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Posted by snoscythe - 2008/04/08 21:15

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Re:Grit in my craw....

Posted by PP3 - 2008/04/09 09:07

Easy there snoscythe:laugh: . I agree CP is over-rated. Does any one think the Hornets could take the Lakers in a 7 game series? Actually, if things line up and the Hornets play the Mavericks in the first round, I am not so sure that the Hornets make the second round. The Mavs are going to be a tough first round opponent, for (looks like) the two seed. I think the Lakers can take them, but I don't think that the Hornets could. CP and DW are about the same in total talent in my book, but as far as fitting in with the Jazz, DW fits the system much better than CP would.

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Re:Grit in my craw....

Posted by Hengst - 2008/04/09 09:13

It's hard to argue with the best record in the west though. I doubt New Orleans goes far in the playoffs but at least they've been consistent throughout the year. That's not something you can say about the jazz.

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If I was near you, I'd give you a hug for that! haha, I'm SOOOOOO sick of hearing about how great 3CPO is. Deron Williams has OWNED him in all but 1 game head to head. The thing I hate about Paul's game, he books it into the paint, out of control, then just throws some crap pass at the feet of one of his players. Not a big fan. If he wins MVP, I'm going.... to, uh..... never watch the NBA again! except for Jazz games.

I have a couple of videos for anyone who tries to tell me he's better than Willey

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Re:Grit in my craw....

Posted by Metal Bubba - 2008/04/10 19:59

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Chris Paul drives the lane out of control and throws a pass at his teammate's feet? Dude, you're an idiot. You don't lead the league with 11.5 assists while turning the ball over only 2.5 times a game by playing the way you describe it. Come on... you're smarter than that. CP3 leads the NBA in assists and steals. His team has the best record in the West. Despite DWill having a 3 inch and 30 pound advantage, CP3 still grabs more rebounds. CP3 gets a lot of love from the media and he deserves every bit of it.

It's no secret that CP3 struggles against DWill. He did in college too. He often struggles against bigger PGs, but he'll find a way to overcome that eventually. I'm sure the Hornets would not want to meet the Jazz in the playoffs.

DWill got a lot of love from the media for what he and the Jazz did in the playoffs last year. He deserved it too. As a CP3 fan, that didn't make me hate DWill or want to scream "over-rated" at the TV. DWill would laugh in the faces of anybody who criticizes CP3 like you guys do, since they're such good friends. Just chill out and enjoy watching both guys play.

Funny how you forgot this CP3's video though:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=s1FHrtkMMYs>

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For the record I meant to say "you're being an idiot"... but I'm not sure that makes it all that much better. ;)

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Re:Grit in my craw....

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I'm going to have to agree with Metal bubba. I'm glad the jazz have Williams. But Chris Paul is doing more with less! He should be the mvp. He took a team that didn't make the playoffs and now they have the best record in the west! He makes the people around him better. He's averaging over twenty one points, and over ten assists a game! Look at the people he has around him. Peja Stojakovic, Tyson Chandler, David West, and Pargo. Peja and Chandler were both traded from their old teams because they didn't perform. David West and nobody knew who David West was till the past couple of years when Chris Paul came to town.

Sorry Harline. I'm going to have to respectfully disagree with you. :dry: But I do agree that it should be Garnett should get some very strong consideration! I don't agree with Kobe. He has way more then Paul has. And yet Chris' team has a better overall record. Besides the Jazz I'm really rooting for Kevin Garnett too win the title. He finally has some great players around him. For more then ten years he's had nothing but mediocre NBA players around him! :evil:

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Posted by PP3 - 2008/04/11 06:39

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Oh and Kobe has been playing with an injured hand.

Re:Grit in my craw....

Posted by stuckinbig10country - 2008/04/11 08:01

If you say CP3 is the best point guard in the league, you might be right. If you say DWill, you might be right. If you say anyone else, you're wrong. The fact that people are talking about these two, and only these two players at that position is phenominal after only 3 years in the league.

Last month DWill had more assists in a month than anyone since John Stockton in 1992.

CP3 has taken a team (basically the same team he had last year, but still) from out of the playoffs to having the best record in the West.

The only reason that the Jazz ever give for picking DWill is the size. Here's some other things that I'm sure factored in. In CP3's last 3 games in college he punched someone in the groin, was suspended, and then no showed in the first round of the NAAs. DWill's last three games he brought his team back from double digits down in 3 minutes to get to the final four, carried his team to the championship game, and then almost single-handedly beat UNC (only lost by 3). That UNC team had 6 players drafted that summer.

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Re:Grit in my craw....

Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/04/11 08:09

The age old question is what is an MVP? Is it the player with the best stats? Is it the player who has done the most with the least? Or is it the player who has done the most for the league? In my opinion, it should be the latter as first criteria followed closely by stats then most with least. I would use as tiebreakers stats like shooting percentage from the field and the line and game winners or times when a player has taken the team on their back and willed the team to victory. Having said that, and letting ya'll know I don't follow the NBA too closely other than the Jazz, I would vote for King James as MVP. What is his supporting cast? How many times has he taken over in the 4th to bring them to victory? What is the image he has brought to the league despite the prestige to bring a major attitude and arrogance?

Just my thoughts.
Go Cougs!!!

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Ok. Kobe has a better supporting cast then LeBron but Kobe in a lot of people's eyes is the "best" player in the world. I'll agree that he most likely has the most talent? But He's a freaking ball hog! If you wanna disagree. Just remember the 81 point game he had two years ago. I think now that Gasol is back. Kobe clearly have a better supporting class. But in my opinion he has more with less then anyone besides LeBron. But the Cavaliers if they were in the west. They wouldn't even have made the playoffs.

Cp3 took a team that won 39 games last year. With virtually the same team. Now they have the best record in the west. It should either be Paul or Garnett.

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Posted by harlinestilopen - 2008/04/11 15:41

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Posted by Metal Bubba - 2008/04/11 18:36

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I'm a jazz fan. But I've been a CP3 fan since he came out of college. Anyways in my opinion. I think it should be Garnett or Chris Paul. But if Kobe takes it I'm going too puke! :X

Ps I'm really excited for the blue-white game tommorrow!:lol: Go cougs!

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Posted by harlinestillopen - 2008/04/14 14:46

Found a stat that just builds on why I think DWill is better

Deron Williams has scored 1,523 points, handed out 851 assists and shot .509 from the field this season. He has joined Magic Johnson (1986-87 and 1988-89) and Kevin Johnson (1988-89) as the only players in league history to score 1,500 points, hand out 800 assists and shoot 50 percent from the field in a single season.

http://www.nba.com/statistics/statsllc_index.html

not sure what anyone can say to try and put down that stat

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I knew that there had to be a back story to it, but I was using it to show additional reasons other than size why the Jazz took Dwill over CP3. I don't think the size issue is all that important, seeing as how CP3 is not much smaller than John Stockton who did fairly well in a Jazz uniform.

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delusion

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