

DENVER NUGGETS GAME NOTES



GAME #64, ROAD GAME #34
 AT SACRAMENTO KINGS
 ARCO ARENA (17,317)
 MARCH 8, 2009
 7:00 PM MST



PROBABLE STARTERS

Pos.	No.	PLAYER	PPG	RPG	APG	NOTABLE
F	15	<i>Carmelo Anthony</i> 6-8, 230	21.9	7.3	3.4	Battled foul trouble much of the game at Utah on 3/6, playing just 31 minutes and finishing with 20 points and five rebounds.
F	27	<i>Johan Petro</i> 7-0, 247	3.7	3.5	0.3	Started his fifth game as a Nugget (17 th this season), pulling down three rebounds in 11 minutes at Utah on 3/6.
C	31	<i>Nene</i> 6-11, 250	14.7	7.9	1.4	Shot just 2-7 (.286) from the field at Utah on 3/6, which marks only the fourth time this season that he has shot .300 or below.
G	1	<i>J.R. Smith</i> 6-6, 220	13.8	4.0	2.9	Posted 27 points (7-10 FT) in 40 minutes at Utah on 3/6, which matches his second-highest point total so far this season.
G	7	<i>Chauncey Billups</i> 6-3, 202	18.5	2.7	6.1	Has struggled shooting the last two games, going 8-30 (.267) from the field while averaging just 11.0 ppg in the process.

NUGGETS RECORDS

	<u>Record</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>Streaks</u>
Overall:	40-23	23-7	17-16	2-0	Overall: Lost 1
Western:	24-12	15-3	9-9	2-0	Home: Won 3
Eastern:	16-11	8-4	8-7	0-0	Road: Lost 5

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time*
3/9	vs. Houston <i>TV: Altitude</i> <i>Radio: KCKK AM 1510</i>	7:00 PM
3/11	vs. Oklahoma City <i>TV: Altitude</i> <i>Radio: KCKK AM 1510</i>	7:00 PM
3/14	vs. L.A. Clippers <i>TV: Altitude</i> <i>Radio: KTNI 101.5 FM</i>	7:00 PM
3/16	vs. New Jersey <i>TV: Altitude</i> <i>Radio: KCKK AM 1510</i>	7:00 PM
3/18	@ Memphis <i>TV: Altitude</i> <i>Radio: KCKK AM 1510</i>	6:00 PM

*All times Mountain and subject to change.

PLAYER STATUS REPORT

OUT: Steven Hunter underwent successful surgery on his right knee on 11/14.

QUESTIONABLE: Anthony Carter missed his second-straight game at Utah on 3/6 due to a left hip strain. He remains day-to-day and is questionable for tonight's game ... Kenyon Martin missed his second-straight game at Utah on 3/6 due to a low back strain. His status remains day-to-day and he is questionable for tonight's game.

ON THE AIR

Tonight's game will be televised on Altitude with Chris Marlowe calling the action and Scott Hastings providing analysis. Additionally, the game will be broadcast on KCKK AM 1510 – Mile High Sports Radio, with Jason Kosmicki handling the play-by-play duties.

TONIGHT'S MATCHUP – BY THE NUMBERS

	PPG	OPP PPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	TO
NUGGETS	102.6	100.1	.467	.363	.755	41.1	21.9	8.62	5.90	15.7
KINGS	99.2	108.4	.481	.407	.757	38.7	19.8	7.03	4.10	15.9

PLAYERS TO WATCH



J.R. Smith, Nuggets Guard

PPG: 13.8

RPG: 4.0

APG: 2.9

NOTE: Had 27 points, four rebounds and five assists at Utah on 3/6 and has now averaged 16.6 ppg, 5.1 rpg and 3.9 apg as a starter this season.



Kevin Martin, Kings Guard

PPG: 24.1

RPG: 3.5

APG: 2.6

NOTE: Has led the Kings in scoring in 27 of his 40 appearances this season, including each of the last five games and nine of the last 10.

NUGGETS 2008-09 TRANSACTIONS

3/6/09: Assigned G/F Sonny Weems to the Colorado 14ers of the NBA Development League ... **3/3/09:** Signed G Jason Hart ... **1/7/09:** Acquired C Johan Petro and a 2009 second-round draft pick from Oklahoma City in exchange for G Chucky Atkins, a conditional 2009 first-round draft pick and cash considerations ... **1/6/09:** Recalled G/F Sonny Weems from the Colorado 14ers of the NBA Development League ... **1/5/09:** Acquired a future conditional second-round draft pick from the L.A. Clippers in exchange for C Cheikh Samb and cash considerations ... **12/10/08:** Assigned C Cheikh Samb and G/F Sonny Weems to the Colorado 14ers of the NBA Development League ... **11/10/08:** Waived F Antonio McDyess ... **11/3/08:** Acquired G Chauncey Billups, F Antonio McDyess and C Cheikh Samb from Detroit in exchange for G Allen Iverson ... **11/3/08:** Waived F Juwan Howard ... **10/29/08:** Exercised the fourth-year option on the contract of F Renaldo Balkman ... **10/23/08:** Waived G Mateen Cleaves, F Nick Fazekas, F James Mays, G Smush Parker and F Ruben Patterson ... **10/3/08:** Signed F Juwan Howard ... **9/30/08:** Signed G Mateen Cleaves, F Nick Fazekas, F James Mays, G Smush Parker and F Ruben Patterson ... **9/15/08:** Signed G/F Sonny Weems ... **8/22/08:** Re-signed G J.R. Smith ... **7/30/08:** Signed G/F Dahntay Jones ... **7/28/08:** Acquired F Renaldo Balkman and cash considerations from the New York Knicks in exchange for G Taurean Green, F Bobby Jones and a 2010 second round draft pick ... **7/24/08:** Signed F/C Chris Andersen ... **7/15/08:** Traded C Marcus Camby to the Los Angeles Clippers in exchange for the right to swap second round picks in the 2010 NBA Draft ... **7/9/08:** Re-signed G Anthony Carter ... **6/28/08:** Acquired the draft rights to G/F Sonny Weems from the Chicago Bulls, in exchange for a 2009 second round pick (sent to Portland).

LAST GAME

GAME #63: JAZZ 97, NUGGETS 91 – EnergySolutions Arena, Salt Lake City, UT (3/6/09)

JAZZ TURN UP THE VOLUME IN SECOND HALF, TOO MUCH FOR NUGGETS

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	OT	Final	Points	Rebounds	Assists
DEN	24	23	22	22	---	91	Smith – 27	Balkman – 14	Smith – 5
UTA	16	21	36	24	---	97	Williams – 25	Boozer – 16	Williams – 11

FIRST HALF NOTES: Things started off good for the Nuggets in Utah, opening an eight-point first quarter lead (24-16) despite shooting just .391 (9-23) from the field in the process ... The solid play continued for Denver in the second as the Nuggets pushed their advantage to as many as 19 (47-28) before the Jazz closed the half on a 9-0 run to pull to within 10 at the break (47-37) ... **SECOND HALF NOTES:** Utah didn't stop there however, beginning the third on an 8-0 scoring run to erase the Nuggets lead and eventually go ahead 73-69 to close out the quarter ... After a couple minutes of hanging within one possession, the Nuggets fell back by as many as 12 points with under five minutes (91-79), which proved too much to overcome ... **KEY STATS:** After holding Utah to just 37 points in the first half, the Nuggets allowed 60 points during the second half, including 36 in the third quarter alone ... Denver managed just 11 assists on the night, setting a new season-low ... The Nuggets were whistled for a season-high-tying 32 personal fouls, nine of which came during the crucial first six minutes of the third quarter alone ... **GAME-CHANGERS:** J.R. Smith led the Nuggets with 27 points to go along with five assists and four rebounds in his second-straight start ... Renaldo Balkman had a big night as a reserve for Denver, tallying nine points and a season-high 14 rebounds (seven and 11 in the first half) ... Deron Williams paced Utah with 25 points and 11 assists, while Carlos Boozer collected 16 boards and Ronnie Brewer pitched in 16 points in the win.

RECENT GAMES

GAME #62: NUGGETS 106, BLAZERS 90 – Pepsi Center, Denver, CO (3/5/09)

MELO SCORES 38 POINTS IN 38 MINUTES, LIFTS DENVER OVER PORTLAND

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	OT	Final	Points	Rebounds	Assists
POR	18	26	26	20	---	90	Roy – 22	Przybilla – 12	Blake – 5
DEN	32	21	28	25	---	106	Anthony – 38	Smith – 7	Billups – 9

FIRST HALF NOTES: The Nuggets jumped out early on the Blazers, outscoring Portland 32-18 while shooting .650 (13-20) from the field during the first quarter ... It was Portland that caught fire in the second, shooting .611 (11-18) from the floor as they managed to trim Denver's advantage to nine points at the break (53-44) ... **SECOND HALF NOTES:** Portland opened the second half on a 9-2 scoring run to pull to within two (55-53); however Denver responded with a 15-7 run to push the game back to double-digits (70-60) ... Leading 81-60 to begin the fourth, Denver managed to maintain a double-digit spread throughout the remainder of the game while holding the Blazers to just 20 points in the closing period ... **KEY STATS:** The Nuggets shot .531 (43-81) from the field in the win, improving to 10-1 at the Pepsi Center this season when shooting .500 or better as a team ... The Blazers managed just six offensive rebounds on the night, which led to only seven second chance points for Portland ... Denver dished out 27 assists, snapping a streak of five-straight games with under 20 assists ... **GAME-CHANGERS:** Carmelo Anthony was unstoppable for the Nuggets, scoring 38 points on 16-26 (.615) FG shooting – including 21 in the second half alone ... J.R. Smith and Linas Kleiza both stepped up for Denver, finishing with 17 and 15, respectively, on a combined 13-23 (.565) FG shooting and 4-7 (.571) 3FG shooting ... Brandon Roy led Portland with 22 points in the losing effort, while LaMarcus Aldridge pitched in 19 for the Blazers as well.

GAME #61: PISTONS 100, NUGGETS 95 – The Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills, MI (3/3/09)**PISTONS OVERCOME 12-POINT DEFICIT, SPOIL BILLUPS' RETURN TO MOTOR CITY**

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	OT	Final	Points	Rebounds	Assists
DEN	26	28	20	21	---	95	Billups – 34	Three Players – 7	Billups / Martin – 4
DET	26	18	30	26	---	100	Prince – 23	McDyess – 12	Hamilton – 7

FIRST HALF NOTES: Following a heartfelt introduction and a wonderful ovation for Chauncey Billups in his return to Detroit, the Nuggets and Pistons found themselves locked at 26 after one period ... Denver shutdown the Pistons in the second, holding them to just .267 (4-15) FG shooting while outscoring them 28-18 in the quarter to take a 54-44 lead at the half ... **SECOND HALF NOTES:** The Nuggets double-digit spread did not last long as the Pistons went 13-22 (.591) from the field in the third to outscore Denver 30-20 and re-tie the game at 74 heading into the final period ... The Nuggets starters were outscored 26-6 by Detroit's starting five during the fourth, which played a major role in the Pistons holding on for the victory ... **KEY STATS:** After shooting just .382 (13-34) from the floor in the first half, the Pistons shot .553 (21-38) as a team in the 24 minutes after halftime ... Not including Billups' 8-8 FT shooting, the rest of the Nuggets connected on only 6-14 (.429) foul shots in the loss ... Denver's starting frontcourt (Nene, Martin and Kleiza) was outscored 55-28 and outrebounded 26-13 by that of the Pistons (Wallace, McDyess and Prince) ... **GAME-CHANGERS:** Billups did everything he could in his return to the Palace, scoring a season-high 34 points on 11-19 (.579) FG and 4-8 (.500) 3FG shooting ... Detroit's five starters each had at least 16 points, led by 23 from Tayshaun Prince.

TONIGHT'S OPPONENT**DENVER @ SACRAMENTO – Arco Arena, Sacramento, CA (3/8/09)**

2008-09:	2-0	HOME:	1-0	ROAD:	1-0	OVERALL STREAK:	Won 2
ALL-TIME:	70-75	HOME:	50-22	ROAD:	20-53	ROAD STREAK:	Won 3

NUGGETS/KINGS CONNECTIONS: Nuggets guard/forward **Dahntay Jones** appeared in 25 games for the Kings during the 2007-08 season, averaging 3.2 ppg in 8.2 mpg ... Sacramento guard **Bobby Jackson** played with the Nuggets during the 1997-98 season, averaging 11.6 ppg and 4.7 apg in 68 games ... Kings forward **Donte Greene** attended Towson Catholic High School in Baltimore, which is the same high school that Nuggets forward **Carmelo Anthony** attended before transferring to Oak Hill Academy ... Sacramento VP of Basketball Operations **Wayne Cooper** played for the Nuggets from 1984-89 and currently ranks third all-time in blocked shots in franchise history (830) ... Sacramento assistant coach **Rex Kalamian** was an assistant coach/player development for the Nuggets in 2004-05 ... Kings Director of Player Development **Fat Lever** spent six seasons with the Nuggets (1984-90) and finished as one of the all-time great players in franchise history. To this day Lever remains the Nuggets all-time steals leader, ranks second in career assists and is among the top five in a number of other statistical categories.

NUGGETS/KINGS NOTES: The Nuggets have won each of the last three games at ARCO Arena, after losing the previous 20 in Sacramento from 1997-2006 ... Denver's current three-game road winning streak against the Kings is the Nuggets' longest road winning streak in Sacramento since winning three-straight in 1990 (two towards the end of 1989-90 and one at the start of 1990-91) ... A Nuggets win tonight will give Denver three wins against the Kings in a single season for the first time since 1992-93 (3-1) ... A Denver win tonight will also mark the first time since the 1989-90 season that the Nuggets will have claimed multiple wins in Sacramento during a season ... Denver's 33-point win (118-85) in Sacramento on 12/6 marked the largest margin of victory over the Kings franchise for the Nuggets since joining the NBA in 1976-77.

