NBA Play by Play Data

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Schedules

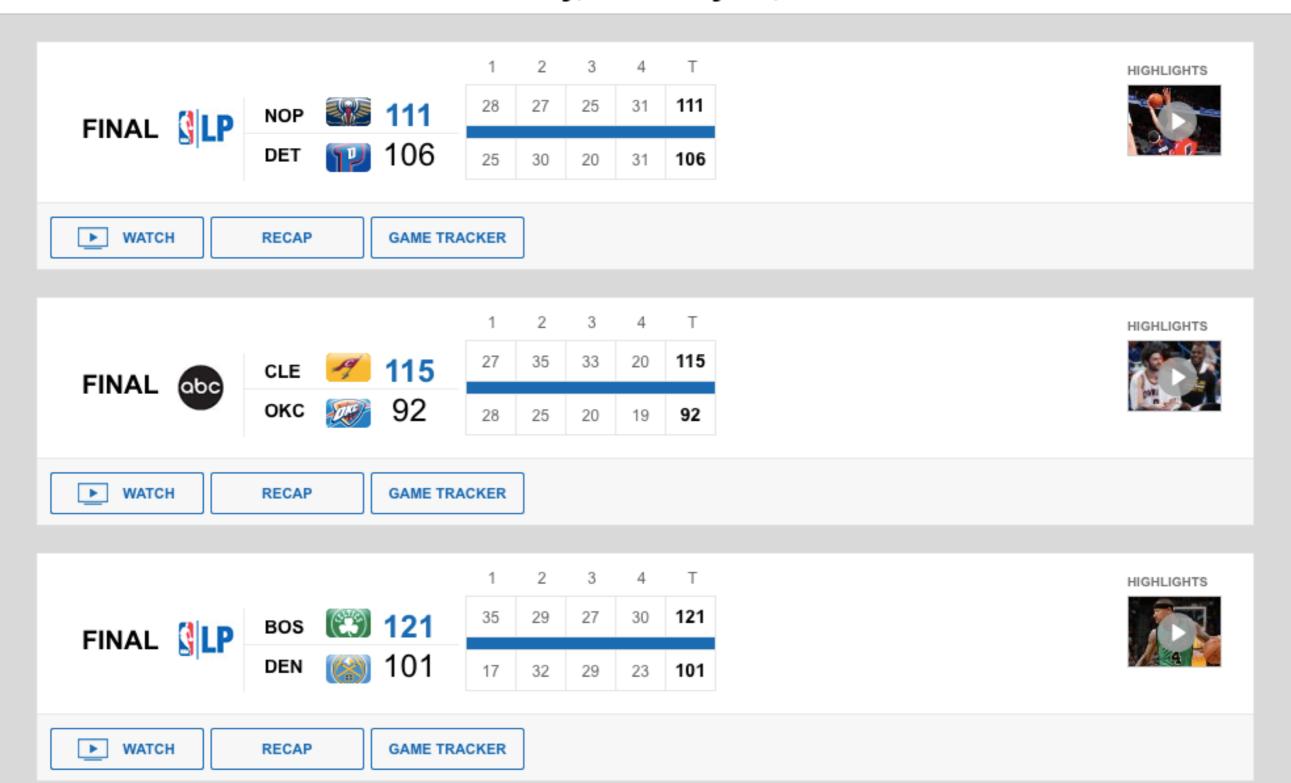
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Scores for Sunday, February 21, 2016









