

PF	Ryan Bowen	Hght: 6'9"	Exp: 9	Salary: \$1.2 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 218	From: Iowa		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
40		2010-11 status: --			-1	0	-3	--	--	--	--	-4										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
07-08	NOH	32.4	53	12.4	.091	.008	.100	1.092	.495	.000	.552	.505	.089	.018	.117	.008	.023	.055	103.2	105.8	.413	0.0
08-09	NOH	33.4	21	10.4	.100	.000	.049	1.049	.579	.000	.600	.585	.066	.020	.111	.012	.034	.082	103.7	106.1	.422	0.0

A scrappy, all-hustle overachiever, Ryan Bowen is the kind of player you'd expect to come out poorly by the numbers, but he's been at or above replacement level in seven of his nine NBA seasons, sometimes comfortably so. Besides his work rate, Bowen has done it by intimately knowing his own limitations and not exceeding them. He was effective for two seasons in New Orleans as an occasional spark off the bench. Bowen moved on and will go to training camp in Oklahoma City with a chance to make the Thunder's roster as a veteran leader.

PF	Nick Collison	Hght: 6'10"	Exp: 5	Salary: \$6.4 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 255	From: Kansas		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
4		2010-11 status: veteran contract for \$6.85 million			0	-3	-1	+3	-1	0	+4	-1										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
06-07	SEA	26.5	82	29.0	.163	.002	.103	1.101	.502	.000	.774	.546	.169	.016	.145	.013	.009	.056	104.0	104.4	.485	3.3
07-08	SEA	27.5	78	28.5	.164	.004	.088	1.085	.504	.000	.737	.536	.179	.022	.142	.012	.009	.049	105.5	105.1	.514	4.6
08-09	OKC	28.5	71	25.8	.136	.004	.107	1.103	.570	.000	.721	.599	.155	.016	.130	.014	.014	.058	106.4	106.2	.507	3.5
09-10p	OKC	29.5	74	22.0	.132	.004	.095	1.090	.539	.001	.719	.568	.156	.019	.137	.013	.011	.056	104.4	105.0	.478	2.1
Most similar to: Brian Grant (98.9), Brian Skinner, Kurt Thomas, Kevin Willis																	IMP: 34% BRK: 3% COP: 7%					

Nick Collison is the last of his kind--the only player left from when Sam Presti inherited the then-Sonics roster in June 2007. Because of his work ethic and dependability, Collison is Presti's type of player. Where he doesn't fit so well is with the rest of the current Thunder roster. Collison is good enough to start at center, but Oklahoma City needs a player with more length alongside Jeff Green, which is why the Thunder has brought in several other options at center over the last year. Collison can still be valuable as a third big man off the bench with the ability to play either frontcourt position.

More and more, people seem to be taking notice of what Collison can do as opposed to his limitations. On League Pass, opposing broadcasters throughout the league mentioned his value. He's a good rebounder and a shot-maker in the paint who was able to be more selective last season and boost his shooting percentage to nearly 57 percent. Though SCHOENE forecasts the start of a decline this season, as Collison turns 29, expect it to be gradual.

SF	Kevin Durant	Hght: 6'9"	Exp: 2	Salary: \$4.8 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 215	From: Texas		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
35		2010-11 status: team option for \$6.05 million			+5	+5	-3	-1	+1	-2	+2	+3										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
07-08	SEA	19.6	80	34.6	.283	.114	.110	.996	.455	.288	.873	.520	.068	.030	.129	.012	.012	.019	103.7	105.4	.444	1.6
08-09	OKC	20.6	74	39.0	.285	.125	.125	1.000	.486	.422	.863	.577	.097	.032	.122	.009	.017	.021	107.4	105.6	.562	8.8
09-10p	OKC	21.6	75	38.0	.292	.166	.115	.949	.489	.411	.893	.581	.083	.037	.116	.010	.015	.019	107.0	104.6	.578	9.6
Most similar to: Carmelo Anthony (98.8), Kobe Bryant, Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Luol Deng																	IMP: 66% BRK: 7% COP: 3%					

Hello, superstardom? This is Kevin Durant. In his second season, Durant saw improvements virtually across the board, making good on the promise he displayed during his lone season at Texas and a Rookie of the Year campaign which was statistically underwhelming. When Scott Brooks took over a week into the season, Durant moved from shooting guard to small forward. The actual position change was overblown--Durant started at first alongside Damien Wilkins, as he had for the opening two months of his rookie season, when Wilkins was nominally the small forward and Durant the guard--but moving Jeff Green to power forward meant the floor was better spaced and helped open things up for Durant.

