

Jumping the Waiver Wire: Week 24

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I don't know. I've never played in a high stakes league before. But do owners in those leagues get as bent out of shape over streaming as the ones in free leagues do? I personally find it annoying when someone accuses me of cheating for simply being an active participant, not breaking the rules and managing my team closely, i.e. trying harder than the other guy. Is that something to be looked down upon? In most leagues streaming is a part of the game, and, if you're lucky enough to be in a league in which the act is not frowned upon, consider yourself lucky.

At my fearless leader Eno's request, I have made this week's Jumping the Waiver Wire all about potential stream-in candidates. In those crucial final days of the playoffs, if we're lucky enough to have made it this far, us active &streamer owners are paying closer attention than we have all season to our final two-week long matchups. When we do this we often pick out certain categories as must win cats. Well, whether you're looking for a big, point guard or wingman, I've got your back in this edition. Percentage seekers need not apply. That's a guessing game and this week it's all about the counting cats.

Boards and Blocks — **The Big Man Stats** — **Brendan Haywood** The season began a little late for Haywood, but he's picked up right where he left off in his breakout '08 season. In three games back Haywood has averaged 8 RPG and 1.3 BPG, and his minutes have gone up with each game. Last season he averaged 7.2 RPG, a career high, and 1.7 BPG, tying his career high. He's still out there in many leagues waiting to be scooped, so grab him.

Anthony Randolph I know it seems like I mention him every week but it's with good reason. The Warriors are a banged up squad up and down the lineup and Randolph is making the most of the opportunity. Since replacing Brandan Wright in the starting lineup six games ago, the former LSU Tiger has averaged 11.7 RPG and 1.7 BPG. He might see less time as the team gets healthier but likely not much less for obvious reasons.

DeAndre Jordan If you're looking for a high risk, high reward player to stream in when things turn desperate, Jordan is a good player to target. Marcus Camby doesn't look like he'll return this season from an ankle sprain, Chris Kaman has the flu but could be back any day now and Zach Randolph is suspended for Tuesday and Friday's game for a DUI. Brian Skinner is the safer play, but if you're looking for potentially huge numbers, DeAndre's your man, as proven by his 21 point, eight rebound, two block effort two games ago.

Joel Przybilla If he isn't owned in your league, this move is a no-brainer. The Vanilla Gorilla averaged 10.1 RPG and 1.8 BPG in the month of March. &Nough said.

If you're looking for player who can offer over six assists per game on the waiver wire, don't bother, you likely won't find it. There are, however, a decent amount of combo guards available who fall just short of the magic number and offer pretty good scoring, as well.

Points / Assists Specialists — **Javaris Crittenton** Crittenton doesn't necessarily fit one category, but is more of an all around contributor, averaging 11.8 PPG, 5.2 RPG, 4.5 APG and 0.7 SPG over the last two weeks. The young point guard's value took a big hit when Gilbert Arenas came back five games ago. In the two games Arenas has played, Crittenton saw 18 minutes in the first and was held out of the second with back spasms. Other than the spasms, he's a risky play because in the three games Arenas has missed since his return, Javaris has averaged over 41 minutes per game. The risk involved is trying to figure out Arenas's status before each game. However, when you're streaming often times the reward outweighs the risk.

Will Bynum Bynum is fresh off a 32 point, seven assist, four rebound effort that caught mine and everyone else's attention who's vying for a fantasy title. The little dynamo is owned in a miniscule amount of leagues but has the potential to give your team a serious boost in the home stretch with Allen Iverson now ruled out for the rest of the season. Bynum first got his minutes boosted about 13 games ago, since then he hasn't looked back. In 24 MPG, he's averaged 14.8 PPG, 4.8 APG and 0.8 SPG, numbers that can surely make an impact for just about any squad.

Sebastian Telfair Telfair has quietly had a pretty good second half and now that Randy Foye is expected to miss the remainder of the season, his prospects look even brighter. In the last four games without Foye, Telfair has averaged 12.8 PPG, 5.5 APG, 1.5 3PG and 1.3 SPG. Despite losing the starting job to Kevin Ollie, he's scored 18 points back-to-back in his last two games and there's no reason for him to slow down now.

Points / Assists / 3-pointer Combos — **Aaron Brooks** When he's on, Brooks can be a big contributor in points and 3s and chip in solid assist and steal numbers. Despite showing some inconsistency since taking over the full time point guard job, Brooks has proven to be largely effective while averaging around 30 minutes a game. In the month of March he averaged 14.9 PPG, 1.8 3PG, 3.6 APG and 0.7 SPG. The 23-year-old first year starter makes a great stream in candidate for Thursday and Friday's games against porous Sacramento and Golden State defenses.

Flip Murray Over the last 10 games, Flip has been on a bit of a roll (no pun intended). He's seen his minutes bumped from around 24 per game to almost 30 per game, and his numbers show it: 17.5 PPG, 1.7 3PG, 2.5 APG, 1.8 SPG.

Straight 3s, Homie

Anthony Morrow Same deal here as with Randolph. I mention him every week and that next week he gets a little bit better. Over his last six, Morrow is averaging a smooth 19 PPG and 3.2 3PG. Forget streaming, get this guy in your lineup and ride him to a title.

Rodney Carney Carney is a game time decision on Tuesday with a sore hip, so he probably isn't worth the risk of adding just yet. But if he does play consider him a great grab if you're in need of treys later in your matchup. Over the last eight T-Wolve games, Carney has been the team's best fantasy player, while averaging 16 PPG and 3.1 3PG.

Michael Finley Remember when he used to be so much more than just 3s? Them's were the days. With six games left to play in the final nine days, Finley may be another one to stream in and keep. Throughout his last six, over half of Fin-Dog's shot attempts have been 3-point jacks and he's nailed 2.7 of them on average.

Jarvis Hayes Hayes is always a candidate for a multi-triple game. The former Georgia Bulldog has averaged 1.3 treys per contest this season and has also averaged 3.5 in his last two games. The Nets have

a difficult road to the finish but with the team all but out of the playoffs look for Vince Carter to be shut down for the rest of the season and Hayes to pick up a few extra minutes over the team's last five games.