GAME #43: NUGGETS 118, KINGS 99 – Pepsi Center, Denver, CO (1/20/09)**KLEIZA POWERS NUGGETS TO ANOTHER BLOWOUT WIN OVER SACRAMENTO**

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	OT	Final	Points	Rebounds	Assists
SAC	31	16	28	24	---	99	Martin – 25	Thompson – 11	Salmons / Udrih – 5
DEN	23	34	37	24	---	118	Kleiza – 27	Nene – 12	Billups – 8

FIRST HALF NOTES: Coming off a road loss at Houston, the Nuggets looked a little sluggish in the early going as they fell behind 31-23 to the Kings through the first quarter of play ... After Sacramento stretched it lead to a game-high 10 points early in the second (34-24), Denver flipped a switch and outscored the Kings 33-13 the rest of the half to take a 57-47 lead into the locker rooms ... **SECOND HALF NOTES:** Denver turned the game into a blowout quickly in the third period, pushing its lead to 23 with the help of a 17-4 scoring run to begin the second half ... After leading by 19 at the start of the fourth (94-75), the Nuggets stretched their advantage to as many as 30 (118-88) before the Kings closed the game on an 11-0 run during garbage time ... **KEY STATS:** The Nuggets began the night shooting .450 (9-20) from the field in the first quarter, before shooting .607 (31-51) as a team in the three quarters to follow ... The Kings did the exact opposite, shooting .733 (11-15) in the first quarter, followed by just .358 (24-67) during the next three periods ... While Sacramento went 18-22 (.818) from the foul line on the night, Denver more than doubled the Kings attempts by shooting 35-46 (.761) from the stripe ... **GAME-CHANGERS:** Linas Kleiza once again led the Nuggets with a season-high 27 points (11-17 FG) off the bench ... Jason Thompson played well for Sacramento, tallying 18 points and 11 boards.

GAME #21: NUGGETS 118, KINGS 85 – Arco Arena, Sacramento, CA (12/6/08)

KINGS' COLD SHOOTING HELPS NUGGETS STAY HOT

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	OT	Final	Points	Rebounds	Assists
DEN	37	23	29	29	---	118	Billups – 24	Anthony / Nene – 7	Billups – 4
SAC	18	21	23	23	---	85	Salmons – 22	Thompson – 15	Udrih – 4

FIRST HALF NOTES: From the opening tip, the Nuggets dominated the Kings at ARCO Arena as they shot .700 (14-20) from the field in the first quarter to take a controlling 37-18 lead after one ... Denver stretched its advantage to as many as 23 early in the second (41-18), but the Kings went on a 14-2 run to trim their deficit to 11 (34-45) before Denver pushed the game back to a 21-point difference at the half (60-39) ...

SECOND HALF NOTES: The Nuggets' lead ballooned to as many as 29 in the third period and then to a game-high 33 on multiple occasions in the final quarter ... The Kings shot .375 (9-24) from the field in the fourth, which marked the only quarter on the night in which they managed to shoot above .300 as a team ... **KEY STATS:** Sacramento finished the game shooting .293 (29-99) from the floor and became only the third Nuggets opponent since joining the NBA in 1976 to shoot below .300 for an entire game ... Denver, on the other hand, shot .525 (42-80) from the field in the win, improving to 4-1 this season when shooting .500 or better ... Despite the loss, the Kings managed to set Nuggets opponent season-highs for rebounds (53), offensive rebounds (26) and second chance points (35) ... **GAME-CHANGERS:** In his first start as a Nugget, Renaldo Balkman scored a season-high 17 points on a career-high 8-12 FG shooting ... Jason Thompson led the Kings with 15 boards in the loss.

NEXT OPPONENT

DENVER vs. HOUSTON – Pepsi Center, Denver, CO (3/9/09)



2008-09:	1-2	HOME:	1-0	ROAD:	0-2	OVERALL STREAK:	Lost 2
ALL-TIME:	70-79	HOME:	44-30	ROAD:	26-49	HOME STREAK:	Won 3

TEAM NOTES

A STRETCH TO FORGET

In an 82-game regular season, every team is bound to hit a rough patch every now and then for any number of reasons (fatigue, level of competition, bad execution, injuries, all of the above, etc.). Well, the Nuggets have definitely found themselves in the middle of one of those stretches of the season – having lost six of their last nine games since 2/20. Luckily for Denver, the rough patches have been few and far between so far this season as they've only had five multiple-game losing streaks all year, while they have yet to lose more than three-straight thus far as well.

So what is it about this nine-game stretch that has the Nuggets getting such poor results? For starters, it's coming on the heels of the most consecutive road games in the team's NBA history – played eight-straight on the road from 2/4-2/22. Four of the five losses have come away from Denver, while their one home loss came against the defending champion Boston Celtics on 2/23, which also happened to be the second half of a back-to-back. But most importantly, the nine-game struggles can be attributed to simply poor execution on the part of the Nuggets – see below:

LAST NINE		54 GAMES PRIOR	
CATEGORY	DEN / OPP	CATEGORY	DEN / OPP
Points Per Gm	97.6 / 102.8	Points Per Gm	103.5 / 99.7
Field Goal Pct.	.440 / .442	Field Goal Pct.	.472 / .439
Assist Per Gm	18.2 / 21.3	Assist Per Gm	22.5 / 21.4
Turnovers	16.0 / 13.3	Turnovers	15.7 / 15.9
Steals Per Gm	5.44 / 7.67	Steals Per Gm	9.15 / 7.82

BUMPS IN THE ROAD

One game removed from the NBA All-Star break, the Nuggets were 17-11 on the road and appeared to be on the fast-track to the team record for road wins in a single season (22 set in 2006-07). Five road games later, Denver is still stuck on 17 wins away from the Pepsi Center – having registered their longest road losing streak since also dropping five-straight on the road from 3/2-3/19/08.

It's not as if the Nuggets still can't break the team record for road wins in a season though, considering they have eight road games remaining – with four of those set to take place in cities in which they have already won during 2008-09. On top of that, the Nuggets have proven to be pretty darn good on the road under George Karl, having gone a respectable 87-89 on the road with Karl at the helm. And despite their recent struggles, Denver remains one of only four teams in the entire Western Conference to currently own a winning road record so far this season.

The Nuggets have found themselves stuck in a bus-sized pot hole on the road for a couple main reasons. For one, they've been giving up 106.6 ppg in their last five games away from Denver (allowed just 99.2 in the 28 road games prior). And two, the Nuggets have been shooting just .430 FG as a team during this five-game stretch, compared to the .474 they had shot from the floor in their 28 previous outings on the road.

GOOD STARTS LEAD TO GREAT THINGS

Sitting at 40-23 on the year, the Nuggets have found themselves in the midst of one of the best seasons in team history. Prior to this season, only two other times in Denver's NBA history had the Nuggets started off with an overall record of 40-23 or better (see below). The Nuggets are currently tied for the third-most wins in the Western Conference and the sixth-most in the entire NBA.

With their 90-79 win vs. the L.A. Lakers on 2/27, the Nuggets claimed their 39th win and their second-best winning percentage ever entering the month of March (.661) – only 1976-77's .667 winning percentage was better. Denver closed out November at 12-6, December at 21-12 and January at 31-16, while matching team milestones along the way. It was the first time since 1985-86 that the Nuggets posted 12 wins prior to December; only the third time in team history that they had managed 20+ wins prior to the first of January; and the first time since 1984-85 that they had posted at least 31 wins entering February.

A win at Sacramento on 3/8 will push Denver to 41-23 overall, maintaining the third-best 64-game record in Nuggets NBA history.

SEASON	63-GM START	64-GM START	FINAL RECORD	PLAYOFFS
1976-77	41-22	42-22	50-32	Western Semis
1984-85	41-22	42-22	52-30	Western Finals
2008-09	40-23	---	---	---
1977-78	39-24	40-24	48-34	Western Finals

DEFENSE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WINS AND LOSSES

The age old saying is that defense wins championships. While it is still only the regular season, the Nuggets are proving that the majority of games are won on the defensive end. So far this season Denver is 23-4 when keeping their opponents below 100, not to mention 14-0 when holding the opposition to 90 or less points. Additionally, the Nuggets are now 12-2 this season when the competition shoots under .400 from the field.

On the other end of the spectrum, the Nuggets have struggled to earn wins so far this season when not containing the opposition. While only nine Nuggets opponents have shot better than .500 from the field so far this season, five of those nine games have resulted in a loss. Additionally, 19 of Denver's 23 losses thus far have been at the hands of opponents scoring 100+ points.

After 63 games, the Nuggets defense has been acting as the lynch-pin between winning and losing, as illustrated below. Denver ranks fourth in the NBA in opponents FG percentage (.439), second in steals (8.62), third in blocked shots (5.90) and sixth in turnovers forced (15.5). As a matter of fact, the Nuggets actually lead the Western Conference in opponent FG percentage, while ranking third in turnovers forced.

WINS	
CATEGORY	AVG/PCT.
Opp. PPG	96.7
Opp. FG Pct.	.421
Opp. Turnovers	16.7
RPG	42.8
Opp. RPG	40.1
Rebound Margin	+111 (1713-1602)

LOSSES	
CATEGORY	AVG/PCT.
Opp. PPG	106.1
Opp. FG Pct.	.473
Opp. Turnovers	13.4
RPG	38.2
Opp. RPG	42.4
Rebound Margin	-97 (878-975)

WANTED: 30-SOMETHING IN DENVER

Since Nuggets head coach George Karl arrived in Denver, he has preached the power of 30 on a regular basis. Basically, Karl believes that when a team can tally 30+ in a few key categories (namely assists, paint buckets and free throws makes) they become very tough to beat. Looking back at recent Nuggets statistical history, Karl might just be onto something here.

Since the start of 2004-05, the Nuggets have been an impressive 47-11 (.810) when dishing out 30 or more assists as a team, including 5-2 when doing so this year. Denver has posted an even better winning percentage when tallying 60+ points in the paint, which is roughly the equivalent to 30+ paint buckets. While the Nuggets have only scored 60+ four times so far this year (all wins), they are an impressive 35-6 (.854) since 2004-05 when scoring at least 30 baskets in the paint. And while the Nuggets haven't been as reliable when making 30+ free throws since the 2004-05 season (44-15 / .746), they are an impressive 12-1 when doing so this season.

The question now: how unbeatable does Denver become when recording 30+ in all three categories of the same game? The answer...pretty damn unbeatable. Since the beginning of the 2004-05 season, only once have the Nuggets recorded 30+ assists, 30+ paint buckets and 30+ free throw makes – that being their 168-116 drubbing of Seattle at the Pepsi Center on 3/16/08 (44 assists, 64 points in the paint and 30 made free throws).

NUGGETS + ASSISTS = WINS

As is the case with most teams in the NBA, when the assists numbers begin to rise for the Nuggets, so too do the numbers in the W column. So far this season, the Nuggets are sixth in the NBA in assists per outing (21.9), putting them on pace for the fifth-straight season in which they would rank in the Top-6 in assists – they ranked third last season (24.7). So far this season Denver is 5-2 when tallying 30+ dimes, not to mention 25-5 when simply dishing out 22 or more assists as a team (including 20-1 in their last 21 games doing so). Against Indiana on 1/5, the Nuggets set a season-high for assists with 38 in the 135-115 home win.

The catalysts behind Denver's assisting success are of course Chauncey Billups and Anthony Carter. Billups is currently tied for 17th in the NBA in assists (6.1), while Carter's 4.5 apg are the most in the NBA among players seeing fewer than 24.0 minutes per ballgame. So far this season, Denver is 11-2 when a player hands out 10+ assists, including 8-1 when Billups has done so.

For as much of an impact as assists have had on the Nuggets wins this season, they've also seemed to have a definite impact on their losses as well. So far this year, the Nuggets are just 6-11 when recording 18 or fewer assists as a team. In six of the last seven outings Denver has failed to register 20 dimes (including a season-low 11 at Utah on 3/6), while going just 2-4 in those six games.

C-BILLS SEES RESULTS

When the Nuggets acquired Chauncey Billups from the Detroit Pistons on 11/3, it's safe to say no one expected the deal to have as large of an impact as it has for Denver. Since arriving back with his hometown team, Billups has guided the Nuggets to a 38-20 record while posting averages of 18.7 ppg and 6.0 apg. As a comparison, only once in his career has he averaged 18.0+ ppg for a season (18.5 in 2005-06). In addition to earning a spot as a reserve on his fourth-straight NBA All-Star team on 1/29, he has also been named the Western Conference Player of the Week (11/17) with Denver.

In 30 total games in 2008-09, Billups is averaging 18.5 ppg, 6.1 apg (tied for 17th in the NBA), 2.7 rpg and 1.33 spg while leading his teams to a 40-20 record (2-0 with Detroit). He has led the Nuggets in scoring 21 times and assists 39 times during his 58 games with Denver. He has posted eight double-doubles thus far as a Nugget, including consecutive outings with 28 points and 10 assists vs. Houston (11/30) and 24 points and a season-best 14 dimes vs. Toronto (12/2).

When it comes to being a multi-faceted player, Billups is in elite company in the NBA. Only six qualifying players in the entire league are currently averaging as many points AND as many assists as Billups so far this year – all of whom were 2009 NBA All-Stars alongside Billups (see right).

PLAYER	ASSISTS	POINTS
Chris Paul, New Orleans	11.1	21.4
Dwyane Wade, Miami	7.5	29.5
LeBron James, Cleveland	6.9	28.3
Devin Harris, New Jersey	6.9	22.3
Tony Parker, San Antonio	6.6	20.8
Joe Johnson, Atlanta	6.1	21.1
Chauncey Billups, Denver	6.1	18.5

BIRD OF PREY

Arguably the biggest surprise on the Nuggets roster this season has been the impact of Chris Andersen in the post. While he was originally signed to rebound and block shots, the rate at which he has been doing those tasks this season has made the departure of Marcus Camby somewhat easier to cope with. In 52 appearances thus far, Birdman is averaging 2.33 bpg (tied with Camby for second in the NBA) to go along with 5.7 rpg in just 19.5 minutes per contest. As far as his blocks are concerned, that's an impressive 5.73 blocks per 48 minutes, which currently leads the entire NBA. On top of that, Andersen actually leads the entire Nuggets team in rebounds per 48 minutes as well (14.1).

Andersen has been flying extra high in recent games as he has registered three of his six 10-rebound performances in the last six games – all of which consisted of a season-high 12 boards. In addition to averaging 8.8 rpg during the last six outings, Birdman has also posted 5.7 ppg and 3.83 bpg as well. Included in the six games was his third double-double of the year with an impressive 11 points, 12 rebounds and a career-high-tying seven blocks in the Nuggets 90-79 win against the West-leading Lakers on 2/27.