At the same time, much of the difference was Durant simply figuring things out. That process started during his rookie season; Durant's best month in Seattle was April, when he improved his efficiency dramatically. For whatever reason, he took a step back in November 2008 before picking up where he left off. Durant started making threes (his percentage skyrocketed from 28.8 percent as a rookie to 42.2 percent) and made better decisions off the dribble, slowing the game down. Brooks also made more use of him off the ball; a 6'9" sharpshooter coming off of a screen is a nightmare for opposing defenders. For that matter, so is a 6'9" player isolated who can pull up with extreme accuracy off the dribble. If he develops as anticipated, Durant will be virtually unguardable by the time he reaches his prime.

The biggest area of development ahead of Durant is at the defensive end. It helped when he no longer had to chase around smaller players, but Oklahoma City was still an incredible 8.2 points per 100 possessions worse defensively when Durant was on the bench, per 82games.com. Though BP's individual defense metrics and observation paint a rosier picture, there is certainly room for improvement. Durant has the tools to be not only an average defender but an impact one. He needs experience and a total commitment to that end of the floor.

The sad thing is that Durant's breakout came in relative anonymity, to the point where the FreeDarko blog printed up shirts with his face on a milk carton. Removed from the Greg Oden debate hype and playing for a second-division team in a small market, Durant was largely invisible much of the year. The exception came during All-Star Weekend, when he scored 46 points in the Rookie Challenge and also won the inaugural H-O-R-S-E competition. Soon, Durant will be impossible to ignore. Already, there's talk that he has the best chance of threatening LeBron James' reign as the league's best player. That speculation is premature, but not entirely unrealistic. Durant's potential is that great.

PF	Jeff Green		Hght: 6'9" Exp: 2 Salary: \$3.5 million		SKILL RATINGS																	
			Wght: 235 From: Georgetown		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
22			2010-11 status: team option for \$4.55 million		+2	0	-3	-3	+2	+1	+1	0										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
07-08	SEA	21.6	80	28.1	.196	.075	.104	1.028	.446	.276	.744	.492	.091	.023	.156	.009	.009	.038	101.8	106.4	.349	-3.2
08-09	OKC	22.6	78	36.8	.213	.179	.098	.919	.463	.389	.788	.536	.105	.024	.126	.006	.014	.031	104.7	106.6	.437	1.3
09-10p	OKC	23.6	75	37.0	.196	.182	.099	.917	.471	.390	.773	.542	.102	.027	.128	.007	.011	.032	103.5	105.5	.432	0.9
Most similar to: Lamond Murray (98.3), Al Harrington, Keith Van Horn, Kiki Vandeweghe																	IMP: 66% BRK: 18% COP: 2%					

While Durant's improvement was more visceral, Jeff Green's might have been just as important for Oklahoma City. His rookie season was terrible, as Green posted the league's fifth-worst total in terms of Wins Below Replacement Player. Last year, Green flew right past replacement level and was in fact a positive contributor for the Thunder, if not as much as his per-game averages (16.5 points and 6.3 rebounds per game) might suggest. The biggest difference was that Green found a jump shot. During one game in his rookie season, Indiana coach Jim O'Brien yelled at his players not to even consider defending him on the perimeter while Green was within earshot. His confidence shaken, Green did not start making threes on a regular basis until the final month of the year. Last season, he parlayed that progress into 38.9 percent accuracy.

Now, Green must make strides in terms of scoring inside the line. His 46.3 percent two-point shooting is inadequate for a quality athlete with evident shooting ability. Green finishes decently inside the paint. His midrange game, however, is problematic. Green shot just 34.1 percent on midrange attempts; league average is 40.3 percent. Green should either focus more attention on developing the shot or phase it out of his repertoire.

Using Green at power forward creates some issues for the Thunder on the defensive glass, but also produces mismatches on the offensive end that helped Green's three-point percentage. With Durant and James Harden now entrenched on the wings, Green has little choice but to grow into the position. He also must continue to demonstrate he's good enough to be considered one of Oklahoma City's key pieces. His projection is low because of his terrible rookie season. If Green continues the progress he made a year ago, he'll beat it easily.

