

QUICK NOTES:

1. The Pistons have won seven of their last nine games including two wins over the Boston Celtics on (2/15) and (2/19).
2. Rodney Stuckey scored a season-high 36 points vs. Sacramento (2/17) – the most he’s scored since dropping 36 vs. Sacramento on 1/2/08.
3. Stuckey is averaging 25.0 points in his last four games.
4. Brandon Knight became first rookie since Steve Francis (11/29/99) to record 20-plus points and 10 assists with no turnovers vs. Sacramento (2/17).
5. Greg Monroe and Brandon Knight were both selected for the BBVA Rising Stars Challenge as part of NBA All-Star 2012 in Orlando this weekend.
6. Greg Monroe picked up his 16th double-double of the season with 17 points and 10 rebounds vs. Boston (2/19).
7. Monroe is averaging 21.3 points and 10.7 rebounds in February (six games).
8. Monroe leads the Pistons in scoring, rebounding, field-goal percentage and steals.

TURNING THE PAGE:

RECENT SUCCESS: Since February 3, the Pistons have compiled a record of 7-2. Following a 4-20 start, here’s a look at six categories of improvement:

Through 2/1 (24 games)	Since 2/3 (Nine games)
RECORD.....4-20	RECORD.....7-2
PPG.....86.1	PPG.....96.1
OPP PPG.....96.9	OPP PPG.....91.7
FG PCT.....42.3%	FG PCT.....44.7%
OPP FG PCT.....48.6%	OPP FG PCT.....44.0%
REB MARGIN.....-1.4	REB MARGIN.....+5.4
OPP TO.....14.1	OPP TO.....15.6

FIVE ALIVE: Greg Monroe ranks tied for first for the longest current streak in the NBA of consecutive games with five-plus rebounds:

PLAYER/TEAM.....	GAMES WITH 5-PLUS REBOUNDS
GREG MONROE/PISTONS.....	58
Kris Humphries/Nets.....	58
David Lee/Warriors.....	42
Blake Griffin/Clippers.....	40

DOUBLE-DOUBLE LEADERS:

Greg Monroe ranks tied for eighth in the NBA in double-doubles with 16 this season. Monroe has recorded double-doubles in 10 of his last 14 games.

Most double-doubles in the NBA this season.

PLAYER	TEAM	DOUBLE-DOUBLES
Kevin Love	Minnesota	28
Dwight Howard	Orlando	25
Blake Griffin	L.A. Clippers	20
Paul Gasol	L.A. Lakers	20
DeMarcus Cousins	Sacramento	19
Marcin Gortat	Phoenix	18
Andrew Bynum	L.A. Lakers	18
GREG MONROE	DETROIT	16
Marc Gasol	Memphis	16
David Lee	Golden State	15

DETROIT PISTONS, BIGGEST MONTH-TO-MONTH PPG INCREASE - ALL-TIME

SEASON	MONTHS	PPG	INCREASE
1958-59	Feb. – Mar	104.3 – 118.4	+14.1
1983-84	Nov. – Dec.	111.2 – 124.5	+13.3
1976-77	Oct. – Nov.	100.5 – 111.9	+11.4
1967-68	Oct. – Nov.	111.8 – 122.9	+11.1
2011-12	Jan. – Feb.	85.3 – 96.1	+10.8

MONTH-TO-MONTH IMPROVEMENT:

The Pistons’ points per game increase from January to February ranks among its best for one month to the next in franchise history. Here’s a look at some of those improvements with a minimum of five games played in a month:

THEY SAID IT:

“I think he’s done a terrific job. He’s turned them around and I’m happy for him.”

– Boston Celtics Head Coach Doc Rivers on Pistons Head Coach Lawrence Frank

“Rodney’s really giving himself to the team. Whether it’s on the bench, at halftime, he’s engaged. When I talk about ‘spirit,’ that’s what I mean. You’re so focused on the team and what needs to be done to help the team win, it’s a powerful effect.”

– Pistons Head Coach Lawrence Frank on Pistons guard Rodney Stuckey

STUCK ON YOU:

Over the last nine games, Rodney Stuckey’s play has improved both offensively and defensively... He’s averaged 18.8 points, 3.4 rebounds, 3.8 assists, 1.67 steals and shooting 47.7% (51-107 FG) during the stretch... In addition, opposing two-guards are averaging just 12.1 points on 44.4% (36-81 FG) shooting from the field... Following is a breakdown of Stuckey’s offensive numbers throughout the season:

GAMES PLAYED	RECORD	PTS.	REB.	AST.	STL.	FG% (FGM-FGA)
First 19 games	4-15	12.8	2.5	4.1	0.5	39.4% (74-188)
Last 9 games	7-2	18.8	3.4	3.8	1.7	47.7% (51-107)
Last 4 games	3-1	25.0	3.3	3.3	1.5	50.0% (29-58)

RECENT FEATURE CLIPPINGS:

1. Detroit Pistons’ effort-created scoring opportunities dump Boston Celtics before sellout crowd
http://www.mlive.com/pistons/index.ssf/2012/02/detroit_pistons_effort-created.html

2. Pistons rookie Brandon Knight having positive effect on veteran Rodney Stuckey
<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120218/OPINION03/202180382/1127/SPORTS0102/Pistons-rookie-Brandon-Knight-having-positive-effect-veteran-Rodney-Stuckey>

3. Pistons coach Lawrence Frank praises Ben Wallace’s impact
<http://www.freep.com/article/20120216/SPORTS03/202160551/Pistons-coach-Lawrence-Frank-praises-Ben-Wallace-s-impact>



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