step up and show what I saw in the ACB. Played with Spain at the 2010 World Championship averaging 15.6 points. Rudy has made it known that he will not show up to play for Portland because of lack of playing time and might even go back to Spain to play. Did show up for preseason and still needs a trade to show his skill. Played in Spain with Real Madrid during the NBA lockout, where he signed a big deal, had an NBA Opt-Out in his contract and will play with the Nuggets after the Mavs traded him.

09-10--Stats- Blazers- 61(GM)23.1(MN)8.1(PTS)37.9(FG)37.1(3PT)86.7(FT)1.9(AS)1.0(ST)
BLAZERS- 10-11- Stats- 78(G)8.6(PT)23.3(M)37.0(FG)32.1(3PT)86.3(FT)2.5(A)1.1(S)

[PAU GASOL VIDEO](#)

41. 7' 0" 255 1980 Spanish Pau Gasol--LA Lakers

Started his pro career in Spain with FC Barcelona in 1998, but played limited minutes until his final year with the team, averaging 11 pts. and 5 rebounds in 24 minutes per game in the ACB. Was selected with the 3rd pick in the 2001 NBA draft by Atlanta, but his rights were traded to Memphis. Pau won the rookie of the year in 2002 and had 7 good yrs. in Memphis, showing a variety of post-moves using either hand and showed the ability to hit the face-up 15 foot shot. Pau guided the Grizzlies to 3 straight playoff appearances, but each time they were swept by superior teams (Spurs, Dallas, and Suns). After an injury plagued 2006, Pau was traded to the Lakers in one of the more lop-sided deals in league history, giving Kobe Bryant a post presense

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for the 1st time since Shaq left. Had a good 1st playoff run with the Lakers, but in the Finals against Boston the soft tag came out as he did not play well in the championship loss. The next year he came out strong and was their main big man who played tough against Dwight Howard and won his 1st NBA title. Won Eurobasket 2009 with Spain and was named MVP. Did not play with Spain at the 2010 World Championship, instead he was a broadcaster of the Spanish games.

09-10--Stats- Lakers- 63(GM)37.2(MN)18.2(PTS)53.1(FG)79.2(FT)11.3(RB)1.(BLK)

LAKERS- 10-11-Stats- 82(G)18.8(PT)37.0(M)52.9(FG)33.3(3PT)82.3(FT)10.2(R)1.6(B)

[MARC GASOL VIDEO](#)

42. 7' 1" 275 1985 Spanish Marc Gasol--Memphis Grizzlies

Started his pro career in Spain playing with FC Barcelona from 2004 to 2006 but saw limited minutes with the ACB power. Transferred to Girona from 2006 to 2008 and was named MVP of the ACB in 2008, ahead of a spectacular season by Rudy Fernandez. Was selected in the 2nd round of the 2007 NBA draft by the Lakers, and his rights were traded to Memphis as part of his brother Pau's trade. Marc is not the athletic mobile guy that his brother is, but in his rookie year he averaged 12 pts. and 7.4 rebounds in 30 minutes per game. If he keeps his weight under control, Marc should last a decade playing center in the NBA. Part of the Eurobasket 2009 Spanish team that won a gold medal in Poland. Played with Spain at the 2010 World Championship averaging 12.8 points and 6.6 rebounds.

09-10--Stats- Grizzlies- 69(GM)35,8(MN)14.6(PTS)58.1(FG)67.0(FT)9.3(RB)1.6(BLK)

GRIZZLIES- 10-11-Stats- 81(G)11.7(PT)31.9(M)52.7(FG)74.8(FT)7.0(R)1.7(BK)

[NOCIONI VIDEO](#) [NOCIONI VIDEO](#)

43. 6' 7" 225 1979 Argentinian-- Andres Nocioni -- Phila. 76ers - Caja Laboral - Spain

Started his pro career in the LNB Argentinian pro league from 1995 to 1999. Moved on to the ACB Spanish league in 1999 to play with TAU Ceramica and Manresa and became the ACB MVP in 2004. Played with Luis Scola and Manu Ginobili on the Argentinian national team and won the Gold medal in Athens, Greece in 2004. Moved to the NBA where he became a crowd favorite with the Bulls. His minutes in Sacramento went down but with his trade to the 76ers he

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should get much more time on the floor to bring 3 point shooting and toughness. After playing rotation minutes early in the year with the 76ers, coach Doug Collins has gone with the younger players, but Nocioni still could be key in their playoff round to give them experienced time on the floor in pressure games.