SG	James Harden	Hght: 6'5" Exp: R Salary: \$4.0 million	SKILL RATINGS																			
		Wght: 222 From: Arizona State	TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH												
13		2010-11 status: rookie contract for \$4.3 million	+2	+2	-3	+4	+4	0	-1	+3												
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FPA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
09-10p	OKC	20.7	76	28.0	.224	.191	.137	.946	.473	.313	.740	.531	.092	.060	.167	.003	.023	.060	105.5	105.7	.492	3.4
Most similar to: Derrick Rose (94.0), Andre Iguodala, Mike Miller, Gilbert Arenas																	IMP: -	BRK: -	COP: -			

Scouts and observers were divided on Harden, who had two phenomenal seasons in the Pac-10 before finishing on a sour note with a poor NCAA Tournament last spring. Like Portland's Brandon Roy, Harden is not a world-class athlete and relies on his ability to create space to get to the basket and finish. There's a school of thought that he will have a much more difficult time creating shots against pro athletes, though Harden was impressive in the Orlando Pro Summer League. He's a very versatile contributor--a good enough passer that combo guards and even Derrick Rose show up on his comparable list, a fine rebounder for a guard and someone with the ability to shoot from distance, having made 40.7 percent from beyond the arc before slipping to 35.6 percent a year ago.

The biggest questions about Harden are at the defensive end, if only because he spent his two years at Arizona State playing in a zone defense. He was never asked to shut down opposing wings, instead playing the passing lanes and racking up steals. If that adjustment slows down his ascension to a starting spot for the Thunder, it won't be for long, and he has as good a shot to win Rookie of the Year as anyone not named "Blake Griffin."

C	Serge Ibaka	Hght: 6'10" Exp: R Salary: \$1.1 million	SKILL RATINGS												
		Wght: 228 From: Congo	TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH					
9		2010-11 status: rookie contract for \$1.2 million	-4	-3	-1	--	--	--	--	--					

Serge Ibaka will be the league's first player from the Republic of the Congo. Previously, the much larger neighboring Democratic Republic of the Congo has sent Dikembe Mutombo and D.J. Mbenga to the NBA. Both of Ibaka's parents played internationally, and he picked up the game from a young age. He was drafted by the Thunder with the 24th pick in 2008 after a year of playing in the second division in Spain, then spent last year seeing intermittent playing time for Ricoh Manresa in the ACB. Given his age and inexperience, Ibaka is probably a year or two away from being able to contribute and will likely spend time in the D-League this year.

Already, Ibaka has a nice mix of athleticism and skills in the paint as a rebounder, shot blocker and floor-runner. Expect Ibaka's intelligence to help his adjustment; he picked up fluent Spanish by the end of his first year overseas and began working on his English as soon as Oklahoma City decided to bring him over.

C	Nenad Krstic	Hght: 6'11" Exp: 4 Salary: \$5.2 million	SKILL RATINGS																			
		Wght: 240 From: foreign	TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH												
12		2010-11 status: veteran contract for \$5.5 million	0	+1	+2	-2	-1	0	-3	-1												
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FPA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
06-07	NJN	23.7	26	32.7	.237	.002	.124	1.122	.528	.000	.711	.566	.122	.025	.121	.013	.005	.048	104.7	104.8	.495	1.4
07-08	NJN	24.7	45	18.0	.211	.005	.082	1.076	.413	.000	.754	.451	.143	.015	.110	.010	.005	.063	100.0	106.2	.304	-1.9
08-09	OKC	25.7	46	24.8	.190	.000	.071	1.071	.469	.000	.797	.504	.128	.011	.092	.022	.009	.044	104.1	105.8	.442	0.6
09-10p	OKC	26.7	68	25.0	.187	.011	.083	1.072	.467	.005	.766	.499	.127	.017	.106	.015	.008	.051	102.3	105.4	.398	-0.6
Most similar to: Malik Allen (97.7), Lorenzen Wright, Erick Dampier, Rasha Nesterovic																	IMP: 59%	BRK: 8%	COP: 10%			

Nenad Krstic was the first of the summer's defectors to Europe to reverse course and return to the NBA. A restricted free agent, the Serbian signed with Triumph Lyubertsy in Moscow but left the team to sign an offer sheet with Oklahoma City in late December. After the New Jersey Nets declined to match the offer, Krstic joined the Thunder midseason.

