

Guess who's the biggest reason Klay Thompson left Warriors? The Mavericks' All-Star! aa

The NBA landscape was shaken this summer when former Golden State Warriors star Klay Thompson made a surprising move to the reigning Western Conference champion Dallas Mavericks. In a three-year, \$51 million sign-and-trade deal, the 6-foot-6 small forward left behind a storied career in the Bay Area. Drafted 11th overall in 2011 out of Washington State, Thompson quickly formed one half of the Warriors' iconic "Splash Brothers" duo alongside All-NBA point guard Stephen Curry, creating a backcourt tandem that once seemed unbeatable.

With head coach Steve Kerr, All-Star power forward Draymond Green, and sixth man Andre Iguodala as Golden State's only other constants on the roster and bench, the Splash Brothers duo yielded six NBA Finals berths and four titles — including three in four seasons, from 2014-15 through 2017-18.

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Thompson is a defensive powerhouse with impressive stats.



Klay Thompson #11 of the Golden State Warriors looks to drive to the basket past Derrick Jones Jr. #55 of the Dallas Mavericks during the first quarter at the American Airlines Center on December 30, 2023 in... Thearon W. Henderson/Getty Images

