

1.28.20 Should the Magic Sign a Point Guard

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Magic Potential Point Guards

On January 6th 2021, The Orlando Magic's starting point guard Markelle Fultz suffered a season ending injury due to a torn ACL. Since his injury there has been speculation 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.

Web Scraping Stats for Fultz

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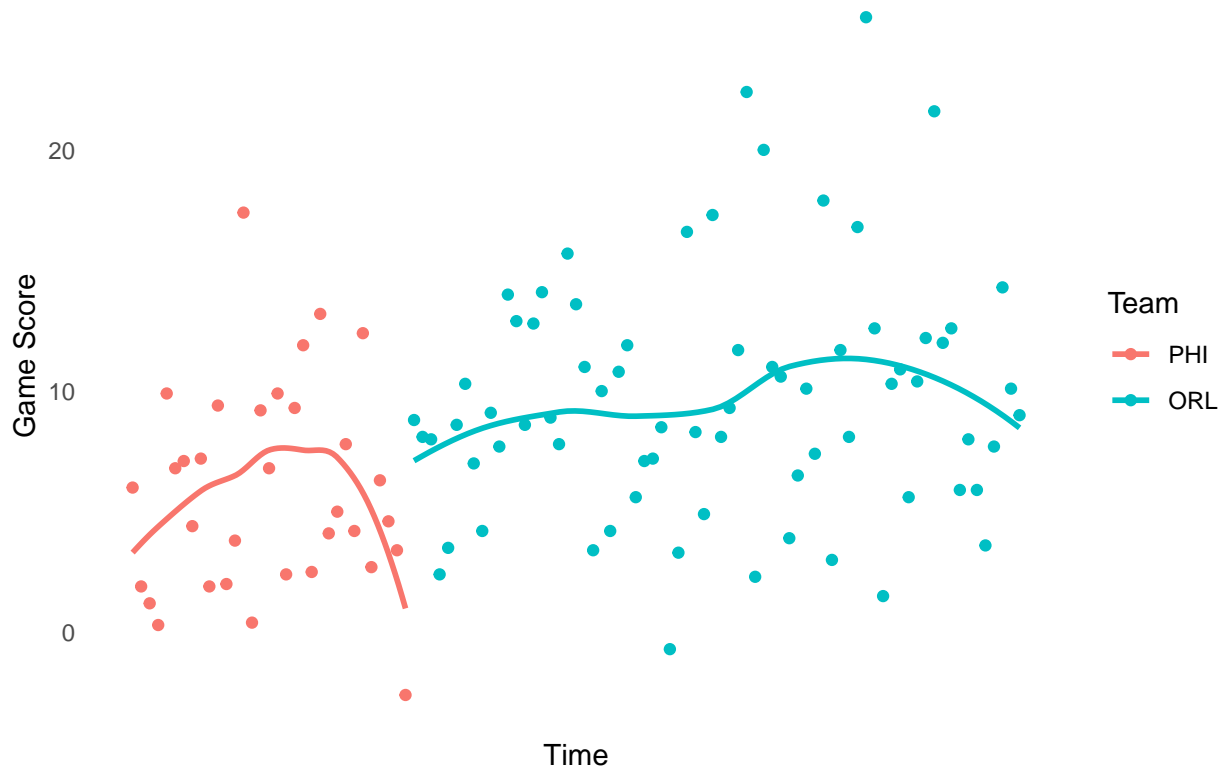
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Fultz Career Game Score