As compared to his time in New Jersey--outside of 2007-08, when he was working back slowly from the torn ACL that ended his 2006-07 campaign--Krstic was more effective defensively while not as efficient a scorer. Even at that level, Krstic is not the ideal rebounder-defender to pair with Green in the frontcourt, grading out

average defensively and worse on the glass. He gets some of that back on the offensive end because he has the touch from the perimeter to effectively play the pick-and-pop game. Still, he's never rated as an above-average player, and SCHOENE--which does not adjust for Krstic's injury-affected campaign--is especially unimpressed. It looks like Presti overpaid here.

PG	Shaun Livingston		Hght: 6'7" Exp: 4 Salary: \$1.0 million			SKILL RATINGS																
			Wght: 182 From: Peoria Central HS (ILL)			TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH									
14			2010-11 status: unrestricted free agent			0	-3	0	+3	+3	+3	+1	-4									
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
06-07	LAC	21.6	54	29.9	.175	.026	.084	1.058	.469	.313	.707	.503	.068	.079	.178	.008	.017	.039	104.3	104.8	.484	2.2
08-09	OKC	23.6	12	19.3	.143	.000	.060	1.060	.517	.000	.900	.551	.071	.039	.123	.004	.015	.024	103.7	106.5	.409	0.0
09-10p	OKC	24.6	62	20.0	.168	.052	.080	1.028	.478	.385	.725	.517	.067	.085	.157	.008	.018	.034	105.8	105.4	.513	2.5
Most similar to: Willie Anderson (96.7), Derek Anderson, Jarrett Jack, Gary Payton																	IMP: 70%		BRK: 8%		COP: 6%	

For Shaun Livingston to even be on a basketball court was a minor miracle a year and a half after a horrific play on which he suffered a dislocation of his left patella, tearing his ACL, PCL and lateral meniscus and doing damage to his MCL. Livingston sat out all of 2007-08, the final year of his rookie contract, before returning to the court in time for training camp in Miami. He played in four games for the Heat before being traded to Memphis, which cut him, in a cap-related move.

Livingston truly completed his comeback when he signed with the Thunder late in the year, averaging more than 20 minutes over the season's last eight games. For Oklahoma City, Livingston is a low-cost gamble to see if he can regain the talent that made him the fourth overall pick in 2004. He was moving well late in the season and could make an interesting backcourt mate at times for Russell Westbrook, defending bigger guards while allowing Westbrook to play shooting guard on offense. He'll go into camp as Westbrook's backup, with Kevin Ollie as an insurance policy.

Note that Livingston's projection is based solely on his 2006-07 numbers.

C	Byron Mullens		Hght: 7'1" Exp: R Salary: \$1.1 million			SKILL RATINGS																
			Wght: 258 From: Ohio State			TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH									
23			2010-11 status: rookie contract for \$1.2 million			-2	-1	+2	-2	-5	--	+2	-1									
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
09-10p	OKC	21.2	76	5.0	.165	.003	.115	1.113	.535	.000	.547	.543	.134	.007	.179	.019	.011	.075	102.6	105.6	.399	-0.1
Most similar to: DeAndre Jordan (97.0), Marreese Speights, J.J. Hickson, Robin Lopez																	IMP: -		BRK: -		COP: -	

Entering what was sure to be his only year at Ohio State, Byron Mullens was a consensus top-five pick with the size and athleticism to dominate college defenders. Instead, Mullens delivered an inconsistent season, averaging 8.8 points and 4.7 rebounds per game in barely 20 minutes a night, and saw his draft stock plummet. The Thunder was willing to take a flyer on Mullens when he slipped all the way to the 24th pick, trading spots with the Dallas Mavericks to ensure they got their man.

What Mullens did show during his freshman season was an ability to finish at the rim, shooting 63.8 percent from the field. He was also a reasonably effective rebounder and shot blocker. The package is eerily similar to L.A. Clippers center DeAndre Jordan, who saw his stock undergo a similar correction during his freshman season at Texas A&M. Jordan contributed more quickly than expected last season, so there is hope for Mullens yet.

