



Granger likes chances in 3-point contest

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If the key to the Foot Locker Three-Point Shootout is beating the clock, or getting up a large quantity of shots in a small amount of time, Danny Granger likes his chances.

"On sheer volume alone, I'm definitely the favorite," Granger said with a laugh Wednesday afternoon. "I'm like second or third in makes and second or third in attempts. I'll be the one with the most time left (at the end of the round)."

Granger is indeed second in the NBA in 3-pointers attempted (6.6 per game) and made (2.7 per game), trailing only Orlando's Rashard Lewis in both categories. He's 46th in 3-point percentage at .401.

Granger becomes the first Pacers representative in the 3-point contest since Reggie Miller, who competed five times but never won, finishing second in 1995 (to Glen Rice, losing 17-16 in the final) and in 1990 (to Craig Hodges, losing 19-18). Pacers President Larry Bird won the first three contests from 1986-88 and is one of two three-time winners (Hodges is the other).

After competing in the 3-point contest on Saturday, Feb. 14, Granger will make his first appearance in the NBA All-Star Game as an Eastern Conference reserve on Sunday, Feb. 15.

"It should be a lot of fun," he said of the 3-point contest. "I'm thinking I've got a legitimate shot. I'm streaky anyway. If I get on a roll, I can probably win the thing. Who knows?"

Granger will be competing against two-time winner Jason Kapono (Toronto), Lewis, Mike Bibby (Atlanta), Roger Mason (San Antonio) and Daequan Cook (Miami).



The players will compete in the two-round competition with the top three finishers from the first round advancing to the finals. Five shooting stations will be set up around the 3-point line, with four game balls worth one point each and one commemorative purple and orange colored “money ball” worth two points at each location. Each player will have one minute to shoot as many balls as he can.

The Shootout will be televised live nationally as part of the NBA All-Star Saturday Night, which will also feature the PlayStation® Skills Challenge, Sprite Slam Dunk and Haier Shooting Stars. TNT and ESPN Radio’s national coverage will begin at 8 p.m. EST from US Airways Center. The NBA All-Star Game on Sunday, Feb. 15, will air live on TNT, ESPN Radio and in more than 215 countries and territories worldwide in 44 languages.

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