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

Thomas 2012 -2021

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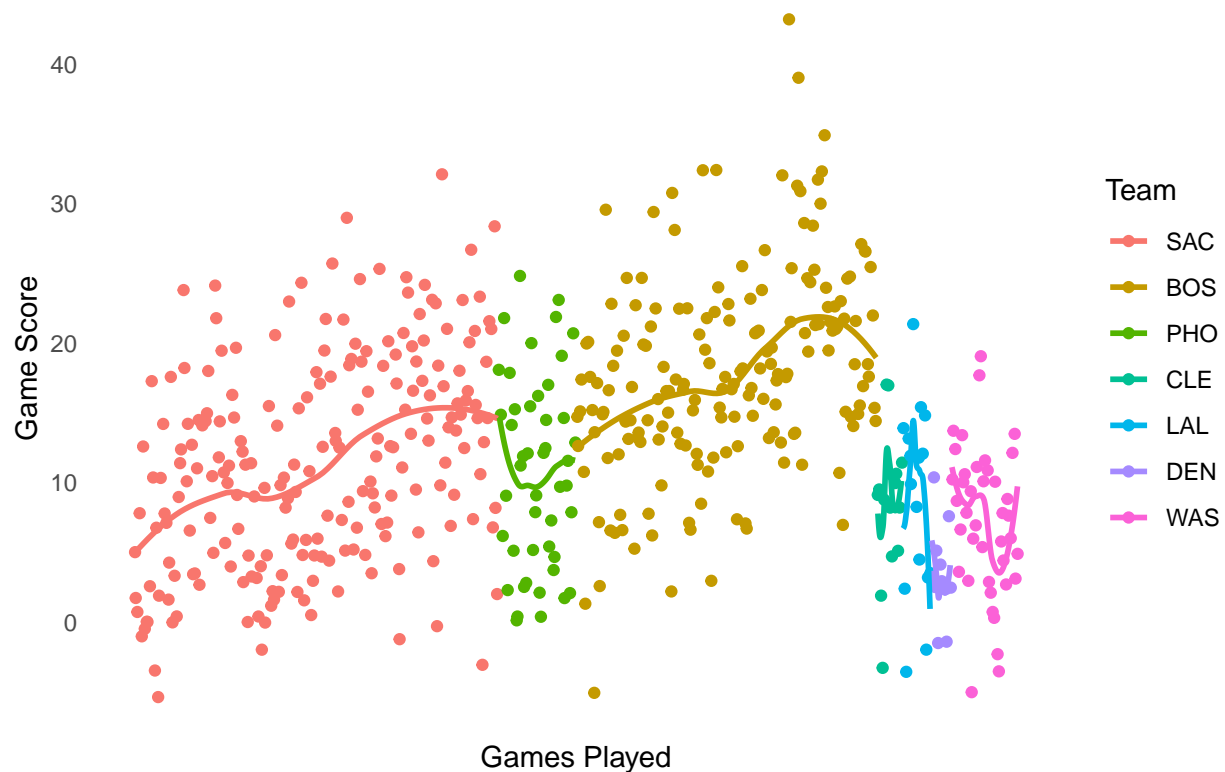
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Isaiah Thomas Game Score



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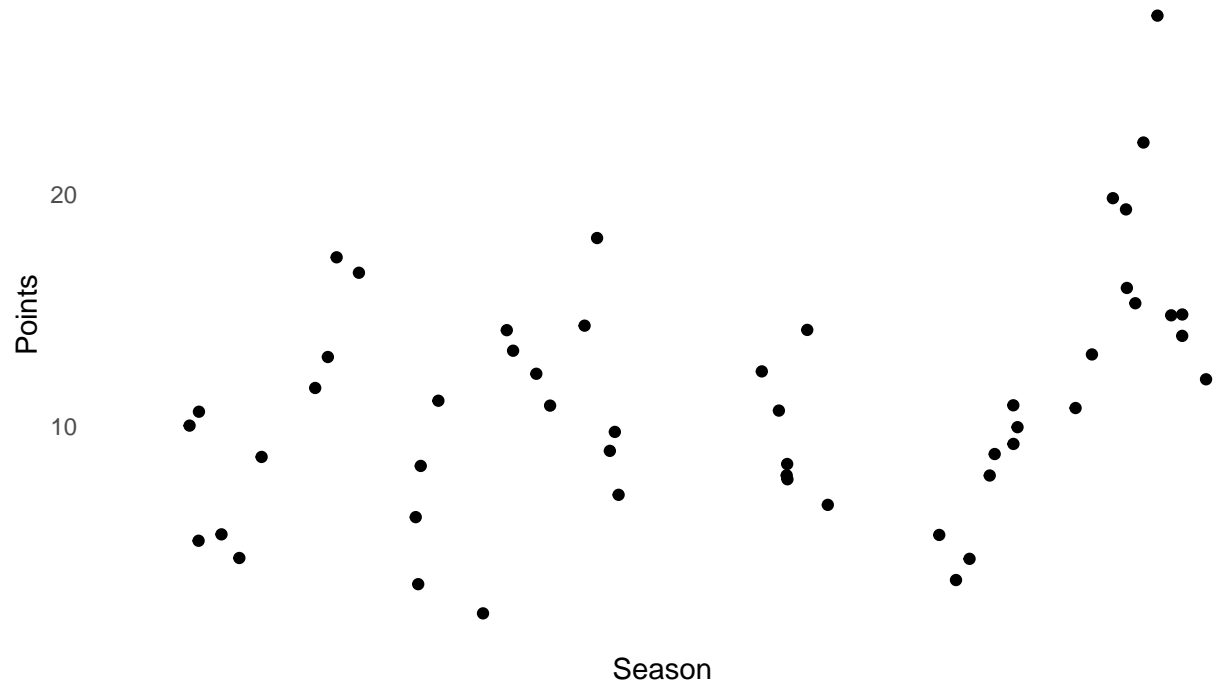
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Potential Point Guard

