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General manager Mitch Kupchak wants point guard Kemba Walker to end his NBA career right where it started with the Charlotte Hornets.

Kupchak said Friday that Walker is revered in the Charlotte community Cheap Sam Darnold Jersey, and that he and owner Michael Jordan look at the two-time All-Star as the focal point of this franchise going forward.

The 28-year-old Walker has been the subject of possible NBA trade talks as he prepares to enter the final year of his contract with the Hornets. That speculation has amped up recently because it is a practical impossibility for Charlotte to sign Walker to an extension before he becomes a free agent in July of 2019 since the Hornets are so tight under the salary cap.

I think everybody is aware of the situation, if you follow basketball a little bit, it is unique that he is on an extension that may make it a challenge going forward to figure out before he becomes a free agent, Kupchak said.

At \$12 million per year, Walker well underpaid when compared to the other top point guards in the league.

But that doesn t mean Kupchak is giving up hope the team can keep Walker in Charlotte.

I don t think it is anybody s goal to lose him in free agency http://www.giantsauthorizedshops.com/authentic-lorenzo-carter-jersey, Kupchak said. But going forward, in the community, in the franchise, this is a player that we hope is with us not only for the next couple of years, but ends his career here.

The Hornets don t have much experience behind Walker at point guard.

They have last year s first-round draft pick Malik Monk and drafted Devonte Graham from Kansas in the second round on Thursday night.

Graham said he is excited to pick Walker s brain when it comes to basketball.

I have never met him Evan Bouchard Oilers Jersey, but I remember watching him play when he was at UConn though, Graham said. I m just excited man to learn from someone like that and just be around someone like that who is winner, and knows how to win and compete. I am looking forward to being able to learn from him.

The Latest on the NBA Awards, where the league s individual honors are being presented (all times local):

6:15 p.m.

Ben Simmons of the Philadelphia 76ers has won Rookie of the Year honors at the NBA Awards.

The guard averaged 15 points, eight rebounds and eight assists Cheap Baker Mayfield Jersey, joining Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson as the only rookies to post those numbers in a season.

Simmons helped Philadelphia to a 52-30 record, including ending the season with a 16-game winning streak.

He beat out finalists Donovan Mitchell of Utah and Jayson Tatum of Boston.

6 p.m.

The NBA Awards aren t just about the hardware. Everyone gets fed, too.

Players and their guests are sitting down to dinner at the second annual show. On the menu is salad with avocados, grapefruit and green goddess dressing, and a main course of wild seabass with rice and steak.

Dessert is a vanilla cream puff Tyler Austin New York Yankees Jersey , chocolate peanut butter cupcakes and pavlova with lemon curd and blueberry.

5:55 p.m.

Jeanie Buss says she has complete faith in the Los Angeles Lakers front office no matter how Magic Johnson and general manager Rob Pelinka want to build the team, whether it s through trades, free agency or the draft.

Buss says she asked them a year ago to identify a style of play for the team and make decisions that reflect that style. She describes the Lakers style as fast and says it s about passing and sharing the ball while committing to each other as a team.

Buss is the team s controlling owner and president. Johnson is the team s president of basketball operations.

5:45 p.m.

Baron Davis has arrived at the NBA Awards on a foldable electric scooter.

Davis lives near Santa Monica Airport, so he rode the small scooter onto the red carpet outside Barker Hangar.

The urban mobility device has a maximum range of 16 miles and a top speed of 14 mph, which is about how fast traffic sometimes moves in Los Angeles. It costs about \$900.

4:07 p.m.

James Harden is hoping to win his first NBA MVP award in what could be another big night for the Houston Rockets.

Harden http://www.seahawksauthorizedshops.com/authentic-rashaad-penny-jersey, Cleveland's LeBron James and New Orleans Anthony Davis are the three MVP finalists. That and the league's other individual awards will be presented Monday night at the NBA Awards show.

Harden was the league s top scorer on a Rockets team that had the NBA s best record, giving him a strong chance to finally capture the MVP award after finishing as the runner-up twice.

The Rockets walked away with Coach of the Year for Mike D Antoni and Sixth Man of the Year for Eric Gordon last year at the inaugural NBA Awards. Gordon has a chance to repeat, while center Clint Capela is one of three finalists for Most Improved Player.

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