2025-26 LYNCHBURG GAME NOTES

University of Lynchburg Hornets Men's Basketball

(5-3, 1-0, ODAC)

Today's Matchup
Lynchburg vs. Bridgewater
Last Meeting:
67-66 LYN, Feb. 18, 2024
Last 5 Meetings:
LYN Ahead, 3-2



(4-2, 1-0 ODAC)

2025-26 LYNCHBURG NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
0	Elijah Thomas	R-Jr.	F	Durham, NC/ Hillside, Wingate University
1	Jake Hart	Jr.	G	Fuquay-Varina, NC/ Fuquay-Varina
2	Derek Ross Jr.	Fr.	G	Durham, NC/ Jordan
3	Piercen Young	Sr.	G	Lynchburg, VA/ Virginia Episcopal School
4	Deondre Ross	Sr.	G	Durham, NC/ Voyager Academy Kentucky Christian University
5	Michael Gray	Jr.	G	Upper Marlboro, MD/ Landon School
10	Jesse Mitchell	Jr.	G	New Hill, NC/ Grace Christian School, Central Carolina Community College
11	Jaden Palmore	Fr.	G	Athens, GA/ Greensboro Day
12	Tobias Labaque	So.	G	Cordóba, Argentina/ Juan Mantovani
15	Cooper Stamn	Fr.	G	Forest, VA/ Jefferson Forest
21	Van Nellessen	So.	F	Louisville, CO/ Monarch
22	John Henderson	Jr.	F	Durham, NC/ Crossroads Christian School
24	Tyler Buggs	R-Jr.	F	Statesboro, GA/ Robert Toombs Christian Academy, Emmanuel University
25	Ty Sanders	Fr.	G	Iron Station, NC/ North Lincoln
32	Jayson Easton	Sr.	F	Buchanan, VA/ James River
34	Kaden Hammond	Fr.	C	Burlington, NC/ The Burlington School
35	Jamarcus Brown	So.	F	Danville, VA/ Tunstall

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Nov. 7	vs. Catholic* (Hood Tournament)	L, 63-82
Nov. 8	vs. Notre Dame of Md. *	W, 77-67
Nov. 13	vs. Pfeiffer	L, 89-95
Nov. 15	vs. Regent	W, 82-66
Nov. 21	vs. Geneva* (Chatham Classic)	W, 74-60
Nov. 22	at Chatham (Chatham Classic)	L, 74-77
Nov. 30	at Methodist	W, 72-70
Dec. 3	at Randolph	W, 81-53
Dec. 6	vs. Bridgewater	2pm
Dec. 13	at Denison	2pm
Dec. 17	vs. Greensboro (Wayne Proffitt Classic)	1pm
Jan. 3	at Randolph-Macon	2pm
Jan. 7	at Eastern Mennonite	5pm
Jan. 10	vs. Shenandoah	2pm
Jan. 14	at Virginia Wesleyan	7pm
Jan. 17	at Hampden-Sydney	2pm
Jan. 21	vs. Roanoke	7pm
Jan. 24	at Washington and Lee	2pm
Jan. 28	vs Guilford	5pm
Jan. 31	at Bridgewater	2pm
Feb. 4	vs. Averett	5pm
Feb. 11	vs. Hampden-Sydney	7pm
Feb. 14	vs. Eastern Mennonite	2pm
Feb. 18	at Roanoke	7pm
Feb. 21	vs. Virginia Wesleyan	2pm

*Neutral Site

25-26 ODAC STANDINGS

Team	OVR	ODAC
Washington & Lee	6-0	1-0
Randolph Macon	5-0	1-0
Virginia Wesleyan	6-1	1-0
Roanoke	5-1	1-0
Bridgewater	4-2	1-0
Lynchburg	5-3	1-0
Shenandoah	6-1	0-1
Averett	4-2	0-1
Hampden-Sydney	4-2	0-1
Guilford	4-4	0-1
Randolph	3-4	0-1
Eastern Mennonite	2-5	0-1