TAKING WHAT THE GAME GIVES HIM

Thru 47 games this season, Carmelo Anthony may not yet be averaging his typical scoring figures – his 21.9 ppg marks his lowest scoring average since averaging a career-low 20.8 ppg in 2004-05. However, Anthony is not forcing the issue whatsoever and seems to be embracing the other aspects of his game that have helped the Nuggets earn a 31-16 overall record under his watch – with five of the 16 losses coming at the hands of the 50-12 Lakers (vs. LAL on 11/1 and at LAL on 11/21), 48-13 Cavs (at CLE on 11/13 and vs. CLE on 12/19) and 49-14 Celtics (vs. BOS on 2/23).

Despite his points being down, Melo is currently posting 7.3 rpg and 3.4 apg (second-best RPG and APG of his career) to go along with 11 double-doubles. Despite having missed 16 games this season, among all small forwards Anthony has tallied the fourth-most double-doubles in the league (second-most in the Western Conference), while being tied for the third-highest RPG average (first in the West).

Although he has only eight 30-point efforts so far this year (including a season-high 45 vs. Minnesota on 12/10), Carmelo has remained one of the most consistently unstoppable offensive players in the NBA. The last time Melo did not score double digits in a game in which he remained completely healthy was on 3/13/05 vs. Phoenix (9) – a streak of 287-consecutive games and counting.

J.R. BUCKETS

Thru 62 games this season, Nuggets guard J.R. Smith has put together the best all-around season of his young career, averaging career-highs of 13.8 ppg, 4.0 rpg and 2.9 apg, while playing a career-high 27.7 mpg as well. He has notched 10+ points on 43 occasions (20+ 12 times), including a season-high 32 points (5-9 3FG) vs. New Orleans on 11/27.

For yet another season, Smith is one of the Nuggets premier perimeter scorers despite doing most of his damage off the bench. So far this year, Smith ranks fifth in the NBA for the highest scoring average among players who have started fewer than 15 games thus far (see right). He has connected on 111 three-pointers this season, with 82 of those makes coming as a reserve – the eighth most 3FG makes off the bench in the NBA this season. He is only 46 makes away from matching the 157 three-pointers that he hit last year, which had ranked as the fifth-best single season mark in team history.

UNDER 15 STARTS	GM	S	PPG
Jason Terry, Dallas	54	7	19.5
Nate Robinson, New York	52	7	17.6
Manu Ginobili, San Antonio	38	4	16.1
Leandro Barbosa, Phoenix	57	11	14.1
J.R. Smith, Denver	62	14	13.8

NENE NOT BACKING DOWN

While the 2008-09 averages for Nene are by no means eye popping thru 60 games this season – 14.7 ppg, 7.9 rpg, 1.17 spg and 1.33 bpg – they do, however, represent new personal career-highs in each category other than steals. He has scored 10+ points in 51 of the 60 games (20+ 11 times), while recording a single season career-best 16 double-doubles in the process.

So far this season he is shooting .606 from the field (2nd in the NBA) and joins Phoenix's Shaquille O'Neal (.609) as the only two players in the entire league shooting over .600 on the year. With only 19 games left in 2008-09, Nene remains on pace to shatter the Nuggets single season franchise record for FG percentage (.580 by Kiki Vandeweghe in 1983-84). Impressively, he has posted a shooting percentage of .700 or better in 20 of his 59 appearances this season; whereas he has shot below .500 just 16 times, with Denver losing nine of those 16 games. The crown jewel of his FG shooting came vs. Utah on 1/25, in which he tied a 31-year-old team record for makes without a miss by going 12-12 from the field (Bobby Jones also shot 12-12 FG on 3/15/78 vs. Golden State).

It is pretty incredible to think about where Nene is this season, after what he has been through in recent years. He missed 66 games last season because of injury, including 37 contests (1/11-3/24) after a bout with testicular cancer. While he did have a solid season in 64 appearances during the 2006-07 season, he missed 81 games in 2005-06 after tearing the ACL in his right knee minutes into the season opener at San Antonio on 11/1/05.

KARL KEEPS THE WINS COMING

With all that Nuggets Head Coach George Karl has accomplished throughout his years in the NBA – currently with 919 wins – there is no doubt that he can be considered one of the best coaches in league history. However, with the numbers that he has been putting up while roaming the Nuggets sideline, there is no question Karl should be viewed as royalty among Denver's all-time coaching ranks. In just four seasons, Karl already ranks second in Nuggets NBA history and third in franchise history (both NBA and ABA) with 211 wins – see right. His .605 winning percentage with Denver is unmatched by any Nuggets coach since the team joined the NBA in 1976.

NUGGETS ALL-TIME WINS LIST			
HEAD COACH	SEASONS	RECORD	PCT.
Doug Moe	9+	432-357	.548
Larry Brown (ABA & NBA)	4+	251-134	.649
George Karl	4	211-138	.605
Dan Issel	4+	180-208	.464
Alex Hannum (ABA)	3	118-134	.468

In addition to coaching his 1,500th career NBA game on 11/11 at Charlotte, Karl reached yet another milestone during the 2008-09 season as he earned his 900th career win at Toronto on 12/31. He is only the 10th coach in league history to have won 900 career games, while he is the fifth fastest to reach the 900-win plateau – Phil Jackson, Pat Riley, Red Auerbach and Jerry Sloan are the only others to do so in fewer games than Karl.

With the Raptors' firing of Sam Mitchell on 12/3, Karl now stands as the eighth longest tenured coach in the NBA as his reign in Denver dates back to 1/27/05. Of the seven coaches ahead of Karl on the tenure list, only San Antonio's Gregg Popovich has had more wins (242) with his respective team since Jan. 2005 than Karl has experienced with the Nuggets.

NUGGETS ADD SOME HART TO THE BACKCOURT

In preparation for the upcoming stretch run of the 2008-09 regular season, the Nuggets signed free agent guard Jason Hart on 3/3 to give them a third point guard and some extra insurance behind Chauncey Billups and Anthony Carter. Prior to being waived by the Clippers on 2/27, Hart had appeared in 28 games this season, averaging 2.3 ppg and 1.5 apg for Los Angeles.

While the eight-year NBA veteran has never played for the Nuggets, he does already have a few connections to some people on the Nuggets payroll. For starters, Hart was originally drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks in the second round of the 2000 NBA Draft (49th overall) and appeared in one game for the Bucks as rookie in 2000-01 – a team that happened to be coached by Nuggets Head Coach George Karl and featured current Nuggets community ambassador Ervin Johnson. Hart becomes the fourth Syracuse alum to suit up for the Nuggets, joining current Nuggets star Carmelo Anthony. He spent 2003-04 with the San Antonio Spurs, sharing the backcourt with Anthony Carter for a portion of the season. And finally, Hart appeared in 12 games for the Asheville Altitude of the NBA Development League in 2001-02 before becoming the second ever D-League call-up on 12/19/01 – the first ever D-League call-up happens to be his new teammate Chris Andersen (11/21/01).

HOME SWEET HOME

Throughout the 70s and 80s Denver was one of the most feared locales in the NBA as the Nuggets tallied an impressive home record of 423-151 (.737) from 1976-77 to 1989-90 at McNichols Sports Arena – the fifth-best winning percentage in the entire NBA during that time period. With a record of 33-8 at the Pepsi Center in 2007-08, the Nuggets definitely recaptured some of that same homecourt advantage of yesteryear.

Sitting at 23-7 in Denver so far this season, which is currently tied for the fifth-most home wins in the Western Conference, the Nuggets have strung together two separate five-game home winning streaks this year (11/7-11/23 and 12/31-1/7). Amazingly, Denver has not lost consecutive games at the Pepsi Center since the 2006-07 season (2/5 and 2/7/07). By going the entire 2007-08 season without ever dropping consecutive home games, it marked only the fourth time in team history that the Nuggets did so – the other seasons being 1976-77, '77-78 and '87-88.

During the 2007-08 season, the Nuggets went 33-8 at the Pepsi Center and managed their best home record since 1988-89 (35-6). With 30+ home wins in 2008-09, the Nuggets will manage back-to-back 30-win seasons in Denver for only the fourth time since joining the NBA in 1976, while it will be their first time doing so since 1987-88 (35) and 1988-89 (35).

The Nuggets are currently averaging 105.2 ppg at the Pepsi Center this season, as opposed to 100.3 ppg in their 33 games on the road. So far this year Denver has been winning at home by an average of 11.4 ppg, which includes five wins of 18 or more points and a season-high 39-point victory over the Toronto Raptors on 12/2 (132-93).

DOWN, BUT NEVER OUT

For the second-straight season the Nuggets are proving to be one of the most resilient teams in the NBA, having erased double-digit deficits on 10 occasions so far this year (see below). Last season Denver ranked second in the league with 15 double-digit comebacks, while they also earned 10 come-from-behind victories despite trailing after three periods.

Included in their 10 big comeback wins this season were a historic 18-point halftime deficit to knock off the Clippers in overtime on 10/31 in Los Angeles and a 17-point third quarter deficit (not to mention an 11-point difference at the start of the fourth period) to defeat Philadelphia on 12/26 at the Pepsi Center. The 113-103 comeback win at the Staples Center on 10/31 tied the second largest post-halftime comeback in team history, while it also marked just the third double-digit overtime win in team history and tied the widest OT margin of victory in the process.

Additionally, the Nuggets have not let early deficits play with their psyche thus far, having gone 10-11 this season despite trailing at halftime.

DOUBLE-DIGIT COME-FROM-BEHIND WINS IN 2008-09				
OPPONENT	DATE	BIGGEST DEFICIT	SCORE (TIME)	FINAL SCORE
@ L.A. Clippers	10/31	Down 18	39-57 (10:10 3rd) *	Won 113-103 (OT)
vs. Memphis	11/9	Down 10	28-38 (10:17 2nd)	Won 100-90
@ Charlotte	11/11	Down 10	22-32 (7:36 2nd)	Won 88-80
vs. Minnesota	12/10	Down 16	36-52 (3:49 2nd)	Won 116-105
vs. Philadelphia	12/26	Down 17	57-74 (4:13 3rd) *	Won 105-101
@ Oklahoma City	1/2	Down 14	60-74 (9:52 3rd) *	Won 122-120
vs. Phoenix	1/15	Down 14	39-53 (5:02 2nd) *	Won 119-113 (OT)
vs. Sacramento	1/20	Down 10	24-34 (9:55 2nd)	Won 118-99
@ Oklahoma City	2/4	Down 17	48-65 (1:49 2nd) *	Won 114-113
@ Philadelphia	2/18	Down 16	31-15 (10:04 2nd)	Won 101-89

* Indicates that the Nuggets trailed during the fourth quarter of the win.

NUGGETS FASTBREAKS

TEAM

- Despite their loss at Utah on 3/6, the Nuggets remain 40-23 on the year and own the third-best 63-game record in team history (began 41-22 in 1976-77 and '84-85). With a win at Sacramento on 3/6, this year's squad will maintain the team's third-best 64-game record since joining the NBA.
- With the loss at Utah on 3/6, Denver has now dropped five-straight road games – their longest road losing streak of the season and longest since losing five-straight on the road from 3/2-3/19/08.
- The Nuggets led by as many as 19 points in their loss at Utah on 3/6, marking the largest blown lead for Denver this season and their largest since blowing a 22-point lead at Phoenix on 3/31/08. It also represents the fifth time on the year that the Nuggets have blown a double-digit lead, including their second time doing so in the last three games (blew a 12-point lead at Detroit on 3/3).
- Denver led by 10 points at halftime at Utah on 3/6, which equals the biggest blown halftime lead of the season for the Nuggets. They have now blown 10-point halftime leads in each of their last two road games (led 54-44 in their loss at Detroit on 3/3).
- The Nuggets scored just 91 points at Utah on 3/6, while they are now 10-18 this season when scoring under 100 points. The Nuggets have now been held below 100 points in nine of their last 13 games, while going 6-7 in those games. Despite the losing record, this year remains worlds better than the previous two regular seasons in which they were a combined 6-39 when scoring under 100 points.
- Denver shot .395 (30-76) from the field at Utah on 3/6, which is only the seventh time this year that Denver has shot .400 or below as a team (now 2-5 in those games) – three of which have come in the last seven games (all three resulting in a Nuggets loss).
- The Nuggets dished out a season-low 11 assists at Utah on 3/6. This is the fewest assists that Denver has recorded in a game since managing just eight at Houston on 11/24/07.
- Denver was whistled for a season-high-tying 32 personal fouls at Utah on 3/6. Among the 32 fouls, the Nuggets received 21 of them during the second and third quarters – including nine fouls called against them during the first six minutes of the third quarter alone.
- The Nuggets led the Blazers 81-70 through three quarters on 3/5 and are now 32-2 this season when leading at the start of the fourth period, which stands as the second-best in the NBA under those circumstances (Cleveland is 41-2).
- Denver scored 106 points vs. Portland on 3/5, while the Nuggets are now 30-5 on the year when scoring 100+ points (19-1 at home). The 106 total points snaps a Nuggets' streak of three-straight games scoring below 100 points.
- The Nuggets shot .531 (43-81) from the field vs. Portland on 3/5 and improve to 17-3 so far this year when shooting .500+ as a team, which includes an impressive 10-1 when doing so at the Pepsi Center this season as well.
- Portland managed just 90 points against Denver on 3/5, becoming the second-straight Nuggets opponent to score 90 or less at the Pepsi Center – the second time this season that Denver has held consecutive opponents to 90 or less at home (also did so on 11/9 and 11/16). With tonight's win, the Nuggets are now 14-0 this year when holding the opposition to 90 or fewer points (23-4 when under 100).
- The Nuggets dished out 27 assists vs. Portland on 3/5, marking their most assists as a team since having 30 at Washington on 2/6. Additionally, this marks the first time in five games that Denver recorded at least 20 assists. With the win, the Nuggets are now 25-5 this season when tallying 22 or more assists – including 20-1 in their last 21 games doing so.
- With their loss at Detroit on 3/3, the Nuggets finished the season with an overall record of 3-7 against the Central Division (including 0-5 on the road). As of right now, the Central is the only division in the NBA that Denver currently owns a losing record against this season.
- Denver lost 100-95 at Detroit on 3/3, playing without Carmelo Anthony who was serving a one-game suspension. The Nuggets are now 9-7 this season with Anthony out of the lineup, not to mention just 12-11 when either he, Chauncey Billups or Nene does not play (as opposed to being 28-12 when all three of them are in the lineup together).

