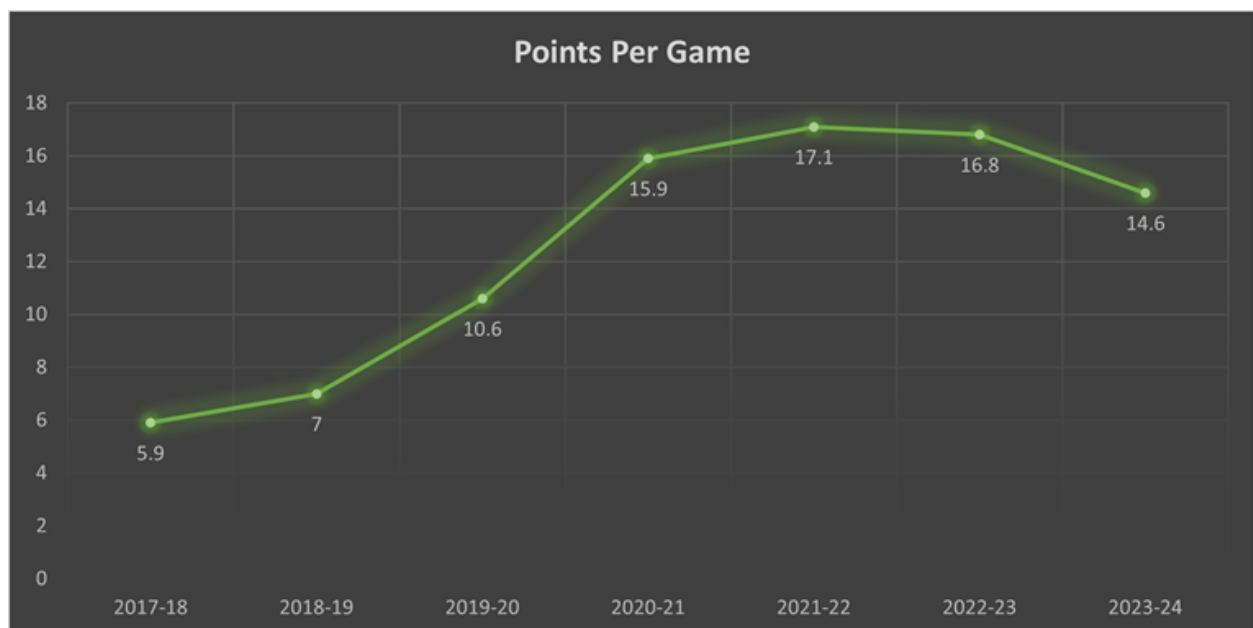


# Analysis Of Trade Candidates Who Can Elevate The 76ers To The Next Level

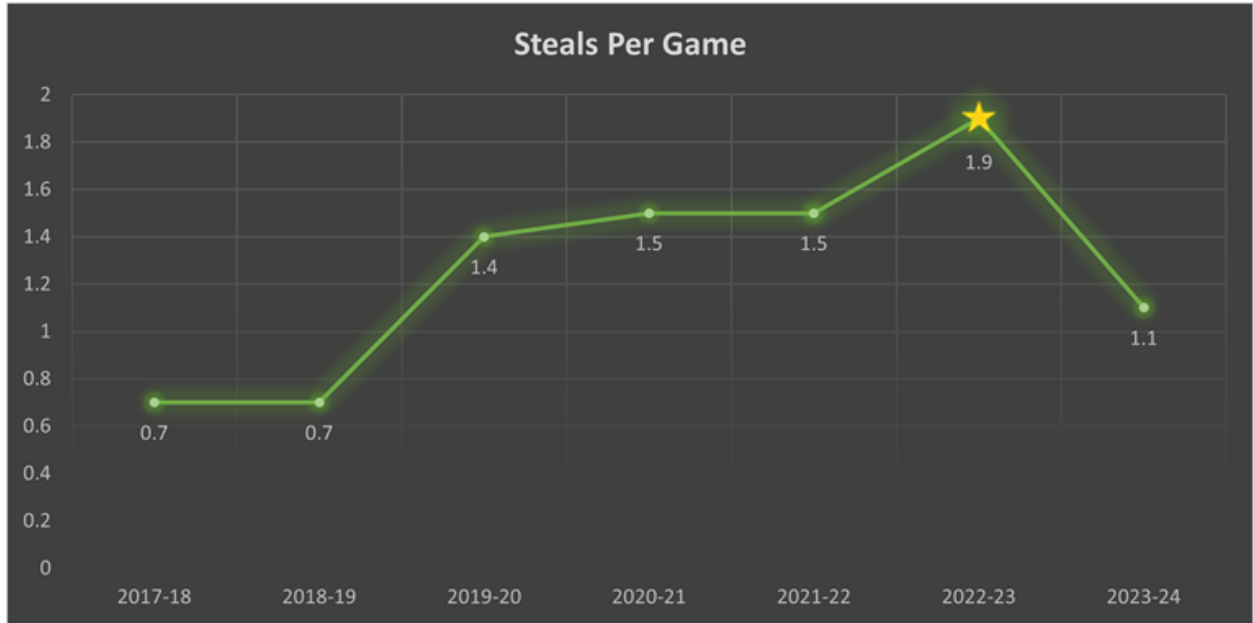
## OG Anunoby



At 6'7 and 230 pounds, Anunoby has continued to develop each year he's been in the league. Coming into his rookie season as a raw prospect, Anunoby has shown the ability to grow his game tremendously on both sides of the ball.

