


Can Toronto Raptors

WIN NBA 2023/24?

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Jakob Poeltl



Center

28 7' 0" (2.13 m)



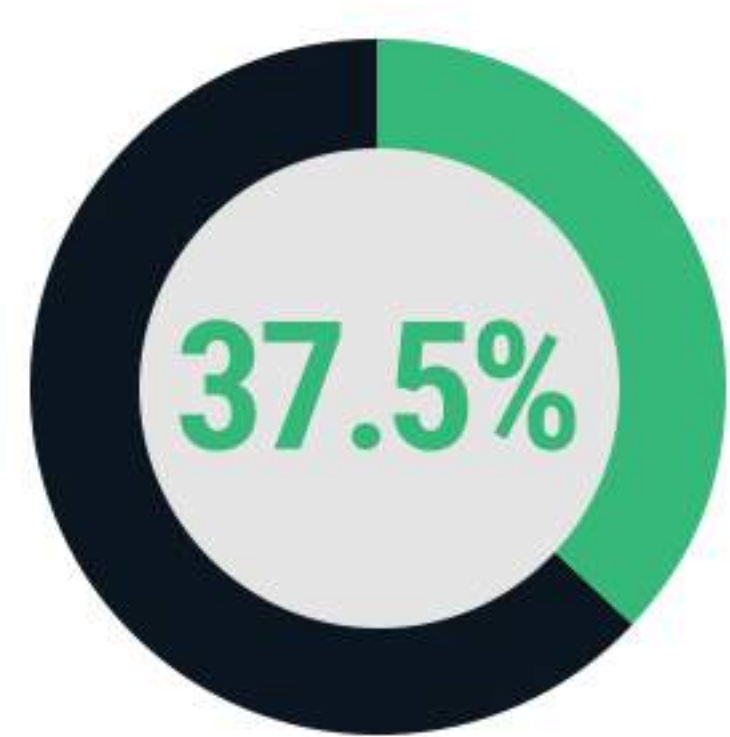
They acquired Poeltl at the trade deadline from the San Antonio Spurs.



Went 15-11 with him in the lineup.



Anunoby is regarded as one of the best wing defenders in the NBA.



He is a career 37.5% 3-point shooter, the Platonic ideal of the coveted "3 and D" wing archetype.

O.G. Anunoby



Small Forward

26 6' 7" (2.01 m)

- Where Raptors Are Failing

Talent wins in the NBA, and Toronto's best player – Pascal Siakam – is not close to one of the ten best in the NBA.

True contenders almost always have a Top-5 player (Nikola Jokić, Giannis Antetokounmpo) and a player as good as or better than Siakam as their running mate.



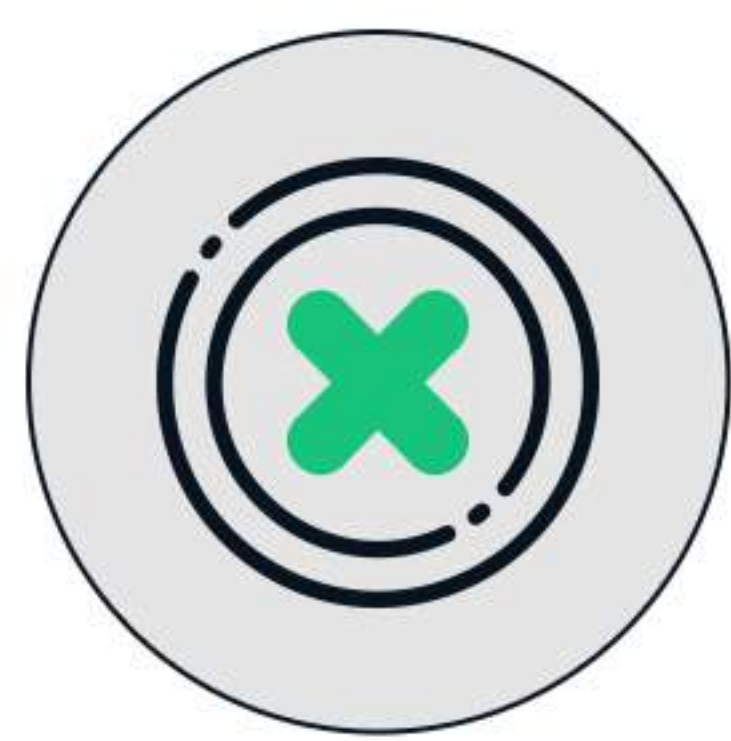
	Siakam	Jokić	Giannis
Points per game	24.2	24.5	31.1
Assists per game	5.8	9.8	5.7
Rebounds per game	7.8	11.8	11.8

Fred VanVleet

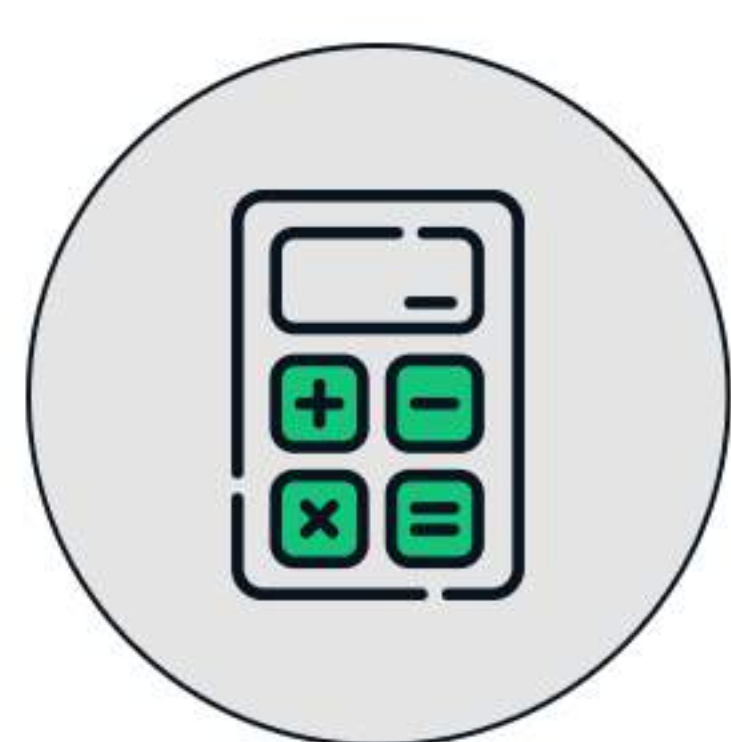


Point Guard

29 6' 0" (1.83 m)



VanVleet, who was the team's best on-ball creator on the perimeter, is no longer on the team.



Without VanVleet's shooting and creation, the rest will add up to less than the sum of their parts.

	VanVleet
Points per game	19.3
Assists per game	7.2
Rebounds per game	4.1

A big part of Poeltl's (now lost) value was his ability to act as a roller in pick and roll with VanVleet.

Can Raptors Win NBA 2023/24?*

NBA Winner

Boston Celtics	+375
Milwaukee Bucks	+375
Denver Nuggets	+500
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Toronto Raptors	+24900

Being only the 20th choice on Betano, Toronto Raptors aren't likely to win.

Atlantic Division

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Brooklyn Nets	+6900
Toronto Raptors	+9900

Raptors are the biggest underdog, with the second-to-last (Brooklyn Nets) having +6900.

Eastern Conference

Boston Celtics	-154
Milwaukee Bucks	-143
Toronto Raptors	+2200

Toronto Raptors are only the 9th favourite.

*Odds were taken from Betano and are subject to change.