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Scrapy

- Real Selectors (CSS, XPath)
- Asynchronous
- Uses generators to make crawling very clean
- Pipelines for post-processing
- Probably lots of other cool features I'm not using

```
def parse(self, response):
    for href in response.css("a.recapAnc::attr('href')"):
        url = response.urljoin(href.extract())
        yield scrapy.Request(url, callback=self.parse_game_recap)
```

```
def parse_game_recap(self, response):
    away = None
    home = None
    quarter = None
    date = re.search('(\d+)', response.url).group(1)
    game_id = re.search('([A-Z]+)', response.url).group(1)
    print response.url
    print game_id
    pbp_item = PlayByPlay()
    for index, row in enumerate(response.xpath('//div[@id="nbaGIPBP"]//tr')):
        if int(row.xpath('@class="nbaGIPBPTeams"').extract_first()) == 1:
            (away, home) = [x.strip() for x in row.xpath('td/text()').extract()]
        else:
            pbp_item['quarter'] = quarter
            pbp_item['game_id'] = game_id
            pbp_item['index'] = index
            pbp_item['date'] = date
            for field in row.xpath('td'):
                field_class = str(field.xpath('@class').extract_first())
                if field_class == 'nbaGIPbPTblHdr':
                    name = row.xpath('td/a/@name')
                    if len(name) > 0:
                        quarter = row.xpath('td/a/@name').extract_first()
                        pbp_item['quarter'] = quarter
                elif len(field.xpath('@id')) > 0:
                    event_item = GameEvent()
                    event_item['type'] = field.xpath('@id').extract_first()
                    event_item['text'] = field.xpath('div/
text()').extract_first()
                    event_item['quarter'] = quarter
                    event_item['game_id'] = game_id
                    event_item['date'] = date
```

```
class PlayByPlay(scrapy.Item):
    game_id = scrapy.Field()
    quarter = scrapy.Field()
    period = scrapy.Field()
    clock = scrapy.Field()
    score = scrapy.Field()
    team = scrapy.Field()
    text = scrapy.Field()
    index = scrapy.Field()
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Problem: Who is playing?







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Solution: Lineups

Lineups	TEAM	GP	MIN	FGM	FGA	FG%	ЗРМ	ЗРА	3P%	FTM	FTA	FT%	OREB	DREB	REB	AST	TOV	STL	BLK	BLKA	PF	PFD	PTS	+/-
Adams,Steven - Durant,Kevin - Ibaka,Serge - Waiters,Dion - Westbrook,Russell	OKC	1	9.3	10	17	58.8	1	4	25.0	3	3	100	2	5	7	6	1	0	3.0	1.0	3	4	24.0	3
Irving,Kyrie - James,LeBron - Love,Kevin - Smith,JR - Thompson,Tristan	CLE	1	9.3	9	19	47.4	2	4	50.0	1	2	50.0	4	5	9	6	0	0	1.0	3.0	4	3	21.0	-3
Ellis,Monta - George,Paul - Hill,George - Mahinmi,lan - Turner,Myles	IND	1	7.8	5	13	38.5	1	4	25.0	1	2	50.0	0	9	9	2	6	1	2.0	2.0	2	2	12.0	-2
Ellington,Wayne - Johnson,Joe - Lopez,Brook - Sloan,Donald - Young,Thaddeus	BKN	1	7.6	6	12	50.0	1	4	25.0	5	5	100	1	4	5	4	3	1	0.0	0.0	3	3	18.0	-2
Faried,Kenneth - Gallinari,Danilo - Harris,Gary - Jokic,Nikola - Mudiay,Emmanuel	DEN	1	7.2	5	13	38.5	1	4	25.0	0	0	0.0	1	5	6	2	2	0	0.0	0.0	2	0	11.0	-11
Asik,Omer - Cole,Norris - Cunningham,Dante - Davis,Anthony - Dejean-Jones,Bryce	NOP	1	7.0	7	12	58.3	0	1	0.0	4	6	66.7	0	8	8	5	1	0	0.0	1.0	1	3	18.0	3
Caldwell-Pope,Kentavious - Drummond,Andre - Jackson,Reggie - Morris,Marcus - Tolliver,Anthony	DET	1	7.0	6	19	31.6	2	5	40.0	1	1	100	4	4	8	3	0	1	1.0	0.0	3	1	15.0	-3
Aldridge,LaMarcus - Anderson,Kyle - Duncan,Tim - Green,Danny - Parker,Tony	SAS	1	6.8	7	14	50.0	0	0	0.0	1	2	50.0	1	4	5	2	1	3	0.0	0.0	1	2	15.0	2
Aminu,Al-Farouq - Lillard,Damian - McCollum,CJ - Plumlee,Mason - Vonleh,Noah	POR	1	6.8	4	12	33.3	2	3	66.7	1	2	50.0	4	4	8	2	4	0	3.0	2.0	3	2	11.0	4
Barnes,Matt - Conley,Mike - Green,JaMychal - Hairston,PJ - Randolph,Zach	MEM	1	6.8	5	10	50.0	0	4	0.0	2	2	100	0	6	6	1	2	0	0.0	0.0	4	2	12.0	3
Booker,Devin - Humphries,Kris - Len,Alex - Price,Ronnie - Tucker,PJ	PHX	1	6.8	6	11	54.5	1	2	50.0	0	0	0.0	1	6	7	5	4	0	0.0	0.0	2	1	13.0	-2
Bradley,Avery - Crowder,Jae - Johnson,Amir - Sullinger,Jared - Thomas,Isaiah	BOS	1	6.8	7	14	50.0	2	5	40.0	3	3	100	1	6	7	6	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	2	19.0	8
Batum,Nicolas - Lee,Courtney - Walker,Kemba - Williams,Marvin - Zeller,Cody	CHA	1	6.4	5	9	55.6	0	2	0.0	3	3	100	0	5	5	4	3	0	0.0	0.0	3	2	13.0	-5
Bryant,Kobe - Clarkson,Jordan - Hibbert,Roy -	LAL	1	6.0	7	16	43.8	1	3	33.3	0	0	0.0	2	5	7	4	0	1	1.0	0.0	3	2	15.0	0

