

Will Dwight Howard be the Houston Rockets Newest Member?

Written by Nicholas Norman
Wednesday, 22 May 2013 00:00



Things were very different last summer as the Houston Rockets were making preparations to land an all star on the team. With Dwight Howard leaving the Orlando Magic, the Rockets pursued Howard hoping he'd make Houston his home. They pulled out all the tricks from the bag, yet Houston was no where close on his radar. He ended up with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Fast forward one year and my how things change. After the Rockets acquired James Harden and Jeremy Lin, the Rockets stock seems to be very high among free agents these day.

CBSSports.com reported that the Rockets have quickly risen in the ranks of Dwight Howard's preferred destinations.

Dwight Howard will be 28 next season and if he chooses to leave the Lakers, the team that signs him will lock him up for four years, \$87 million.

The Rockets are a few minor moves away from having room to sign Howard. They have a team option on Francisco Garcia's \$6.4 million and Carlos Delfino's \$3 million is fully non-guaranteed. If they chose to or needed to make a trade to create room, they have numerous attractive young players on tradable contracts. These assets could be moved to a team or teams under the cap to create room. They could also be packaged in a possible sign-and-trade with the Lakers.

However, even with these encouraging possibilities, like last year there is no guarantee that the Rockets will land Dwight Howard. Howard is said to have interest in the Dallas Mavericks also. Only time will tell. Through all this, he could just re-sign with the Lakers. They can offer him the

Will Dwight Howard be the Houston Rockets Newest Member?

Written by Nicholas Norman

Wednesday, 22 May 2013 00:00

most money.