- By Detroit scoring 100 points against the Nuggets on 3/3, 19 of Denver's 23 losses so far this season have come at the hands of an opponent scoring 100 or more points.
- With the loss at Indiana on 3/1, the last four meetings for the Nuggets against sub-.500 teams have resulted in a loss (at New Jersey on 2/7, at Chicago on 2/20 and at Milwaukee on 2/22 being the others). Prior to these four losses, the Nuggets actually led the NBA with a record of 20-1 against sub-.500 teams this season – Denver is now 20-5 on the year under these circumstances.

INDIVIDUAL

- With a win at Sacramento on 3/8, the Nuggets will earn their 41st victory of the year, solidifying the 17th-straight non-losing season for Nuggets Head Coach George Karl as an NBA head coach. Once he has guaranteed his 17th non-losing season in a row, Karl will move ahead of Red Auerbach and Jerry Sloan and into sole possession of third place on the all-time list for consecutive non-losing seasons in NBA history.
- J.R. Smith started his 14th game of the season at Utah on 3/6, recording 27 points, five assists and four rebounds in the loss. He is now averaging 16.6 ppg, 5.1 rpg and 3.9 apg as a starter so far this year.
- Renaldo Balkman came off the bench at Utah on 3/6 and registered a season-high 14 rebounds to go along with nine points. This marks the first time this season that he has pulled down 10+ boards.
- Carmelo Anthony scored 38 points on 16-26 (.615) FG shooting vs. Portland on 3/5, marking his eighth 30-point performance of the season and his second-highest point total of the year. By shooting .615 from the field, the Nuggets improve to 13-1 this season when he has shot .500+ and 7-1 when he has scored 30+ points.
- Chauncey Billups pulled down a season-high-tying six rebounds vs. Portland on 3/5.
- Nene dished out a season-high five assists vs. Portland on 3/5, while Johan Petro tied a career-high with three assists against the Blazers.
- Linas Kleiza pitched in 15 points (6-11 FG) vs. Portland on 3/5. In the 11 games prior, Kleiza had been averaging just 6.6 ppg.
- Chauncey Billups registered a season-high 34 points on 11-19 (.579) FG, 4-8 (.500) 3FG and 8-8 FT at Detroit on 3/3. He has scored 20+ points in 27 games this season (eight times in the last 12 games), with Denver going 21-6 in those games.
- Nene totaled 20 points at Detroit on 3/3, marking his 11th game with 20 or more points this season. Prior to this year, the most 20-point efforts Nene had ever had in one season was eight in 2006-07.
- Nene scored his 4,000th career point at Detroit on 3/3.

WHERE THEY RANK			
PLAYER	CATEGORY	RANK	AVG/PCT
Andersen	Blocks	T-2 nd	2.33
Billups	Assists	T-17 th	6.1
	FT Percentage	5 th	.908
Nenê	FG Percentage	2 nd	.606

COMMUNITY CORNER

KENYON MARTIN FOUNDATION MAKES DONATION ON MARCH 5TH

Prior to the game vs. Portland on 3/5 at the Pepsi Center, Nuggets forward Kenyon Martin presented a \$5,000 donation to the Colorado Hawks Youth Basketball League on behalf of the Kenyon Martin Foundation. The Hawks, which stands for Hard-At-Work-Kids, provides an alternative to gangs for at-risk youth by offering year-round educational mentoring and basketball programs for boys and girls ages 9-17. The Kenyon Martin Foundation was established in 2008 to provide life changing opportunities to underserved youth in Denver, Dallas and Cincinnati. To learn more about the Kenyon Martin Foundation, please visit www.KenyonMartinFoundation.org.

SPEND A NIGHT IN HOLLYWOOD WITH THE NUGGETS

The Second Annual Mile High Dreams Gala will be held on Monday, March 30th on the Pepsi Center arena floor, presented by Kroenke Sports Charities & Denver Active 20.30. This year's theme will be "Hollywood Nights" and promises to be an evening that guest will never forget! The Gala, hosted by the players and coaches of the Nuggets, Avalanche, Mammoth and Rapids, will feature themed music and food, dancing with the Stars, gaming tables, as well as a silent auction. For more information on the Mile High Dreams Gala, please visit www.Nuggets.com.

MELO TO PROVIDE FREE HAIRCUTS AT STUDIO 15

On 1/15, the Carmelo Anthony Foundation launched a new charitable program at Anthony's barbershop, Studio 15, located at 1740 Blake Street in Lower Downtown Denver. The program, entitled "15 on the 15th," will provide free haircuts at Studio 15 on the 15th day of each month to 15 disadvantaged youths or underserved adults from organizations throughout Denver. For more information about the "15 on the 15th" program, contact John Maroon at (410) 442-1221.

CARTER STILL DISHING OUT THE BIG BUCKS

For the second-straight season Nuggets guard Anthony Carter will be opening up his wallet and donating funds to the "I Have A Dream" Foundation® (IHAD) when certain team and personal records are broken. Carter has agreed to donate \$5,000 when setting personal records pertaining to assists and steals, as well as \$1,500 each time he achieves 10+ assists in a game this season. So far this year his donations have totaled \$4,500 – thanks to three games with 10+ assists (11/5, 1/20 and 1/25). As a part of last season's donation program, Carter raised \$17,000 for IHAD. The donated funds will be split among the Colorado IHAD Foundation in Denver, IHAD of Boulder County and the national IHAD Foundation.

NUGGETS MILESTONES

APPROACHING MILESTONES

PLAYER	NEEDS	FOR
George Karl	17 wins	9 th on the NBA all-time wins list past Dick Motta (935)
Linas Kleiza	45 3FG makes 30 rebounds	7 th on the Nuggets all-time 3FG makes list past Reggie Williams (301) 1,000 career rebounds
J.R. Smith	9 3FG makes	3 rd on the Nuggets all-time 3FG makes list past Nick Van Exel (425)

Nene scored his 4,000th career point at Detroit on 3/3 ... **Carmelo Anthony** moved into fourth on the Nuggets all-time scoring list past Ralph Simpson (10,130) at Milwaukee on 2/22 ... **Anthony Carter** dished out his 2,000th career assist at Philadelphia on 2/18 ... **Anthony Carter** collected his 500th career steal at Orlando on 2/11 ... **Carmelo Anthony** scored his 10,000th career point at Oklahoma City on 2/4 ... **Linas Kleiza** moved into eighth on the Nuggets all-time 3FG makes list past George McCloud (244) vs. Charlotte on 1/30 ... **Chauncey Billups** scored his 12,000th career point at Memphis on 1/27 ... **Linas Kleiza** moved into ninth on the Nuggets all-time 3FG makes list past James Posey (238) vs. Utah on 1/25 ... **George Karl** earned his 200th win as the Nuggets head coach vs. Utah on 1/25 ... **J.R. Smith** moved into fifth on the Nuggets all-time 3FG makes list past Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf (371) vs. Indiana on 1/5 ... **George Karl** earned his 900th career win at Toronto on 12/31 ... **Linas Kleiza** scored his 2,000th career point at Atlanta on 12/29 ... **J.R. Smith** moved into fifth on the Nuggets all-time 3FG makes list past Voshon Lenard (356) vs. Philadelphia on 12/26 ... **Anthony Carter** pulled down his 1,000th career rebound vs. Golden State on 12/13 ... **Nene** collected his 2,000th career rebound vs. San Antonio on 12/4 ... **Kenyon Martin** played his 500th career game vs. San Antonio on 12/4 ... **George Karl** moved into third on the Nuggets all-time wins list past Dan Issel (180) at L.A. Clippers on 11/26 ... **J.R. Smith** scored his 3,000th career point vs. Memphis on 11/9 ... **Nene** dished out his 500th career assist vs. Dallas on 11/7 ... **Kenyon Martin** scored his 7,000th career point at L.A. Clippers on 10/31 ... **Allen Iverson** scored his 23,000th career point at Utah on 10/29.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

GAME LEADERS (INCLUDING TIES)

	PTS	REBS	ASTS
Andersen	0	14	0
Anthony	21	18	3
Atkins	0	0	2
Balkman	0	2	0
Billups	21	0	39
Carter	1	0	17
Hart	0	0	0
Howard	0	0	0
Hunter	0	0	0
Iverson	2	0	2
Jones	0	0	0
Kleiza	5	2	0
Martin	5	9	2
McDyess	0	0	0
Nene	5	25	0
Petro	0	1	0
Samb	0	0	0
Smith	10	3	8
Weems	0	0	0

DOUBLE FIGURE GAMES

	10+PTS	20+PTS	30+PTS	40+PTS	10+REBS	10+ASTS	10P/10R	10P/10A
Andersen	9	0	0	0	5	0	3	0
Anthony	46	29	8	1	10	1	10	1
Atkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balkman	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Billups	53 (55)	27	3	0	0	9	0	8
Carter	11	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
Hart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Howard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hunter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iverson	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jones	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kleiza	31	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martin	37	5	0	0	7	0	5	0
McDyess	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nene	51	11	0	0	17	0	16	0
Petro	0 (2)	0	0	0	1 (2)	0	0	0
Samb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith	43	12	1	0	2	0	2	0
Weems	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(Number in parentheses represents season total, including another team)

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

PLAYER	10+P/10+R	10+P/10+A	20+P/10+R	20+P/10+A	30+P/10+R	30+P/10+A	40+P/10+	10+P/20+R	10+P/10+R/10+
Andersen	3 (3-0)								
Anthony	10 (9-1)	1 (1-0)	6 (6-0)	1 (1-0)	2 (2-0)	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)		
Billups		8 (7-1)		4 (4-0)					
Martin	5 (4-1)								
Nene	16 (12-4)		5 (3-2)						
Smith	2 (1-1)								

Team record in parenthesis.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS (CONT.)

QUARTER-BY-QUARTER SCORING						
	NUGGETS	AVG.	HIGH	OPPONENTS	AVG.	HIGH
First Quarter	1692	26.9	40 vs. Indiana, 1/5	1616	25.7	37 by Cleveland, 12/19
Second Quarter	1666	26.4	39 @ New York, 12/28	1572	25.0	42 by Indiana, 1/5
First Half	3358	53.3	74 vs. Indiana, 1/5	3188	50.6	70 (2) @ Oklahoma City, 2/4
Third Quarter	1563	24.8	40 vs. Minnesota, 12/10	1559	24.7	36 @ Utah, 3/6
Fourth Quarter	1510	24.0	38 vs. Indiana, 1/5	1543	24.5	34 (2) @ Portland, 12/23
Second Half	3073	48.8	72 vs. Minnesota, 12/10	3102	49.2	62 @ Chicago, 2/20
Overtime	35	17.5	19 @ L.A. Clippers, 10/31	19	9.5	10 by Phoenix, 1/15
Total	6466	102.6	135 vs. Indiana, 1/5	6309	100.1	120 (2) @ Milwaukee, 2/22

MISCELLANEOUS STATS						
	NUGGETS	AVG.	HIGH	OPPONENTS	AVG.	HIGH
Points in the Paint:	2720	43.2	66 vs. Golden State, 12/13	2412	38.3	58 @ Houston, 1/19
2 nd Chance Points:	865	13.7	28 @ Indiana, 3/1	896	14.2	35 @ Sacramento, 12/6
Fast Break Points:	986	15.7	40 vs. Indiana, 1/5	735	11.7	24 @ Oklahoma City, 2/4
Bench Points:	2030	32.2	50 @ Washington, 2/6	1796	28.5	56 @ Golden State, 11/5
Ind. High Off Bench	32		Smith vs. New Orleans, 11/27	22		Azubuike @ Golden St., 11/5
Pts. Off Turnovers:	1117	17.7	28 @ Boston, 11/14	1078	17.1	28 by Atlanta, 2/25

GAMES MISSED			
PLAYER	INJURY / ILLNESS / SUSPENSION / INACTIVE	GAMES MISSED	W/L
Chris Andersen	Left Wrist Sprain & Left Hip Contusion	1 (2/11)	1-0
	Left Rib Cage 7 th Rib Fracture	9 (11/11 – 11/26)	7-2
	TOTAL	10	8-2
Carmelo Anthony	Right Hand Non-Displaced 3 rd Metacarpal Fracture	10 (1/7 – 1/28)	6-4
	Right Elbow Contusion	3 (12/22 – 12/26)	2-1
	Team Suspension	3 (10/29 – 10/31; 3/3)	1-2
	TOTAL	16	9-7
Chucky Atkins	Right Knee Arthroscopic Surgery	10 (10/29 – 11/16)	6-4
Chauncey Billups	Right Ankle Sprain	1 (2/4)	1-0
	Inactive – Pending Trade	1 (11/5)	0-1
	TOTAL	2	1-1
Anthony Carter	Left Hip Strain	2 (3/5 – 3/6)	1-1
Steven Hunter	Arthroscopic Surgery / Right Knee Inflammation	63 (10/29 – present)	40-23
Dahntay Jones	Right Shoulder 1 st Degree Separation	1 (1/20)	1-0
Kenyon Martin	Low Back Strain	2 (3/5 – 3/6)	1-1
	Back Spasms	1 (2/22)	0-1
	Tonsillitis / Strep Throat	2 (2/3 – 2/4)	2-0
	Left Wrist Sprain	4 (11/9 – 11/11; 12/6 – 12/10)	4-0
	TOTAL	9	7-2
Antonio McDyess	Inactive – Pending Trade / Non-Injury	3 (11/5 – 11/9)	2-1
Nene	Right Knee Bone Bruise	2 (2/23 – 2/25)	1-1
	Cervical Strain	1 (12/29)	0-1
	TOTAL	3	1-2
Johan Petro	Inactive – Pending Trade	1 (1/7)	1-0
Cheikh Samb	Inactive – Pending Trade / D-League	15 (11/5; 12/10-1/3)	9-6
Sonny Weems	Inactive – Non-Injury / D-League	23 (11/26 – 1/5; 3/6)	15-8
	Left Groin Strain	14 (10/29 – 11/23)	9-5
	TOTAL	36	24-13
TOTAL	INJURY / ILLNESS ONLY	122	79-43

MISCELLANEOUS STATS (CONT.)