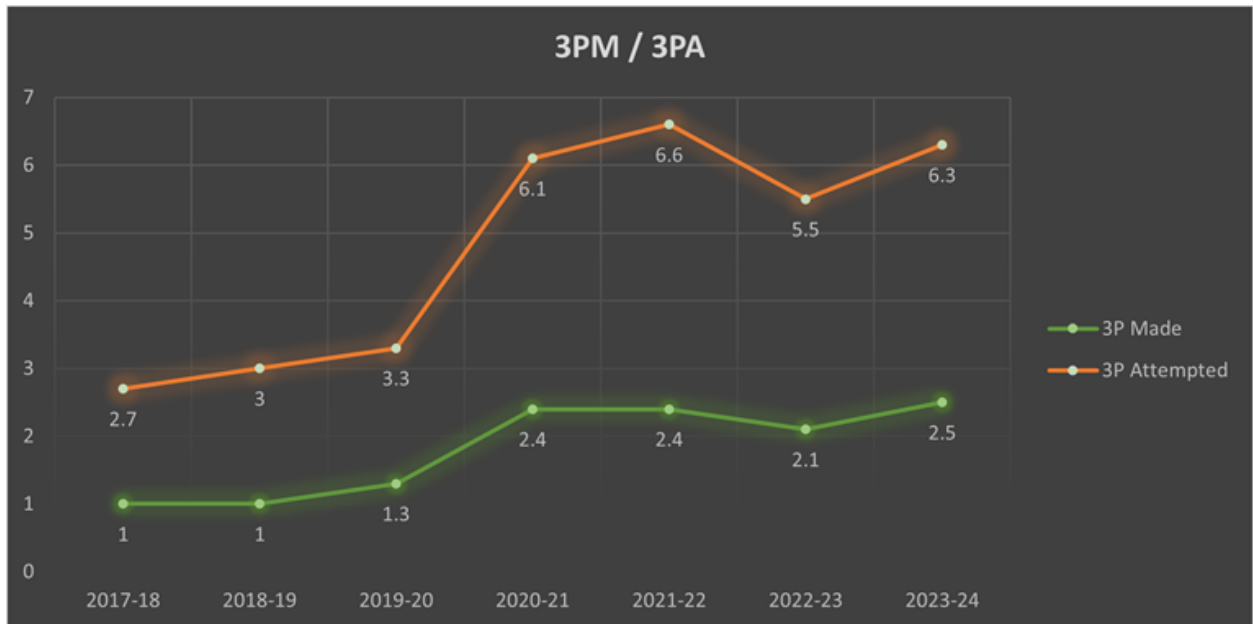


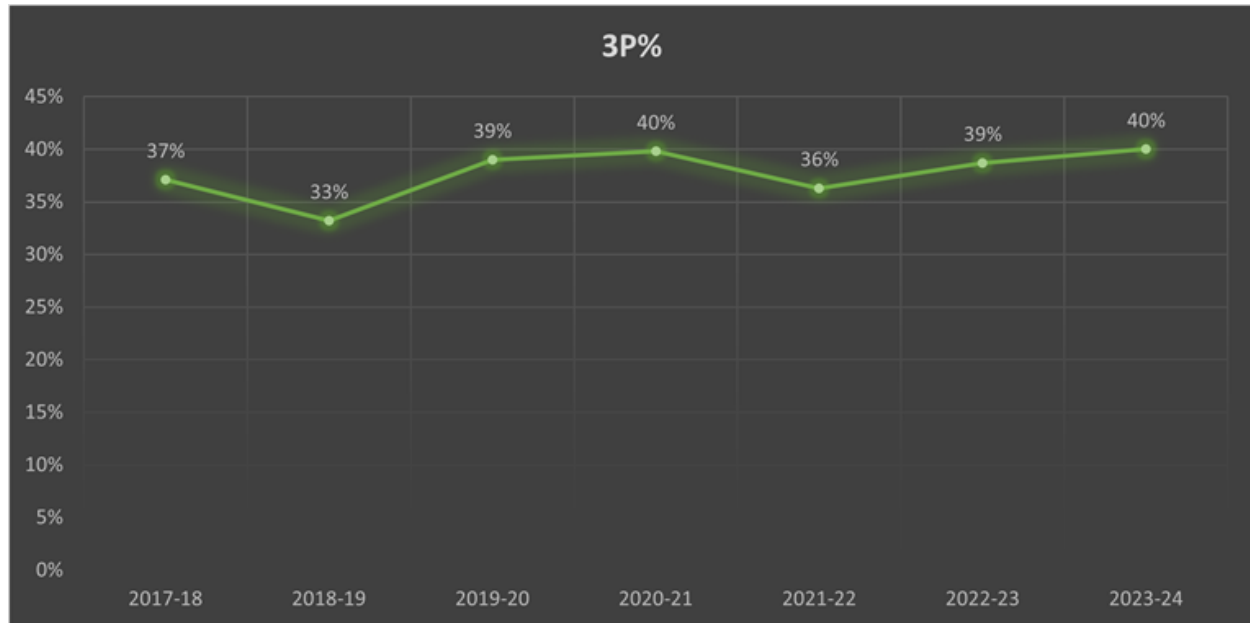
Anunoby was selected to All-Defensive 2nd Team for the 2022-2023 season. He also led the league in steals per game, averaging nearly 2 per contest.



In this age of basketball, there is a common saying amongst players, especially role players. "Adapt or die". With the importance of the 3 point shot in recent history, it's clear that if you want to stay in the league, you have to make the 3 ball.

Anunoby has been able to do so. He has shot nearly 40% while taking about 6 3s a game multiple times in his career. Those numbers are certainly impressive.





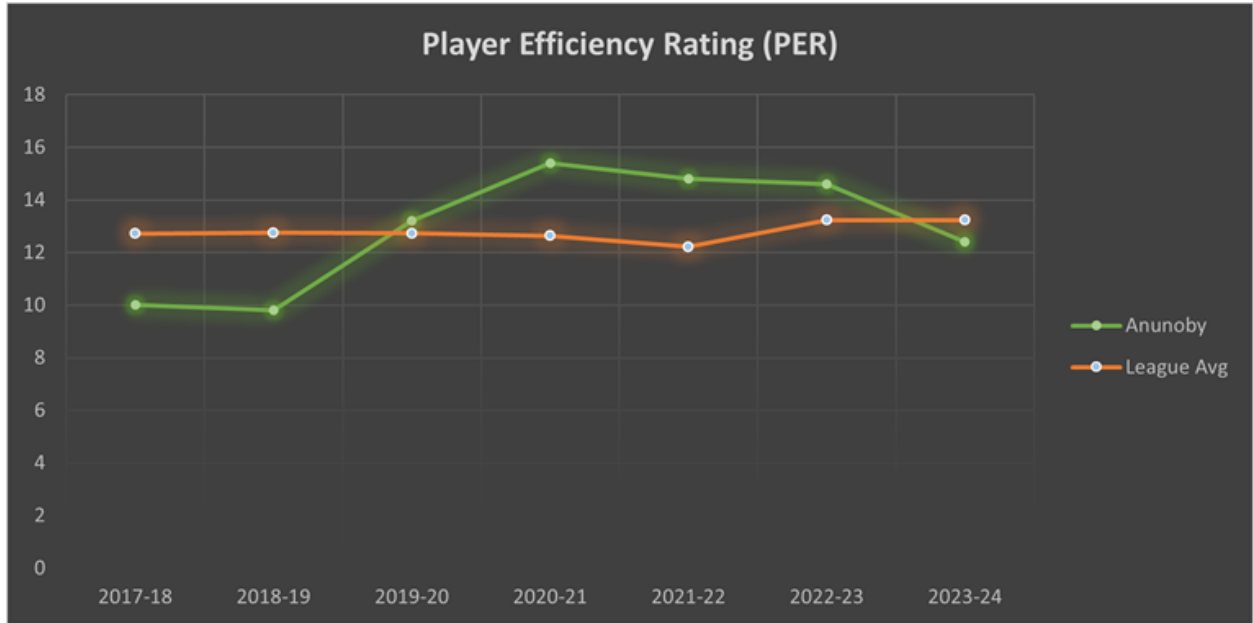
### Advanced Statistics

While some may despise advanced analytics in the NBA, there are many who praise it. Advanced analytics provides useful metrics that can tell more about a player than just the basic statistics.

