

Trade Deals in the Short-Term

The transactions listed below are designed to improve the Thunder's future. The large majority of these deals are designed in improving the Thunder's future. It is indicated that there is a feeling among

<i>OKC Status</i>	<i>Other Party Status</i>	<i>Assets Received:</i>	<i>Assets Departing:</i>
Buyer	Seller	Robert Covington	Andre Roberson Terrance Ferguson Denver 2020 Pick
Seller	Buyer	Nene Hilario Loosened Pick Protections	Nerlens Noel
Seller	Buyer	Gordon Hayward + Memphis Pick	Chris Paul
Seller	Buyer	Tobias Harris + Zhaire Smith + Second Round Pick	Chris Paul

Seller	Buyer	Dion Waiters + James Johnson + Justise Winslow	Chris Paul + Justin Patton
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Seller	Buyer	THJ + Ryan Broekhoff + 2024 First Round Pick	Danilo Gallinari
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Seller	Buyer	DeAndre Jordan	Andre Roberson Terrance Ferguson
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Buyer	Seller	DeWayne Dedmon + Sacramento First in 2024	Andre Roberson Terrance Ferguson
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Buyer

Seller

Karl Anthony
Towns
+ Gorgui Dieng

Chris Paul
+ Terrance
Ferguson
+ Three First Round
Picks

Below are trades which can be carried out within the next year:
re but the Thunder's current play-off position needs to be considered. Noted journalists such
long league executives that the Thunder could be buyers at the deadline.

Reasoning:

Oklahoma need a steady
wing in the starting lineup:
Covington is a reliable 3&D
wing who would provide
consistent production.
Minnesota are nowhere and
may want another draft pick
to build on their youth-
centric approach

Done if tanking season:
Oklahoma City gets more
control over the Houston
picks which is currently
owns. There will be very
little on these assets

Boston get more play-
making:
Paul and Kemba start in the
back-court which is nasty
and lacks any serious
weakness except for size.
Tatum and Brown move up a
position. More minutes
cleared up for them with
Hayward leaving

Philly get more shooting and
leadership:

Ben Simmons' inability to
shoot does not become an
issue in the play-offs. Harris
has woefully under-
performed this season in
terms of scoring the ball

Comments:

Difficult to do:
There is a long list of teams
interested in RoCo, the Thunder's
offer would have to be
exceptional

Thunder are not tanking this
season:
will probably play season

Emotional Attachment:
Ainge has been criticised for
being heartless, may choose to
stick with Hayward in order to
improve Boston's reputation as a
free agent decision

Elton Brand is wedded to the
jumbo lineup:

It would take serious
embarrassment for him to
abandon this concept

Miami gets another top level player:

Miami need another option outside of Butler come play-off time. Paul provides that production for them. They do not give up much except for bad contracts and Winslow. Riley probably does this deal

Winslow is pretty good as a play-maker, defender and his shooting has come along.

Dallas gets a consistent third scoring option in their starting lineup as they push for a championship. Thunder are not tanking this season: will probably play season

Oklahoma City gets future assets Traded in off-season sign and trade

Brooklyn gets rid of Jordan's contract which is already looking pretty bad: DJ is close friends with Irving and Durant:

The Nets will have cap relief for free agency Unlikely to be done

Dedmon wants to leave for more minutes: Relationship has broken down between Dedmon and Kings. Dedmon is a good backup stretch big to have. Kings get salary cap relief Possible

Reported by Ethan Sherwood

Strauss that Towns is
unhappy in Minnesota:

The Timberwolves will not
force him to play out a
contract before eventually
leaving without them getting
nothing. Public idsputes will
only lessen Towns' value.

Long Shot:

Minnesota getting three
future first round picks will
be a good to start the rebuild
in earnest for their franchise.

Minnesota will not want to deal
the best player the team has.
Although Glen Taylor has done
this before with KG and Love, it is
still hard to fathom when the
rebuild needs to happen.

Oklahoma City want Towns
because he could genuinely
be a top-ten player in the
league. He is that good at
the age of 24 that it seems
probable that there will be
future growth in his game. A
core built around SGA and
Towns could be exceptional
in a few years time.

as Kevin O'Connor have