

2015 NBA All-Star Game



The 2015 NBA All-Star Game was an exhibition basketball game that was played on February 15, 2015, during the National Basketball Association's (NBA) 2014–15 season. It was the 64th edition of the NBA All-Star Game and was played at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The Western Conference defeated the Eastern Conference, 163–158. Russell Westbrook was named the All-Star Game Most Valuable Player. The game was televised nationally by TNT and TBS in the United States, and TSN in Canada.

The All-Star Weekend festivities were jointly hosted by the league's two New York City teams, the New York Knicks and the Brooklyn Nets. The NBA awarded the game to New York City in 2013, and the logo for the 2015 All-Star Game was unveiled on July 10, 2014. The All-Star Game itself was played at the Knicks' home arena, Madison Square Garden; the current Garden last hosted the game in 1998, and the Knicks' previous home, the third Madison Square Garden, hosted three earlier All-Star Games. The Saturday All-Star activities were held at the Nets' home arena, the Barclays Center; the Nets previously hosted the 1982 All-Star Game at Brendan Byrne Arena in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Mike Budenholzer, coach of the Atlanta Hawks, and Steve Kerr, coach of the Golden State Warriors, were selected as the East and West head coach, respectively. The rosters for the All-Star Game were chosen in two ways. The starters were chosen via a fan ballot. Two guards and three frontcourt players who received the highest vote were named the All-Star starters. NBA head coaches voted for the reserves for their respective conferences, none of which could be players on their own team. Each coach selected two guards, three frontcourt players and two wild cards, with each selected player ranked in order of preference within each category. If a multi-position player was to be selected, coaches were encouraged to vote for the player at the position that was "most advantageous for the All-Star team", regardless of where the player was listed on the All-Star ballot or the position he was listed in box scores. If a player is unable to participate due to injury, the commissioner will select a replacement.

Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors topped the ballots with 1,513,324 votes, which earned him a starting position as a guard in the Western Conference team. Kobe Bryant earned a record 17th consecutive All-Star selection, and Anthony Davis, Marc Gasol, and Blake Griffin completed the Western Conference starting positions. The first-time All-Stars in the West were the Warriors' Klay Thompson and the Sacramento Kings' DeMarcus Cousins, who was selected as a replacement for the injured Bryant.

The Oklahoma City Thunder were represented by two players: Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook, both of whom were reserves. Also sending a pair of players to the All-Star Game as reserves were the Portland Trail Blazers, represented by LaMarcus Aldridge and Damian Lillard. The remaining Western Conference reserves were Thompson, Cousins, Tim Duncan, James Harden, Chris Paul, Dirk Nowitzki,

Kevin Durant, and Russell Westbrook. Golden State had two All-Star representatives for the first time since 1993, when Tim Hardaway and Chris Mullin were both All-Stars. It was also the first time the Warriors had a pair of starters since 1967, when Rick Barry and Nate Thurmond were both starters.

The Eastern Conference's leading vote-getter was Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, who finished with 1,470,483 votes. John Wall, Kyle Lowry, Pau Gasol, and Carmelo Anthony completed the Eastern Conference starting positions. The Eastern Conference team featured four first-time selections: Lowry, Jimmy Butler, Jeff Teague, and Kyle Korver. The Atlanta Hawks were represented by four players: Al Horford, Paul Millsap, Jeff Teague and Kyle Korver, all of whom were reserves. Chris Bosh, Dwyane Wade, and Kyrie Irving completed the remaining Eastern Conference reserves.

The Gasol brothers Marc and Pau were selected as the starting center of the West and the East respectively, marking the first time in NBA history, two brothers were picked to start in an All-Star Game. They were also the first brothers to jump center for the opening tip of an All-Star Game. The Gasols were also the first brothers to appear in the same All-Star Game since Tom and Dick Van Arsdale played in the 1970 and 1971 games.

RECAP

Madison Square Garden hosted its first All-Star weekend since 1998 and in the finale of the festivities, Russell Westbrook put a fitting bow on it all.

Although he wasn't a starter in the All-Star Game, Westbrook scored 41 points — at the time one point shy of the single-game scoring mark at the All-Star Game — as the Western Conference beat the Eastern Conference 163-158. En route to All-Star Game MVP honors, Westbrook had 27 points by halftime and fell one point shy of Wilt Chamberlain's 42-point effort in the 1962 game.

