

PISTONS NOTES AND TRENDS:

1. The Pistons will play five games this week, including the first of two back-to-back-to-back sets this season.
2. Greg Monroe has recorded a double-double in his last three consecutive games.
3. Monroe leads the Pistons in scoring, rebounding, field-goal percentage and steals.
4. Rookie Brandon Knight dished out a career-high eight assists vs. Atlanta (1/27).
5. Knight is averaging 14.1 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.9 assists in 15 games as a starter.
6. Knight ranks second among rookies in scoring (13.0 ppg) and has made more three pointers (33) than any rookie this season.
7. Austin Daye scored a career-high 28 points (10-18 FG, 4-8 3FG, 4-4 FT) vs. Miami (1/25).
8. Daye is averaging 17.3 points and shooting 50% (7-14) from beyond the arc in the last three games.
9. Jason Maxiell recorded season highs in points (19) and rebounds (8) vs. Atlanta (1/27).

YOUTH MOVEMENT:

MEANINGFUL MINUTES: Detroit's young core is handing the bulk of its minutes this season. Brandon Knight (693), Greg Monroe (679) and Jonas Jerebko (562) have played the most minutes, respectively for the Pistons this year. Tayshaun Prince is the only other Piston to play more than 500 minutes this season.

BRANDON KNIGHT	33.0 mpg - Second amongst all rookies (Rubio).
GREG MONROE	32.3 mpg - Third among all second-year players (Griffin, Wall).
JONAS JEREBKO	26.8 mpg - Sixth among all second-year players.
AUSTIN DAYE	26.0 mpg in his last four games.

YOUNG LEADERS: Greg Monroe and Brandon Knight are the youngest pair of teammates that currently lead their team in scoring (total points scored). Monroe (331) and Knight (272) have combined for 603 points this season.

PLAYERS	TEAM	AVERAGE YEARS-DAYS
GREG MONROE & BRANDON KNIGHT	DETROIT	21-118
DeMarcus Cousins & Tyreke Evans	Sacramento	21-334
Gerald Henderson & Kemba Walker	Charlotte	22-342
Kevin Durant & Russell Westbrook	Oklahoma City	23-100
Jrue Holiday & Louis Williams	Philadelphia	23-163

ROOKIE RANGE: Pistons rookie Brandon Knight has made more three-point field goals than any other rookie this season. With 33, Knight has made the third-most three pointers by a Pistons rookie in a season.

MOST 3FGM BY A PISTONS ROOKIE

PLAYER	SEASON	3FGM
Lindsey Hunter	1993-94	69
Jonas Jerebko	2009-10	36
BRANDON KNIGHT	2011-12	33
Grant Hill	1994-95	27
Isiah Thomas	1981-82	17

THEY SAID IT:

“The two of them are great cornerstones for this franchise. They have a great history here and they've taken the time now to rebuild and they have a couple very talented pieces at the right positions. We've heard a lot about them for a while, but I was impressed. They play with maturity beyond their years. If you didn't know that they were so young, you would figure that they were veterans, so they have a great future in front of them.”

- Miami Heat head coach Erik Spoelstra on Greg Monroe and Brandon Knight

“Last season, he could play. He's got great hands; got a great feel for the ball, a great rebounder and a very smart basketball player. He's going to be good for a long time.”

- Atlanta Hawks Guard Tracy McGrady on Greg Monroe

“I see Monroe playing his heart out, getting big numbers. I don't think he'll ever get adjusted to losing,” Brand said. “I think their management will turn it around and get back to winning.”

- Philadelphia 76ers Forward Elton Brand

MONROE: SCORING/REBOUNDING

Greg Monroe has led the Pistons in points and rebounds in the same game seven times this season. He joins four other players, all NBA All-Stars last season, who have done so seven times or more this season for their respective teams.

PLAYERS	TEAM	# OF TIMES LED TEAM POINTS & REBOUNDS
Kevin Love	Minnesota	15
Dwight Howard	Orlando	11
GREG MONROE	DETROIT	7
Kevin Durant	Oklahoma City	7
Blake Griffin	L.A. Clippers	7

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2. Pistons hope Brandon Knight and Greg Monroe are building blocks for future

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