09-10--Stats- Kings- 78(G)8.5(PT)19.7(M)39.9(FG)38.6(3PT)71.7(FT)6.0(R)

SIXERS- 10-11- Stats- 54(G)6.1(PT)17.2(M)42.6(FG)35.6(3PT)80.3(FT)3.1(R)0.3(BK)

[SEFOLOSHA VIDEO](#)

44. 6' 7" 215 1984 Swiss Thabo Sefolosa--Oklahoma City Thunder

Started his pro career in Switzerland at the age of 17. He transferred to the French league from 2003 to 2005. Signed with Italian team Angelico Biella for 1 season in 2005-2006. Was selected with the 13th pick of the 2006 NBA draft by the Sixers, his rights were traded to the Bulls. Thabo was a surprisingly high pick for his overall minimal accomplishments in Europe. Scouts loved his wingspan and athleticism, but his outside shot has to improve if he wants to play extended minutes on the court. His playing time increased when he was traded to the Thunder, but his shooting percentage dropped. Might just be best suited as a bench energy guy who gets out on the break for layups and disrupts opposing team offenses with his length and athleticism. Reminds me of David Wingate of years ago with less of an outside game. Played with Fenerbahce i Turkey during the NBA lockout.

09-10--Stats- Thunder- 81(GM)28.7(MN)5.9(PTS)44.0(FG)30.6(3PT)67.4(FT)4.8(RB)1.2(ST)

THUNDER- 10-11-Stats- 79(G)5.1(PT)25.9(M)47.1(FG)27.5(3PT)74.7(FT)4.4(R)1.2(S)

[OKUR VIDEO](#)

45. 6' 11" 265 1979 Turkish Mehmet Okur-- New Jersey Nets - Available

Started his pro career in Turkey with Renault and Tofos in 1997. Transferred to Turkish power Efes Pilsen in 2000 and won a Turkish title with them in 2001 averaging 13.5 pts. per game. Was selected with the 38th pick of the 2001 NBA draft by Detroit. Played limited minutes his first 3yrs. in the NBA due to Detroit's deep and veteran frontline. Played good minutes in the Pistons playoff and championship run, showing the ability to hit the Bill Laimbeer deep 3 and also occasionally do damage down low. Detroit did not want to let him go, but with Rasheed Wallace was up for a new contract, and the Pistons could not match Utah's 6 yr. 50 million dollar

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contract. Okur spaces the floor well for Utah, with Boozer doing the damage down low, and Mehmet rebounds pretty well for the little athleticism he has, but Utah's success in their glory days was built with Mark Eaton and Greg Ostertag shutting down the paint by blocking shots. Okur has given Utah little shot-blocking ability out of the center position in close playoff loses. My feeling is that Utah needs to go back to that defensive minded center, and he is sitting on their bench in Kyrylo Fesenko, who has shown flashes of being ready to bring some huge size back to the Jazz, by splitting minutes with Okur, especially in playoff games against the longer Laker players. Okur could have been big hitting long distance 3 pointers for Turkey at the 2010 World Championship, but the injury in the playoffs took that chance away. Utah needs his 3 point shooting this year with the loss of Kyle Korver to Chicago. Traded to the New Jersey Nets for the 2011-12 season. Played with Turk Telekom in Turkey during lockout.

09-10--Stats- Jazz- 71(GM)29.4(MN)13.3(PTS)45.2(FG)37.9(3PT)81.7(FT)7.0(RB)1.3(BLK)

JAZZ- 10-11-Stat- 13(G)12.9(M)4.9(PT)35.5(FG)31.3(3PT)75.0(FT)2.3(R)0.3(B)

[TURKOGLU VIDEO](#)

46. 6' 10" 225 1979 Turkish Hedo Turkoglu--Orlando Magic

Started his pro career in Turkey at the age of 17 , playing with Turkish power Efes Pilsen. In his final European season, Hedo helped guide Efes Pilsen to the Euroleague Final Four, averaging 13.6 pts. per game. Was selected with the 16th pick of the 2000 NBA draft by the Kings. Became Turkey's 1st NBA player. Hedo was 1 of the 1st 6' 10" guys in the NBA, along with Toni Kukoc to be able to take defenders off the dribble as well as hit a consistent 3 pt. shot. Hedo was a dangerous scorer early in his career with the Kings, but last year in the playoffs with Orlando, he became more of a setup guy, as opposed to the last second shot guy he was as a younger player. He loves driving to his left and pulling up for the 12 foot fall away. At Eurobasket 2009, he and Ersan Ilyasova, did all they could to keep the Turkish squad in the mix against deeper teams. Played with Turkey at the 2010 World Championship, helping them to a silver medal in front of the home crowd and averaged 12.3 points per game and was named to the top 5 players list. The trade to Phoenix for Leandro Barbosa gives Turkoglu a chance to play with Steve Nash and Josh Childress in a more up and down tempo. Traded back to the Magic in 2010 where he will fill the point-forward role.

