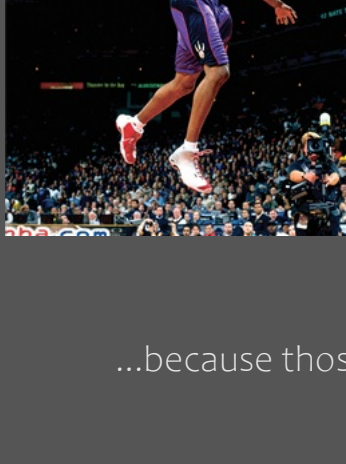


# Kyle Lowry: Defense and Intangibles

There are many aspects of a basketball game that are integral to winning, but don't show up on a stat sheet.

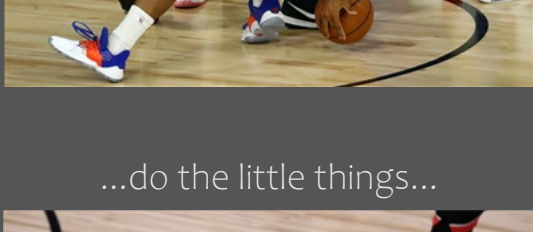
Many players would rather **score** lots of points...



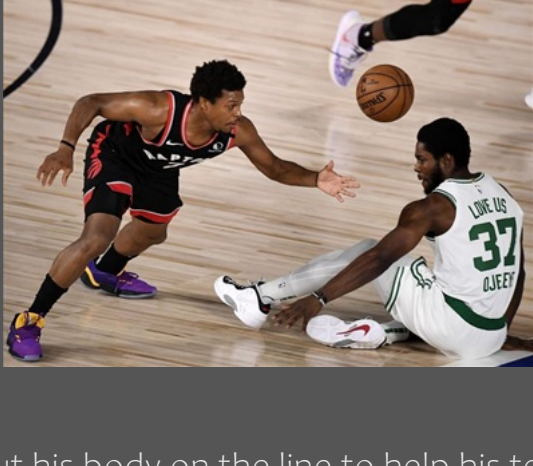
...or do exciting **dunks**...

...because those things bring you more attention.

Not Kyle Lowry. Kyle will hustle...



...do the little things...



...and put his body on the line to help his team win.

## DEFENSE

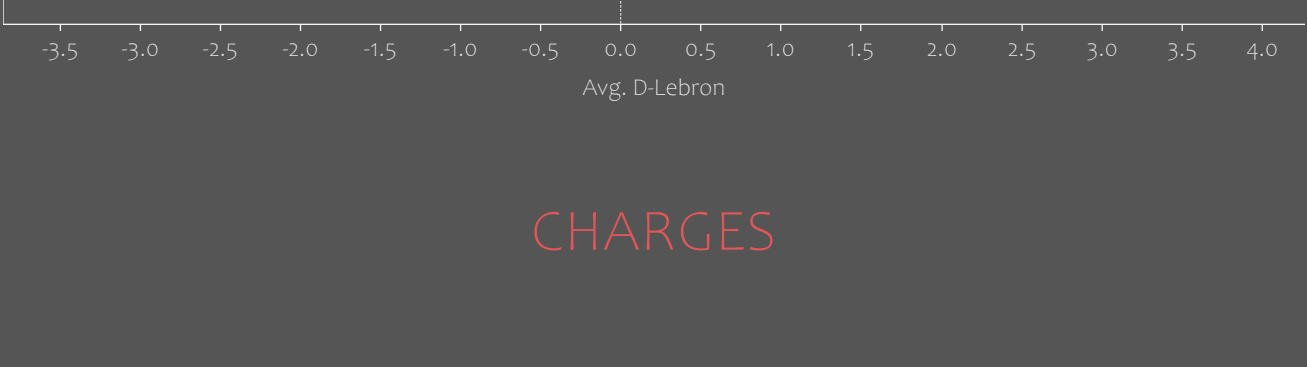


On defense, Kyle is short, so he can't protect the basket.