Veteran Thomas Still Great Option

Ferrell	Knight	Lin	Mudiay	Napier	Thomas
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Magic Point Guards as of January 29th 2021

Cole Anthony Stats

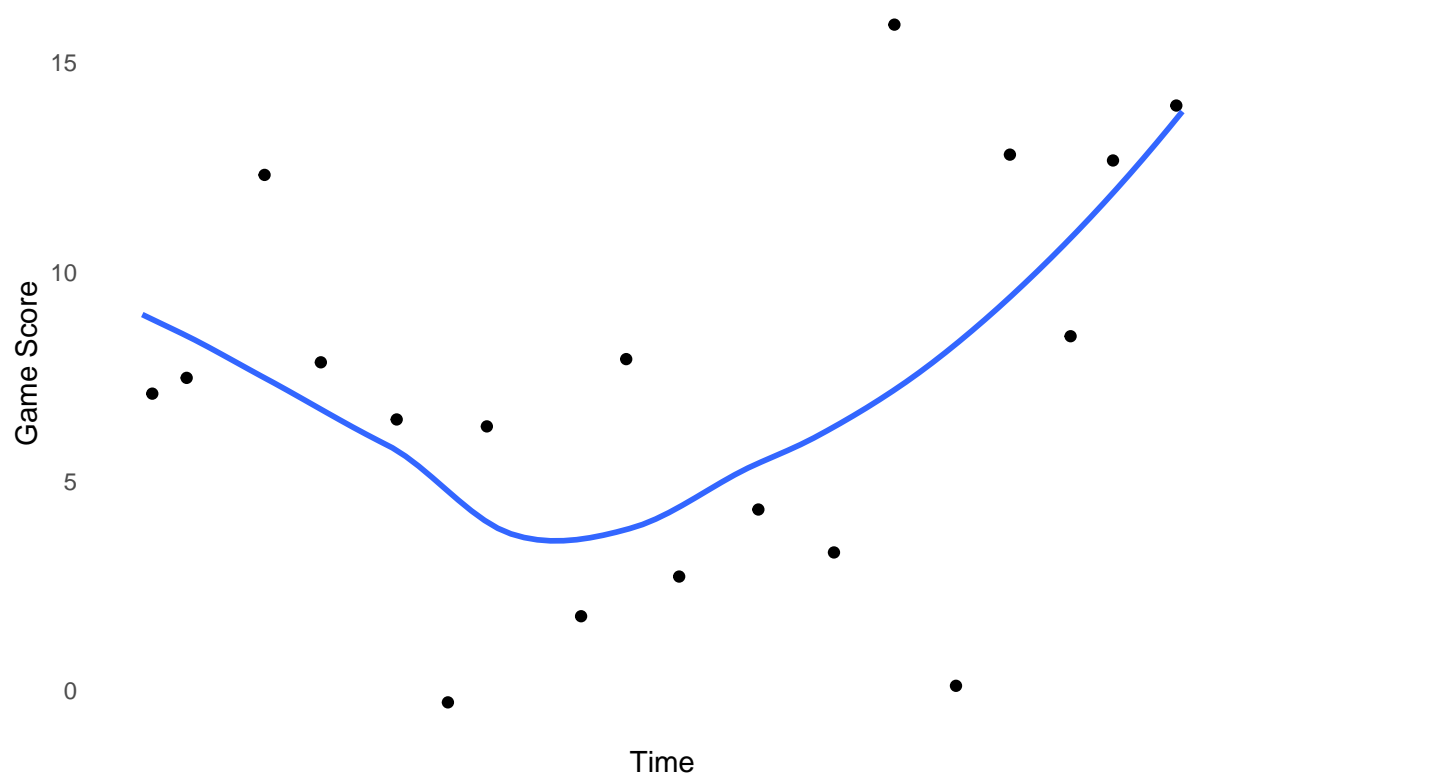
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Cole Anothony 2020–2021



