

NBA Foul Ratings For 1976-77

Remember Larry LaRoche's foul ratings for basketball, printed in the January, 1977 issue of the Review? In case you don't, they emphasized that some players commit less fouls than do others--and that as a result they should be "protected" more in S-O-M games.

In other words, players such as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Rick Barry, the "Mr. Clean" of pro basketball, shouldn't draw as many fouls as the so-called henchmen of the league.

LaRoche's method of cutting down foul calls on the Jabbars, Barrys, etc., was to give each player a rating, from 1 to 10, based on how frequently they commit fouls. A "1" rating is the lowest frequency to commit fouls while a "10" would represent the highest--or a player who practically picks an opponent's pocket to gain possession of the ball, after clubbing him into submission first.

LaRoche, who hails from Orono, ME, directed his first foul frequency ratings at the 1975-76 seasons. Now, he's back with ratings based on last season.

Before plunging ahead, however, a refresher course might be in order as to how to utilize the ratings. New subscribers, especially, will need it. Here are the guidelines:

1. Use the individual foul ratings ONLY on rolls off the Team Defensive card. 2. On those rolls on the Team Defensive card, FOUL RATINGS are to be used whenever a foul (1) or foul (2) roll is made, and also whenever a defensive rating of a defender is needed for the outcome of a shot.

A. For those times when a foul (1) or foul (2) occurs, multiply the Foul rating of the defensive player and pick a split card. If the split number is equal to or less than the new number (foul rating X 2), then consult the defensive player's defensive rating for the outcome of the shot. No foul would be committed under this circumstance.

B. For those times when the defensive rating of a player is needed (remember! only to be used on the Team Defense card), consult the defensive player's foul rating and pick a split card. If the split number is equal to or less than the foul rating, a foul is committed. Consider an outside shot or penetration shot to be a foul (1) and an inside shot to be a foul (2). If the number is greater than the foul rating, follow the normal procedure of consulting the defensive player's rating for the outcome of the shot.

3. Do not use the foul rating when the defensive center is needed to help out defensively on a shot. This would concern rolls on the defensive card of 8 (penetration shot) and 4 (inside shot).

HOW THE PLAYERS WERE RATED

LaRoche also explained how the ratings were derived at (by figuring the average number of fouls committed by each player for every 48 minutes of play), pointing out that most of the 9 and 10 rated players were backup centers and forwards who subbed physical play oftentimes for ability.

Here is the scale"

<u>Fouls Per 48 Minutes</u>		<u>Foul Rating</u>	<u>Per 48 Minutes</u>		<u>Foul Rating</u>
More than 6.50	-	10	4.50 to 4.75	-	5
6.00 to 6.50	-	9	4.00 to 4.50	-	4
5.50 to 6.00	-	8	3.75 to 4.00	-	3
5.25 to 5.50	-	7	3.25 to 3.75	-	2
4.75 to 5.25	-	6	Less than 3.25	-	1

On the next page is found a complete team-by-team listing of foul ratings based on the 1976-77 real-life NBA season:

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Atlanta

T. Barker	10
J. Brown	10
K. Charles	5
J. Drew	6
S. Hawes	10
A. Hill	9
L. Hudson	4
J. Meriweather	10
T. Robinson	4
C. Terry	4

Houston

J. Johnson	8
D. Jones	10
K. Kunnert	10
J. Lucas	2
M. Malone	7
C. Murphy	5
M. Newlin	6
T. Owens	10
E. Ratleff	4
R. Tomjanovich	1

Philadelphia

H. Bibby	2
J. Bryant	10
H. Catchings	10
D. Collins	4
M. Dunleavy	10
J. Erving	4
L. Free	4
C. Jones	10
G. McGinnis	6
S. Mix	4

Denver

M. Calvin	4
O. Issel	5
B. Jones	5
T. McClain	9
J. Price	9
P. Siles	4
O. Thompson	3
F. Taylor	9
M. Webster	8
W. Wise	9

Kansas City

M. Barr	3
R. Boone	4
J. Eskins	10
O. Johnson	9
S. Lacey	7
A. McCarter	4
B. Robinzine	10
B. Taylor	3
R. Washington	10
S. Wedman	3