```
http://stats.nba.com/stats/leaguedashlineups?
Conference=&DateFrom=%s&DateTo=
%s&Division=&GameID=&GameSegment=&GroupQuantity=5
&LastNGames=0&LeagueID=00&Location=&MeasureType=B
ase&Month=0&OpponentTeamID=0&Outcome=&PORound=0
&PaceAdjust=N&PerMode=PerGame&Period=
%d&PlusMinus=N&Rank=N&Season=
%s&SeasonSegment=&SeasonType=Regular
+Season&ShotClockRange=&TeamID=0&VsConference=&Vs
Division=
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    for period in range(1,15):
        url = self.lineup_pattern % (self.date, self.date, period, self.season)
        yield scrapy.Request(url, callback=self.parse_lineups)
```

```
def parse_lineups(self, response):
    jsonresponse = json.loads(response.body_as_unicode())
    headers = dict([(i, str(j.lower())) for i, j in enumerate(jsonresponse['resultSets'][0]['headers'])])
    for row in jsonresponse['resultSets'][0]['rowSet']:
        item = Lineup()
        item['date'] = self.scrape_date
        item['period'] = int(re.search('Period=(\d+)', response.url).group(1))
        for index, value in enumerate(row):
            field = headers[index]
            item[field] = value
            yield item
```

Persistance

MongoDB + Scrapy Pipelines

```
class MongoPipeline(object):
   def init__(self, mongo_uri, mongo_db):
        self.mongo_uri = mongo_uri
        self.mongo_db = mongo_db
   @classmethod
    def from_crawler(cls, crawler):
        return cls(
            mongo_uri=crawler.settings.get('MONGO_URI'),
           mongo_db=crawler.settings.get('MONGO_DATABASE', 'items')
   def open_spider(self, spider):
        self.client = pymongo.MongoClient(self.mongo_uri)
        self.db = self.client[self.mongo_db]
   def close_spider(self, spider):
        self.client.close()
   def process_item(self, item, spider):
        self.db[item.__class__._name__].replace_one(item.index_fields(), dict(item), True)
        return item
```

```
MONGO_URI = 'localhost:27017'
MONGO_DATABASE = 'nba'
```

```
ITEM_PIPELINES = {
    'scraping.pipelines.QuarterProcessor': 100,
    'scraping.pipelines.ClockProcessor': 102,
    'scraping.pipelines.TextProcessor': 101,
    'scraping.pipelines.MongoPipeline': 300
}
```

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```
"_id": ObjectId("56ca6edfd53f91c2955625dd"),
"index" : 14,
"clock": "10:24",
"text": "Rush Rebound (Off:0 Def:1)",
"team": "Golden State Warriors\n
                                          (50-5)",
"date": "20160220",
"game_id": "GSWLAC",
"quarter": "Q1"
```

Data Cleanup

Two More Pipelines for Clock & Quarter

```
class QuarterProcessor(object):
   def process_item(self, item, spider):
        if 'quarter' in item:
            m = re.match('(Q|OT|H)(\d+)', item['quarter'])
            if m.group(1) in ('Q', 'H'):
                item['period'] = int(m.group(2))
            elif m.group(1) == 'OT':
                item['period'] = int(m.group(2)) + 4
            else:
                raise ValueError("Can't process quarter: %s" % item['quarter'])
        return item
class ClockProcessor(object):
    def process_item(self, item, spider):
        if 'clock' in item:
            (minutes, seconds) = item['clock'].split(':')
            item['seconds'] = float(minutes) * 60.0 + float(seconds)
        return item
```

