

Chet Holmgren has been ballin! And fans believe he's better than Victor Wembanyama. Is he winning rookie of the year?!

Wemby or Chet? That's been one of the topics of conversation since the 2023 NBA season started. There was, and still is, a lot of anticipation behind both players to be greats. Some for obvious reasons. And now that the season is underway, fans are beginning to think there are glaring differences falling in favor of Chet over Victor. But what do you think? Do you think that Chet has the upper hand over Victor Wembanyama?

Don't forget: Victor Wembanyama has been named the biggest draft prospect since LeBron James. So much hype has been put around his name in the U.S. ——— that Americans began to doubt whether his game would translate to the NBA. But since he's been in the league, he's been doing his thing! Despite the Spurs having a losing record, Victor Wembanyama has been showing plenty signs of greatness. Could it be the fact that he is 7'5" and seemingly can dunk from the three-point line? Maybe. But a guy his size moving the way he is is a fascinating thing. It's like when Kevin Durant came into the league. You'd never really seen a seven-footer move and score like a guard the way he did. But while all the hype was on Victor, there was another guy getting ready to debut like Goku in the healing chamber.

Chet Holmgren was considered a huge phenom himself. And that started when he was in high school. Watching a kid cross people up and take fadeaway jumpers anywhere on the court while standing about as tall as the Empire State building is ——— interesting. Not to mention his confidence. Chet Holmgren always carried himself like he was the best player on the court. Even when he was drafted, he predicted himself to be the best player in the NBA in a couple of years. And of course he should feel that way ——— but he said it before even stepping foot on an NBA court! That's a lot of confidence for you. His official rookie season was cut short when he injured his foot playing in the Dru League the summer before the regular season. So now, the 2023–24 season is considered to be his rookie year. And he's been putting on! Within 20 games, Chet averages about 18 points, seven rebounds, and two blocks a game. He and Shai Gildrou-Alexander have been tearing teams up! Even Shai is averaging over 30 points per game to go with Chet's production. He's also faced some tough opposition himself, impressing Thunder fans and other hoop watchers who are fascinated by his game as he battles against the likes of Joel Embiid and Nikola Jokic. But if you take a look at Victor's stats, you might think otherwise.

Victor is averaging a little over 19 points, almost 10 rebounds, and almost 3 blocks per game, all while averaging 30 minutes a game. It's funny because he has stellar stats, but hasn't been truly cemented as the focal point of the Spurs' offense. And it could very well be the fact that he's just 19 years old and fresh into the league. But his dominance has been shown numerous times already ——— going head to head with Kevin Durant to lead the Spurs to a victory over the Phoenix Suns ——— and has even showed off his skills against the Golden State Warriors. I mean ——— what can you really do with someone that is standing at 7'5" with over an 8-foot wingspan? Victor has completely towered over some of the best centers in the game. And he

hasn't backed down from the matchups either. The main difference between Chet and Victor is the win-loss column.

With SGA breaking out as one of the NBA's best superstars with years under his belt ---- and fully understanding the scouting report against him, Chet has been able to help him and the rest of the team fair against matchups that would have been difficult in the past. And for the first time in a long while, the Oklahoma City Thunder are considered a serious contender. Obviously, no one is picking them to win the championship off top. But with the amount of draft picks GM Sam Presti has been hoarding for years along with the talented young players they have on their roster ---- the Larry O'Brien ---- may just find its way to the Sooner state at some point. Plus, there will be plenty of matchups between Chet and Victor to come as the years go by.

Both players are super young, super talented, and have plenty of room to develop their skills and physical attributes. With Greg Popovich signing an extension to stay with the San Antonio Spurs, Victor Wembanyama has an advantage when it comes to championship experience. He's already been seen chopping it up with other Spurs greats like David Robinson, Tim Duncan, and Manu Ginobili. So there's no doubt they're dropping plenty of jewels on him so he can make it to the top. Chet is going to have to get it out the mud. But if Sam Presti decides to use any of the assets to acquire vets that have been there before, Chet may be able to have an advantage too. But until then, it's clash of the Titans.