Bone Stats

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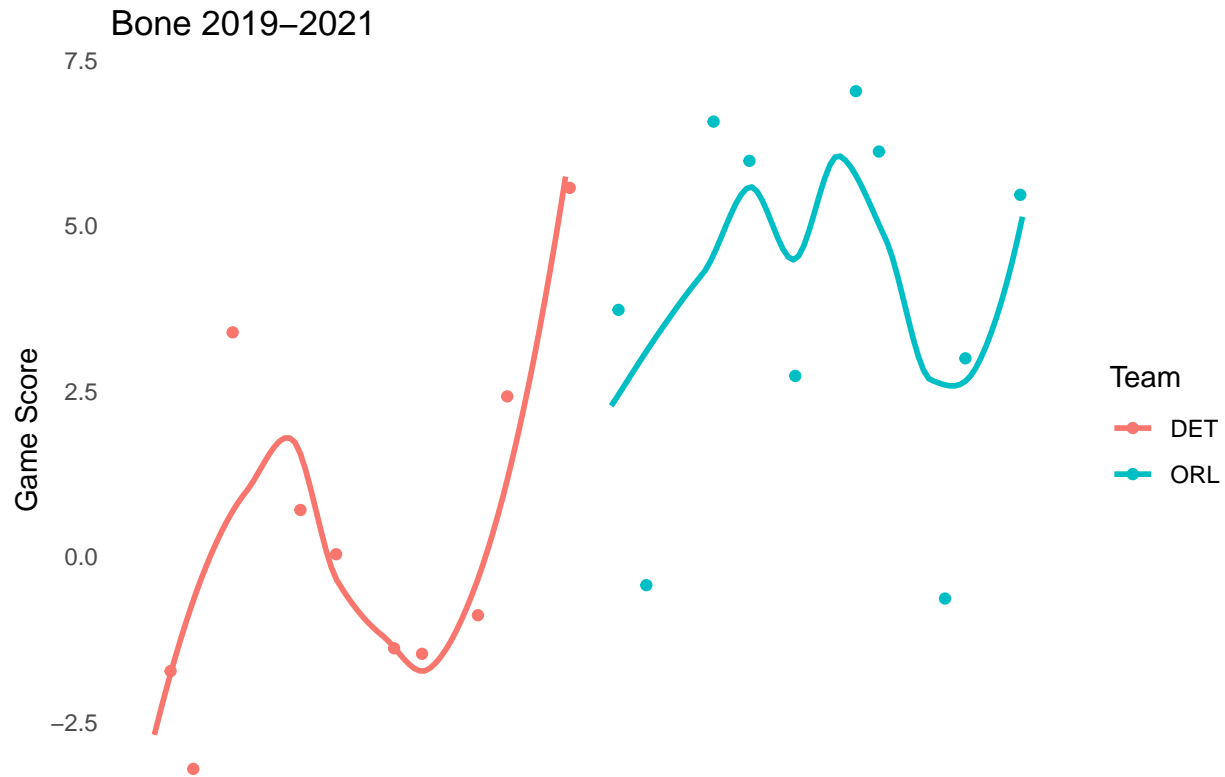
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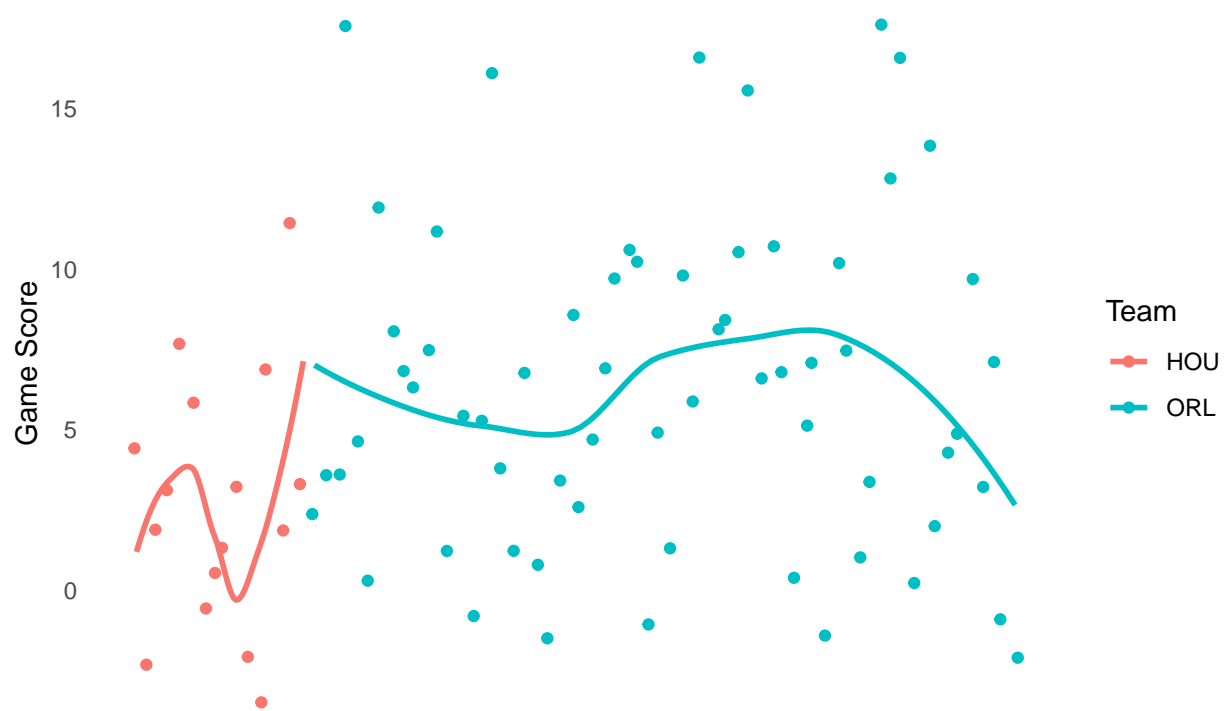
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Michael Carter Williams 2018–2021