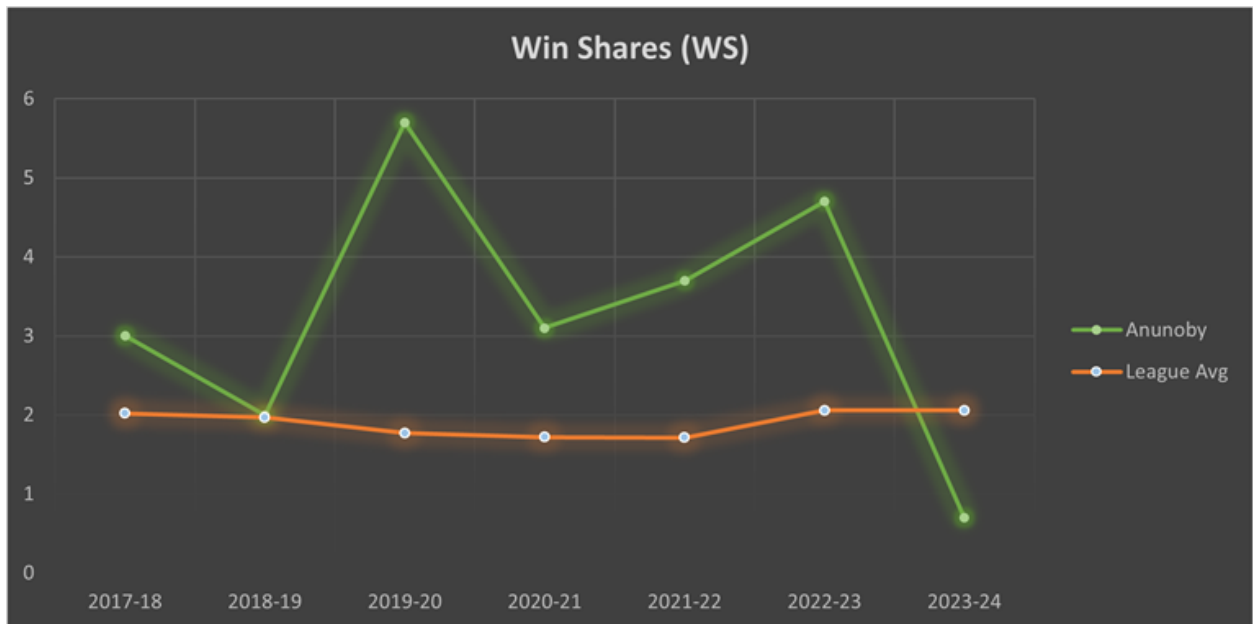
In this instance, I compared 3 advanced metrics that I believe hold much value in measuring the importance of a player. Player Efficiency Rating (PER), Win Shares (WS), and Box Plus Minus (BPM).

*A quick summary of each metric:*

- **PER:** "The PER sums up all a player's positive accomplishments, subtracts the negative accomplishments, and returns a per-minute rating of a player's performance." According to [basketball-reference.com](https://basketball-reference.com).
- **WS:** "Win Shares is a player statistic which attempts to divvy up credit for team success to the individuals on the team." according to [basketball-reference.com](https://basketball-reference.com).
- **BPM:** "BPM is a basketball box score-based metric that estimates a basketball player's contribution to the team when that player is on the court." again according to [basketball-reference.com](https://basketball-reference.com).



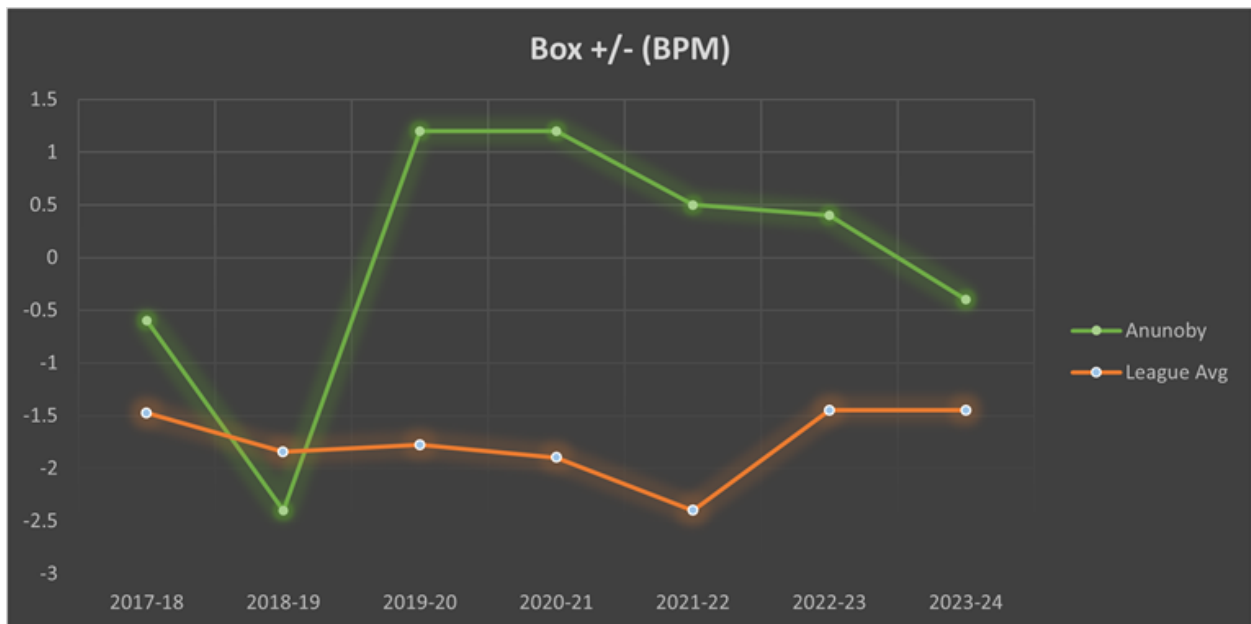
Anunoby has been near the league average in terms of PER for his career. This past season, (2022-23) he ranked 114 out of 190 qualifying players. Players like Jordan Poole and Jalen Green ranked 115 and 117 respectively. Not the best for someone who can shoot and defend at an efficient level like Anunoby.



While his win shares are below league average this season, Anunoby had his second best win share rating in his career last season. Also this season is only a 15 game sample size, so the numbers are subject to change as more games are played. However, is this huge decline a cause for concern going forward?