NUGGETS TEAM SEASON HIGHS & LOWS		
	HIGH	LOW
PTS	135 vs. IND, 1/5	70 @ NJ, 2/7
PTS, 1 ST Half	74 vs. IND, 1/5	37 (3) vs. BOS, 2/23
PTS, 2 ND Half	72 vs. MIN, 12/10	31 @ NJ, 2/7
PTS, QTR	40 (2) vs. IND (1 st), 1/5	12 (2) @ IND (2 nd), 3/1
FGM	50 (2) vs. IND, 1/5	25 vs. BOS, 2/23
FGA	94 (3) @ IND, 3/1	65 @ SA, 11/19
FG PCT.	.598 (49-82) vs. TOR, 12/2	.337 (28-83) vs. MIN, 11/16
3FGM	15 vs. PHI, 12/26	2 (2) vs. DET, 1/9
3FGA	31 vs. PHI, 12/26	11 (2) vs. POR, 12/22
3FG PCT.	.667 (6-9) @ OKC, 2/4	.133 (2-15) @ GS, 11/5
FTM	40 vs. MIL, 11/18	10 vs. CLE, 12/19
FTA	48 vs. MIL, 11/18	13 @ BOS, 11/14
FT PCT.	.960 (24-25) vs. PHI, 12/26	.588 (10-17) vs. CLE, 12/19
TOT REBS	60 @ LAC, 10/31 (OT)	27 @ ATL, 12/29
OFF REBS	18 @ IND, 3/1	3 (2) @ ORL, 2/11
DEF REBS	45 @ LAC, 10/31 (OT)	18 @ ATL, 12/29
ASTS	38 vs. IND, 1/5	11 @ UTA, 3/6
STLS	15 (3) @ MEM, 1/27	2 vs. BOS, 2/23
TO	27 @ MEM, 1/27	7 @ ATL, 12/29
BLKS	15 @ MEM, 1/27	0 @ HOU, 12/16 *
FOULS	32 (2) @ UTA, 3/6	11 @ MIN, 11/29
MARGIN OF W	39 (132-93) vs. TOR, 12/2	---

* Indicates NBA single-game season highs and lows.

OPPONENTS TEAM SEASON HIGHS & LOWS		
	HIGH	LOW
PTS	120 (2) @ MIL, 2/22	73 @ ORL, 2/11
PTS, 1 ST Half	70 (2) @ OKC, 2/4	29 @ ORL, 2/11
PTS, 2 ND Half	62 @ CHI, 2/20	34 @ CHA, 11/11
PTS, QTR	42 by IND (2 nd), 1/5	12 @ ORL (2 nd), 2/11
FGM	47 @ CLE, 11/13	21 @ ORL, 2/11
FGA	99 @ SAC, 12/6	69 @ ORL, 2/11
FG PCT.	.584 (45-77) @ OKC, 1/2	.293 (29-99) @ SAC, 12/6
3FGM	14 vs. BOS, 2/23	2 (4) by LAL, 2/27
3FGA	35 (2) @ NY, 12/28	8 @ UTA, 10/29
3FG PCT.	.615 (8-13) @ OKC, 1/2	.095 (2-21) by LAL, 2/27
FTM	32 (3) @ MIL, 2/22	9 (2) by SA, 2/3
FTA	43 (2) @ MIL, 2/22	10 @ MIN, 11/29
FT PCT.	.958 (23-24) by MIN, 12/10	.600 (18-30) vs. PHI, 12/26
TOT REBS	54 @ NJ, 2/7	30 (2) by CHA, 1/30
OFF REBS	26 @ SAC, 12/6	5 (2) by MIA, 1/7
DEF REBS	38 (2) @ NJ, 2/7	17 @ MIL, 2/22
ASTS	32 by IND, 1/5	12 (3) @ ORL, 2/11
STLS	13 (3) @ NJ, 2/7	1 @ ATL, 12/29
TO	26 @ MEM, 1/27	9 (2) by IND, 1/5
BLKS	11 @ GS, 11/5	1 (4) by POR, 3/5
FOULS	36 by MIL, 11/18	14 @ OKC, 2/4
MARGIN OF W	44 (114-70) @ NJ, 2/7	---

Largest deficit overcome to win:	18 @ L.A. Clippers, 10/31 (OT)	Largest lead blown in loss:	19 @ Utah, 3/6
Largest 4 th Qtr deficit overcome to win:	12 vs. Philadelphia, 12/26	Largest 4 th Qtr lead blown in loss:	10 vs. Detroit, 1/9
Largest Halftime deficit overcome to win:	18 @ L.A. Clippers, 10/31 (OT)	Largest Halftime lead blown in loss:	10 (3) last @ Utah, 3/6

NUGGETS INDIVIDUAL SEASON HIGHS	
CATEGORY	SEASON-HIGH, PLAYER, DATE
POINTS	45, Carmelo Anthony vs. MIN, 12/10
POINTS – HALF	36, Carmelo Anthony vs. MIN, 12/10
POINTS – QUARTER	33, Carmelo Anthony vs. MIN (3 rd), 12/10
FIELD GOALS MADE	16, Carmelo Anthony (2) last vs. POR, 3/5
FIELD GOALS ATT.	30, Carmelo Anthony @ GS, 11/5
3-PT FIELD GOALS MADE	7, J.R. Smith vs. PHI, 12/26
3-PT FIELD GOALS ATT.	11, J.R. Smith (2) last vs. PHI, 12/26
FREE THROWS MADE	17, Chauncey Billups vs. ATL, 2/25
FREE THROWS ATT.	19, Chauncey Billups vs. ATL, 2/25
TOTAL REBOUNDS	15, Nene (2) last @ PHX, 12/20
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	7, 4 times, last Chris Andersen vs. ATL, 2/25
DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS	11, 3 times, last Carmelo Anthony vs. LAL, 2/27
ASSISTS	14, Chauncey Billups vs. TOR, 12/2
BLOCKED SHOTS	7, Chris Andersen vs. LAL, 2/27
STEALS	7, Kenyon Martin vs. PHX, 1/15
MINUTES	47:12, Allen Iverson @ LAC, 10/31 (OT) 45:26, Carmelo Anthony vs. ATL, 2/25

OPPONENTS INDIVIDUAL SEASON HIGHS	
CATEGORY	SEASON-HIGH, PLAYER, DATE
POINTS	44, Dirk Nowitzki, DAL, 1/13
POINTS – HALF	26, twice, last Danny Granger, IND (1 st), 1/5
POINTS – QUARTER	20, O.J. Mayo, MEM (1 st), 11/9
FIELD GOALS MADE	15, Dirk Nowitzki, DAL, 1/13
FIELD GOALS ATT.	31, Kobe Bryant, LAL, 2/27
3-PT FIELD GOALS MADE	7, Charlie Villanueva @ MIL, 2/22
3-PT FIELD GOALS ATT.	12, twice, last Steve Blake @ POR, 12/23
FREE THROWS MADE	14, Devin Harris @ NJ, 2/7
FREE THROWS ATT.	17, Devin Harris @ NJ, 2/7
TOTAL REBOUNDS	20, Dwight Howard, ORL, 1/17
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	10, Jason Thompson @ SAC, 12/6
DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS	16, Troy Murphy @ IND, 3/1
ASSISTS	14, Steve Nash, PHX, 1/15
BLOCKED SHOTS	5, 4 times, last Joel Anthony @ MIA, 2/10
STEALS	7, Rajon Rondo @ BOS, 11/14
MINUTES	48:03, Al Thornton @ LAC, 10/31 (OT) 46:18, Andre Iguodala, PHI, 12/26

MISCELLANEOUS STATS (CONT.)

NUGGETS BY THE NUMBERS			
	OVERALL	HOME	ROAD
Score 110+ points	18-2	11-0	7-2
Score 100+ points	30-5	19-1	11-4
Score 90-99 points	8-13	4-3	4-10
Score 80-89 points	2-3	0-2	2-1
Score 79 points or less	0-2	0-1	0-1
Give up 100+ points	17-19	10-6	7-13
Give up 90-99 points	11-4	10-1	1-3
Give up 80-89 points	10-0	2-0	8-0
Give up 79 points or less	2-0	1-0	1-0
Shoot .500+ from field	17-3	10-1	7-2
Shoot below .500 from field	23-20	13-6	10-14
Shoot .400 or below from field	2-5	2-2	0-3
Hold opponent to .400 or below	12-2	4-1	8-1
Outshoot opponent	32-4	17-2	15-2
Are outshot by opponent	7-18	5-5	2-13
Outrebound opponent	24-6	15-1	9-5
Are outrebounded	16-15	8-5	8-10
Are tied in rebounds	0-2	0-1	0-1
Lead at halftime	30-10	18-3	12-7
Trail at halftime	10-11	5-4	5-7
Are tied at halftime	0-2	0-0	0-2
Lead after 3 rd quarter	32-2	19-1	13-1
Trail after 3 rd quarter	7-18	3-5	4-13
Are tied after 3 rd quarter	1-3	1-1	0-2
Score 18+ fast break points	22-4	15-2	7-2
Score <18 fast break points	18-19	8-5	10-14

	OVERALL	HOME	ROAD
Have a player score 30+ points	8-4	4-2	4-2
Have an opposing player score 30+	10-7	6-3	4-4
When all 5 starters score 10+	4-1	3-0	1-1
When multiple bench players score 10+	20-8	12-3	8-5
In the first half of back-to-back games	13-4	4-1	9-3
In the second half of a back-to-back	7-10	3-3	4-7
Have one day between games	24-10	14-3	10-7
Have two+ days between games	9-2	6-1	3-1
In games decided by 10 points or more	21-12	13-4	8-8
In games decided by 6 points or less	10-8	7-2	3-6
In games decided by 3 points or less	6-3	3-1	3-2
On Monday	3-3	2-1	1-2
On Tuesday	8-3	5-0	3-3
On Wednesday	9-3	3-0	6-3
On Thursday	2-3	2-2	0-1
On Friday	8-5	4-2	4-3
On Saturday	4-4	2-2	2-2
On Sunday	6-2	5-0	1-2
Northwest Division	8-3	5-0	3-3
Southwest Division	9-5	6-2	3-3
Pacific Division	7-4	4-1	3-3
Central Division	3-7	3-2	0-5
Southeast Division	7-2	3-1	4-1
Atlantic Division	6-2	2-1	4-1
On National TV	6-6	4-3	2-3
In alternate jerseys	4-5	0-0	4-5

BACK-TO-BACK SETS								
	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
1	10/31	@ L.A. Clippers	W	113-103 (OT)	11/1	L.A. LAKERS	L	97-104
2	11/13	@ Cleveland	L	99-110	11/14	@ Boston	W	94-85
3	11/18	MILWAUKEE	W	114-105	11/19	@ San Antonio	W	91-81
4	11/26	@ L.A. Clippers	W	106-105	11/27	NEW ORLEANS	L	101-105
5	11/29	@ Minnesota	W	106-97	11/30	HOUSTON	W	104-94
6	12/15	@ Dallas	W	98-88	12/16	@ Houston	L	96-108
7	12/19	CLEVELAND	L	88-105	12/20	@ Phoenix	L	101-108
8	12/22	PORTLAND	W	97-89	12/23	@ Portland	L	92-101
9	12/28	@ New York	W	117-110	12/29	@ Atlanta	L	91-109
10	1/2	@ Oklahoma City	W	122-120	1/3	NEW ORLEANS	W	105-100
11	1/19	@ Houston	L	113-115	1/20	SACRAMENTO	W	118-99
12	1/27	@ Memphis	W	100-85	1/28	@ New Orleans	L	81-94
13	2/3	SAN ANTONIO	W	104-96	2/4	@ Oklahoma City	W	114-113
14	2/6	@ Washington	W	124-103	2/7	@ New Jersey	L	70-114
15	2/10	@ Miami	W	99-82	2/11	@ Orlando	W	82-73
16	2/22	@ Milwaukee	L	117-120	2/23	BOSTON	L	76-114
17	3/5	PORTLAND	W	106-90	3/6	@ Utah	L	91-97
18	3/8	@ Sacramento			3/9	HOUSTON		
19	3/27	@ Dallas			3/28	GOLDEN STATE		
20	4/4	L.A. CLIPPERS			4/5	@ Minnesota		
21	4/8	OKLAHOMA CITY			4/9	@ L.A. Lakers		
FIRST GAME RECORD:			13-4	SECOND GAME RECORD:			7-10	

MISCELLANEOUS STATS (CONT.)

STARTING LINEUPS (14)					
GUARD (1)	GUARD (2)	FORWARD (3)	FORWARD (4)	CENTER (5)	W-L
Billups	Smith	Anthony	Petro	Nene	1-1
Billups	Jones	Kleiza	Martin	Nene	1-2
Billups	Jones	Anthony	Martin	Nene	22-10
Billups	Jones	Anthony	Martin	Petro	2-1
Billups	Jones	Anthony	Balkman	Nene	2-1
Carter	Jones	Anthony	Balkman	Nene	1-0
Billups	Smith	Anthony	Balkman	Nene	1-0
Billups	Smith	Jones	Martin	Nene	6-4
Billups	Smith	Balkman	Martin	Nene	1-0
Billups	Jones	Anthony	Martin	Andersen	0-1
Billups	Jones	Anthony	Kleiza	Nene	2-0
Carter	Jones	Anthony	Martin	Nene	0-1
Carter	Iverson	Anthony	Martin	Nene	0-1
Carter	Iverson	Kleiza	Martin	Nene	1-1

W-L AS STARTERS		
PLAYER	W-L	PCT.
Andersen	0-1	.000
Anthony	31-16	.660
Balkman	5-1	.833
Billups	38-20	.655
Carter	2-3	.400
Iverson	1-2	.333
Jones	37-20	.649
Kleiza	4-3	.571
Martin	33-21	.611
Nene	38-21	.644
Petro	3-2	.600
Smith	9-5	.643

HEAD COACH'S BIO

Head Coach: George Karl

Record with Denver: 211-138 (5th season)

Overall Record: 919-637 (21st season)

NBA coaching legend George Karl was introduced as the 19th head coach in Nuggets history on Jan. 27, 2005 and has since overseen one of the most successful era's in team history. In just over four seasons, Karl's 211 wins are already the second-most by a coach in Denver's NBA history, while his .605 winning percentage is unmatched. His run of four-straight postseason appearances is the second-longest in Nuggets history to Doug Moe's nine-consecutive (1982-90). Denver joins Dallas, Detroit and San Antonio as the only NBA teams to make five-straight playoff appearances.

The 10th-winningest coach in NBA annals, Karl has amassed 919 wins in his 21 seasons in the NBA. In fact, of the nine men ahead of him on the all-time wins list, only four: Phil Jackson, Red Auerbach, Pat Riley and Jerry Sloan have a better winning percentage. He has also notched 62 career playoff victories, good for 13th all-time. Additionally, Karl is one of only 10 coaches in NBA history to have won 900 career games, while he is also just the 11th coach in league history to have coached 1,500 career games.

