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2004-05 Season

2004-05: A New Era The Orlando Magic welcomed a new era of basketball beginning in the 2004-05 season, as a new-look team took the court after a big off-season reshaped the squad. This season would be a clear indication of the team's desire to avoid another disasterous 21-61 season like Orlando experienced in 2003-04.

The Magic began the campaign by selecting their third No. 1 pick in franchise history, 2004 Naismith Award Winner Dwight Howard from Atlanta, Ga., and rounded out possibly their finest draft in team history by also acquiring St. Joseph's Jameer Nelson from the Denver Nuggets in a draft-night trade.

The squad got an even bigger overhaul with the June 29, 2004 multi-player trade that sent All-Star and league scoring leader Tracy McGrady, among others, to Houston for Steve Francis, Cuttino Mobley and Kelvin

Orlando felt the effects of their solid draft and free agency/trade pick-ups, which also included Hedo Turkoglu and Tony Battie, as the team jumped out to a quick 13-7 start in their first 20 games, and they continued to ride the backs of Francis and the rebounding machine of Howard to a 28-24 record at the All-Star break.



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But change came in the second half of the season, as Mobley was soon shipped to Sacramento for Doug Christie, and, only three wins and one month later, Chris Jent was named the interim head coach of the Magic on March 17, 2005. Injuries to Turkoglu, Pat Garrity and Grant Hill plagued the team's last 18 games, and Orlando finished the year at 36-46.

Despite the disappointing finish to the season, the Magic had a lot of highlights to counteract the tough times. Hill was deemed the NBA's feel-good story of the year after coming back from five surgeries to average 19.7 ppg and earn the NBA's Sportsmanship Award and a starting slot on the Eastern Conference All-Star team.

Howard also proved to be a wise decision with the top pick in the draft, as he finished his rookie campaign as one of only eight players in the NBA to average a double-double (12.0 ppg and 10.0 rpg.), while also earning a spot on the NBA All-Rookie First Team. With Nelson emerging with a strong second half of the season to join Howard on the All-Rookie Second Team, the Magic will be highly anticipating the 2005-06 season with the return of their young core and a healthy Hill leading the way.

2004-05 Magic Regular Statistics

PLAYER AVERAGES

REBOUNDS

Player	G	GS	MPG	FG%	3p%	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	APG	SPG	BPG	TO	PF	PPG	
Steve Francis	78	78	38.2	.423	.299	.823	1.60	4.20	5.80	7.0	1.44	.36	4.06	3.50	21.3	
Grant Hill	67	67	34.9	.509	.231	.821	1.10	3.60	4.70	3.3	1.45	.42	2.40	2.10	19.7	
Hedo Turkoglu	67	11	26.2	.419	.380	.836	.90	2.60	3.50	2.3	.61	.27	1.78	2.10	14.0	
Dwight Howard	82	82	32.6	.520	.000	.671	3.50	6.50	10.00	.9	.94	1.66	2.01	2.80	12.0	
Jameer Nelson	79	21	20.4	.455	.312	.682	.70	1.80	2.40	3.0	.99	.04	1.48	2.50	8.7	
DeShawn Stevenson	55	27	19.8	.408	.373	.554	.70	1.20	1.90	1.3	.29	.16	1.04	1.30	7.8	
Kelvin Cato	62	50	24.6	.539	.000	.783	1.60	5.10	6.70	.6	.89	1.32	1.03	2.70	7.0	
Doug Christie	21	13	25.2	.367	.217	.909	.40	2.10	2.60	2.2	1.76	.24	1.71	2.10	5.7	
Doug Christie (TOT)	52	44	29.3	.392	.242	.897	.70	2.70	3.40	3.8	1.54	.35	2.00	2.00	6.6	
Andre Barrett	11	1	15.4	.455	.333	.778	.50	1.40	1.90	2.5	.45	.09	1.00	1.50	5.6	
Andre Barrett (TOT)	38	1	12.7	.363	.269	.737	.30	.80	1.10	1.8	.50	.03	.71	1.30	3.1	
Tony Battie	81	32	23.4	.460	.000	.723	1.30	4.20	5.60	.5	.37	1.00	1.00	3.00	4.9	
Pat Garrity	71	0	13.5	.402	.333	.879	.30	1.50	1.70	.4	.27	.13	.42	1.50	4.6	
Stacey Augmon	55	7	12.1	.407	.000	.740	.80	1.00	1.80	.7	.42	.15	.56	1.50	3.5	
Brandon Hunter	31	0	7.2	.507	.000	.538	.80	1.40	2.20	.1	.13	.23	.71	1.40	3.1	
Mario Kasun	45	0	7.9	.480	.000	.558	1.20	1.70	2.80	.2	.18	.29	.58	1.90	2.6	
Mark Jones	10	0	11.6	.290	.000	.500	.60	.70	1.30	.6	.50	.20	.30	1.60	2.3	
Andrew DeClercq	8	0	6.1	.444	.000	.333	.90	.40	1.30	.0	.25	.00	.13	1.80	1.1	

 Team Averages
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PLAYER TOTALS

Player	G	GS	MIN	FGM-A	3PM-A	FTM-A	OFF	DEF	тот	AST	STL	BLK	то	PF	PTS
Steve Francis	78	78	2,978	563-1,330	38-127	499-606	126	324	450	547	112	28	317	273	1,663
Grant Hill	67	67	2,338	517-1,015	3-13	280-341	77	241	318	220	97	28	161	144	1,317
Dwight Howard	82	82	2,670	352-677	0-2	277-413	287	536	823	75	77	136	165	232	981
Hedo Turkoglu	67	11	1,757	328-782	93-245	188-225	62	171	233	153	41	18	119	140	937
Jameer Nelson	79	21	1,612	286-628	44-141	73-107	52	141	193	237	78	3	117	199	689
Kelvin Cato	62	50	1,525	160-297	0-0	112-143	102	314	416	40	55	82	64	170	432
DeShawn Stevenson	55	27	1,089	174-426	25-67	56-101	38	64	102	69	16	9	57	73	429
Tony Battie	81	32	1,894	163-354	0-6	68-94	109	343	452	42	30	81	81	244	394
Pat Garrity	71	0	955	123-306	49-147	29-33	21	103	124	30	19	9	30	107	324
Stacey Augmon	55	7	663	68-167	0-0	57 - 77	45	54	99	36	23	8	31	83	193
Doug Christie	21	13	529	47-128	5-23	20-22	9	45	54	46	37	5	36	45	119
Doug Christie (TOT)	52	44	1,525	130-332	15-62	70-78	38	139	177	199	80	18	104	106	345
Mario Kasun	45	0	356	47-98	0-1	24-43	52	76	128	8	8	13	26	86	118
Brandon Hunter	31	0	224	37-73	0-0	21-39	25	44	69	3	4	7	22	42	95
Andre Barrett	11	1	169	25-55	5-15	7-9	6	15	21	27	5	1	11	16	62
Andre Barrett (TOT)	38	1	483	45-124	14-52	14-19	11	29	40	69	19	1	27	51	118
Mark Jones	10	0	116	9-31	0-4	5-10	6	7	13	6	5	2	3	16	23
Andrew DeClercq	8	0	49	4-9	0-0	1-3	7	3	10	0	2	0	1	14	9
Team Totals	82	0	19,705	3,034-6,679	320-916	1,772-2,335	1,038	2,544	3,582	1,583	633	441	1,322	1,937	8,160
Opponents	82	0		3,081-6,826	443-1,291	1,739-2,306	1,024	2,428	3,452	1,747	698	354	1,190	1,920	8,344

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