# 1.28.20 Should the Magic Sign a Point Guard

#### Amanda

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# Magic Potential Point Guards

On January 6th 2021, The Orlando Magic's starting point guard Markelle Fultz suffered a seasoning ending injury due to a torn ACL. Since his injury there has been spectulation that the Magic should trade for an additional point guard.

Since starting with the Magic Fultz has seen significant improvement compared to his time in Philly and was experiencing the start of a break out season in 2021.

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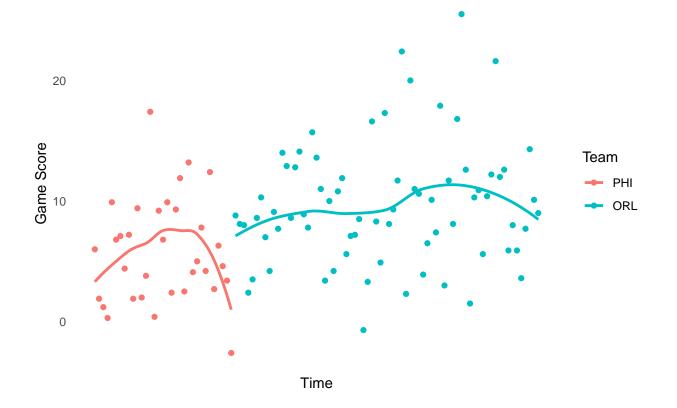
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### Fultz Career Game Score

"WinLoss"

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# Possible Point Guard Replacements

Comparing the Point Guards suggested by the news article "Six potential free-agent replacements for Markelle Fultz" by Hoops Hype on January 7th. The suggestions included:

- Isaiah Thomas
- Shabazz Napier
- Jeremy Lin
- Emmanuel Mudiay
- Yogi Ferrell
- Brandon Knight

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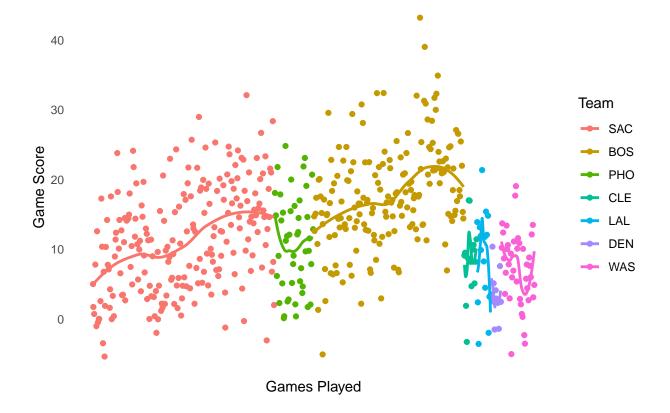
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#### Isaiah Thomas Game Score

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# Comparing Potential Point Guard Replacements

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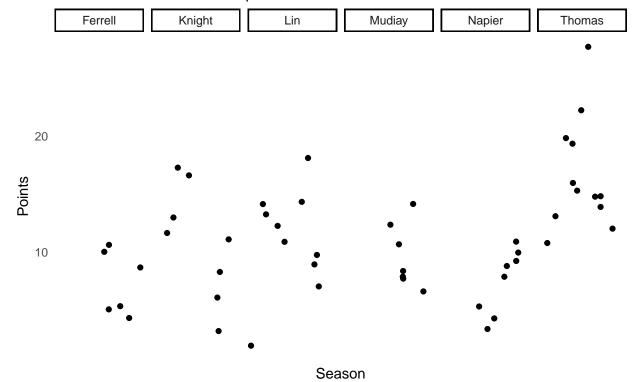
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### Potential Point Guard

Veteran Thomas Still Great Option



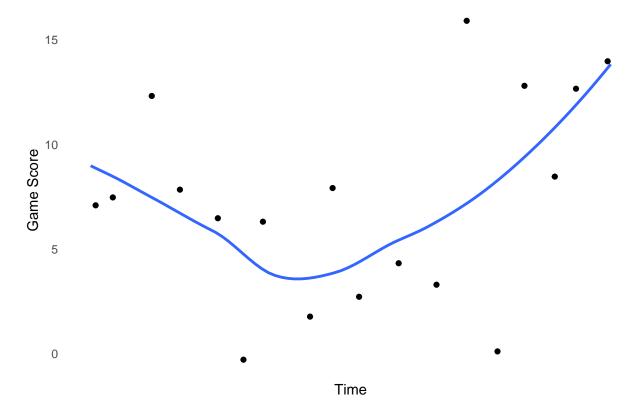
# Magic Point Guards as of January 29th 2021

## Cole Anthony Stats

While it wasn't known at the time, Anthony has responded well to his new starting role following Fultz's injury. The increased playing time has led an overall improvement in his stats line including Game Score.

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## Cole Anothony 2020–2021



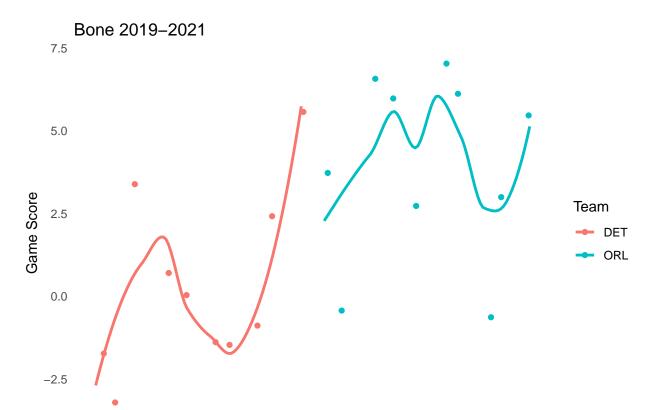
#### **Bone Stats**

Bone as seen increased minutes serving as the Magic's backup Point Guard.