Portland

J. Davis	4
H. Gilliam	6
B. Gross	7
L. Hollins	8
R. Jones	8

Boston

J. Ard	9
T. Boswell	10
D. Cowens	9
J. Havlicek	2
C. Rowe	5
F. Saunders	10
C. Scott	5
K. Stacom	1
J. White	1
S. Wicks	9

New Orleans

R. Behagen	10
F. Boyd	1
E. Coleman	8
P. Griffin	10
A. James	8
R. Kelley	10
P. Meravich	1
J. McElroy	1
D. Moore	7
N. Williams	7

San Antonio

A. Bristow	5
L. Dampier	1
C. Dietrick	10
M. Gale	4
G. Gervin	6
G. Karl	10
L. Kenon	1
M. Olberding	10
B. Paultz	5
J. Silas	6

Detroit

M. Barnes	10
M. Carr	6
L. Douglas	10
A. Eberhard	10
C. Ford	2
B. Lanier	2
E. Money	9
H. Porter	4
K. Porter	9
R. Simpson	1

Los Angeles

K. Jabbar	4
T. Abernathy	4
L. Allen	2
O. Chaney	4
D. Ford	5
C. Kupec	8
B. Lamar	1
C. Russell	1
E. Tatum	9
K. Washington	10

Seattle

M. Lucas	6
L. Neal	10
L. Steels	9
D. Twardzik	8
B. Walton	2

Buffalo

D. Adams	8
B. Averitt	7
A. Dantley	2
E. DiGregorio	1
G. Gerard	10
J. Gianelli	4
G. Johnson	10
J. Shumate	2
R. Smith	4
C. Williams	2

N.Y. Knicks

B. Beard	9
B. Bradley	8
W. Frazier	2
P. Jackson	10
M. Layton	7
B. McAdoo	4
T. McMillen	6
J. McMillian	1
E. Monroe	2
L. Shelton	10

Washington

D. Bing	6
P. Chenier	1
L. Gray	10
K. Graye	7
E. Hayes	4
T. Henderson	1
M. Kupchak	9
M. Riordan	7
W. Unsold	4
L. Wright	8

Golden State

R. Barry	1
D. Dudley	8
C. Dickey	6
C. Johnson	7
R. Parish	10
S. Parker	4
C. Ray	8
P. Smith	3
J. Wilkes	4
C. Williams	7

Milwaukee

J. Bridgeman	4
Q. Buckner	10
F. Carter	7
B. Dandridge	4
S. Lloyd	10
O. Meyers	8
S. Nater	7
K. Restani	4
L. Walton	2
B. Winters	4

Phoenix

A. Adams	7
O. Awtry	5
K. Erickson	9
B. Feher	5
R. Lee	10
R. Sobers	9
I. Terrell	5
D. VanArsdale	1
T. VanArsdale	7
P. Westphal	1

Cleveland

J. Brewer	3
G. Brokaw	7
A. Carr	4
J. Chones	6
J. Clemons	1
C. Russell	4
B. Smith	5
E. Smith	10
D. Snyder	6
F. Walker	6

N.Y. Nets

M. Bantom	8
T. Boesett	6
M. Davis	8
J. Fox	10
B. Hawkins	7
K. Hughes	10
C. Skinner	8
C. Terry	7
J. V'Breda'ff	4
D. Wohl	8

Chicago

T. Boerwinkle	10
A. Gilmore	4
W. Holland	3
M. Johnson	7
J. Laskowski	1
J. Marin	5
S. May	3
J. Mengelt	4
C. Pondexter	3
N. VanLier	4

Indiana

M. Bennett	10
O. Buse	1
M. Flynn	3
S. Green	10
D. Hillmen	10
W. Jones	7
B. Knight	1
D. Roblach	4
D. Roundfield	10
J. Williamsom	6