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*NBA's Top 2 Point Guards*

In a conversation with ESPN about Derrick Rose, Michael Jordan stated, "M.V.P of the season" during the 2010-11 NBA season. On sport talk shows, analysts frequently debate who the best point guard is in the NBA. Names like Derrick Rose, Chris Paul, Deron Williams, and Steve Nash are in this discussion. However, in the end Derrick Rose and Chris Paul are most frequently mentioned. Even though Derrick Rose and Chris Paul have similar skills, it is the differences between them that make Derrick Rose a much better point guard today than Chris Paul determined from their statistics, their contribution to their teams, and accomplishments in their careers.

In spite of their similarities, Derrick Rose has a clear advantage in statistics over Chris Paul. Even though they average fewer than 3 turnovers per game, over 7 assists per game, and over 30 minutes per game, Rose still comes out the better player of the two. For example this season, Derrick Rose averages 22 points per game, whereas Chris Paul averages 18.5 points per game. In addition to points per game, Derrick Rose has a higher free throw percentage which is 84.1% while Chris Paul's only is 83.1% from the line. Rose is averaging 0.7 blocks per game; Paul has yet to block a shot this season. Because of his clear advantage in the numbers, Derrick Rose makes a strong impact on the offensive and defensive end more than Chris Paul.

Both players are proven to be elite point guards by their stats; both players have made huge contributions to their team. However, Derrick Rose has shown that he has the ability to help

his team more by giving them a successful record. Because of their experience in the game, Rose and Paul have played over 20 playoff games. Derrick Rose has made a major impact right from the start of his career. Bulls won 33 games and lost 49 games in the 2007-08 NBA season before they drafted Rose. When Rose joined the team, Bulls won 41 games and lost 41 games in his rookie season in 2008-09 NBA season, which was achieved from the contribution of Derrick Rose. That season the Bulls had a thrilling seven-game series versus the 2008 NBA champion Boston Celtics. Since then, Chicago Bulls have never missed the playoffs since Rose has arrived to Chicago. Derrick Rose and the Chicago Bulls have gotten a lot more experience with going to the Eastern Conference Finals in the 2011 NBA Playoffs. Derrick Rose also has played 28 playoff games. On the other hand, New Orleans was 18-64 in the 2004-05 NBA season before drafting Chris Paul. In Chris Paul's rookie year, the team was 38-44 and missed the playoffs, and the New Orleans Hornets went the NBA Lottery three times during his tenure with the New Orleans Hornets. Also, Chris Paul and the Hornets have only gotten to the Western Conference Semi-Finals in the 2008 NBA Playoffs. From that moment they have either missed the playoffs or got eliminated by the first round. Chris Paul has only play 23 playoff game (all with Hornets). Also, Derrick Rose and Chris Paul have gotten in to seven head-to-head matchups and Derrick Rose has won all seven match ups against Chris Paul. Due to all of the experience that Rose encountered; Rose has clearly impacted his team by changing them from a non-playoff team to a contender, while Chris Paul has not impacted his team in a big way.

Although both players are well accomplished, Derrick Rose has accomplished significantly more in his career than Chris Paul. Both players have Rookie of the Year award, played and won a medal for the USA National basketball team, played/started on the NBA All-Star Game, have gotten the All-NBA First Team honors, and All-Rookie First Team honors. On

the other hand, Derrick Rose has received the most prestigious award called M.V.P (Most Valuable Player) award during the 2010-11 NBA season, All-Star Weekend Skills Challenge award during 2009 All-Star Weekend, named Conference Rookie of the Month three times, named Conference Player of the Month twice, named Conference Player of the Week four times, and won a gold medal for the 2010 FIBA Basketball World Cup. Conversely, Chris Paul has won bronze medal for the 2006 FIBA Basketball World Cup, named three times for leading the NBA in steals, named three times to the All-NBA First Team, named two times to the All-NBA Defensive Team, and led NBA during the regular season and playoffs in assist during the 2007-08 NBA season. Even though both point guards are well-achieved during their career at this point, Derrick Rose is the more accomplished player over Chris Paul.

Despite of being known as a top point guard in the league, Derrick Rose has proven to be known as a better point guard than Chris Paul by his statistics, his contribution to the team, and his accomplishments in his career. Derrick Rose makes a stronger impact offensively from his points per game and free throw shooting, and makes a bigger impact on the defensive end from his block per game. Derrick Rose has helped the Chicago Bulls ever since he has joined the team by taking them to the playoffs throughout his career. Derrick Rose has accomplished a lot in his young career by being the youngest M.V.P and winning the gold medal for the USA National basketball team. If I was a choice to build a franchise, I would pick Derrick Rose because of his passion of winning, making an effort on both offensive and defensive end, and his superior work ethic.