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### ## Carter Williams Stats

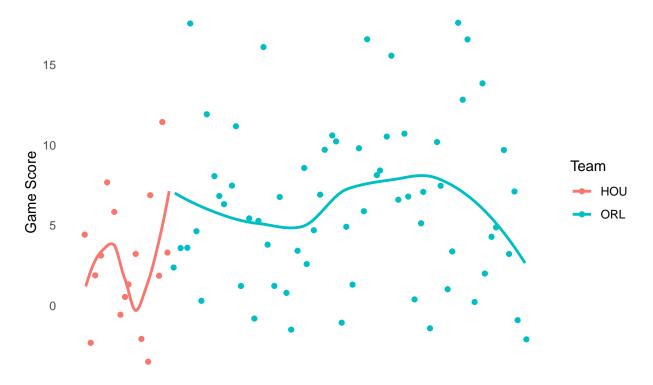
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As of January 28th 2021, Carter Williams remains out with a foot injury. He has not played for the Magic since Fultz sustained his injury.

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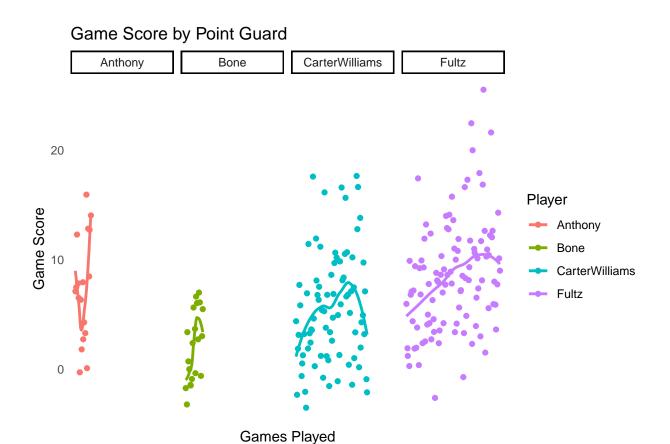
## Michael Carter Williams 2018-2021



# Updated Comparison of Magic Point Guards

As of January 28th, 21 days after Markelle Fultz's injury the Magic have not signed a new Point Guard. Instead they have relied on their current roster with Cole Anthony serving as the starting Point Guard.

While no one can replace Fultz, Anthony is showing increased potential in his starting role.

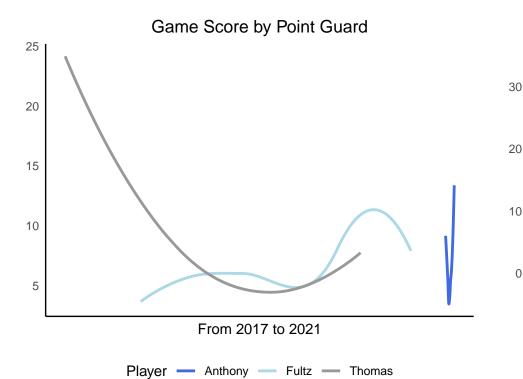


### Best of Both Worlds

Last year, in 2020, Thomas and Fultz had similar profiles.

While Thomas has not played this season he would still be an invaulable veteran influence. Especially if both Carter Williams and Fultz remain out for the forseeable future.

Bringing on Thomas would provide a capable back up Point Guard while allowing Anthony to continue to develop.



**Detailed Game** 

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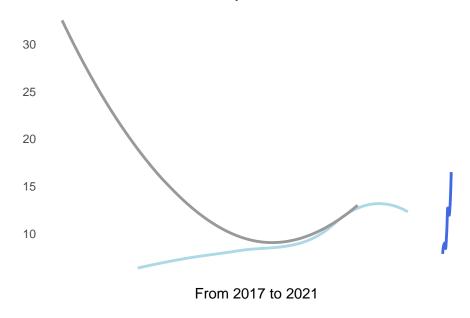
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# Points by Point Guard



Player — Anthony — Fultz — Thomas

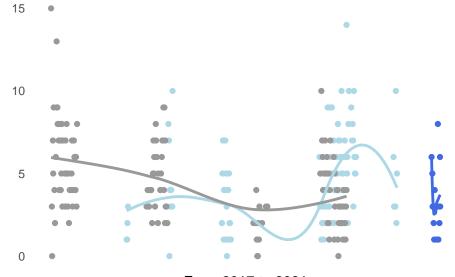
# Rebounds by Point Guard

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From 2017 to 2021

Player ◆ Anthony → Fultz ◆ Thomas

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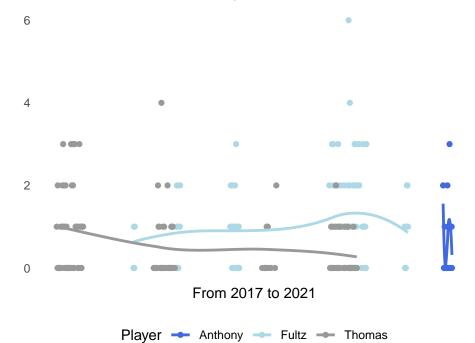
# Assists by Point Guard



From 2017 to 2021

Player - Anthony - Fultz - Thomas

# Steals by Point Guard



To graph the most up to date graphically information please pull the updated data from Basketball Reference and recreate the graphic.