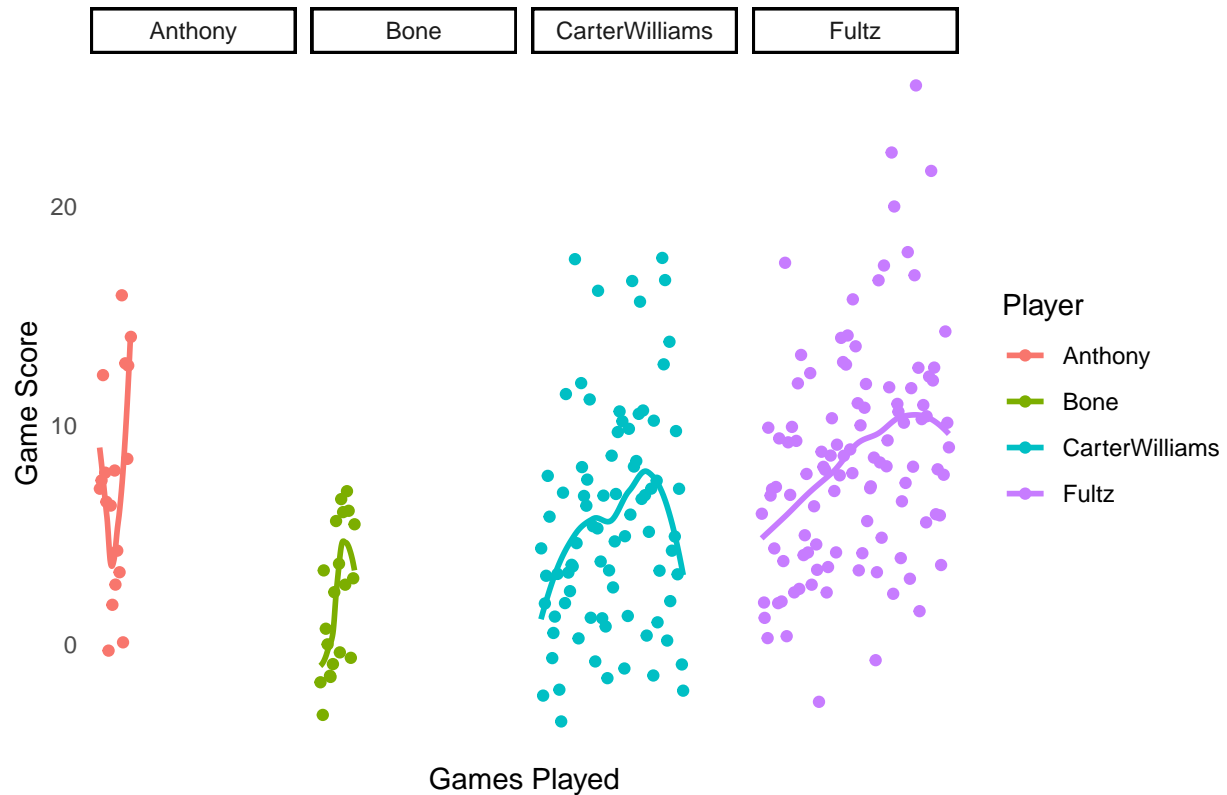
Updated Comparison of Magic Point Guards

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.