This past season, Karl guided the Nuggets to their first 50-win campaign since 1987-88, matching their third-highest win total in the team's NBA history. In addition, Karl recorded his 16th-straight non-losing season, third only to Pat Riley (19, 1981-82 to 2001-02) and Phil Jackson (17, 1989-90-present) in NBA history.

In 2006-07, Karl led the Nuggets to a 45-37 mark, including a franchise-record 22 road wins. The Nuggets finished with the sixth-best record in the Western Conference - their highest finish since 1988-89 (sixth). In 2005-06, Karl guided an injury-riddled Nuggets team to 44 wins and a Northwest Division title - the club's first division crown since 1987-88. He became the fifth coach in NBA history to lead at least three different teams to division titles (also Milwaukee and Seattle).

During his first season in Denver, Karl engineered one of the greatest turnarounds in NBA history. When assuming head coaching duties in January, the Nuggets were 17-25 and stood in 11th place in the Western Conference - a full six games out of the playoffs. Karl led the Nuggets to a 32-8 (.800) record and a seventh seed in the postseason. His winning percentage is the best in NBA history for a midseason coaching replacement that coached at least 20 games. The Nuggets went 25-4 after the All-Star break, notching the fifth-best post-All-Star break record ever in the NBA. Karl was named Western Conference Coach of the Month for February and March and finished fifth in voting for NBA Coach of the Year during the 2004-05 season. He garnered 10 first place votes despite being on the bench for just over three months. He has earned nine Coach of the Month honors tying Phil Jackson for fourth-most in NBA history.

Prior to joining the Nuggets, Karl served as head coach for the Milwaukee Bucks (1998-03), the Seattle SuperSonics (1991-98), the Golden State Warriors (1986-88) and the Cleveland Cavaliers (1984-86).

One of the keys to Karl's success has been putting players in positions to succeed. During his coaching career, Karl's players have made 24 All-Star appearances, earned 13 All-NBA recognitions, made 11 All-Defensive teams and have won two Defensive Player of the Year awards.

As a player, Karl averaged 6.5 ppg and 3.0 apg over 264 games and five seasons between the ABA and NBA. He attended the University of North Carolina, where as a junior, he helped lead the Tar Heels to the 1972 NCAA Final Four. Although drafted by the New York Knicks in the fourth round of the 1973 NBA Draft, he signed with the San Antonio Spurs of the ABA.

KARL'S ALL-TIME NBA REGULAR SEASON COACHING RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	YEAR	TEAM	W	L	PCT.
1984-85	Cleveland	36	46	.439	1998-99	Milwaukee	28	22	.560
1985-86	Cleveland	25	42	.373	1999-00	Milwaukee	42	40	.512
1986-87	Golden State	42	40	.512	2000-01	Milwaukee*	52	30	.634
1987-88	Golden State	16	48	.250	2001-02	Milwaukee	41	41	.500
1991-92	Seattle	27	15	.643	2002-03	Milwaukee	42	40	.512
1992-93	Seattle	55	27	.671	2004-05	Denver	32	8	.800
1993-94	Seattle*	63	19	.768	2005-06	Denver*	44	38	.537
1994-95	Seattle	57	25	.695	2006-07	Denver	45	37	.549
1995-96	Seattle*	64	18	.780	2007-08	Denver	50	32	.610
1996-97	Seattle*	57	25	.695	2008-09	Denver	40	23	.635
1997-98	Seattle*	61	21	.744					
TOTALS	21 SEASONS	919	637	.591	DENVER	5 SEASONS	211	138	.605

*Division champion

PLAYER NOTES

11 CHRIS ANDERSEN – F/C – Ht: 6-10 Wt: 230 – Born: 7/7/78 – Blinn J.C. (TX) – NBA Exp: 6

	2008-09	2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS	CAREER-HIGHS
Points	317 – 6.1 PPG	15 vs. Dallas, 1/13/09	17 (2) last at Toronto, 1/16/05
Rebounds	297 – 5.7 RPG	12 (3) last at Indiana, 3/1/09	18 (2) last vs. Atlanta, 11/18/05
Blocks	121 – 2.33 BPG	7 vs. L.A. Lakers, 2/27/09	7 (5) last vs. L.A. Lakers, 2/27/09

10+PTS: 9 10+REBS: 6 10/10: 3

Notables: Tied for second in the NBA in blocked shots (2.33) ... Finished with four points, five rebounds, two blocks and two steals in 21 minutes at Utah on 3/6 ... Totaled five points, five rebounds and four blocks in 27 minutes vs. Portland on 3/5 ... Posted three points, seven rebounds and two blocks in 18 minutes at Detroit on 3/3 ... Collected a season-high-tying 12 rebounds (3rd time) at Indiana on 3/1 ... Registered his third double-double of the season (fifth as a Nugget, 12th of his career) with 11 points (5-12 FT), 12 rebounds, a career-high-tying seven blocks (5th time) and a season-high-tying two assists (3rd time) in 28 minutes vs. L.A. Lakers on 2/27 ... Attempted a career-high 12 free throws (5-12) vs. L.A. Lakers on 2/27 ... Missed one game due to a left wrist sprain and left hip contusion (2/11) ... Tied a career-high with seven FT makes at Washington on 2/6 ... Recorded a season-high 15 points (7-8 FG), 10 rebounds and a season-high three steals vs. Dallas on 1/13 ... Registered 10 points and 10 rebounds at Toronto on 12/31 ... Started his first game of the season, playing a season-high 32 minutes at Atlanta on 12/29 ... DNP-CD at New York on 12/28 (second this season, first not injury related) ... Missed nine games (11/11-11/26) due to a seventh rib fracture in his left rib cage (Inactive eight times, DNP-CD once).

LAST FIVE: 5.4 PPG 8.2 RPG 0.8 APG 0.60 SPG 3.60 BPG .364 FG PCT .611 FT PCT

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
3/6	@ Utah	L	21:01	1	2	0	0	2	2	3	2	5	1	4	2	0	2	4
3/5	PORTLAND	W	26:42	2	4	0	0	1	1	1	4	5	0	5	0	3	4	5
3/3	@ Detroit	L	18:06	1	8	0	0	1	1	2	5	7	1	1	0	0	2	3
3/1	@ Indiana	L	22:19	1	4	0	0	2	2	5	7	12	0	2	0	0	3	4
2/27	L.A. LAKERS	W	28:17	3	4	0	0	5	12	4	8	12	2	5	1	2	7	11
08-09 vs. SAC:				8.5 PPG	4.5 RPG	0.5 APG	0.50 SPG	3.50 BPG	.500 FG PCT	.818 FT PCT								
DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
1/20	SACRAMENTO	W	24:23	3	4	0	0	3	4	1	3	4	0	1	1	0	3	9
12/6	@ Sacramento	W	18:14	1	4	0	0	6	7	2	3	5	1	3	0	1	4	8

15 CARMELO ANTHONY – F – Ht: 6-8 Wt: 230 – Born: 5/29/84 – Syracuse – NBA Exp: 5

	2008-09	2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS	CAREER-HIGHS
Points	1029 – 21.9 PPG	45 vs. Minnesota, 12/10/08	49 vs. Washington, 2/8/08
Rebounds	341 – 7.3 RPG	14 at Philadelphia, 2/18/09	16 vs. Houston, 12/20/07
Assists	160 – 3.4 APG	11 at Oklahoma City, 2/4/09	11 at Oklahoma City, 2/4/09
10+PTS: 46 20+PTS: 29 30+PTS: 8 40+PTS: 1 10+REBS: 10 10+ASTS: 1 10/10: 11			

Notables: So far this season, Denver is 13-1 when he shoots .500 or better from the field and 7-1 when he scores 30+ points ... Pitched in 20 points and five rebounds in 31 minutes at Utah on 3/6 ... Tallied 38 points (16-26 FG) and two steals in 38 minutes vs. Portland on 3/5 ... Did not play at Detroit on 3/3 while serving a one-game team suspension ... Finished with 20 points, eight rebounds and four assists in 38 minutes at Indiana on 3/1 ... Recorded his 11th double-double of the season (second-straight, 58th of his career) with 12 points, 12 rebounds and a season-high-tying two blocks (3rd time) vs. L.A. Lakers on 2/27 ... Played a season-high 45 minutes vs. Atlanta on 2/25 ... **Moved into fourth on the Nuggets all-time scoring list past Ralph Simpson (10,130) at Milwaukee on 2/22 (now has 10,293 career points)** ... Pulled down a season-high 14 rebounds at Philadelphia on 2/18 ... Registered 32 points and a career-high 11 assists at Oklahoma City on 2/4 ... Made his 10th career game-winning shot at Oklahoma City on 2/4, connecting on a driving lay-up with 5.3 seconds remaining in the Nuggets 114-113 win ... Scored his 10,000th career point at Oklahoma City on 2/4, becoming the third youngest player in NBA history to reach the 10,000-point plateau (behind only LeBron James and Kobe Bryant) ... Missed 10-straight games (1/7-1/28) due to a non-displaced third metacarpal fracture in his right hand suffered on 1/5 ... Made his ninth career game-winning shot at Oklahoma City on 1/2, connecting on a three-pointer with 0.1 seconds remaining in the Nuggets 122-120 win ... Missed three-straight games (12/22-12/26) due to a right elbow contusion ... Notched a season-high 45 points (ninth career 40-point game), 11 rebounds and a season-high four steals vs. Minnesota on 12/10 ... Exploded for 33 points in the third quarter alone vs. Minnesota on 12/10 to break the Nuggets franchise record (David Thompson had 32 on 4/9/78) and tie the NBA record for points scored in a single quarter (George Gervin also had 33 on 4/9/78), while he becomes only the fourth player in NBA history to score 31 or more points in a quarter (joining Gervin, Thompson and Wilt Chamberlain) ... Missed two games (10/29 and 10/31) while serving a two-game team suspension ... The Nuggets are 9-7 this season with Anthony out of the lineup (22-25 all-time).

LAST FIVE: 22.5 PPG 6.8 RPG 3.0 APG 1.50 SPG 0.75 BPG .422 FG PCT .273 3FG PCT .773 FT PCT

DATE	OPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
3/6	@ Utah	L	31:28	7	16	1	2	5	8	0	5	5	2	5	1	6	0	20
3/5	PORTLAND	W	38:19	16	26	1	3	5	6	1	1	2	2	0	2	2	1	38
3/3	@ Detroit	L	NWT – Team Suspension															
3/1	@ Indiana	L	37:31	8	24	1	3	3	4	3	5	8	4	3	1	4	0	20
2/27	L.A. LAKERS	W	40:34	4	17	0	3	4	4	1	11	12	4	3	2	5	2	12

08-09 vs. SAC: 16.0 PPG 7.0 RPG 1.0 APG 0.00 SPG 0.00 BPG .467 FG PCT .000 3FG PCT 1.000 FT PCT

DATE	OPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
1/20	SACRAMENTO	W	DND – Right Hand Non-Displaced 3 rd Metacarpal Fracture															
12/6	@ Sacramento	W	29:53	7	15	0	1	2	2	1	6	7	1	3	0	3	0	16

32 RENALDO BALKMAN – F – Ht: 6-8 Wt: 210 – Born: 7/14/84 – South Carolina – NBA Exp: 2

	2008-09	2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS	CAREER-HIGHS
Points	169 – 4.7 PPG	17 at Sacramento, 12/6/08	18 vs. Washington, 11/15/06
Rebounds	120 – 3.3 RPG	14 at Utah, 3/6/09	16 vs. Philadelphia, 4/4/07
Steals	26 – 0.72 SPG	3 (2) last at Milwaukee, 2/22/09	4 (5) last vs. Boston, 4/14/08
10+PTS: 6 10+REBS: 1			

Notables: Started six games this season (5-1) ... Pulled down a season-high 14 rebounds to go along with nine points in 23 minutes at Utah on 3/6 ... DNP-CD vs. Portland on 3/5 (27th this season) ... Finished with four points and seven rebounds in 23 minutes at Detroit on 3/3 ... Tallied 10 points, three rebounds and a season-high-tying three steals (2nd time) in 17 minutes at Milwaukee on 2/22 ... In his first start as a Nugget, totaled season-highs of 17 points (8-12 FG), three assists and three steals in a season-high 31 minutes at Sacramento on 12/6 ... Set career-highs for both FG makes (8) and FG attempts (12) at Sacramento on 12/6 ... Blocked a career-high four shots vs. Milwaukee on 11/18.