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25-26 TEAM STATS

Points Per Game	76.5
Field Goal Percentage	.440
3-Point Percentage	.238
Free Throw Percentage	.650
Assists Per Game	12.9
Rebounding Per Game	41.9
Rebounding Margin	+4.5
Turnovers Per Game	13.3
Steals Per Game	8.0
Blocks Per Game	3.4

2025-26 Stat Leaders

Points/Game	Jamarcus Brown - 18.5 PPG
Field Goal Pct.	Derek Ross Jr 63.2% (12/19)
3pt Field Goal Pct.	Derek Ross Jr 66.7% (2/3)
Free Throw Pct.	Jayson Easton 91.7%, (11/12)
Rebounds/Game	Jamarcus Brown 8.1 RPG
Assists/Game	Derek Ross Jr 3.9 APG
Steals/Game	Jamarcus Brown 1.4 SPG
Blocks/Game	Jamarcus Brown 1.9 Blocks/Game

D3Hoops.com Week 2 Poll

1. Trinity (Conn.)
2. Randolph-Macon
3. UW-La Crosse
4. Washington U.
5. Redlands
6. Mary Washington
7. Chicago
8. Hampden-Sydney
9. Emory
10. Illinois Wesleyan
11. Calvin
12. Montclair State
13. Virginia Wesleyan
14. Roanoke
15. Trinity (Tx)
16. Mount Union
17. UW-Oshkosh
18. Catholic
19. TCNJ
20. Drew
21. Hood
22. WPI
23. Wesleyan
24. Tufts
25. Whitworth

Coaches & Pronunciation Guide

COACHING STAFF

Hillary Scott
Head Men's Basketball Coach
Dylan Hall
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach
John Cranford
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach
Brandon Vanover
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

11 - Jaden Palmore
PAL-more
13 - Tobias Labaque
LAH-vah-KAY
21 - Van Nellessen
NELL-ess-SEN

Hornets In The ODAC & NCAA

TEAM

Category	NCAA Ranking	ODAC Ranking	Stat
Assists/Turnover Ratio	205	8	.97
Assists/Game	241	5	12.9
Blocks/Game	126	5	3.4
Field Goal Pct.	191	9	.440
Opp. Field Goal Pct.	41	5	.390
Fouls/Game	235	7	18.0
FTA/Game	125	7	22.1
FTM/Game	164	7	14.4
FT Pct.	302	8	.650
Rebound Margin	94	5	+4.5
Def. Rebounds/Game	47	3	29.50
Off. Rebounds/Game	132	5	12.38
Total Rebounds/Game	54	3	41.88
Scoring Defense	119	10	71.3
Scoring Margin	127	8	+5.3
Scoring Offense	181	6	76.5
Steals/Game	172	7	8.0
3PT Attempts/Game	244	6	21.5
3PT Pct.	393	12	23.8
3PT Pct. Defense	40	4	27.0
3PT Makes/Game	373	12	5.1
Turnover Margin	120	7	+1.5
Turnovers Forced/Game	135	6	14.9
Turnovers/Game	161	10	13.4
Winning Pct.	141	9	62.5

INDIVIDUAL (ODAC TOP 10 ONLY)

(Pos.) Player	Category	ODAC Ranking	Stat
(F) Jamarcus Brown	Points/Game	5	18.5
(F) Jamarcus Brown	Rebounds/Game	3	8.1
(G) Piercen Young	Free Throw Pct.	8	83.3
(F) Jayson Easton	3PT Pct.	10	33.3
(F) Jayson Easton	3PT Makes/Game	8	2.1
(G) Derek Ross Jr	Assists/Game	5	3.9
(G) Derek Ross Jr	Assist/Turnover Ratio	3	2.8
(F) Jamarcus Brown	Blocks/Game	2	1.9

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2025-26 Men's Basketball Storylines

Brown All-American Track & Field Star

Sophomore forward **Jamarcus Brown** not only found success on the court last year as a freshman, but became one of the best high jumpers in Lynchburg history, earning All-American status in both the indoor and outdoor track and field seasons. In the high jump, he placed sixth at the NCAA Indoor Championships and fifth at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. He broke the program record for the outdoor high jump with a mark of 6'11" and his indoor record of 6'9.75" ranks second in the program record books.