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Game Score by Point Guard



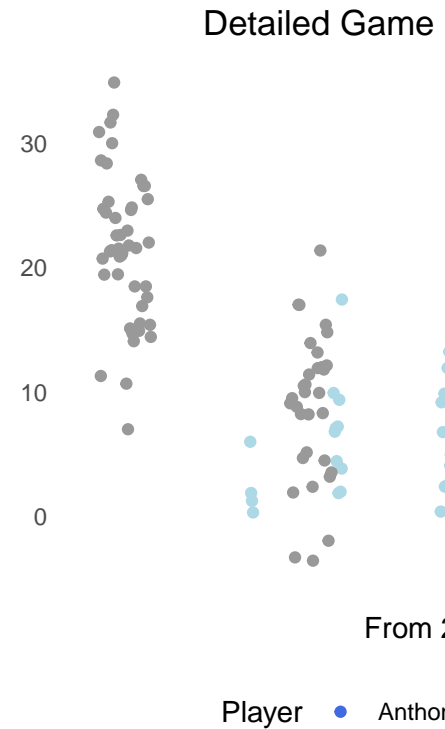
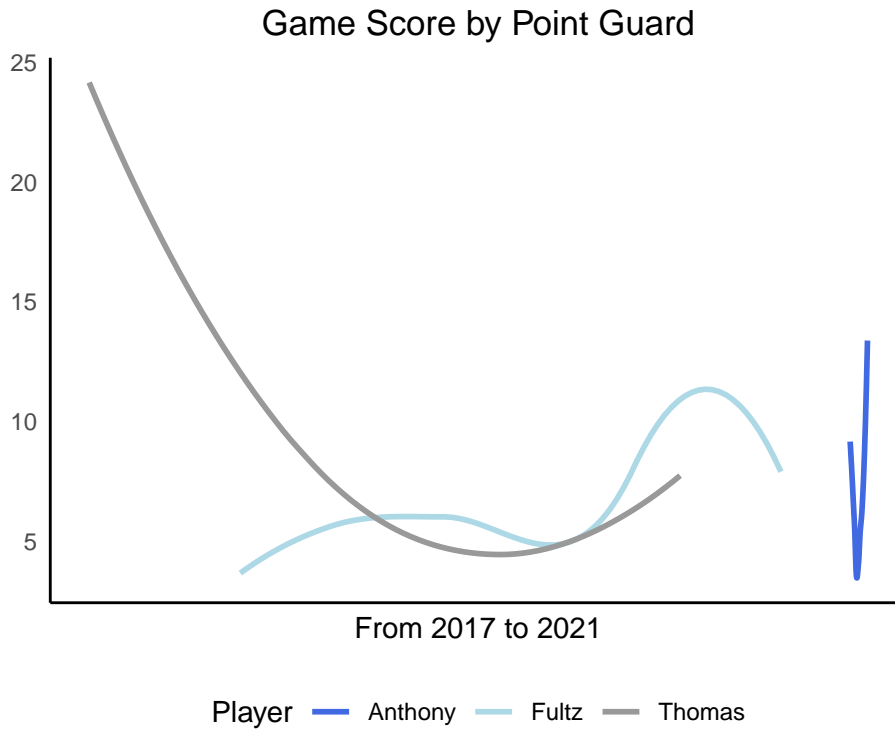
Best of Both Worlds

