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### Annotated Bibliography

Duffet, Nathaniel. "10 Greatest Scorers in NBA History, Ranked." *Clutch Points*. 16 October 2023. Accessed 17 October 2023. [10 greatest scorers in NBA history, ranked \(clutchpoints.com\)](https://clutchpoints.com)

In this article, Nathaniel Duffet breaks down, in his opinion, who are the 10 greatest scorers in NBA history. In his rankings, he used some of the greatest players of all time from both the current era of the NBA, and old era. In his final rankings he has players ranked, from 10-1, Steph Curry, Allen Iverson, Jerry West, James Harden, Kevin Durant, Kobe Bryant, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, LeBron James, Michael Jordan, and at first Wilt Chamberlain. In his rankings, he mainly went off how players career averages in the regular season and playoffs, total points, and his own personal opinion. The one thing he mentions is even though Jordan has a higher career average than Wilt, Wilt has 81 more 40 point games than Jordan and is the only player to ever record 100 points in a game.

"Is Steph Curry a Top-10 All-Time Player?" *FOX SPORTS™, SPEED™,*

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May 2022. Accessed 17 October 2023. [Is Steph Curry a top-10 all-time player? | FOX Sports](https://www.foxsports.com/story/is-steph-curry-a-top-10-all-time-player)

In this article, Skip Bayless and Shannon Sharpe are discussing whether or not Steph Curry should be considered in the top 10 greatest players of all time list after leading his team to another NBA Finals appearance. Shannon Sharpe believes undoubtedly Curry should be in the top 10 whereas Skip Bayless thinks he shouldn't. They mainly discuss his impact on the game and playoff performances. They both agree that Curry is the greatest shooter of all time and revolutionized the three pointer, but Skip Bayless doesn't believe that qualifies him for the all-time top 10. He points to the fact that he has yet to win a Finals MVP and that in the playoffs, he doesn't play up to par where he should be. Shannon Sharpe points out how Curry still has 3 championships and 2 MVP's to his name and if he wins another Final's series and finally gets his

first Finals MVP, then there should be absolutely no question that he is in the top 10 greatest players of all time list.

JxmyHighroller. "Using Numbers to Find the 75 Greatest NBA Players of All-Time." Youtube.

18 October 2021. Accessed 10 October 2023. [\(1034\) Using Numbers to Find the 75](#)

[Greatest NBA Players of All-Time - YouTube](#)

The purpose of this video is for JxmyHighroller to review the rankings of the 75 Greatest Players list and then to use his own metrics to find out who is the 75 greatest players based on multiple factors. In his rankings, he used multiple metrics in determining which players are on the list and where they should be ranked. He used categories such as impact on the game, most dominant player during their time, best scorer, accolades, and many others as well. He made sure to try and not put any bias into the rankings and to not include the longevity of some players compared to others, but he did make sure to find ways to include those players' ability to be elite players for years. He used all these categories on a point system with for example, Bill Russel had the most rings out of any player of all time with 11, so he received 22 points in the championships category. The top players in each category earned points and at the end, ranked the greatest 75 players by total points from his system he created. From his rankings, some notable rankings are Wilt Chamberlain at 4, Kevin Durant at 9, Larry Bird at 11, Giannis at 30, Luka Doncic at 42, Dwayne Wade at 47, Nikola Jokic at 71, and others. In the video, he describes that even his list that he made is far from perfect and that ranking players is very subjective whether you use hard stats or not. There is no perfect list, but the one he used was a very good one.

Sergeant, Jim, et al. "Who is Better LeBron or Jordan: After Lakers Star Broke Scoring Record,

Who is Really the GOAT?" *USA TODAY a division of Gannett Satellite Information*

*Network, LLC*. 16 February 2023. Accessed 10 October 2023. [LeBron vs. Jordan: Who is](#)

[the GOAT? Here's how the stats stack up \(usatoday.com\)](#)

In this article, Jim Sergeant, Ramon Padilla and Mitchell Thorson all are discussing on if LeBron should be considered the GOAT or Greatest of All Time in the NBA after he broke the NBA scoring record once held by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar on February 7, 2023. In the article, they compare the two players on a few different metrics. They compared side-by-side their statistical averages per game, their career points and games played, games played per season, points per shot attempt, points per season, their career accolades, and finally other advanced metrics to see if there's a clear answer on LeBron James being the GOAT. In the categories overall, Jordan has an edge over LeBron in Accolades, games played per season, points per season, points per game and steals per game. Jordan also got to 30,000 points in just 960 games whereas it took LeBron 1,107 games to reach that point. On the flip side, LeBron outmatched Jordan in the advanced

metrics like value over replacement and defensive rating, points per shot attempt (though that has to do with the increase in 3 point attempts in the league compared to Jordan's era), career points, and rebounds, and assist averages per game. In the end, they concluded that both sides have a lot of data points to look at, but LeBron still probably needs a little bit more to secure his case as the GOAT.

“Who Are the 20 Greatest Players of the 21st Century? Which 20 Younger Players Will Become All Time Greats.” *Starting 5 Basketball*. 21 February 2019. Accessed 17 October 2023.

[Who are the 20 Greatest Players of the 21st Century? Which 20 younger – Starting5 Basketball](#)

The purpose of this article is to use accolades to determine who were the 20 greatest players of the 21st century and to also look at players younger players in the league right now that have the potential to be all time greats this century. In this ranking, he is taking inspiration from the 1997 All Star Weekend where the NBA gathered together what they considered the 50 greatest players in history at the time. In the list he made, he excluded players that were on that original list so players like Shaquille O'Neal and Dominique Wilkins weren't on the list. Furthermore, he is only including players who are in their 10th year or later by the time the article was written so Anthony Davis, Giannis Antetokounmpo and Kyrie Irving were not included either. Players on this list included LeBron ranked no 1. Unsurprisingly, with Kobe and Tim Duncan following up right behind him. Furthermore, Curry ranked at 4 right above Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook at 11 four spots higher than Chris Paul, and Tracy McGrady at 16 higher than Paul Pierce, Ray Allen, and Dwight Howard. At the time, some of the players he believed could be on the list in the future were the three mentioned earlier, Nikola Jokic, Rudy Gobert, Ben Simmons, Luka Doncic, Deandre Ayton, Klay Thompson, Draymond Green, Zion Williamson despite not even entering the NBA yet, and others.

Zillgitt, Jeff et. “Ranking the Greatest 75 NBA Players of All Time: Nos. 75-51.” *USA Today, a division of Gannett Satellite Information Network, Inc.* 7 October 2021. Accessed 10 October 2023. [Ranking the greatest 75 NBA players of all time: Nos. 75-51 - ProQuest](#)

The purpose of this article is to inform the readers who the greatest NBA players are according to a panel of experienced analysts. Some of the analysts on the voting team included Jeff Zillgitt who has been covering the NBA for USA Today for 26 years, has covered 14 Finals series, and multiple other sports championships from the time the article was published. Another analyst included on the board was Mark Medina who has been a national reporter for USA Today and covered the Warriors with Bay Area News Group from 2017-2019 and also was a Lakers writer

for Los Angeles Daily News from 2012-2017 and The Los Angeles Times from 2010-2012. In the article, they go into detail about where they have ranked many players all time. These rankings include players from all positions and both current and former players. Some players that stood out in the rankings were Jordan being ranked 1 and LeBron being ranked 2. Furthermore, Giannis being ranked 30th being ranked above guys like Kawhi Leonard, Russel Westbrook, and James Harden.