PG	Kevin Ollie	Hght: 6'8"	Exp: 12	Salary: \$1.3 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 195	From: Connecticut		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
11		2010-11 status: unrestricted free agent			-3	-4	0	-3	-1	+5	-4	-2										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
06-07	PHI	34.3	53	17.5	.127	.008	.078	1.070	.438	.000	.822	.481	.048	.065	.185	.000	.010	.038	101.6	106.5	.343	-1.5
07-08	PHI	35.3	40	7.5	.122	.012	.082	1.069	.426	.000	.800	.463	.038	.058	.062	.000	.016	.044	103.4	107.5	.367	-0.3
08-09	MIN	36.3	50	17.0	.121	.004	.187	1.182	.409	.000	.833	.525	.053	.062	.150	.002	.012	.042	104.7	108.4	.382	-0.6
09-10p	OKC	37.3	70	5.0	.102	.009	.130	1.120	.411	.000	.816	.485	.045	.056	.127	.001	.012	.046	102.4	107.4	.339	-0.6
Most similar to: Stacey Augmon (96.6), Kendall Gill, Sam Mitchell, Brian Shaw																	IMP: 33% BRK: 8% COP: 13%					

The itinerant point guard, Kevin Ollie played for 10 teams in his first seven NBA seasons, not counting multiple stints in Philadelphia and Orlando. After settling down with the 76ers for an unprecedented four straight years in the same place, Ollie is back on the move. He spent 2008-09 in Minnesota, starting 21 games and serving as team captain, and now is on to Oklahoma City (having previously played for the Sonics during the second half of the 2003-04 season).

Ollie has no perimeter shot to speak of, last making a three-pointer in 2005-06, and is long since past the point where he can beat defenders off the dribble. What Ollie will be able to do well into his 40s (not far away) is run an offense and post impressive assist-to-turnover ratios (3.44 a year ago). If Shaun Livingston stays healthy--which is never a guarantee--the Thunder will be relying on Ollie far more for his veteran presence than his ability to play the point.

SF	Michael Ruffin	Hght: 6'8"	Exp: 9	Salary: \$1.2 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 248	From: Tulsa		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
51		2010-11 status: --			-1	+5	-3	--	--	--	--	+2										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
06-07	WAS	30.2	30	9.0	.063	.000	.218	1.218	.278	.000	.368	.322	.132	.010	.313	.013	.010	.071	100.6	105.9	.328	-0.5
07-08	MIL	31.2	46	13.7	.078	.000	.255	1.255	.532	.000	.397	.507	.174	.017	.175	.014	.023	.068	105.0	104.4	.521	1.4
08-09	POR	32.2	11	3.2	.134	.000	.089	1.089	.286	.000	1.000	.381	.195	.000	.202	.015	.046	.095	103.5	103.6	.496	0.1

Michael Ruffin played just 36 minutes all year between Chicago (where he did not take the court once) and Portland. That looked like it might be the end, but the rebounding specialist with no offensive game to speak of will go to camp with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

SF	Thabo Sefolosa	Hght: 6'7"	Exp: 3	Salary: \$2.8 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 215	From: Switzerland		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
2		2010-11 status: qualifying offer for \$3.8 million			-1	-3	-1	+1	+1	+2	0	0										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
06-07	CHI	23.0	71	12.2	.174	.125	.059	.934	.439	.357	.511	.464	.101	.031	.179	.006	.017	.052	99.9	104.4	.352	-1.2
07-08	CHI	24.0	69	20.8	.173	.155	.082	.926	.452	.333	.721	.497	.102	.040	.166	.009	.019	.040	102.3	104.5	.427	0.3
08-09	OKC	25.0	66	22.0	.140	.192	.071	.879	.474	.276	.836	.500	.096	.034	.141	.016	.026	.032	103.2	104.2	.466	1.5
09-10p	OKC	26.0	73	25.0	.147	.199	.071	.873	.458	.362	.745	.510	.094	.038	.143	.011	.020	.038	102.3	104.2	.437	0.8
Most similar to: Aaron McKie (98.3), Bernard Robinson, Bryon Russell, Tyrone Corbin																	IMP: 58% BRK: 8% COP: 10%					

Presti flipped one of Oklahoma City's three first-round picks to Chicago at the trade deadline, landing Thabo Sefolosa. He saw the most playing time of his three-year NBA career, starting 22 of the 23 games he played for the Thunder. Sefolosa's arms only seem to span from Oklahoma City to Tulsa; that and the ability to run and jump out the gym have long left scouts enamored of Sefolosa's defensive potential. The tools seemed to pay off for the Thunder after the deadline, as Sefolosa held opponents 9.2 percent below their usual production and was a big reason why OKC went 5-2 during an extended stretch without Durant just after the deadline.