LAST FIVE: 6.5 PPG 10.5 RPG 0.5 APG 0.00 SPG 0.00 BPG .500 FG PCT .429 FT PCT

DATE	OPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
3/6	@ Utah	L	22:43	3	6	0	0	3	6	6	8	14	0	2	0	0	0	9
3/5	PORTLAND	W	DNP-CD															
3/3	@ Detroit	L	22:50	2	4	0	0	0	1	5	2	7	1	3	0	1	0	4
3/1	@ Indiana	L	DNP-CD															
2/27	L.A. LAKERS	W	DNP-CD															

08-09 vs. SAC: 10.5 PPG 4.5 RPG 1.5 APG 2.50 SPG 1.00 BPG .714 FG PCT .333 FT PCT

DATE	OPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
1/20	SACRAMENTO	W	20:23	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	2	0	1	4
12/6	@ Sacramento	W	31:10	8	12	0	0	1	3	2	4	6	3	5	3	1	1	17

7 CHAUNCEY BILLUPS - G - Ht: 6-3 Wt: 202 - Born: 9/25/76 - Colorado - NBA Exp: 11

	2008-09				2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS				CAREER-HIGHS										
Points	1109 - 18.5 PPG				34 at Detroit, 3/3/09				37 vs. Orlando, 1/3/06										
Rebounds	164 - 2.7 RPG				6 (2) last vs. Portland, 3/5/09				12 vs. Indiana, 12/29/06										
Assists	364 - 6.1 APG				14 vs. Toronto, 12/2/08				19 vs. Sacramento, 12/14/05										
Steals	80 - 1.33 SPG				4 (2) last at Indiana, 3/1/09				7 at Atlanta, 1/23/98										
10+PTS: 55 (53 w/ DEN)				20+PTS: 27				30+PTS: 3				10+ASTS: 9				10/10: 8			
<p>Notables: Tied for 17th in the NBA in assists (6.1) and ranks fifth in FT percentage (.908) ... Denver is 21-6 this season when he scores 20+ points ... Had 12 points, three rebounds and two assists in 39 minutes at Utah on 3/6 ... Posted 10 points, nine assists and a season-high-tying six rebounds (2nd time) in 41 minutes vs. Portland on 3/5 ... Notched a season-high 34 points (11-19 FG, 4-8 3FG, 8-8 FT) and four assists in 40 minutes at Detroit on 3/3 ... Collected a season-high-tying four steals (2nd time) to go along with 27 points at Indiana on 3/1 ... Scored 33 points on 17-19 FT shooting vs. Atlanta on 2/25, while his 19 FT attempts tied a career-high and his 17 FT makes were the most by a Nugget since 1/16/06 ... Notched five points and three assists in 19 minutes during the 2009 NBA All-Star Game in Phoenix on 2/15 ... DND at Oklahoma City on 2/4 due to a sprained right ankle suffered on 2/3 ... Chosen as a reserve for the 2009 NBA All-Star Game on 1/29 - his fourth-straight selection and first as a Nugget ... Totaled 29 points (4-8 3FG) and a season-high-tying two blocks (2nd time) at Memphis on 1/27 ... Scored his 12,000th career point at Memphis on 1/27 ... Registered his eighth double-double of the season (eighth as a Nugget, 84th of his career) with 13 points and 12 assists at Houston on 1/19 ... Pitched in 26 points and eight assists in a season-high 45 minutes vs. Phoenix on 1/15 ... Scored a season-high 30 points (11-19 FG) vs. Detroit on 1/9 ... Dished out a season-high 14 assists to go along with 24 points vs. Toronto on 12/2 ... Named Western Conference Player of the Week for games played from 11/10-11/16, averaging 21.5 ppg and 5.8 apg while leading Denver to a 3-1 record ... Placed on the Inactive List at Golden State on 11/5 (trade pending) ... Acquired via trade from the Detroit Pistons on 11/3.</p>																			
LAST FIVE: 21.0 PPG 4.0 RPG 5.6 APG 1.20 SPG 0.20 BPG .424 FG PCT .423 3FG PCT 1.000 FT PCT																			
DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS	
3/6	@ Utah	L	39:03	5	17	2	6	0	0	1	2	3	2	5	0	1	0	12	
3/5	PORTLAND	W	40:46	3	13	1	3	3	3	1	5	6	9	1	1	4	0	10	
3/3	@ Detroit	L	39:53	11	19	4	8	8	8	0	1	1	4	4	0	2	1	34	
3/1	@ Indiana	L	38:22	9	21	2	5	7	7	1	4	5	7	1	4	2	0	27	
2/27	L.A. LAKERS	W	40:03	8	15	2	4	4	4	2	3	5	6	1	1	4	0	22	
08-09 vs. SAC: 23.0 PPG 1.5 RPG 6.0 APG 2.00 SPG 0.00 BPG .579 FG PCT .556 3FG PCT .905 FT PCT																			
DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS	
1/20	SACRAMENTO	W	29:24	5	10	2	5	10	11	0	2	2	8	1	3	3	0	22	
12/6	@ Sacramento	W	31:31	6	9	3	4	9	10	0	1	1	4	1	4	2	0	24	

25 ANTHONY CARTER - G - Ht: 6-2 Wt: 195 - 6/16/75 - Hawaii - NBA Exp: 9

	2008-09				2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS				CAREER-HIGHS										
Points	336 - 5.5 PPG				20 vs. L.A. Lakers, 11/1/08				21 (2) last vs. Orlando, 1/11/08										
Rebounds	167 - 2.7 RPG				9 at Minnesota, 11/29/08				9 at Minnesota, 11/29/08										
Assists	277 - 4.5 APG				11 at Golden State, 11/5/08				15 (2) last vs. Philadelphia, 1/6/08										
10+PTS: 11				20+PTS: 1				10+ASTS: 3											
<p>Notables: Has started five games this season (most recently at Oklahoma City on 2/4) ... DND at Utah on 3/6 due to a left hip strain (second-straight) ... Had five points and three assists in 13 minutes at Detroit on 3/3 ... Pitched in four points and three rebounds in 13 minutes at Indiana on 3/1 ... Collected two rebounds and two steals in 15 minutes vs. L.A. Lakers on 2/27 ... Dished out his 2,000th career assist at Philadelphia on 2/18 ... Collected his 500th career steal at Orlando on 2/11 ... Notched 10 points and nine assists in a season-high 40 minutes vs. San Antonio on 2/3 ... Pulled down his 1,000th career rebound vs. Golden State on 12/13 ... Corralled a career-high nine rebounds and blocked a season-high-tying two shots (2nd time) at Minnesota on 11/29 ... Tallied a season-high 11 assists and a season-high five steals at Golden State on 11/5 ... Scored a season-high 20 points (8-9 FG) vs. L.A. Lakers on 11/1.</p>																			
LAST FIVE: 3.0 PPG 2.0 RPG 1.3 APG 0.67 SPG 0.00 BPG .333 FG PCT .000 3FG PCT .600 FT PCT																			
DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS	
3/6	@ Utah	L	DND - Left Hip Strain																
3/5	PORTLAND	W	DND - Left Hip Strain																
3/3	@ Detroit	L	12:50	2	3	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	5	
3/1	@ Indiana	L	12:59	1	4	0	1	2	3	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	
2/27	L.A. LAKERS	W	15:23	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	
08-09 vs. SAC: 4.0 PPG 3.5 RPG 5.5 APG 1.00 SPG 0.50 BPG .500 FG PCT .000 3FG PCT 1.000 FT PCT																			
DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS	
1/20	SACRAMENTO	W	28:51	2	3	0	0	2	2	1	3	4	10	0	1	2	1	6	
12/6	@ Sacramento	W	15:54	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	3	0	2	

6 JASON HART - G - Ht: 6-3 Wt: 180 - 4/29/78 - Syracuse - NBA Exp: 7

	2008-09	2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS	CAREER-HIGHS
Points	68 - 2.3 PPG	9 at Milwaukee, 12/20/08	21 vs. Phoenix, 3/23/05
Rebounds	42 - 1.4 RPG	7 vs. Dallas, 12/28/08	8 (2) last at Portland, 3/31/07
Assists	43 - 1.5 APG	7 at Milwaukee, 12/20/08	15 vs. New Jersey, 12/21/04

Notables: DNP-CD at Utah on 3/6 (first as a Nugget, 25th of the season) ... In his first game as a Nugget, had three points in two minutes vs. Portland on 3/5 ... Signed with the Nuggets as a free agent on 3/3 ... Waived by the L.A. Clippers on 2/27 ... Appeared in 28 games with the L.A. Clippers in 2008-09, averaging 2.3 ppg and 1.5 apg ... Blocked a career-high-tying two shots (2nd time) vs. Philadelphia on 12/31 ... Pulled down a season-high seven rebounds vs. Dallas on 12/28 ... Registered a season-high nine points and a season-high seven assists in a season-high 30 minutes at Milwaukee on 12/20 ... Collected a season-high three steals vs. L.A. Lakers on 10/29 ... Missed five games due to a sore right elbow (1/4-1/6, 1/14-1/19) and one game due to a stomach virus (11/26).

LAST FIVE: 3.0 PPG 0.0 RPG 0.0 APG 0.00 SPG 0.00 BPG 1.000 FG PCT .500 FT PCT

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
3/6	@ Utah	L	DNP-CD															
3/5	PORTLAND	W	1:42	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2/25	BOSTON (LAC)	W	DNP-CD															
2/23	GOLDEN ST (LAC)	W	DNP-CD															
2/22	@ Portland (LAC)	L	DNP-CD															

08-09 vs. SAC: 8.0 PPG 2.0 RPG 3.0 APG 0.00 SPG 0.00 BPG .429 FG PCT 1.000 FT PCT

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
12/30	@ Sac-Town (LAC)	L	15:26	3	7	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	3	2	0	1	0	8
11/12	vs. Sac-Town (LAC)	L	DNP-CD															

45 STEVEN HUNTER - F/C - Ht: 7-0 Wt: 240 - Born: 10/31/81 - DePaul - NBA Exp: 7

	2008-09	2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS	CAREER-HIGHS
Points	---	---	20 (3) last at Boston, 4/11/07
Rebounds	---	---	15 vs. San Antonio, 1/21/07
Blocks	---	---	6 at Seattle, 3/16/06

Notables: Placed on the Inactive List for the 63rd-straight game at Utah on 3/6 ... Underwent successful arthroscopic surgery on his right knee on 11/14 and is expected to miss a minimum of 12 weeks.

Personal Notes: Full name is Steven D. Hunter ... Attended Proviso East High School (Illinois) and DePaul University ... An avid Chicago Cubs fan and still follows his former DePaul Blue Demons club ... Has been active in charity causes, including Thanksgiving turkey drives and Christmas toy giveaways ... Parents are Will, a retired Army sergeant, and Renee Golden, who works for Chicago's Board of Education.

30 DAHNTAY JONES - G/F - Ht: 6-6 Wt: 210 - Born: 12/27/80 - Duke - NBA Exp: 5

	2008-09	2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS	CAREER-HIGHS
Points	348 - 5.7 PPG	18 at Washington, 2/6/09	26 at Utah, 3/24/07
Rebounds	139 - 2.3 RPG	6 at Washington, 2/6/09	8 at Chicago, 1/5/08
Assists	59 - 1.0 APG	5 vs. Toronto, 12/2/08	5 (3) last vs. Toronto, 12/2/08

10+PTS: 10

Notables: The Nuggets are 20-5 this season in games in which he plays 20 or more minutes ... Tallied three points in eight minutes at Utah on 3/6 ... Finished with two points, two rebounds and three assists in 16 minutes vs. Portland on 3/5 ... Pitched in five points in 17 minutes at Detroit on 3/3 ... Blocked a season-high-tying two shots (3rd time) at Indiana on 3/1 ... Registered season-highs of 18 points (8-10 FG) and six rebounds at Washington on 2/6 ... DND vs. Sacramento on 1/20 due to a right shoulder first degree separation suffered in pre-game warm-ups on 1/20 ... Totaled 16 points (8-11 FT) and a season-high five steals in a season-high 29 minutes vs. Dallas on 1/13 ... Dished out a career-high-tying five assists (3rd time) vs. Toronto on 12/2 ... DNP-CD vs. L.A. Lakers on 11/1 ... Set career-highs for FT makes (11) and FT attempts (12) at L.A. Clippers on 10/31.

LAST FIVE: 4.0 PPG 1.8 RPG 1.0 APG 0.20 SPG 0.80 BPG .600 FG PCT .333 3FG PCT .500 FT PCT

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
3/6	@ Utah	L	7:41	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
3/5	PORTLAND	W	16:24	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	0	1	1	2
3/3	@ Detroit	L	16:47	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	1	0	0	5
3/1	@ Indiana	L	15:30	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	2	8
2/27	L.A. LAKERS	W	16:38	1	4	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	1	4	0	0	0	2

08-09 vs. SAC: 6.0 PPG 5.0 RPG 1.0 APG 1.00 SPG 2.00 BPG .125 FG PCT 1.000 FT PCT

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
1/20	SACRAMENTO	W	DND - Right Shoulder 1 st Degree Separation															
12/6	@ Sacramento	W	27:58	1	8	0	0	4	4	0	5	5	1	2	1	0	2	6

43 LINAS KLEIZA - F - Ht: 6-8 Wt: 245 - Born: 1/3/85 - Missouri - NBA Exp: 3

	2008-09	2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS	CAREER-HIGHS
Points	643 - 10.3 PPG	27 vs. Sacramento, 1/20/09	41 vs. Utah, 1/17/08
Rebounds	255 - 4.0 RPG	9 (3) last vs. Utah, 1/25/09	11 (2) last at Philadelphia, 3/19/08
Assists	48 - 0.8 APG	3 (2) last vs. Phoenix, 1/15/09 (OT)	4 (3) last vs. Seattle, 3/16/08

10+PTS: 31 20+PTS: 6

Notables: Has started seven games this season (most recently at Detroit on 3/3) ... Managed six points and four rebounds in 29 minutes at Utah on 3/6 ... Posted 15 points (6-11 FG, 2-2 3FG) and six rebounds in 27 minutes vs. Portland on 3/5 ... Had two points and three rebounds in 26 minutes at Detroit on 3/3 ... Collected a season-high-tying two steals (2nd time) at Oklahoma City on 2/4 ... **Moved into eighth on the Nuggets all-time 3FG makes list past George McCloud (244) vs. Charlotte on 1/30 (now has 257 3FG makes as a Nugget)** ... Had 18 points and a season-high-tying nine rebounds (3rd time) vs. Utah on 1/25 ... Registered a season-high 27 points (11-17 FG) vs. Sacramento on 1/20 ... Tallied 26 points and five rebounds in a season-high 37 minutes vs. Orlando on 1/17 ... Dished out a season-high-tying three assists (2nd time) to go along with 18 points vs. Phoenix on 1/15 ... Scored his 2,000th career point at Atlanta on 12/29 ... Notched 25 points (13-15 FT) vs. Milwaukee on 11/18 ... His 13 FT makes and 15 FT attempts tied career-highs (2nd time each) vs. Milwaukee on 11/18.