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

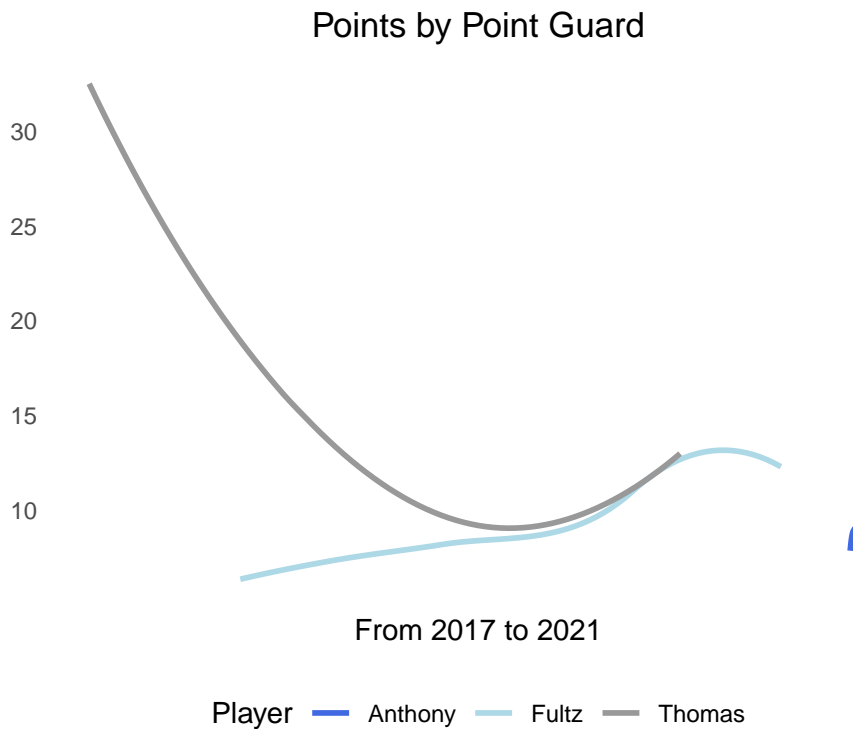
While Thomas has not played this season he would still be an invaluable veteran influence. Especially if both Carter Williams and Fultz remain out for the foreseeable future.