The offensive end remains more problematic for Sefolosa, whose .500 True Shooting Percentage was a career

high. Sefoloshia has actually seen his three-point percentage go down all three NBA seasons and hit 24.3 percent from beyond the arc after the trade. Developing that outside shot is the key to staying on the floor for Sefoloshia. As it is, the arrival of James Harden likely pushes Sefoloshia to a bench role to which he is better suited.

C	Etan Thomas		Hght: 6'10" Exp: 7 Salary: \$7.9 million			SKILL RATINGS																
			Wght: 260 From: Syracuse			TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH									
36			2010-11 status: unrestricted free agent			-2	-2	+1	-2	-4	-4	0	-2									
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
06-07	WAS	29.1	65	19.2	.145	.000	.149	1.149	.574	.000	.558	.585	.175	.010	.174	.032	.008	.058	104.1	102.4	.555	3.6
08-09	WAS	31.1	26	11.8	.141	.000	.108	1.108	.485	.000	.696	.525	.128	.009	.191	.031	.005	.052	102.9	105.9	.403	-0.1
09-10p	OKC	32.1	75	5.0	.129	.002	.113	1.111	.502	.000	.626	.538	.133	.009	.191	.028	.005	.056	101.9	104.6	.412	0.0
Most similar to: Brian Skinner (97.7), Adonal Foyle, Marvin Webster, Sean Rooks																	IMP: 33% BRK: 9% COP: 15%					

A year after undergoing open-heart surgery, Etan Thomas returned to the court for the Washington Wizards, playing 26 games before suffering a season-ending torn MCL. With young centers Andray Blatche and JaVale McGee commanding playing time, Thomas was expendable. He was sent to Minnesota in the deal for Randy Foye and Mike Miller, then traded again to Oklahoma City as part of David Kahn's ongoing plan to set an NBA record for most players traded multiple times in an offseason.

Having turned 31 in April and played just 26 games over the last two seasons, Thomas' ability to contribute going forward is uncertain. Previously, he parlayed his burly size into excellent work on the glass and high-percentage shooting, though Washington had a tendency to play much better with starting center Brendan Haywood on the floor. Thomas will have a tough time finding minutes in the crowded Thunder frontcourt. Despite his ties to the area (he grew up in Tulsa), Thomas is a good candidate for a buyout after the trade deadline and could potentially help a contender.

SG	Kyle Weaver		Hght: 6'6" Exp: 1 Salary: \$0.9 million			SKILL RATINGS																
			Wght: 201 From: Washington State			TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH									
5			2010-11 status: guaranteed contract for \$935 million			-1	-3	+1	0	+2	+1	+4	-2									
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
08-09	OKC	23.2	56	20.8	.130	.273	.075	.802	.529	.344	.707	.551	.065	.039	.203	.011	.020	.031	103.0	106.0	.400	-0.4
09-10p	OKC	24.2	71	11.0	.126	.287	.079	.792	.525	.367	.717	.561	.064	.043	.186	.010	.018	.029	102.4	104.9	.416	0.0
Most similar to: Tom Garrick (96.3), Boris Diaw, John Salmons, Milt Palacio																	IMP: 61% BRK: 14% COP: 8%					

Having started 19 games and averaged more than 20 minutes a night as a rookie second-round pick, Kyle Weaver's first NBA season has to be considered a success. While Weaver flashed some skills, however, it looks like he's going to be buried on the Thunder's depth chart with the additions of Shaun Livingston, Thabo Sefoloshia and now James Harden. Sefoloshia took Weaver's starting job, and the two players have highly similar skill sets, so it will be tough for both to get minutes. Sefoloshia's edge is that he is bigger and longer, making him more versatile as a defender.

Subjectively, John Salmons is Weaver's best-case comparison. Both players have enough skills to play any of the three positions on the perimeter, though it's unlikely that Weaver will develop into the kind of go-to option on offense Salmons has become. The key for Weaver will be improving his three-point range. He was reasonably effective as a rookie, making 34.4 percent from downtown, and SCHOENE expects him to progress nicely. Based on his career at Washington State, Weaver may ultimately be able to do more off the dribble, especially as a passer--he averaged as many as 4.6 assists per game in college.