New Additions and Re-Installations

The Hornets return 10 performers from last season and seven have been added to this year's group. Among those are five freshmen: **Derek Ross Jr., Jaden Palmore, Cooper Stamn, Ty Sanders, and Kaden Hammond**. Transfer **Jesse Mitchell** joins the crew from Central Carolina CC, and **Deondre Ross** returns after a one-year hiatus. Additionally, impact player **Jayson Easton** is back for his fourth season with the Hill City squad after his campaign was cut short due to injury just eight games into the year.

Gray's Got Game In A Top-Tier Conference

Junior guard **Michael Gray**, the team's leading scorer from the 2024-25 season with 13.5 points per game, became the first Lynchburg performer since 2022 to land an all-conference selection after being named to the All-ODAC Third Team.

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference continues to be one of the very best NCAA Division III conferences. For the second straight season, four of the team's within the league qualified for the national tournament: Guilford, Roanoke, Hampden-Sydney, and Randolph-Macon. That made the ODAC one of just five conferences nationwide to have four teams reach the NCAA touranment. In the D3Hoops.com national preseason poll, three teams landed inside the top-15.

Ross Squared

Brothers **Deondre Ross** and **Derek Ross Jr.** reunite to play collegiate hoops for the first time ever. Senior guard Deondre average 7.5 points per game in 17.8 minutes per contest from the 2023-24 season while getting in 25 games and starting 16. Freshman guard Derek heads into his debut season after setting the assist record for his high school program.

Lynchburg's Record When...

Overall	3-3
Home	1-1
Away	1-1
Neutral	2-1
ODAC	0-0
Home	0-0
Away	0-0
Non-Conference	0-0
Home	1-1
Away	1-1
Neutral	2-1
vs. Ranked Opponents (+RV)	0-1
vs. Unranked Opponents	4-2
Leading at Halftime	4-1
Trailing at Halftime	0-2
Tied at Halftime	0-0
In Games Decided By 1-5 Points	1-1
In Games Decided By 6-10 Points	1-1
In Games Decided By 11-15 Points	1-0
In Games Decided By 16+ Points	1-1
LYN Outrebounding Opp.	4-2
LYN Was Outrebounded	0-1
Equal in Rebounds	0-0
LYN Outshot Opp. (FG%)	3-1
LYN Was Outshot (FG%)	1-2
LYN Made More 3PTs	1-0
Opp. Made More 3PTs	2-2
LYN Outshot Opp. (FT%)	1-0
LYN Was Outshot (FT%)	4-2
LYN Had More Turnovers	2-2
Opp. Had More Turnovers	2-1
Coming off Win	2-1
Coming off Loss	3-0
Day Games	1-1
Night Games	4-1
Weekday Games	0-1
Weekend Games	2-2
November	4-3
December	1-0
January	0-0
Feburary	0-0

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18th Season
Overall Record
(240-203)

Head Coach Hillary Scott

Lynchburg native and former Penn State University assistant Hilliary Scott joined the University of Lynchburg athletic department as head men's basketball coach prior to the 2008-09 season.

As the Hornets' mentor, Scott has amassed more than 200 wins, led the program to its first NCAA Division III tournament victory, and its first appearance in the D3hoops.com top 25 poll. In 2021-22, Lynchburg's team earned Scott his 200th-career victory as the Hornets played to a 14-12 record and reached the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament quarterfinals. T.C. Thacker and Tharon Suggs repeated their All-ODAC honors from the season prior, and Thacker was named second-team all-region.