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

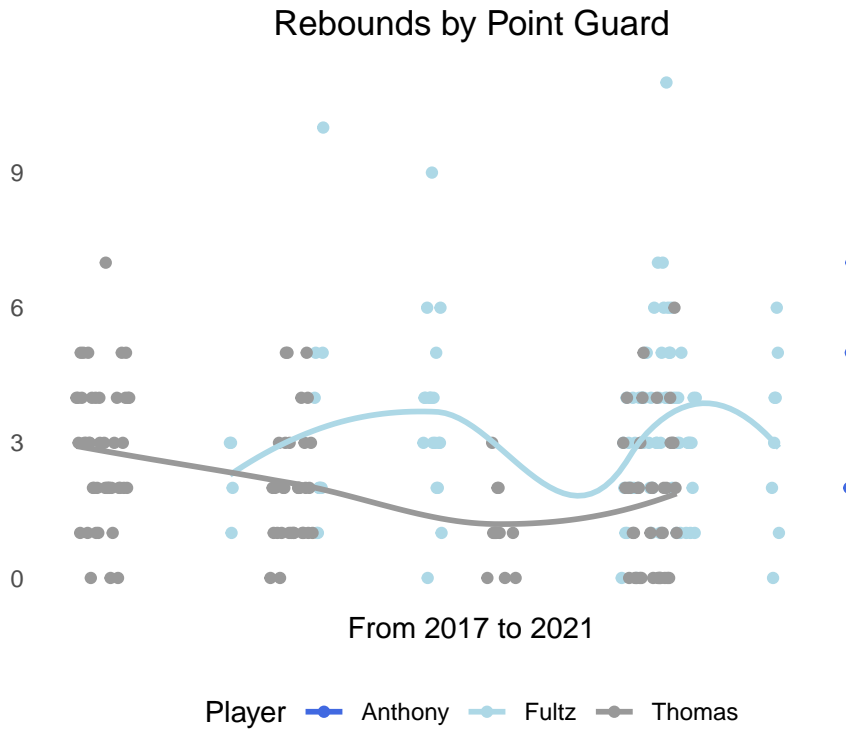
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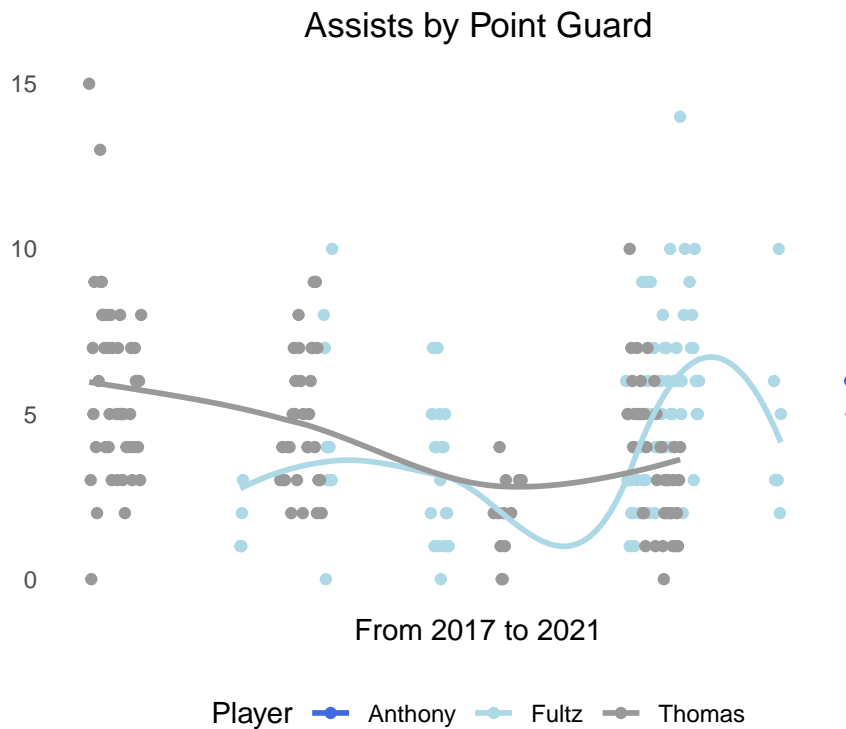
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