James Harden added 29 points, eight rebounds and eight assists for the West, which built a 20-point lead in the first half and then pulled away after it was tied at 148 with a little more than four minutes remaining. The combined 321 points surpassed the 318 scored in 2014 and there was a barrage of 3-pointers as well. The teams combined for 48 3-pointers, destroying the record of 30 set in 2014 as well.

LeBron James finished with 30 points but couldn't lead the East to victory in his favorite NBA arena. Atlanta's Kyle Korver made seven 3-pointers and scored 21 points for the East, while Washington's John Wall had 19.

Entertaining moments abounded in the All-Star Game as Christina Aguilera belted out New York-inspired numbers in the pregame ceremony, players were quizzed in comedic skits about New York talk and terms and even the jump ball was historic.

Pau Gasol won the jump ball against little brother Marc to begin the first All-Star Game featuring two sibling starters. The hometown Knicks' lone All-Star, Carmelo Anthony, struggled to 14 points on 6-of-20 shooting for the East.

Historically speaking, Tim Duncan appeared in this game and scored a basket in what was his 15th All-Star Game appearance. That moved him to second on the all-time All-Star Game appearances list, trailing only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Kobe Bryant had to sit out along with Anthony Davis and Blake Griffin, leaving the West without three elected starters. But they had more than enough talent left, not surprising in another season where the West showed it was the most powerful conference at the NBA's midseason classic.

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The East defeated the West 107–98 with Anthony Davis of the New York Knicks taking home the Most Valuable Player Award. Davis led the East with 22 points, 14 rebounds, 3 assists, and added 2 blocked shots and steals, respectively. Jimmy Butler of the Chicago Bulls followed up with 20 points, 6 rebounds, and added 2 steals in the win.

DeMarcus Cousins of the Portland Trail Blazers led the West with 14 points, 17 rebounds, and 3 assists. James Harden of the Kansas City Kings contributed 14 points, 5 assists, 2 blocked shots, and added 2 steals in the loss.

Final - 8/25/2026		Player of the Game				
2015 West All Stars	98	Anthony Davis (2015 East All Stars)				
2015 East All Stars	107	22 pts, 14 reb, 3 ast, 2 stl, 2 blk				
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2015 West All Stars	16	24	30	28	98	
2015 East All Stars	28	11	27	41	107	

Player of the Game

Anthony Davis (2015 East All Stars)

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2015 East All Stars

Starters	MIN	FGM/FGA	3PM/3PA	FTM/FTA	OREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	PTS
2014-15 Marc Gasol	32	2/9	0/0	0/0	0	7	2	6	0	0	2	4
2014-15 Anthony Davis	32	10/20	0/0	2/2	5	14	3	2	2	1	3	22
2014-15 LeBron James	32	3/8	1/4	3/4	1	5	6	1	0	1	2	10
2014-15 Chris Paul	31	4/9	0/1	3/3	1	4	5	0	1	2	1	11
2014-15 Jimmy Butler	28	7/10	2/3	4/5	2	6	2	1	2	1	1	20
Bench	MIN	FGM/FGA	3PM/3PA	FTM/FTA	OREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	PTS
2014-15 Victor Oladipo	20	4/7	0/1	6/6	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	14
2014-15 Tim Duncan	16	3/4	0/0	0/2	1	5	2	0	0	2	0	6
2014-15 Kawhi Leonard	16	1/4	0/2	0/0	1	1	1	0	1	2	3	2
2014-15 Stephen Curry	12	3/5	2/3	3/3	0	2	4	0	2	1	1	11
2014-15 Blake Griffin	11	1/5	0/0	1/2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
2014-15 Russell Westbrook	5	1/3	0/0	0/0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2
2014-15 LaMarcus Aldridge	5	1/2	0/0	0/0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals		40/86	5/14	22/27	13	47	27	10	11	12	13	107
		46.5%	35.7%	81.5%								

2015 West All Stars

Starters	MIN	FGM/FGA	3PM/3PA	FTM/FTA	OREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	PTS
2014-15 DeMarcus Cousins	32	7/15	0/0	0/0	3	17	3	1	0	3	3	14
2014-15 Rudy Gay	32	3/9	1/2	2/2	0	3	4	0	0	3	0	9
2014-15 James Harden	32	6/13	2/6	0/0	0	2	5	2	2	2	3	14
2014-15 Paul Millsap	32	3/9	1/2	1/1	3	7	2	1	1	3	3	8
2014-15 John Wall	31	4/10	1/2	3/3	1	3	3	0	1	4	2	12
Bench	MIN	FGM/FGA	3PM/3PA	FTM/FTA	OREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	PTS
2014-15 Dirk Nowitzki	16	4/8	2/4	0/0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	10
2014-15 Tyson Chandler	16	2/2	0/0	0/0	7	11	1	2	0	1	2	4
2014-15 Klay Thompson	16	4/10	2/4	2/2	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	12
2014-15 Gordon Hayward	11	1/4	1/4	1/2	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	4
2014-15 Kyrie Irving	11	1/1	0/0	2/2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	4
2014-15 Jeff Teague	6	1/1	0/0	0/0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2
2014-15 Trevor Ariza	5	2/4	1/2	0/0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	5
Totals		38/86	11/26	11/12	14	49	24	6	8	20	19	98
		44.2%	42.3%	91.7%								