LAST FIVE: 7.4 PPG 3.8 RPG 0.2 APG 0.20 SPG 0.20 BPG .417 FG PCT .250 3FG PCT .444 FT PCT

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
3/6	@ Utah	L	28:46	2	6	1	3	1	2	0	4	4	0	4	1	1	1	6
3/5	PORTLAND	W	26:46	6	11	2	2	1	2	2	4	6	0	0	0	1	0	15
3/3	@ Detroit	L	26:08	1	4	0	2	0	2	1	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	2
3/1	@ Indiana	L	23:38	3	9	0	2	2	3	3	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	8
2/27	L.A. LAKERS	W	11:03	3	6	0	3	0	0	2	1	3	0	2	0	1	0	6

08-09 vs. SAC: 17.5 PPG 5.5 RPG 0.5 APG 0.00 SPG 0.00 BPG .682 FG PCT .000 3FG PCT .833 FT PCT

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
1/20	SACRAMENTO	W	30:49	11	17	0	3	5	6	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	27
12/6	@ Sacramento	W	19:32	4	5	0	1	0	0	2	3	5	1	3	0	2	0	8

4 KENYON MARTIN - F - Ht: 6-9 Wt: 230 - Born: 12/30/77 - Cincinnati - NBA Exp: 8

	2008-09	2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS	CAREER-HIGHS
Points	660 - 12.2 PPG	26 vs. Chicago, 11/23/08	35 vs. Seattle, 2/3/03
Rebounds	334 - 6.2 RPG	13 at LA Clippers, 10/31/08 (OT)	21 (2) last vs. Milwaukee, 12/5/03
Steals	81 - 1.50 SPG	7 vs. Phoenix, 1/15/09	7 vs. Phoenix, 1/15/09
Blocks	58 - 1.07 BPG	5 vs. New Orleans, 11/27/08	7 vs. San Antonio, 1/3/08

10+PTS: 37 20+PTS: 5 10+REBS: 7 10/10: 5

Notables: DND at Utah on 3/6 due to a low back strain (second-straight) ... Totaled six points, three rebounds and four assists in 33 minutes at Detroit on 3/3 ... Posted eight points and seven rebounds in 33 minutes at Indiana on 3/1 ... Had seven points in 27 minutes vs. L.A. Lakers on 2/27 ... Missed one game (2/22) due to back spasms ... Registered his fifth double-double of the season (43rd as a Nugget, 107th of his career) with 18 points and 10 rebounds at Miami on 2/10 ... Missed two games (2/3-2/4) due to tonsillitis/strep throat ... Recorded 24 points and a career-high seven steals in a season-high 41 minutes vs. Phoenix on 1/15 ... His two 3FG makes vs. Miami on 1/7 tied a career-high (5th time) ... Scored 25 points (9-13 FG, 6-7 FT) vs. Indiana on 1/5 ... Dished out a season-high six assists at Dallas on 12/15 ... Missed four games (11/9-11/11, 12/6-12/10) due to a left wrist sprain ... Played his 500th career game vs. San Antonio on 12/4 ... Blocked a season-high five shots vs. New Orleans on 11/27 ... Scored a season-high 26 points (10-10 FG) vs. Chicago on 11/23 ... His 10-10 FG shooting vs. Chicago on 11/23 marks the third most makes without a miss in Nuggets team history ... Scored his 7,000th career point at L.A. Clippers on 10/31.

LAST FIVE: 7.0 PPG 4.0 RPG 2.0 APG 0.33 SPG 0.33 BPG .276 FG PCT .714 FT PCT

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
3/6	@ Utah	L	DND - Low Back Strain															
3/5	PORTLAND	W	INACTIVE - Low Back Strain															
3/3	@ Detroit	L	33:10	3	13	0	0	0	2	1	2	3	4	3	0	0	0	6
3/1	@ Indiana	L	32:54	3	10	0	0	2	2	1	6	7	1	2	0	0	1	8
2/27	L.A. LAKERS	W	26:54	2	6	0	0	3	3	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	0	7

08-09 vs. SAC: 16.0 PPG 1.0 RPG 3.0 APG 0.00 SPG 1.00 BPG .600 FG PCT .500 3FG PCT .500 FT PCT

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
1/20	SACRAMENTO	W	31:11	6	10	1	2	3	6	0	1	1	3	3	0	3	1	16
12/6	@ Sacramento	W	DND - Left Wrist Sprain															

31 NENÊ - F - Ht: 6-11 Wt: 250 - Born: 9/13/82 - Brazil - NBA Exp: 6

	2008-09				2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS				CAREER-HIGHS									
Points	883 - 14.7 PPG				28 vs. Utah, 1/25/09				28 (2) last vs. Utah, 1/25/09									
Rebounds	471 - 7.9 RPG				15 (2) last at Phoenix, 12/20/08				17 at Detroit, 3/26/07									
Blocks	80 - 1.33 BPG				5 vs. San Antonio, 2/6/09				5 vs. San Antonio, 2/6/09									
10+PTS: 51				20+PTS: 11				10+REBS: 17				10/10: 16						
<p>Notables: Ranks second in the NBA in FG percentage (.606) ... Had 10 points and four rebounds in 38 minutes at Utah on 3/6 ... Tallied 16 points, six rebounds, a season-high five assists and two blocks in 35 minutes vs. Portland on 3/5 ... Pitched in 20 points, seven rebounds and two steals in 42 minutes at Detroit on 3/3 ... Scored his 4,000th career point at Detroit on 3/3 ... Recorded his 16th double-double of the season (55th of his career) with 12 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks at Indiana on 3/1 ... Missed two games (2/23-2/25) due to a right knee bone bruise ... Blocked a career-high five shots vs. San Antonio on 2/3 ... By making his first eight field goals vs. Charlotte on 1/30, he connected on 21-straight FG makes at the Pepsi Center (last FG vs. Sacramento on 1/20, 12-12 FG vs. Utah on 1/25 and his first eight FGs on 1/30) ... Posted a career-high-tying 28 points (2nd time) on 12-12 FG shooting vs. Utah on 1/25, tying the Nuggets team record for the most makes without a miss (Bobby Jones also went 12-12 FG vs. Golden State on 3/15/78) ... Finished with 17 points and 14 rebounds in a season-high 43 minutes vs. Phoenix on 1/15 ... Posted 27 points (10-11 FG), 14 rebounds and four assists at Oklahoma City on 1/2 ... Connected on his first career three-point field goal at Toronto on 12/31 ... Missed one game (12/29) due to a cervical strain ... Registered four-straight double-doubles from 12/20-12/26 to mark a new career best for consecutive double-doubles ... Pulled down a season-high-tying 15 rebounds (2nd time) to go along with 20 points at Phoenix on 12/20 ... Collected a season-high-tying five steals (2nd time) at Sacramento on 12/6 ... Dished out his 500th career assist vs. Dallas on 11/7.</p>																		
LAST FIVE: 13.2 PPG 6.8 RPG 1.4 APG 0.80 SPG 1.40 BPG .568 FG PCT .000 3FG PCT .762 FT PCT																		
DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
3/6	@ Utah	L	38:27	2	7	0	0	6	7	0	4	4	1	3	1	2	0	10
3/5	PORTLAND	W	34:36	7	11	0	0	2	2	4	2	6	5	3	0	2	2	16
3/3	@ Detroit	L	41:30	9	13	0	1	2	4	4	3	7	1	4	2	2	1	20
3/1	@ Indiana	L	33:49	4	9	0	0	4	6	3	7	10	0	5	1	3	4	12
2/27	L.A. LAKERS	W	20:17	3	4	0	0	2	2	1	6	7	0	3	0	0	0	8
08-09 vs. SAC: 14.5 PPG 9.5 RPG 1.5 APG 2.50 SPG 1.50 BPG .550 FG PCT .583 FT PCT																		
DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
1/20	SACRAMENTO	W	26:49	4	9	0	0	5	7	2	10	12	1	2	0	1	0	13
12/6	@ Sacramento	W	23:55	7	11	0	0	2	5	1	6	7	2	3	5	1	3	16

27 JOHAN PETRO - C - Ht: 7-0 Wt: 247 - Born: 1/27/86 - France - NBA Exp: 3

	2008-09				2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS				CAREER-HIGHS									
Points	139 - 3.7 PPG				15 at Orlando, 12/5/08				29 at Phoenix, 1/9/07									
Rebounds	134 - 3.5 RPG				12 at Philadelphia, 11/15/08				21 (2) last vs. Washington, 3/26/08									
Blocks	14 - 0.37 BPG				3 at Houston, 11/1/08				4 (2) at Charlotte, 11/17/07									
10+PTS: 2 (0 w/ DEN)				10+REBS: 2 (1 w/ DEN)														
<p>Notables: Started his fifth game as a Nugget (17th this season), pulling down three rebounds in 11 minutes at Utah on 3/6 ... Dished out a career-high-tying three assists (6th time) in 15 minutes vs. Portland on 3/5 ... DNP-CD at Detroit on 3/3 (second-straight, 10th as a Nugget, 22nd this season) ... Finished with one rebound and one block in eight minutes vs. L.A. Lakers on 2/27 ... Posted nine points, 10 rebounds and two blocks vs. Boston on 2/23 ... Placed on the Inactive List vs. Miami on 1/7 (trade pending) ... Acquired from Oklahoma City via trade on 1/7 ... Averaged 4.6 ppg and 4.3 rpg in 22 appearances with Oklahoma City in 2008-09 ... Scored a season-high 15 points (7-9 FG) at Orlando on 12/5 ... Collected a season-high 12 rebounds and a career-high-tying four steals (2nd time) at Philadelphia on 11/15.</p>																		
LAST FIVE: 0.0 PPG 1.7 RPG 1.0 APG 0.00 SPG 1.00 BPG .000 FG PCT																		
DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
3/6	@ Utah	L	10:38	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	3	0	1	1	0
3/5	PORTLAND	W	15:04	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	4	0	0	1	0
3/3	@ Detroit	L	DNP-CD															
3/1	@ Indiana	L	DNP-CD															
2/27	L.A. LAKERS	W	8:29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	1	1	0
08-09 vs. SAC: 2.0 PPG 2.0 RPG 0.0 APG 0.00 SPG 0.00 BPG .000 FG PCT .500 FT PCT																		
DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
1/20	SACRAMENTO	W	7:57	0	2	0	0	2	4	0	2	2	0	3	0	2	0	2
12/6	@ Sacramento	W	NOT WITH NUGGETS															

1 J.R. SMITH - G - Ht: 6-6 Wt: 220 - Born: 9/9/85 - St. Benedict's Prep (NJ) - NBA Exp: 4

	2008-09			2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS			CAREER-HIGHS											
Points	855 - 13.8 PPG			32 vs. New Orleans, 11/27/08			43 at Chicago, 2/22/08											
Rebounds	245 - 4.0 RPG			10 (2) last vs. San Antonio, 12/4/08			10 (3) last vs. San Antonio, 12/4/08											
Assists	180 - 2.9 APG			7 (2) last vs. Phoenix, 1/15/09			7 (5) last vs. Phoenix, 1/15/09											
10+PTS: 43 20+PTS: 12 30+PTS: 1 10+REBS: 2 10/10: 2																		
<p>Notables: Posted 27 points (7-10 FT), five assists and four rebounds in 40 minutes at Utah on 3/6 ... Totaled 17 points (7-12 FG), seven rebounds and five assists in 38 minutes vs. Portland on 3/5 ... Scored 16 points to go along with five rebounds and three assists in 29 minutes at Detroit on 3/3 ... Finished third in the 2009 Sprite Slam Dunk Contest at NBA All-Star Weekend in Phoenix on 2/14 ... Blocked a season-high-tying two shots (2nd time) at Memphis on 1/27 ... Notched 19 points (7-9 FG), seven rebounds, six assists and a career-high-tying four steals (5th time) vs. Sacramento on 1/20 ... Registered 24 points (5-7 3FG) in a season-high 41 minutes at Houston on 1/19 ... Dished out a career-high-tying seven assists (5th time) vs. Phoenix on 1/15 ... Moved into fourth on the Nuggets all-time 3FG makes list past Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf (371) vs. Indiana on 1/5 (now has 416 3FG makes as a Nugget) ... In his third-straight start, scored 27 points (7-11 3FG) vs. Philadelphia on 12/26 ... Posted his second double-double of the season (second as a Nugget, third of his career) with 15 points and a career-high-tying 10 rebounds (3rd time) vs. San Antonio on 12/4 ... Poured in a season-high 32 points (13-21 FG, 5-9 3FG) vs. New Orleans on 11/27 ... DNP-CD at L.A. Clippers on 11/26 (first this season) ... Scored his 3,000th career point vs. Memphis on 11/9 ... Notched his second career double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds at L.A. Clippers on 10/31.</p>																		
LAST FIVE: 17.0 PPG 4.6 RPG 3.4 APG 0.60 SPG 0.40 BPG .420 FG PCT .276 3FG PCT .826 FT PCT																		
DATE	OPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
3/6	@ Utah	L	40:13	9	19	2	8	7	10	1	3	4	5	5	1	2	0	27
3/5	PORTLAND	W	38:20	7	12	2	5	1	1	1	6	7	5	2	1	0	0	17
3/3	@ Detroit	L	28:46	6	16	2	5	2	2	2	3	5	3	5	1	1	0	16
3/1	@ Indiana	L	22:58	1	8	1	3	0	0	1	2	3	2	3	0	3	1	3
2/27	L.A. LAKERS	W	32:22	6	14	1	8	9	10	1	3	4	2	1	0	0	1	22
08-09 vs. SAC: 17.5 PPG 5.5 RPG 3.5 APG 2.50 SPG 0.00 BPG .684 FG PCT .167 3FG PCT .800 FT PCT																		
DATE	OPONENT	W/L	MIN	FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO	BS	PTS
1/20	SACRAMENTO	W	34:17	7	9	0	2	5	6	1	6	7	6	4	4	6	0	19
12/6	@ Sacramento	W	25:15	6	10	1	4	3	4	1	3	4	1	1	1	2	0	16

13 SONNY WEEMS - G/F - Ht: 6-6 Wt: 203 - Born: 9/9/85 - Arkansas - NBA Exp: R

	2008-09			2008-09 SEASON-HIGHS			CAREER-HIGHS		
Points	13 - 1.3 PPG			4 (2) last at Washington, 2/6/09			4 (2) last at Washington, 2/6/09		
Rebounds	2 - 0.2 RPG			1 (2) last at Washington, 2/6/09			1 (2) last at Washington, 2/6/09		
Steals	1 - 0.10 SPG			1 vs. Sacramento, 1/20/09			1 vs. Sacramento, 1/20/09		
<p>Notables: Re-assigned to the Colorado 14ers of the NBA Development League on 3/6 ... Played one minute vs. Portland on 3/5 ... DNP-CD at Detroit on 3/3 (fourth-straight, 25th this season, 16th not injury related) ... Held scoreless in five minutes vs. Boston on 2/23 ... Tallied a season-high-tying four points (2nd time) and his first career assist in eight minutes at Washington on 2/6 ... Recalled from the Colorado 14ers of the NBA Development League on 1/6 (see statistics below) ... Placed on the Inactive List at Sacramento on 12/6 (11th time this season, seventh-straight not injury related) ... Missed the first 14 games of the season due to a left groin strain (Inactive four times, DNP-CD nine times, DND once).</p> <p>D-League: Re-assigned to the Colorado 14ers of the NBA Development League on 3/6 ... Recalled from the Colorado 14ers of the NBA Development League on 1/6 ... Averaged 18.0 ppg, 4.8 rpg and 2.3 apg in 10 games with the Colorado 14ers of the NBA Development League ... Registered his first double-double of the season in the D-League with 24 points and 10 rebounds vs. Fort Wayne on 12/30 ... Assigned to the Colorado 14ers of the NBA Development League on 12/10.</p>									