During the COVID-19 shortened season, Scott and the Hornets went 6-4 and played their way into a ODAC championship appearance against Randolph-Macon. Scott coached Thacker to an Academic All-America first-team selection as well as all-conference honors. Suggs was also on the All-ODAC team.

Lynchburg went 15-12 in 2019-20 and reached the Old Dominion Athletic Conference semifinals for the first time in four seasons. Two Hornets landed on the All-ODAC teams, with junior T.C. Thacker garnering a first-team accolade.

His 2018-19 iteration of the Lynchburg men's basketball team matched the program's best-ever regular season with a 20-5 record and reached as high as No. 14 in the national top 25. The team began the season 17-1, defeating a number of top-25 teams and several more that finished the season in the NCAA regional rankings. Two Hornets, Austin Wrighten and Connor Schroeder, earned All-ODAC honors, and Wrighten landed spots on the All-State and all-region squads.

In 2017-18, Scott's Hornets finished 15-12, winning six of their final eight games to storm into the top half of the ODAC yet again. The season started with a bang when Lynchburg upset Division I Norfolk State, 83-80, in a preseason exhibition. Schroeder earned first-team All-ODAC honors for his part.

The 2016-17 season saw Lynchburg earn a first-round bye in the ODAC tournament after going 16-10. For the second straight year, the ODAC Player of the year was a Lynchburg Hornet, as senior Zack Burnett earned the honor while also being named first-team all-conference, All-State, and all-region as well as second-team All-America. Burnett represented Lynchburg in the NABC Division III All-Star Game.

The 2015-16 season was the best season in school history to that point. Lynchburg ended the year with a 23-7 record, the most wins in program history, and a 12-4 conference record, also the best ever. The Hornets captured their first Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) title and NCAA Division III tournament berth since the 1978-79 season. Lynchburg won two conference tournament games by large margins and earned the title with a 62-60 victory in overtime over Randolph College. Coach Scott led the Hornets to an 82-55 win over Scranton in the NCAA tournament and his team fell just short of a trip to the Sweet 16. Three Hornets, Alex Graves, Austen Arnold and Burnett, broke the 1,000-point barrier during the season.

Lynchburg also broke records during the regular season, many during a 160-156 double overtime win over Roanoke College on February 17. Lynchburg broke the school and conference all-time mark for most points in a game, and the two teams' combined total of 316 surpassed the NCAA Division III top mark, set by Simpson (167) and Grinnell (148), in 1994.

The Hornets won 17 games in 2014-15, the fourth-straight campaign with over 15 wins. Lynchburg was 9-7 in league play and narrowly missed earning a berth to the conference tournament semifinals. Lynchburg had three players named to the All-ODAC team for the first time since the late 1970s.

The 2013-14 season saw the program do something it had never done before - it posted double-digit wins in ODAC play. The 10 victories gave the team the fourth-seed and a bye to the conference quarterfinals in Salem. In 2012-13, the Hornets had their best season since 1977-78, tying the school record with 19 wins. The Hornets began the climb up the ODAC in 2010-11, finishing with a record of 15-11 and a fifth-place finish in the conference. In his second season, Scott helped the Hornets finish 12-15 and earn a trip to the conference championship tournament in Salem. In his tenure, Lynchburg has had 25 all-conference selections and two ODAC players of the year. Graves, also the All-South Player of the Year, became the program's first first-team NABC All-American in 2016.

Scott attended E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg and played his collegiate basketball at nearby Roanoke College. As a Maroon, he was an NABC All-American in 1993 and 1994 and was named the ODAC's player of the year in his senior season. Scott graduated from Roanoke in May of 1994 with a degree in religion and philosophy, and was inducted into the RC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. In April of 2013, Scott was named to the All-Century Team at Roanoke College.

Before entering the coaching ranks, Scott played professional basketball in Europe for two teams. As a member of the Killester Basketball Club (Dublin, Ireland), he played from 1994-96 before joining the Chester Jets (England) for the 1996-97 season.