09-10--Stats- Raptors- 73(G)30.9(MN)11.4(PTS)40.9(FG)37.4(3PT)77.5(FT)4.7(RB)4.1(AS)

SUNS-MAGIC 10-11-Stats- 81(G)10.8(PT)31.2(M)44.6(FG)41.0(3PT)67.9(FT)4.4(R)4.2(A)

[FESENKO VIDEO](#)

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47. 7' 1" 300 1986 Ukrainian Kyrylo Fesenko--Indiana Pacers - Available

Started his pro career with the Ukrainian league in 2003 and played there until 2007. Was selected in the 2nd round of the 2007 NBA draft by the Sixers, with his rights being dealt to Utah. Has played in the D-League with the Utah Flash, and was called to play his 1st NBA game against the Lakers and Andrew Bynum and did a fine job, more than holding his own and even shutting down the lane as Mark Eaton and Greg Ostertag used to in Utah's defensive days. For some reason Jerry Sloan will not play this huge kid who is more mobile than Eaton and Ostertag ever were. Kyrylo also shut down Yao Ming in a game and Clyde Drexler, who was commentating on the Houston broadcast was extremely impressed with this young big guy. Sloan did not play him against the larger Lakers in the playoffs, instead choosing Jaron Collins who had no shot against the long Lakers front-line. Jerry Sloan has to go back to a defensive large center who shuts down the middle and Kyrylo is his man to give him some huge size in the paint this year. Played good minutes against the Nuggets in the 2010 playoffs and his size was key in slowing down Nene. Played for the Ukrainian national team at Eurobasket 2011 and will look for a new NBA team as a free agent. Signed with Pacers in 2011-12 but Pacers went with smaller lineups.

09-10--Stats- Jazz- 48(GM)8.4(MN)2.6(PTS)54.8(FG)42.1(FT)1.9(RB)0.4(BLK)
JAZZ- 10-11Stats- 53(G)2.0(PT)8.6(M)44.0(FG)39.1(FT)2.0(R)0.3(BK)

[AZUBUIKE VIDEO](#)

48. 6' 5" 220 1983 Gr. Britain-- Kelenna Azubuike-- Cleveland Cavs - Available

Started his pro career in the NBA D league from 2005 to 2007 and moved on to the Golden State Warriors in Jan. 2007, where he played well in Don Nelson's small ball system averaging 14.4 points per game in 2008-2009. Has great leaping and dunking ability. Was traded to the Knicks, where he will try to come back from last years injury.

09-10--Stats- G State- 9(G)13.9(PT)25.7(M)54.5(FG)37.0(3PT)67.9(FT)4.6(R)1.1(A)
KNICKS- 10-11- Stats-

[CASSPI VIDEO](#)

49. 6' 9" 225 1988 Israeli Omri Casspi-- Cleveland Cavs

Started his pro career in Israel with Maccabi Tel Aviv as a 17 yr. old teenager in 2005. Averaged 8.8 pts. a game in the Euroleague this past season playing for Maccabi. Was selected with the

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23rd pick in the 2009 NBA draft by the Kings. Omri is a hustle player who gives you energy, the years of playing with such a high-level European club, and being involved in Final Four games, at such a young age, should be an advantage to the young Kings squad, when they eventually break through to the NBA playoff rounds. The more fast-break system of the NBA should help Omri, not deal with zone defenses. Fellow Israeli teammate of last year Lior Eliyahu, should also have gotten a look from NBA GM's, this past summer, when he was a free agent. Omri could develop early, if the minutes are there because of his all out gritty play, and his never backdown attitude. Traded to the Cleveland Cavs for the 2011-12 season.