PG	Russell Westbrook	Hght: 6'3"	Exp: 1	Salary: \$3.8 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 187	From: UCLA		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
0		2010-11 status: team option for \$4.0 million			+4	+2	+3	+4	+2	-1	-3	+5										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
08-09	OKC	20.4	82	32.5	.260	.083	.121	1.038	.416	.271	.815	.490	.086	.073	.176	.003	.021	.032	106.8	106.9	.495	4.4
09-10p	OKC	21.4	76	35.0	.252	.095	.123	1.028	.434	.283	.800	.502	.082	.079	.160	.003	.021	.033	106.8	105.6	.540	6.9
Most similar to: Mike Bibby (96.0), Mike Conley, Stephon Marbury, Sebastian Telfair																	IMP: 76% BRK: 8% COP: 8%					

Russell Westbrook was called a reach in some quarters when the Thunder took him fourth overall last June, but he outplayed virtually everyone drafted behind him in a debut season that merited Rookie of the Year contention. A secondary offensive option who was better known for his lockdown defense at UCLA, Westbrook became a go-to player for the Thunder; Michael Beasley was the only rookie who used a higher percentage of his team's possessions. In particular, the NBA's hand-checking limitations allowed Westbrook to jet past defenders and get to the basket and the free throw line.

Defensively, Westbrook was as advertised, his quickness allowing him to get into opposing guards and pressure them beyond the arc. The surprise was the extent of his contributions on the glass, especially at the offensive end. When opposing guards forgot to block him out, Westbrook exploded to the basket and used his springs to outjump opposing big men. His offensive rebound percentage was tops for all guards and better than (amongst others) Kevin Garnett and Amar'e Stoudemire.

Outside the organization, there is some question as to whether Westbrook is truly a point guard. Scott Brooks has entertained no such suggestions, and the decision to pass on Ricky Rubio suggests Oklahoma City's commitment to Westbrook at the point. As he matures, Westbrook should be able to turn his forays to the paint into easy shots for teammates. He'll also have to improve his finishing, having hit just 44.7 percent of his attempts at the rim.

PF	D.J. White	Hght: 6'9"	Exp: 1	Salary: \$1.0 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 251	From: Indiana		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
3		2010-11 status: team option for \$1.1 million			-5	0	+1	+2	-3	-3	+2	+1										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
08-09	OKC	22.6	7	18.6	.201	.000	.097	1.097	.520	.000	.769	.556	.143	.021	.051	.019	.012	.034	107.8	105.0	.592	0.5
09-10p	OKC	23.6	65	15.2	.162	.013	.133	1.120	.520	.251	.705	.559	.149	.013	.121	.015	.011	.048	104.3	104.8	.483	1.4
Most similar to: Samaki Walker (99.5), Jon Koncak, Brandon Bass, Horace Grant																	IMP: 52% BRK: 4% COP: 2%					

It was a rough rookie season for D.J. White, who had to undergo a pair of surgeries--the first in October, the second in January--to remove a benign growth from his jaw. He returned in time to get in a little run first in the D-League and then with the Thunder in the month of April. White was productive when he got minutes, capping his season with a double-double (15 points and 11 rebounds) in just 24 minutes in the season finale against the Clippers.

A widebody in the paint, White figures to be an effective rebounder and a good finisher. Healthy and having played well for the Thunder's summer squad, White should be able to carve out minutes as the team's fourth big man and will be a good value over the course of his rookie contract.

SG	Robert Vaden	Hght: 6'5"	Exp: R	Salary: \$0.0 million	SKILL RATINGS																	
		Wght: 205	From: Alabama-Birmingham		TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH										
30		2010-11 status: unknown			-5	-5	+4	+1	-2	-3	-2	+2										
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
09-10p	OKC	25.1	76	-	.183	.385	.053	.668	.391	.296	.724	.441	.069	.025	.130	.005	.012	.033	-	-	.283	-
Most similar to: Dan Dickau (92.3), Hanno Mottola, Britton Johnsen																	IMP: - BRK: - COP: -					

D.J. White's teammate for two years at Indiana, Robert Vaden followed former Hoosier coach Mike Davis to UAB for the final two seasons of his career, putting up big scoring numbers in Conference USA. The Thunder

picked up Vaden in the second round of the draft, coveting his perimeter shooting. Vaden's translation reflects his 34.6 percent shooting from beyond the arc as a senior, but he was at 40.0 percent as a junior and 41.5 percent during his final year at Indiana. The rest of Vaden's game needs development, and because he went to a prep school for a year and spent five years in college, he's already 24. He has signed to play with Italian club Aget Imola and will try to make the NBA next fall.