He also worked for five seasons as an assistant coach at East Tennessee State University (1998-2003). The Buccaneers won three-straight Southern Conference North Division Titles and earned an NCAA tournament berth in 2002-03. Scott recruited three conference players of the year and the all-time leading scorer at ETSU.

Scott was an assistant coach at Penn State University from 2003-08. In 2005, the Nittany Lions earned a berth to the NIT, and the team advanced to the NCAA tournament the next three seasons. He helped recruit three-student athletes that earned all-conference honors a total of seven times, including the program's all-time leading scorer.

Scott resides in Lynchburg with his wife, Lisa, their son, Isaiah, and daughter, Haley. He earned his Master's in Educational Studies in 2021 from University of Lynchburg.

2025-26 Lynchburg Men's Basketball

Combined Statistics - All Games

2025-26 Lynchburg Men's Basketball
Combined Team Statistics
All games

as of Dec 04, 2025

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	5-3	1-1	2-1	2-1
CONFERENCE	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	4-3	1-1	1-1	2-1

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Lynchburg	299	313	0	612
Opponents	273	297	0	570

Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
35	BROWN, Jamarcus	8-8	239:05	29.9	62-115	.539	3-13	.231	21-42	.500	23	42	65	8.1	16	1	8	12	15	11	148	18.5
32	EASTON, Jayson	8-6	197:25	24.7	29-69	.420	17-51	.333	11-12	.917	4	30	34	4.3	10	0	2	9	0	3	86	10.8
3	YOUNG, Piercen	8-8	218:06	27.3	31-81	.383	4-33	.121	15-18	.833	10	35	45	5.6	24	0	13	11	2	10	81	10.1
0	THOMAS, Elijah	8-0	123:17	15.4	19-41	.463	1-7	.143	15-26	.577	19	19	38	4.8	23	0	4	8	3	6	54	6.8
10	MITCHELL, Jesse	8-3	108:44	13.6	16-35	.457	3-8	.375	10-15	.667	7	14	21	2.6	10	0	2	4	1	2	45	5.6
4	ROSS, Deondre	6-0	55:12	9.2	12-26	.462	1-4	.250	8-12	.667	1	8	9	1.5	7	0	5	4	1	1	33	5.5
5	GRAY, Michael	4-2	66:50	16.7	7-37	.189	1-18	.056	3-6	.500	2	8	10	2.5	4	0	8	5	1	4	18	4.5
24	BUGGS, Tyler	8-2	71:16	8.9	14-30	.467	3-6	.500	3-5	.600	4	9	13	1.6	12	0	1	4	0	4	34	4.3
2	ROSS JR., Derek	8-3	146:18	18.3	12-19	.632	2-3	.667	8-10	.800	1	11	12	1.5	6	0	31	11	1	7	34	4.3
22	HENDERSON, John	8-3	84:43	10.6	11-23	.478	0-2	.000	11-16	.688	9	16	25	3.1	11	0	1	14	1	4	33	4.1
11	PALMORE, Jaden	7-0	91:33	13.1	8-22	.364	4-17	.235	1-2	.500	6	13	19	2.7	6	0	8	5	1	3	21	3.0
15	STAMN, Cooper	1-0	03:26	3.4	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.0
1	HART, Jake	7-5	171:07	24.4	4-13	.308	0-4	.000	6-8	.750	6	19	25	3.6	13	0	20	14	0	8	14	2.0
25	SANDERS, Ty	3-0	10:28	3.5	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	1.7
21	NELLESSEN, Van	2-0	09:04	4.5	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	1-3	.333	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	1.5
12	LABAQUE, Tobias	1-0	03:26	3.4	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											7	12	19					4				
Total		**8**	**1600**		**228-518**	**.440**	**41-172**	**.238**	**115-177**	**.650**	**99**	**236**	**335**	**41.9**	**144**	**1**	**103**	**106**	**27**	**64**	**612**	**76.5**
Opponents		**8**	**1600**		**190-487**	**.390**	**55-204**	**.270**	**135-175**	**.771**	**80**	**219**	**299**	**37.4**	**145**	**2**	**75**	**118**	**23**	**53**	**570**	**71.3**