*A quick reference to the BPM scale:*

- **+10.0** is an all-time season (think peak Jordan or LeBron)
- **+8.0** is an MVP season (think peak Dirk or peak Shaq)
- **+6.0** is an all-NBA season
- **+4.0** is in all-star consideration
- **+2.0** is a good starter
- **+0.0** is a decent starter or solid 6th man
- **-2.0** is a bench player (this is also defined as "replacement level")
- **Below -2.0** are many end-of-bench players



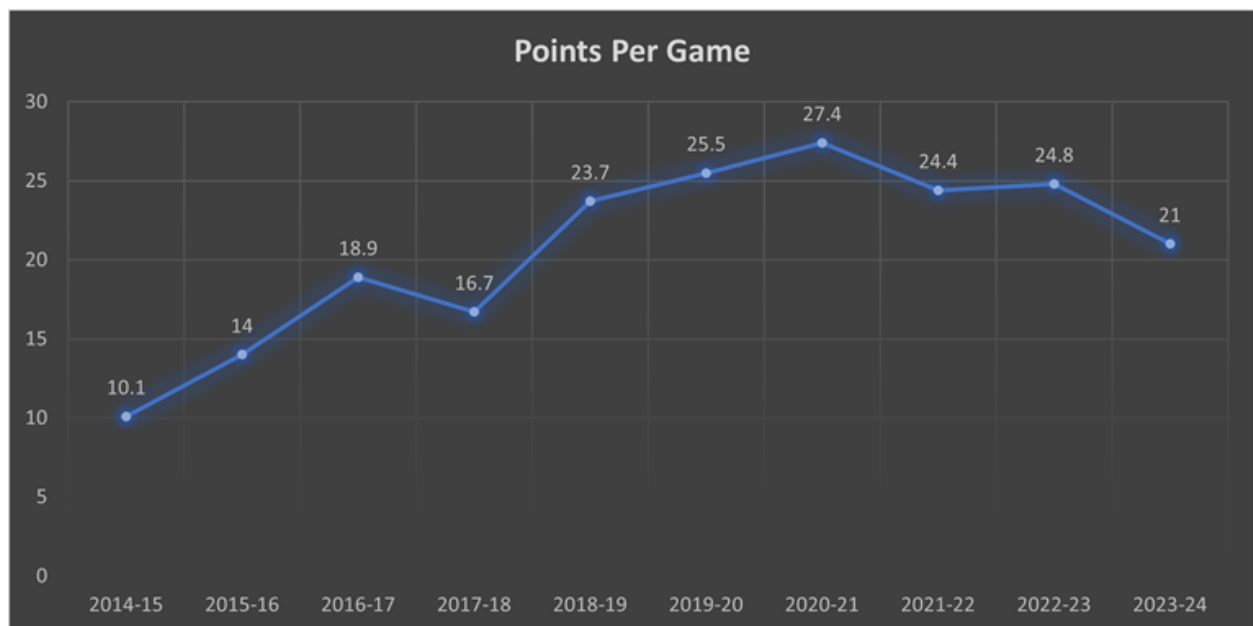
## Conclusion

As mentioned before, Anunoby came into the league as a raw prospect, and that's evident by his box plus minus numbers. He was a bench player who was replaceable but his work ethic and talent elevated him to a solid starter over the years. Anunoby appears to be a seamless fit alongside Joel Embiid and Tyrese Maxey because of his ability to shoot and defend. Also, the added athleticism and perimeter defense is a huge boost for a team with weaker on-ball defenders. However, will he be enough to elevate the 76ers to the next level?

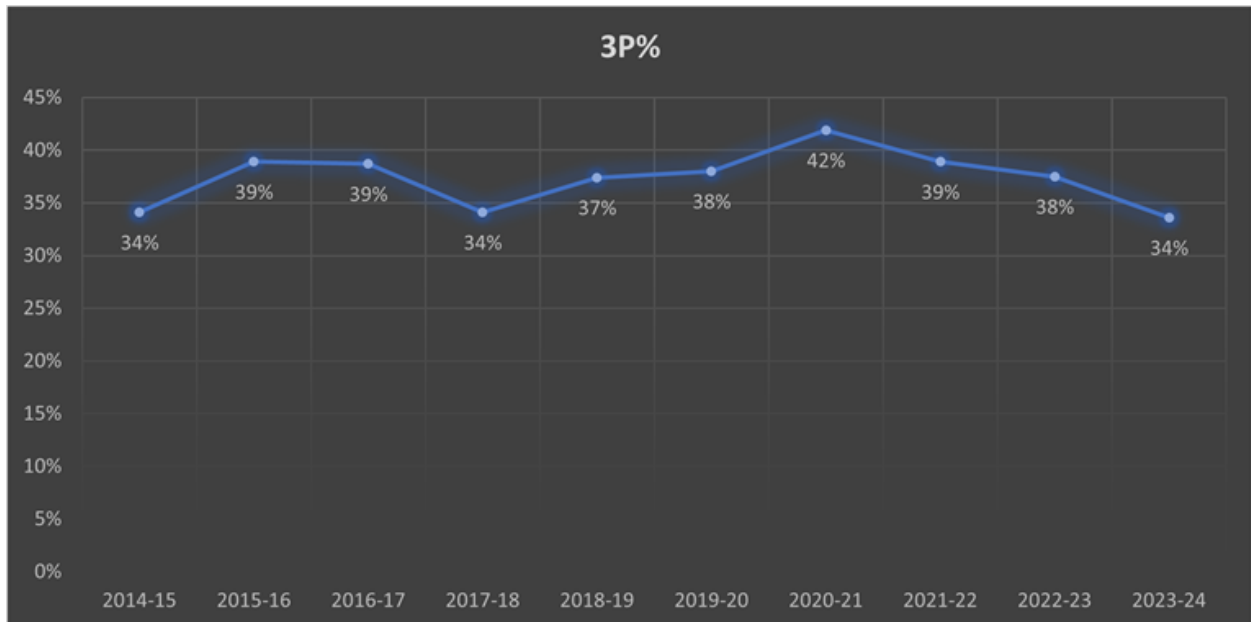
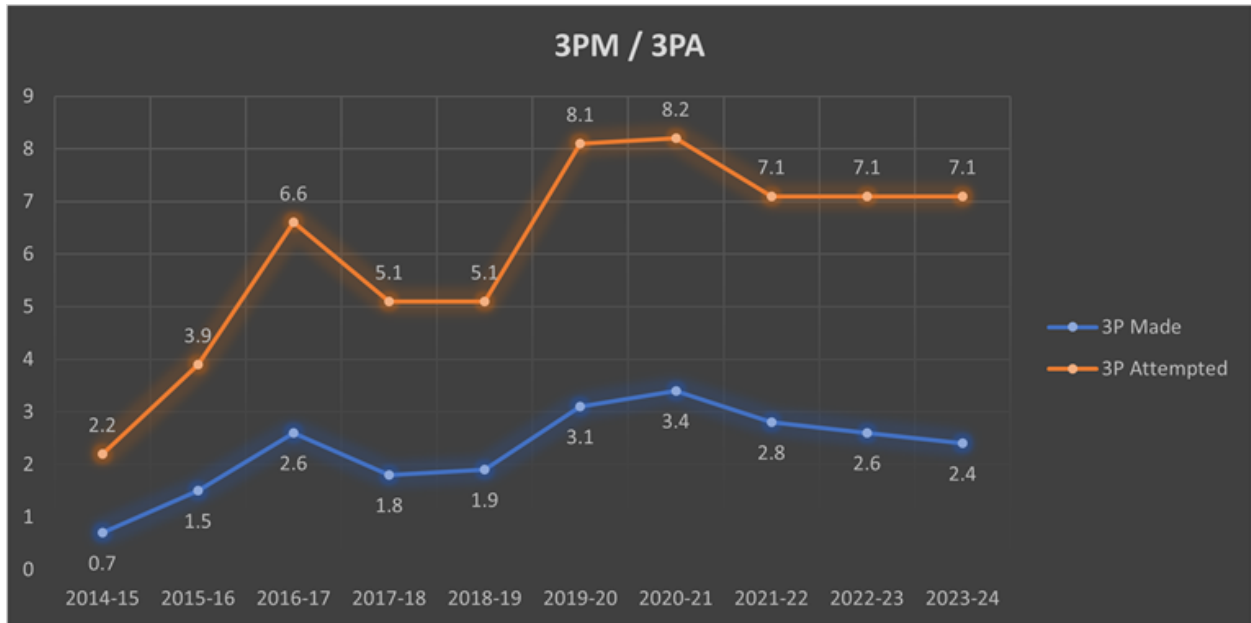
## Zach LaVine