However, according to **\*D-LEBRON**, a statistic measuring player defense, Kyle still manages to be a positive player on defense.

**\*D-LEBRON** (Defensive Luck-adjusted player Estimate using a Box prior Regularized ON-off) measures a player's defensive impact every 100 times the other team has the ball.

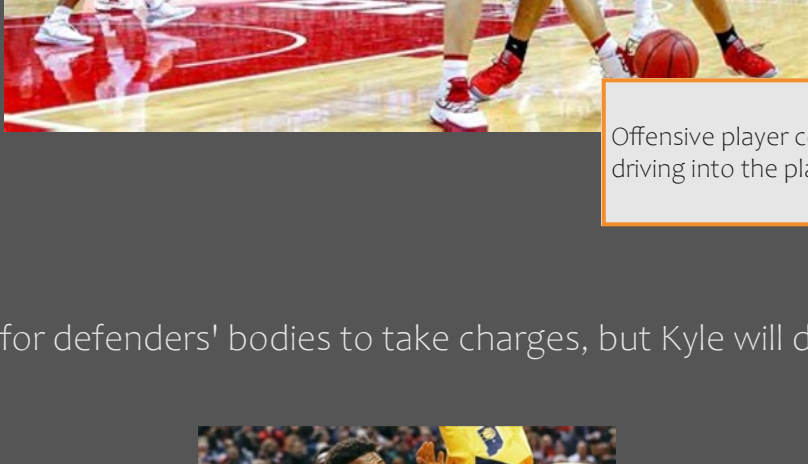
### Best Defensive NBA players, using D-LEBRON (2014-2020)



## CHARGES

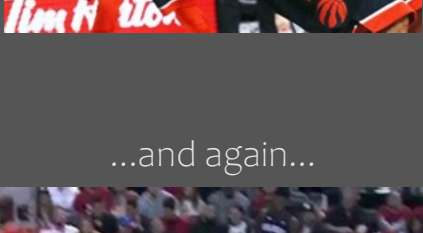
If a defender has an established position and an offensive player drives into them, a charge is called and the ball goes to the other team.

Defensive player's feet are set.



Offensive player commits a charge by driving into the player.

It is taxing for defenders' bodies to take charges, but Kyle will do it again...



...and again...



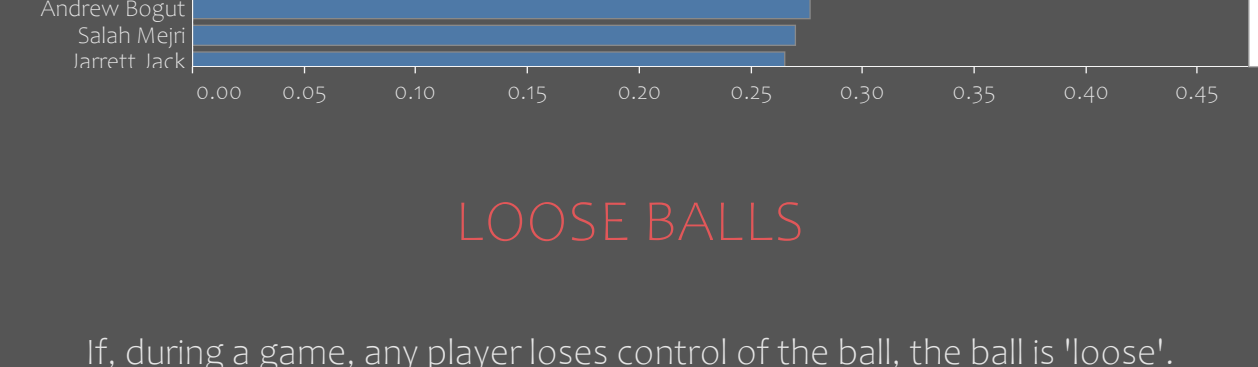
..and again.



In the past 4 years, Kyle has been one of the top players in taking charges.