09-10--Stats- Kings- 76(GM)25.1(MN)10.4(PTS)45.1(FG)37.3(3PT)67.2(FT)4.5(RB)0.7(ST)
KINGS- 10-11-Stats- 71(G)8.6(PT)24.0(M)41.2(FG)37.2(3PT)67.3(FT)4.3(R)1.0(A)

[BEAUBOIS VIDEO](#)

50. 6' 2" 185 1988 French Rodrigue Beaubois--Dallas Mavericks

Started his pro career in France and averaged 10 points per game in the 2009 season. Was selected with the 25th pick of the 2009 NBA draft by the Thunder, with his rights being traded to Dallas. Rodrigue grew up going to Micheal Pietrus's summer camps and has grown into a surprising 1st round pick. He had a good Reebok Eurocamp and reminded people of Rajon Rhondo with a better jumpshot. Rodrigue will have a great old pro in Jason Kidd to learn from. Was going to play with France at the 2010 World Championship but an injury did not allow it.

09-10--Stats- Mavs- 55(GM)12.6(MN)7.1(PTS)51.9(FG)41.3(3PT)80.8(FT)1.3(AS)0.5(ST)
MAVS- 10-11-Stats- 28(G)17.7(M)8.4(PT)42.2(FG)30.1(3PT)76.7(FT)2.3(A)0.7(S)

[ILYASOVA VIDEO](#)

51. 6' 10" 240 1987 Turkish Ersan Ilyasova--Milwaukee Bucks

Started his pro career in Turkey with Ulkerspor in 2004. Was selected with the 36th pick of the 2005 NBA draft by the Bucks. Played in the NBA D-League for the Bucks in 2005 and averaged 12.5 pts. per game. Played with Bucks in 2006 averaging 14.7 minutes per game, while scoring 6.1 pts. per game, his shooting % was low, due to him needing European minutes in a tough ACB league. He received those minutes, when Ersan returned to Europe for 2 seasons to play with FC Barcelona and he became a stronger player, who now possesses various scoring skills, he did not have his 1st NBA stint. Won the ACB title in 2009. Recently signed a 3 yr., 7 million dollar deal, to return with the Bucks. The Bucks might have received the better Turkish player in free- agency, better than Toronto did paying 9 million a yr. for a slowing Hedo Turkoglu. Ersan became Turkey's go to guy at Eurobasket 2009, over Turkoglu. Ersan is only 22 and ready to

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be a stud, by what I saw the last year. Ersan played well with the Bucks in the 2010 NBA playoffs and was the go to guy for Turkey in the preliminary round at the 2010 World Championship averaging 13.4 points and 7.6 rebounds per game. Did not have a great Serbia or USA game, but was the main reason Turkey was 5-0 in the early games. Played with Anadolu Efes in Turkey during the NBA lockout.

09-10--Stats- Bucks- 80(G)23.5(M)10.3(PTS)44.0(FG)33.2(3PT)71.4(FT)6.4(RB)1.1(A)
BUCKS- 10-11-Stats- 60(G)9.5(PT)25.1(M)43.6(FG)29.8(3PT)89.4(FT)6.1(RB)0.9(A)

[ANDERSON VIDEO](#)

52. 6' 11" 250 1980 Australian David Anderson-- Hornets- Fenerbahce - Turkey

Started his pro career in Australia, then moved on to the Italian league and played with Virtus Bologna and Siena, where he won 2 Italian titles. Transferred to CSKA Moscow from 2004-2008, where he teamed in the front line with Matjaz Smodis and won 2 Euroleague crowns. For the 2009 season, he moved on to Spanish power FC Barcelona, and won the ACB title on a deep roster. Was selected with the 37th pick of the 2002 NBA draft by Atlanta. In the summer of 2009, Anderson's NBA career finally began , as Houston paid Atlanta 2 million cash and paid FC Barcelona 500,000 dollars in a buyout, and David was brought in to help with the loss of Yao Ming. Anderson signed a 3 yr. 7.5 million dollar deal with Houston, and I think they are getting a player that does some of the same things that Luis Scola does in the paint. David is good in the post, with a variety of moves, and he is money from the corners with the face-up 16 footers. He is a little mechanical, and I thought was a good fit for Houston, but his minutes were cut by the good play of Luis Scola. Traded to the Toronto Raptors and should get a better chance to hit his corner jumpers and use his post moves there. Played with Australia at the 2010 World Championship averaging 10.4 points and 7.4 rebounds. Traded to the New Orleans Hornets in November. Signed in Italy with Montepaschi for the 2011-12 season.