C	Steven Hill		Hght: 7'0" Exp: 1 Salary: \$0.0 million			SKILL RATINGS																
			Wght: 248 From: Arkansas			TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH									
--			2010-11 status: --			+1	-5	+5	--	--	--	--	0									
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
08-09	OKC	23.4	1	2.0	.223	.000	.000	1.000	1.000	.000	.000	1.000	.860	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	178.6	101.7	1.000	0.0

The NBA player most likely to be confused for a Lynyrd Skynyrd roadie, Hill was the last cut by the Blazers in training camp and was briefly picked up by the Thunder. He mostly played for Tulsa in the D-League. Athletic for a 7-footer, Hill has extremely limited offensive skills. He went to camp with Chicago, but was cut before we even went to press.

C	Malik Rose		Hght: 6'7" Exp: 13 Salary: \$0.0 million			SKILL RATINGS																
			Wght: 255 From: Drexel			TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH									
--			2010-11 status: --			-1	-1	-1	-4	+4	+1	--	+1									
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
06-07	NYK	32.4	65	12.4	.155	.029	.084	1.054	.404	.250	.808	.460	.128	.037	.237	.005	.015	.069	100.6	105.1	.351	-1.1
07-08	NYK	33.4	49	10.1	.221	.029	.093	1.064	.370	.286	.725	.422	.120	.025	.165	.007	.015	.074	100.4	106.5	.304	-1.2
08-09	OKC	34.4	38	12.4	.177	.037	.118	1.082	.363	.000	.784	.424	.117	.034	.190	.003	.011	.067	100.6	107.9	.286	-1.3
09-10p	F/A	35.4	75	12.5	.169	.050	.097	1.047	.361	.149	.777	.418	.107	.031	.194	.004	.014	.075	99.5	106.7	.274	-2.8
Most similar to: Tom Gugliotta (95.4), Joe Kleine, Danny Schayes, Tony Massenburg																	IMP: 52%	BRK: 0%	COP: 9%			

In the summer of 2002, the San Antonio Spurs re-signed Malik Rose to a seven-year contract. Mercifully, it finally came to an end at the conclusion of the 2008-09 season, with Rose having played fewer than 2,000 minutes over the final three seasons while being paid more than \$20 million. Let this be a reminder of the danger of long-term contracts to role players, though the NBA has since limited contracts to six years at the very most.

A forgotten man in New York, Rose went to Oklahoma City at the trade deadline and got a chance to play, which let us know for certain he doesn't have much left. 40.4 percent is the high-water mark on Rose's two-point shooting in the last three years, and his decent rebounding and defense can't overcome his inability to consistently make shots anymore.

C	Robert Swift		Hght: 7'1" Exp: 4 Salary: \$0.0 million			SKILL RATINGS																
			Wght: 270 From: Bakersfield HS (CA)			TOT	OFF	DEF	REB	PAS	HND	SHT	ATH									
--			2010-11 status: --			-2	0	-2	0	-2	+3	+1	-3									
Year	Team	Age	G	MPG	Usg	3PA%	FTA%	INS	2P%	3P%	FT%	TS%	Reb%	Ast%	TO%	BLK%	STL%	PF%	oRTG	dRTG	Win%	WARP
07-08	SEA	22.4	8	12.4	.123	.000	.032	1.032	.353	.000	1.000	.391	.099	.004	.359	.026	.022	.071	96.9	103.8	.275	-0.3
08-09	OKC	23.4	26	13.2	.112	.000	.082	1.082	.521	.000	.750	.551	.151	.012	.093	.025	.007	.065	103.7	105.6	.439	0.2
09-10p	F/A	24.4	65	13.2	.117	.000	.085	1.085	.525	.000	.725	.552	.148	.014	.098	.022	.007	.063	102.7	104.3	.445	0.5
Most similar to: Brendan Haywood (94.3), Jon Koncak, Scot Pollard, Clemon Johnson																	IMP: 50%	BRK: 13%	COP: 3%			

Having played just eight games over two seasons starting with a torn ACL in the 2006 preseason, Robert Swift made it back to relative full health. His knee was not a problem, and though Swift did miss some time due to his back, the biggest reason he played just 26 games was because the Thunder no longer viewed him as part of their future. Swift hasn't helped matters with a lack of commitment to his game, and the injury and his subse-

quent weight gain robbed him of the quickness that made him an intriguing prospect as a teenager. That said, Swift wasn't all that bad when he was on the floor, rebounding well and shooting a decent percentage. There are worse 7-footers in the league. Danny Ainge, who long coveted Swift for the Celtics, took a look in summer league, but Swift remains on the market.