Team Statistics

	LYN	OPP
Scoring	**612**	**570**
Points per game	76.5	71.3
Scoring margin	+5.3	-
Field goals-att	**228-518**	**190-487**
Field goal pct	.440	.390
3 point fg-att	**41-172**	**55-204**
3-point FG pct	.238	.270
3-pt FG made per game	5.1	6.9
Free throws-att	**115-177**	**135-175**
Free throw pct	.650	.771
F-Throws made per game	14.4	16.9
Rebounds	**335**	**299**
Rebounds per game	41.9	37.4
Rebounding margin	+4.5	-
Assists	**103**	**75**
Assists per game	12.9	9.4
Turnovers	**106**	**118**
Turnovers per game	13.3	14.8
Turnover margin	+1.5	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.6
Steals	**64**	**53**
Steals per game	8.0	6.6
Blocks	**27**	**23**
Blocks per game	3.4	2.9
Winning streak	**2**	**-**
Home win streak	1	-
Attendance	**385**	**868**
Home games-Avg/Game	2-193	3-289
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-130

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/07/2025	vs Catholic	L	63-82	212
11/08/2025	vs Notre Dame (MD)	W	77-67	107
11/13/2025	Pfeiffer	L	89-95	265
11/15/2025	Regent	W	82-66	120
11/21/2025	vs Geneva	W	74-60	70
11/22/2025	at Chatham	L	74-77	290
11/30/2025	at Methodist	W	72-70	278
12/03/2025	at Randolph	W	81-53	300

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Team Game-by-Game Statistics

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Team Game-by-Game
All games

as of Dec 04, 2025

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	**Date**	**Score**		**FG-FGA**	**PCT**	**3FG-3FGA**	**PCT**	**FT-FTA**	**PCT**	**OFF**	**DEF**	**TOT**	**AVG**	**PF**	**A**	**TO**	**BLK**	**STL**	**PTS**	**AVG**
vs Catholic	11/07/2025	63-82	L	24-59	.407	4-21	.190	11-17	.647	8	22	30	30.0	25	12	18	2	10	63	63.0
vs Notre Dame (MD)	11/08/2025	77-67	W	28-62	.452	4-20	.200	17-29	.586	14	36	50	40.0	20	13	17	2	7	77	70.0
Pfeiffer	11/13/2025	89-95	L	36-65	.554	4-14	.286	13-23	.565	10	25	35	38.3	17	13	14	2	9	89	76.3
Regent	11/15/2025	82-66	W	31-71	.437	6-26	.231	14-23	.609	17	25	42	39.3	17	15	12	2	9	82	77.8
vs Geneva	11/21/2025	74-60	W	27-70	.386	3-18	.167	17-18	.944	20	25	45	40.4	14	9	6	4	7	74	77.0
at Chatham	11/22/2025	74-77	L	27-66	.409	8-26	.308	12-17	.706	11	30	41	40.5	17	12	10	6	6	74	76.5
at Methodist	11/30/2025	72-70	W	25-56	.446	4-23	.174	18-27	.667	10	34	44	41.0	19	15	21	3	8	72	75.9
at Randolph	12/03/2025	81-53	W	30-69	.435	8-24	.333	13-23	.565	9	39	48	41.9	15	14	8	6	8	81	76.5
Total		**612**		**228-518**	**.440**	**41-172**	**.238**	**115-177**	**.650**	**99**	**236**	**335**	**41.9**	**144**	**103**	**106**	**27**	**64**	**612**	**76.5**
Opponents		570		190-487	.390	55-204	.270	135-175	.771	80	219	299	37.4	145	75	118	23	53	570	71.3

Lynchburg Averages

Games Played	Points/ game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/ game	Assists/ game	Turnovers/ game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/ game	Blocks/ game
8	76.5	44.0	23.8	65.0	41.9	12.9	13.3	1.0	8.0	3.4