There is no denying the fact that LaVine has been an offensive threat the past few years. Just look at his point per game averages since he's entered the league



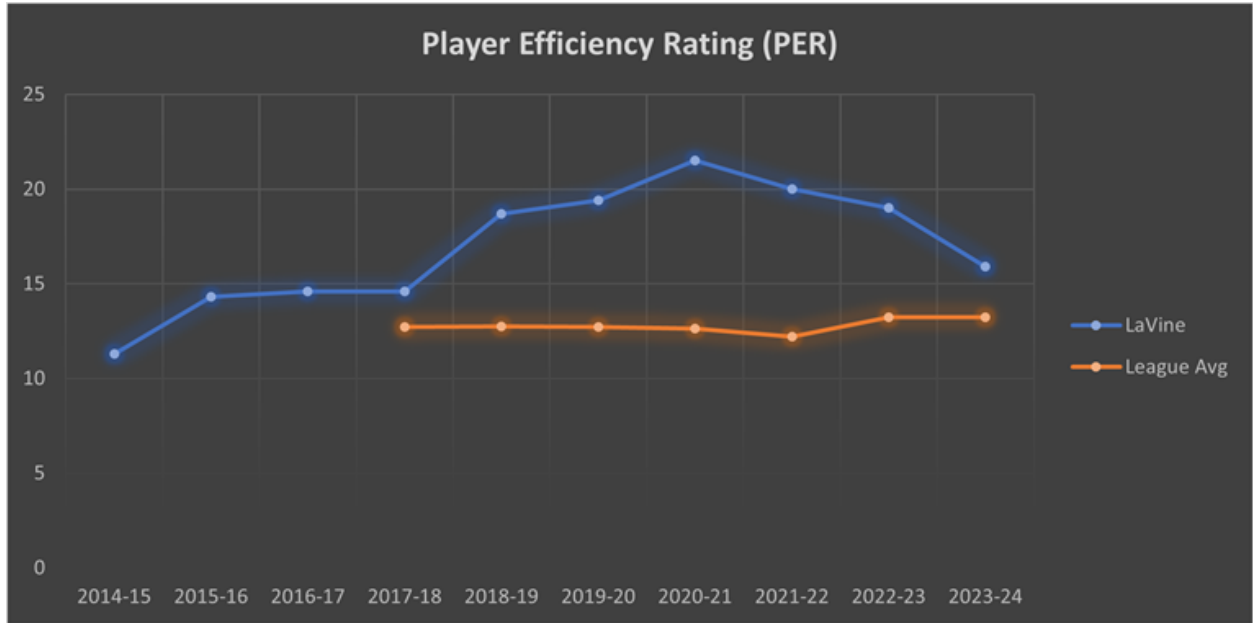
Not only are his scoring averages impressive, but his ability to make the 3 point shot has been solid throughout his career. In 2020-21, LaVine averaged 27 points while shooting 42% from 3. While he doesn't need to be the scoring machine that he once was in Chicago, an extra burst of offensive firepower could ignite the 76ers to the next level.



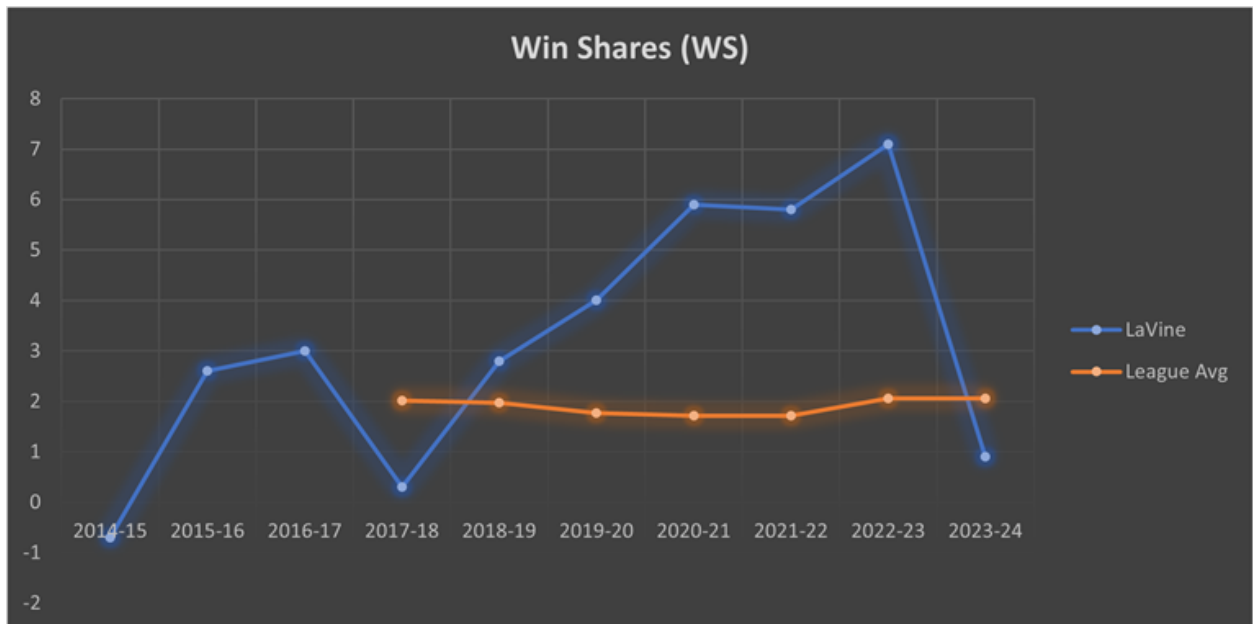
LaVine has proved throughout his career that he is a capable 3 point shooter, however, could these percentages increase as catch and shoot 3s become available more than ever before?