09-10--Stats- Rockets- 63(G)14.1(M)5.8(PTS)43.2(FG)34.6(3PT)68.7(FT)3.3(R)0.2(B)
RAPTORS-HORNETS 10-11-Stats-40(G)3.4(PT)9.3(M)46.3(FG)34.8(3PT)63.6(FT)2.1(R)

[KOUFOS VIDEO](#)

53. 7' 0" 265 1989 Greek-American Kosta Koufos--Denver Nuggets

Was a McDonald's All-American out of his home state of Ohio. Played for the Greek national team at the 2007 U-18 European Championships and won the MVP award, even though Greece lost in the final game to Serbia. He led the tournament in pts., blocks and rebounds, and played so well that Olympiacos offered him a 3 yr. 5million dollar deal. He chose to decline and join Ohio State, where he started with a splash, in New York city at the preseason kick-off. His touches in the post soon stopped and was relegated to just a high post forward. He soon got his rhythm back and was named post-season NIT- MVP, as Ohio State beat U-Mass 92-85. He declared for the NBA draft and was selected with the 23rd pick of the 2008 NBA draft by the Utah Jazz. He had some good moments, but needed to get stronger in the post. Played for the Greek national senior team, at Eurobasket 2009, and was playing well, but flu symptoms took him out of most of the action. Greece could have used his size against Spain. Traded to the T-Wolves in the deal for Al Jefferson and could get an increased role in Minnesota. Traded to the Nuggets Feb. 2011, but might need a new team like his home state Cavs to get good minutes. Played with the Greek national team at Eurobasket 2011. Had a good end of the 2011-12 season with Denver and was the starting center ahead of JaVale McGee for 2012-13.

**09-10--Stats- Jazz- 34(GM)4.4(MN)1.4(PTS)47.6(FG)60.0(FT)1.2(RB)0.1(BLK)
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JEREBKO VIDEO

54. 6' 9" 235 1987 Swedish Jonas Jerebko--Detroit Pistons

Started his pro career in Sweeden, with Boras Basket in 2005. Moved on to Plannja Basket, in Sweeden, for the 2006-2007 season where he won a title. Transferred to the Italian league, with Angelico Biella for the 2007 season and had a good year in the advanced Lega A league, putting up 9.9 pts. per game. Jonas was selected with the 39th pick of the 2nd round of the 2009 NBA draft, by Joe Dumars and the Detroit Pistons. He has an Andrei Kirilenko type of game, in that he can hit the open 3 pointer, but also gives you tap back offensive rebounds, and many dives to the basket for layups. Defenseively, he is not the assassin that Kirilenko was in his rookie season, but with his length, he guards numerous positions. I would have adviced him to stay in Europe, with the big 3 leagues of Italy, Spain or Greece to get one more good year of European play under his belt. He has decided to give the Pistons a try for the 2009 season and had a very good season and with some off season work to get stonger and get better from the 3 point line, he should continue to grow as a player.

09-10--Stats- Pistons- 79(GM)27.7(MN)9.2(PT)48.1(FG)31.6(3PT)71.5(FT)5.9(R)1.0(S)

ERDEN VIDEO

55. 7' 0" 245 1986 Turkish Semih Erden- Cleveland Cavs - Anadolu Efes - Turkey

Started his pro career in 2003 with Durussafaka in Turkey and moved on to Serbian power Partizan where he averaged 4.6 points per game in 2004. From 2005 to 2010 he played with Turkish power Fenerbahce and has also been a rotation big-man on the Turkish national team. Was selected with the 60th pick of the 2009 NBA draft by the Celtics and has come over to play in the NBA. On this deep frontline with Garnett, Shaq and Perkins, his minutes will be limited unless a trade comes. He is a solid big-man who can post up at times and rebounds the ball and can help Boston with the dirty work. Traded to the Cavs Feb. 2011, where he should get good minutes to fill the defensive end of the floor and work on his post game. Played with Deron Williams in Turkey with Besiktas during the NBA lockout.

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CELTICS- 10-11- Stats- 41(G)4.0(PT)14.5(M)55.9(FG)65.0(FT)2.9(R)0.6(BK)

IBAKA VIDEO

56. 6' 10" 245 1989 Congolese- Serge Ibaka- Oklahoma City Thunder

Started his pro career in Spain with the LEB league and moved to the ACB with Manresa for the 2008-2009 season averaging 7.1 points per game, 4.5 rebounds and 1 block in 16 games. He also showed tremendous leaping ability to go along with a strong body. Was selected by the Sonics with the 24th pick in the 2008 NBA draft and showed well un his 1st NBA season playing the L.A Lakers tough in his 6 game playoffs, putting up 7.8 points and 6.5 rebounds in 25 minutes against the champs. He is great on the break and is a solid power forward for many years to come on this young and dangerous Thunder squad. Played with the Spanish Gold Medal winning team at Eurobasket 2011 and also played in Spain with Real Madrid during the NBA lockout.