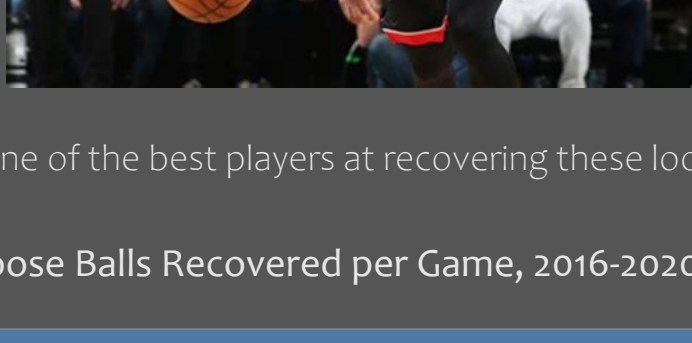
### Average Charges Drawn per game, 2016-2020

\*min 50 games played



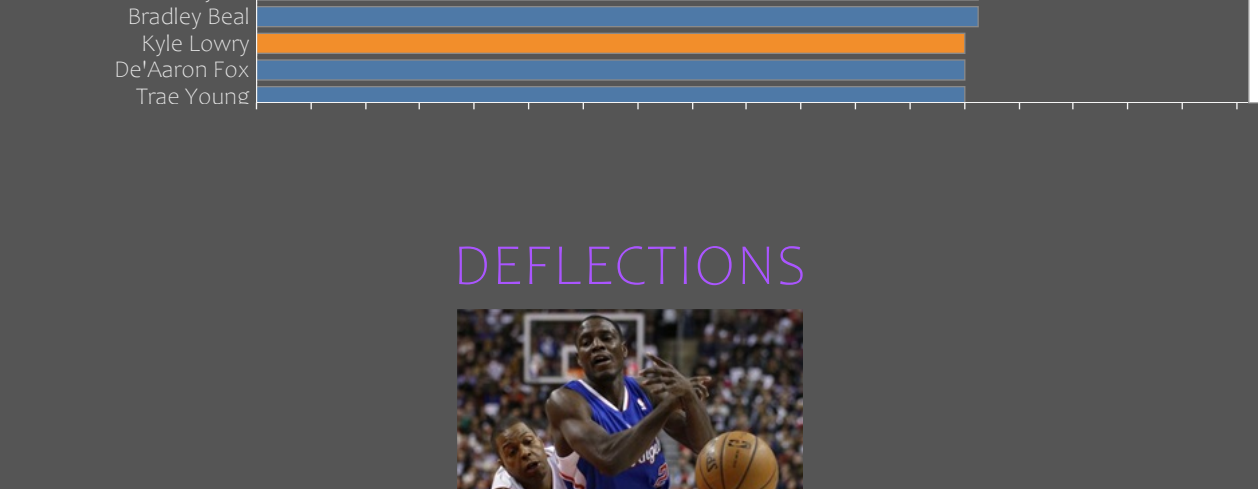
## LOOSE BALLS

If, during a game, any player loses control of the ball, the ball is 'loose'.

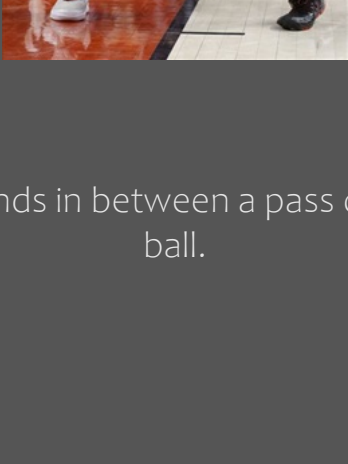


Kyle is one of the best players at recovering these loose balls.

### Loose Balls Recovered per Game, 2016-2020



## DEFLECTIONS



If a defender can get their hands in between a pass or a shot, they can deflect the ball.

Deflections can cause chaos for the shooting team, but defenders need to have a high level of intensity to cause deflections.

Kyle has been in the top 25 at causing deflections over the past 4 years.

### Deflections per Game, 2016-20