### Advanced Statistics

The question has never been about Lavine's talent, but does his style of play equate to winning basketball? It's tough to critique because the Bulls have been a mediocre team for the entirety of LaVine's tenure. However, we can take a deeper look at the importance of LaVine with some advanced metrics.

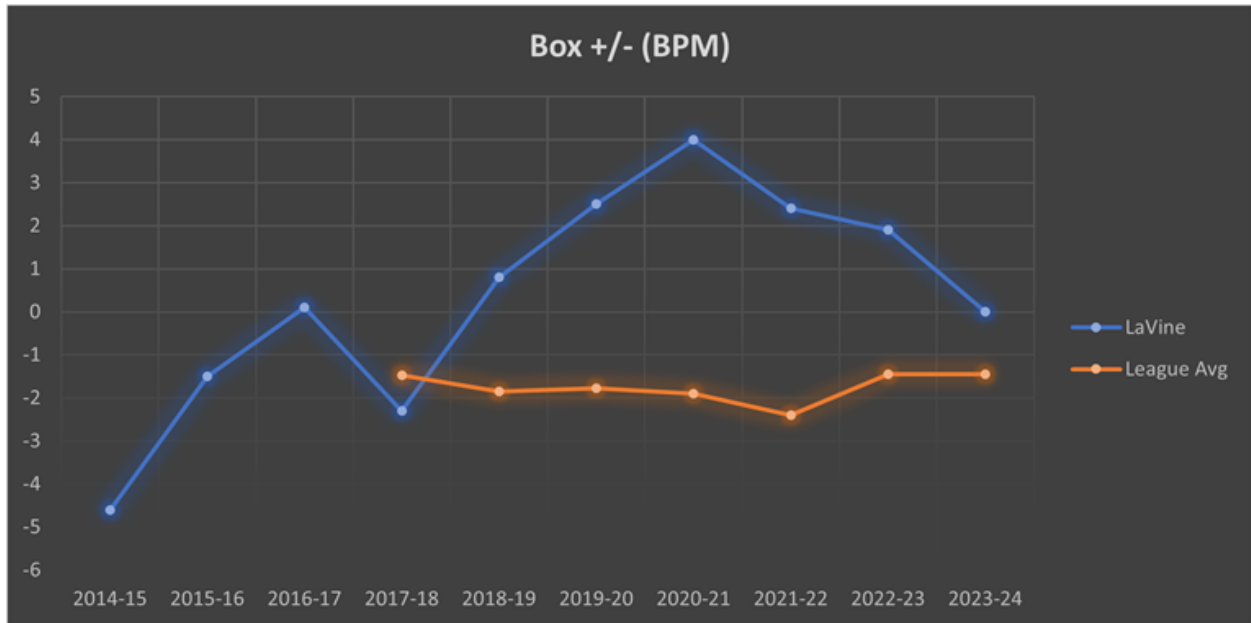


LaVine has been a consistent, efficient player throughout his time in Chicago. However, those numbers are starting to slip. Is LaVine on the decline due to age or injury history? Or is the uncertainty of the Bulls future hindering LaVine's performance?



This past season LaVine posted his highest win share numbers of his career. He ranked in the top 40 of over 500 players which certainly proved that he was involved in a lot of effective basketball. While the big decline is certainly alarming, it doesn't tell the whole story. The Bulls have been in disarray all season long for a multitude of reasons.





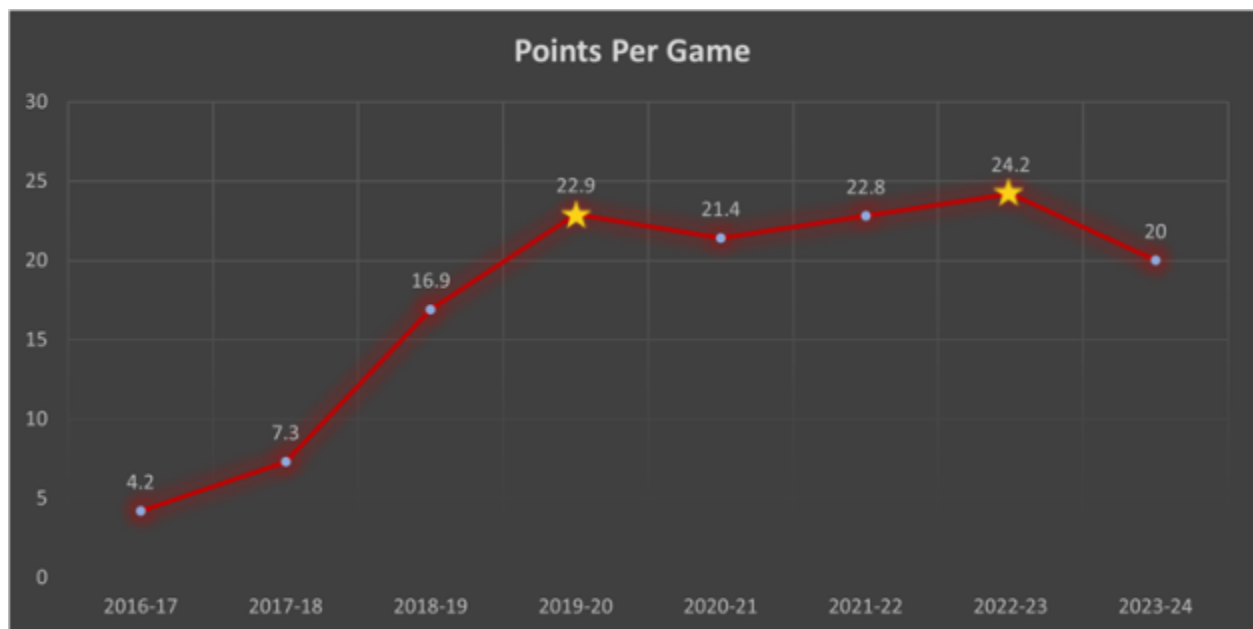
## Conclusion

According to the BPM reference from earlier, LaVine has been a good starter and teetering along all-star status for the past few seasons. He's proved that he is extremely valuable and has high upside in the right situation. Could a trade to the 76ers turn him into a more effective scorer? Or will the lack of touches hinder his performance?

