Kyle Lowry

I chose to do my player evaluation on Kyle Lowry, a 9 year NBA veteran who has played for Memphis, Houston and currently the Toronto Raptors.

I chose Kyle Lowry for 2 reasons: He is the starting PG for my favourite team, and more interestingly because he is putting up career highs in his 9th year which is rare. He’s having career highs in minutes played, points, rebounds, assists, steals, and 3 point %, and just missed out on his first all-star appearance.

Kyle has a well-rounded offensive game which includes being able to take his defender off the dribble on isolations plays going either right or left. Attacking the lane off the pick and roll going either right or left, pull up jumpers and floaters in the lane as well as off the dribble and spot up jumpers. His 3 point FG% is a bit below the average for his position but he has been known to hit clutch 3 point shots (end of shot clock or last 5 minutes of a game). His overall offensive game lands him at 9th in scoring compared to others at his position. His free throw % is also good at 80% but it only lands him in the middle of the pack compared to other NBA PG’s. Defensively Kyle is solid and is one of the league leaders in taking charges, also leads his position in rebounding.

Kyle could work on his FG% and FT%, and 3 Point % to help him move into the upper echelon of PG’s in the NBA. As the PG of his team he is very vocal and leads by example in terms of heart and hustle, which is evidenced by him leading his position in rebounding. As well, he is an intelligent player demonstrated by him leading his position in taking charges.

In a contract year, I would sign Kyle to a long term contract and give him the keys to the team as the PG. He will need to work on his game to contend with the all-stars at his position for years to come.

Where Kyle stands in the NBA Rankings for PGs 2013 – 2014

Scoring 9th

Assists 9th

Rebounds 1st

Steals 7th

Minutes per game 2nd

FG % 22nd

FT% 18th

3 Pt% 16th

Charges Drawn 1st