09-10 Stats- 73(G)6.3(PT)18.1(M)54.3(FG)63.0(FT)5.4(RB)1.3(BK)

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THUNDER- 10-11- Stats- 82(G)9.9(PT)27.0(M)54.3(FG)75.0(FT)7.6(R)2.4(B)

[ARROYO VIDEO](#)

57. 6' 2" 200 1979 Puerto Rican- Carlos Arroyo- Celtics- Besiktas - Turkey - Available

Started his pro career in Puerto Rico and was signed by the Raptors in the NBA for the 2001-2002 season, then went to the Nuggets and had a short stay with TAU Ceramica of the ACB league. Was a starter for the Jazz in his 2002-2005 stay and during that time he helped the Puerto Rican national team to their biggest international win, as they beat team USA at the 2004 Olympics and Carlos Arroyo was the best player on the floor that day. He is a big-time scorer in international play and had time with the Pistons and Magic, but the Piston slow down game did not fit his style and had a good run with the Magic before he returned to Europe with Maccabi Tel Aviv. After a good year in Israel he played at the 2009 Fiba America tournament and was a top 3 player at the event but had a tough time finding a team until Miami gave him a deal. Helped Miami get to the playoffs last season after he waited his turn. With the new look Heat he will get many open jumpers and though national media say Miami needs an upgrade at the point, I feel he is a quality point guard that can play big if he gets the minutes. The Miami Heat picked up Mike Bibby and released Arroyo, The Knicks or Sixers or Celtics might be a good move for Arroyo. The Celtics did sign Arroyo to be the backup PG the rest of the year. Signed in Turkey with Besiktas for the 2011-12 season.

09-10 Stats- 72(G)6.1(PT)22.0(M)47.5(FG)28.0(3PT)84.4(FT)3.1(A)0.5(S)

HEAT-BOST-10-11-Stat-64(G)4.8(PT)18.5(M)44.0(FG)44.9(3PT)83.0(FT)2.0(A)0.3(S)

[SCOLA VIDEO](#)

58. 6' 9" 245 1980 Argentinian-- Luis Scola-- Phoenix Suns

Started his pro career in Argentina, then moved to the 2nd division in Spain and then played with TAU Ceramica in the ACB league from 2000-2007. Was named ACB league MVP in 2005 and 2007 and was a 1st team All-Euroleague selection in 2006 and 2007. Played with Manu Ginobili and Andres Nocioni at the 2004 Olympics and won a Gold medal. Was named to the 2008 NBA All-Rookie team and played with Argentina at the 2010 World Championships where he was a big-time scorer. Has a nice post-game and is money from the FT line area on face-up jumpers and should put up good numbers in 2010-2011 for the Rockets. Traded to the Suns for start of 2012-13 season.

09-10 Stats- 82(G)32.6(M)16.2(PT)51.9(FG)73.8(FT)8.6(R)2.1(A)

Rockets- 10-11- Stats- 74(G)18.3(PT)32.6(M)50.4(FG)73.8(FT)8.2(RB)2.5(A)

[PAVLOVIC VIDEO](#)

59. 6' 8" 235 1983 Serbian-- Sasha Pavlovic-- Portland Blazers

Sasha played highschool ball in Baltimore, Maryland and turned pro in Europe playing with Buducnost from 2000 to 2003. Averaged 9.6 points per game in Euroleague play his final year and was selected in the 1st round by the Utah Jazz with the 19th pick in the 2003 NBA draft. Moved on to the Cavs from 2004 to 2009 and was a starter with Lebron James on the Eastern Conference championship team that lost to the Spurs in the Finals. Sasha is a streak shooter, who can get hot to help a team and has nice drives to the bucket when his confidence is going good. Moved to the Twolves last year and did not have a great shooting year, but got signed by the Mavs in January to help with the loss of Caron Butler. Signed with Mavs but then released. Picked up by the Celtics in March. Resigned by Boston for 2011-12. Signed with Blazers for

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start of 2012-13 season.

09-10 Stats- 71(G)3.7(PT)12.4(M)36.3(FG)29.7(3PT)38.5(FT)1.6(R)0.8(A)

Mavs-NO-Bos.10-11-31(G)2.5(PT)11.7(M)40.3(FG)38.7(3PT)60.0(FT)1.0(R)0.5(A)