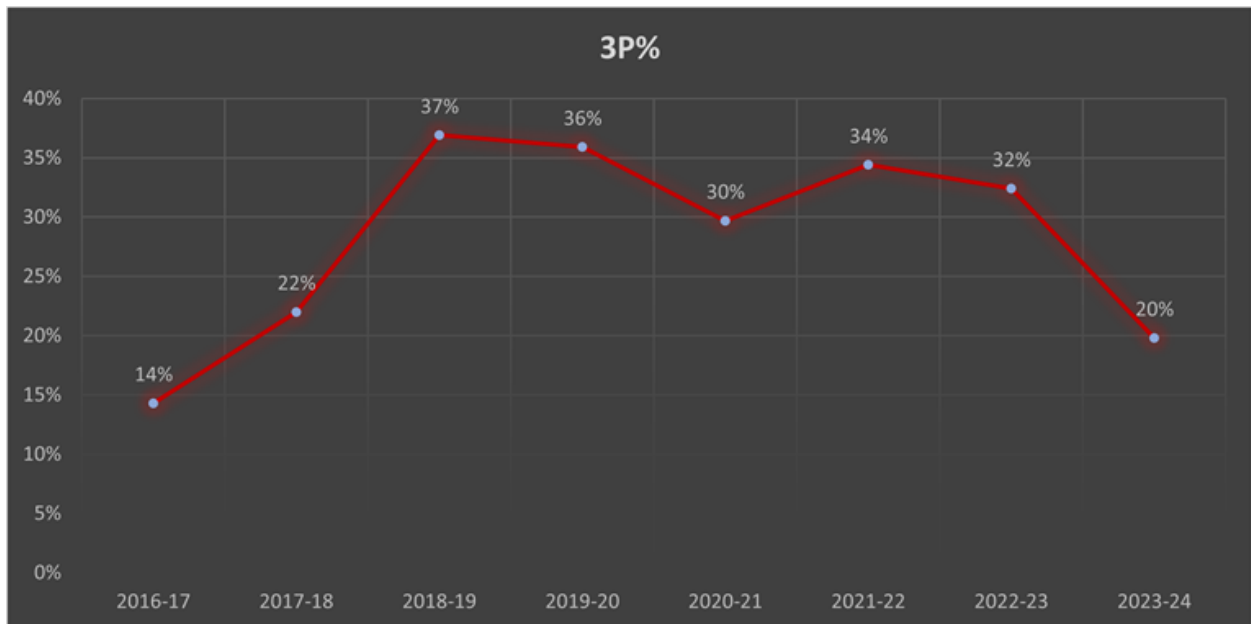
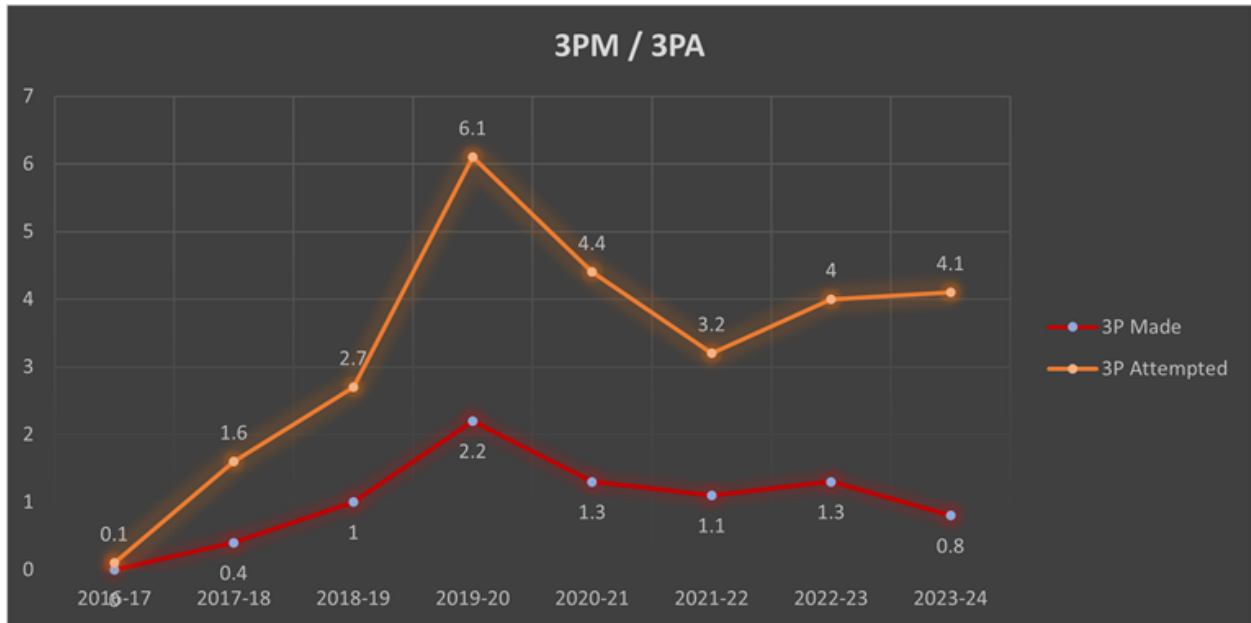
## Pascal Siakam



The career of Pascal Siakam is certainly an inspiring one. Like his teammate OG Anunoby, Siakam came into the league as a raw prospect, but quickly turned into an immediate impact player. He was selected to All-NBA second team in 2020 and third team in 2023. On top of everything else, he played a big role in the Raptors 2019 championship.

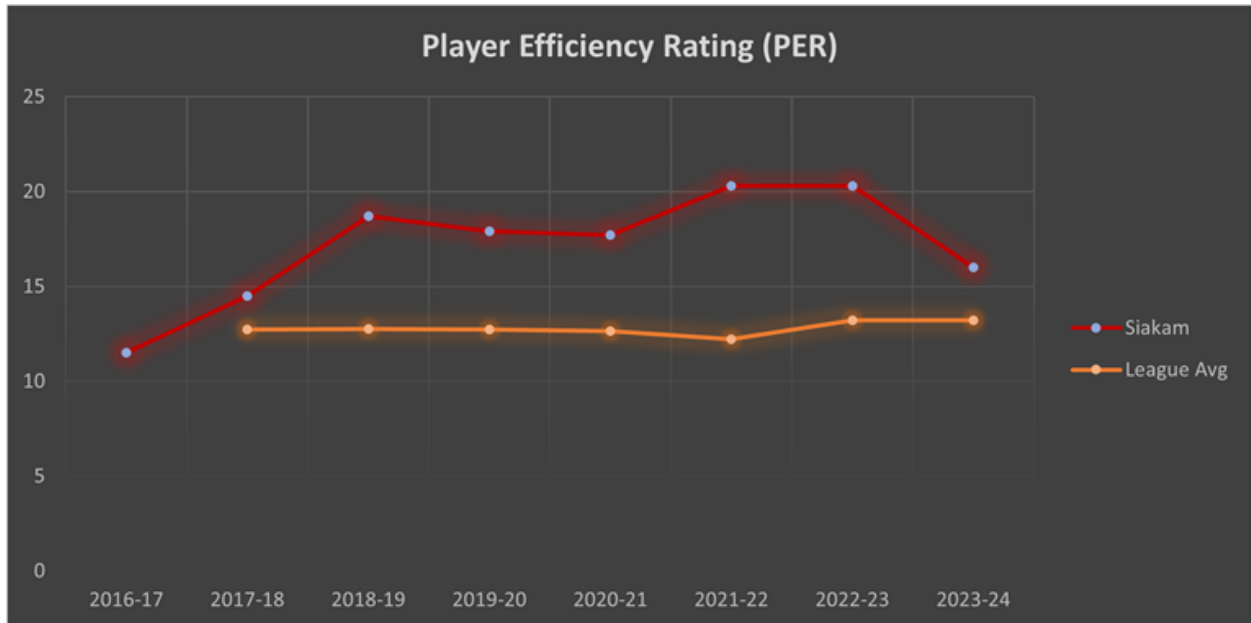


This past season Siakam was able to average a career high of 24.2 points per game. While he was able to get baskets in the paint and mid-range, his 3 point shooting has been a cause for concern for the entirety of his career.