2015 NBA All-Star Game Highlights













ALL STAR



WESTERN CONFERENCE

432 Blake Griffin Clippers F
 433 Marc Gasol Grizzlies C
 424 Kobe Bryant Lakers G —injured—
 425 Anthony Davis Pelicans CF
 438 Stephen Curry Warriors G
 415 DeMarcus Aldridge Trail Blazers F
 412 LaMarcus Cousins Kings C (replacing Kobe)
 421 Tim Duncan Spurs F
 435 Kevin Durant Thunder F
 413 James Harden Rockets G
 43 Chris Paul Clippers G
 411 Klay Thompson Warriors G
 40 Russell Westbrook Thunder G
 Head coach:
 Steve Kerr (Golden State Warriors)

INTERESTING FACTS

- * The All-Star game was first staged at the Boston Garden on March 2, 1951.
- * The starting lineup for each squad is selected by a fan ballot.
- * Team reserves are chosen by a vote among the head coaches from each squad's respective conference.
- * Coaches are not allowed to vote for their own players to make the roster.
- * The head coach of the team with the best record in each conference is chosen as the coach for the All-Star Game.
- * Coaches can coach an All-Star team twice in a row thanks to the "Pitcy Rule" which was set after Lakers coach Pat Riley earned the right to coach the Western Conference team eight times in nine seasons thanks to the Lakers' dominance from 1982 to 1990.
- * This is the second year in a row in which Kobe Bryant couldn't compete due to injury, he was replaced by Anthony Davis, as year

- ★ 2014 East 163, West: 155 **Kyrie Irving**
- ★ 2013 West 143, East: 138 **Chris Paul**
- ★ 2012 West 152, East: 149 **Kevin Durant**
- ★ 2011 West 148, East: 143 **Kobe Bryant**
- ★ 2010 East 141, West: 139 **Dwyane Wade**



- ★ Gianni Anetokounmpo Bucks Height: 6'11" Weight: 217 lbs
- ★ Zach LaVine Timberwolves Height: 6'5" Weight: 183 lbs
- ★ Victor Oladipo Magic Height: 6'4" Weight: 210 lbs
- ★ Mason Plumlee Nets Height: 6'11" Weight: 235 lbs

- ★ 2014 John Wall (Wizards)
- ★ 2013 Terrence Ross (Raptors)
- ★ 2012 Jeremy Evans (Jazz)
- ★ 2011 Blake Griffin (Clippers)
- ★ 2010 Nate Robinson (Knicks)

- ★ Stephen Curry Warriors
- ★ Kyle Korver Hawks
- ★ Klay Thompson Warriors
- ★ J.J. Redick Clippers

- ★ 2014 - Marco Belinelli, San Antonio
- ★ 2013 - Kyrie Irving, Cleveland
- ★ 2012 - Kevin Love, Minnesota
- ★ 2011 - James Jones, Miami
- ★ 2010 - Paul Pierce, Boston

NBA ALL-STAR GAME RECORDS

SCORING

MOST POINTS – CAREER

280

MOST POINTS – QUARTER

42

MOST POINTS – HALF

24

PLAYERS TO RECORD A TRIPLE-DOUBLE

LEBRON JAMES
- 29 POINTS, 12 REBOUNDS, 10 ASSISTS IN 32 MINUTES (2013)

DWYANE WADE
- 24 POINTS, 10 REBOUNDS, 10 ASSISTS IN 33 MINUTES (2012)

MINUTES

MOST MINUTES – GAME

42
5'11"
OSCAR ROBERTSON

42
5'11"
OSCAR ROBERTSON

42
17%
HIGHER IN 2012

FIELD GOALS

**MOST FIELD GOALS
MADE - CAREER**

1

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**MOST FIELD GOALS
ATTEMPTED – CAREER**

**MOST FIELD GOALS
ATTEMPTED – CAREER**

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