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Well the abbreviated 2011-2012 NBA season is over for the Houston Rockets and you can't help but wonder, what if they were still playing in the post-season right now!

It really would be great to see what the future of a somewhat talented team would be like. If I looked into a crystal ball right now I could see Goran Dragic starting along with Courtney Lee and Chase Budinger. Marcus Camby was a nice acquisition for the Rockets and he rebounded very well, despite having a bad back.

However, just like everyone else, you can tell that we still have quite a few pieces missing before we put together another championship-caliber team! The team reached their goal of getting that last victory for the fans as they defeated the New Orleans Hornets 84-77. Many players were missing in action, but that didn't stop the organization from taking time out to thank the fans for their support during this short season.

The Houston Rockets honored the team of the decade, the 2000's, with a video presentation of Tracy McGrady-Atlanta Hawks, Yao Ming-Retired, and Shane Battier-Miami Heat. Also in attendance receiving a standing ovation was Steve "The Franchise" Francis, and current Rocket player Luis Scola. All team memorabilia was on sale for 50% off throughout the game, former players such as Robert Horry were out signing autographs, and at the end of the game- all fans in attendance were allowed to come down to the court and greet the players.

Players returned from the locker room throwing out t-shirts, basketballs, autographed shoes and

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other team items, including team jerseys. It would have been great to go to the playoffs, but the fans were very appreciative of the kind gesture that was given regardless.



"My son left the Toyota Center with a bag full of goodies, compliments of the Houston Rockets," Jacquetta Madgett said. "Jaden loves the Rockets and he even cries when they lose. But despite no playoffs this year, he was very happy to be in attendance for the last game of the season."

Houston finished the season 34-32. The NBA Draft will take place in June, in New Jersey. They will have the 14th pick in the draft for a third consecutive season. The Rockets will also have the Knicks first-round pick either the 16th, 17th or 18th selection.