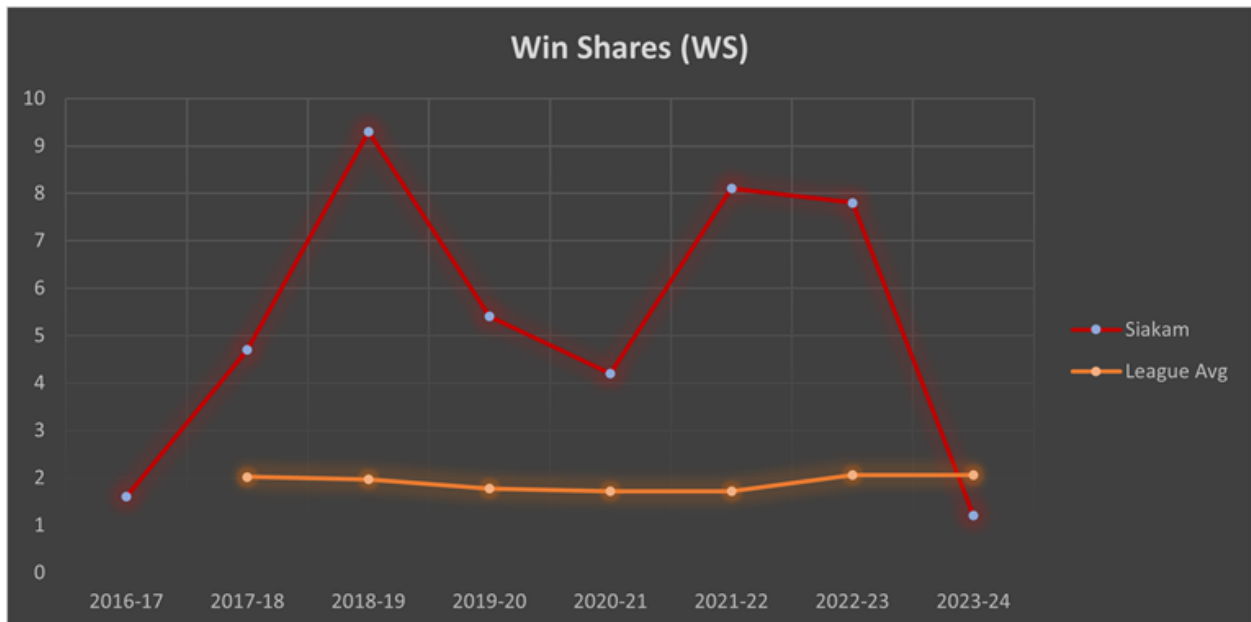


Siakam has shot under 35% from 3 the past few seasons. Although a player like Siakam can dominate near the basket, the lack of shooting would appear to be a red flag. Especially alongside a player like Joel Embiid.

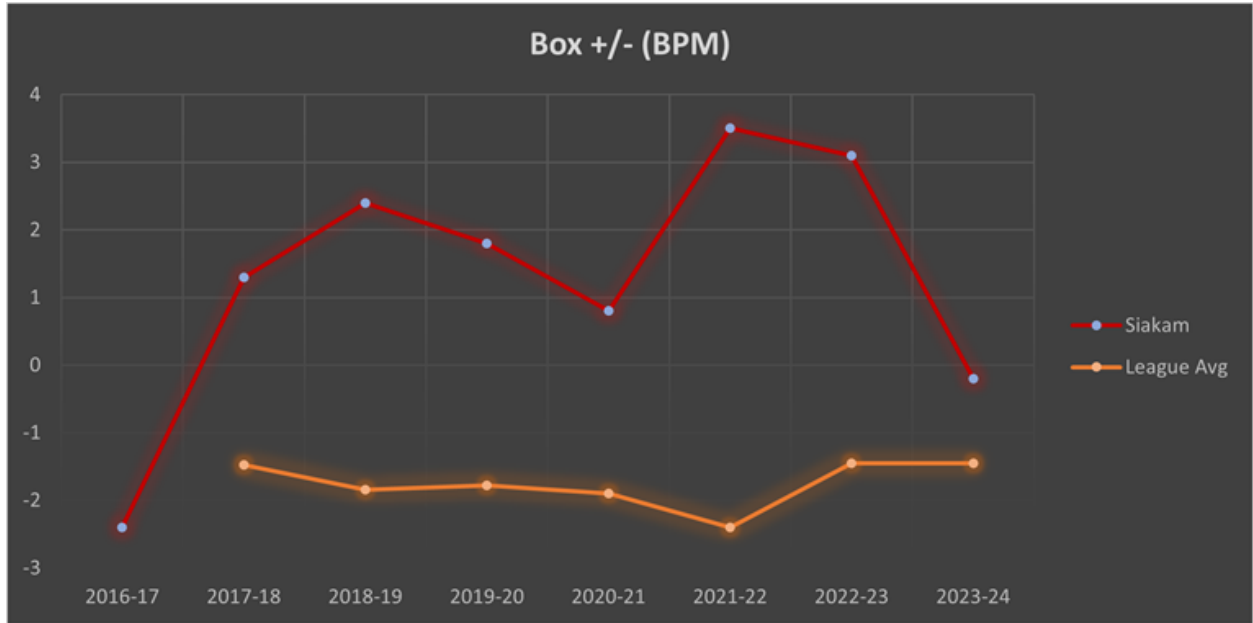
## Advanced Statistics



Throughout his career, Siakam has been an efficient player when he is on the court. This past season he ranked 34th of 190 qualified players. Players like Julius Randle and Bam Adebayo rank 33 and 35 respectively.



Last season Siakam ranked 25th in win shares at nearly 8. To put things into perspective, Stephen Curry ranked 24th. There is no denying the impact that Siakam has on winning, even with the poor 3 point shooting.



## Conclusion

Similar to LaVine, the BPM proves the story of Siakam. He has had a multitude of good seasons worth receiving all star considerations. Siakam offers length and a presence inside the paint. He is an effective scorer who is big enough to defend players like Jayson Tatum and Giannis Antetokounmpo. Again, the downfall of Siakam's game is his 3 point shooting. The question is how much do the 76ers value spacing around Embiid?