Parsing Text

Welcome to Hell!

```
"Harden Driving Layup Shot: Missed Block: Faried (2 BLK)",
"Ellis Running Layup Shot: Made (19 PTS)",
"Vucevic Layup Shot: Missed Block: Withey (2 BLK)",
"Holiday 3pt Shot: Made (10 PTS) Assist: Gordon (1 AST)",
"Kaman Foul: Offensive (2 PF) (S Foster)",
"Parsons 3pt Shot: Made (7 PTS) Assist: Nowitzki (1 AST)",
"McLemore Turnover: Out of Bounds - Bad Pass Turnover (1 TO)",
"Okafor Turnaround Jump Shot: Missed Block: Adams (3 BLK)",
"Carroll Driving Floating Bank Jump Shot: Made (7 PTS)",
"Kaman Turnover: Foul (3 TO)",
"Millsap Turnover: Lost Ball (4 TO) Steal: Johnson (2 ST)",
"Williams Foul: Personal (1 PF) (B Adams)",
"Faried Dunk Shot: Made (10 PTS) Assist: Nelson (2 AST)",
"Young Layup Shot: Made (12 PTS) Assist: Jack (8 AST)",
"Withey Dunk Shot: Made (8 PTS) Assist: Neto (1 AST)",
"Holiday Pullup Jump shot: Made (12 PTS)",
"Mozgov Turnover: Lost Ball (1 TO) Steal: Calderon (2 ST)",
"Clarkson 3pt Shot: Made (13 PTS) Assist: Russell (4 AST)",
"Harden Step Back Jump shot: Made (15 PTS)",
"McConnell Driving Reverse Layup Shot: Made (6 PTS)",
"DeRozan Driving Reverse Layup Shot: Made (5 PTS) Assist: Lowry (4 AST)",
"Afflalo Pullup Jump shot: Made (10 PTS) Assist: Calderon (2 AST)",
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SHOT_RE = re.compile('(.+?) (((Tip|Alley Oop|Cutting|Dunk|Pullup|Turnaround|Running|Driving|
Hook|Jump|3pt|Layup|Fadeaway|Bank|No) ?)+) [Ss]hot: (Made|Missed)( \((\d+) PTS\))?')
REBOUND_RE = re.compile('(\cdot+?) Rebound \(0ff:(\d+) Def:(\d+)\)')
TEAM_REBOUND_RE = re.compile('Team Rebound')
DEFENSE_RE = re.compile('(Block|Steal): ?(.+?) \((\d+) (BLK|ST)\)')
ASSIST_RE = re.compile('Assist: (.+?) \((\d+) AST\)')
TIMEOUT_RE = re.compile('Team Timeout : (Short|Regular|No Timeout|Official)')
TURNOVER_RE = re.compile('(.+?) Turnover : ((Out of Bounds|Poss)? ?(- )?(Basket from Below|
Illegal Screen|No|Swinging Elbows|Double Dribble|Illegal Assist|Inbound|Palming|Kicked Ball|
Jump Ball|Lane|Backcourt|Offensive Goaltending|Discontinue Dribble|Lost Ball|Foul|Bad Pass|
Traveling|Step Out of Bounds|3 Second|Offensive Foul|Player Out of Bounds)( Violation)?
( Turnover)?) \((\d+) T0\)')
TEAM_TURNOVER_RE = re.compile('Team Turnover : ((5 Sec Inbound|Backcourt|Shot Clock|Offensive
Goaltending|3 Second)( Violation)?( Turnover)?)')
FOUL RE = re.compile('(.+?) Foul: (Clear Path|Flagrant|Away From Play|Personal Take|Inbound|
Loose Ball|Offensive|Offensive Charge|Personal|Shooting|Personal Block|Shooting Block|Defense
3 Second)( Type (\d+))? ((\d+) PF\)( (\d+ FTA\))? ((\arrowvert.+?)\)')
JUMP_RE = re.compile('Jump Ball (.+?) vs (.+)( \((.+?) gains possession\))?')
VIOLATION_RE = re.compile('(.+?) Violation:(Defensive Goaltending|Kicked Ball|Lane|Jump Ball|
Double Lane)( \backslash((.+?)\backslash)?')
FREE\_THROW\_RE = re.compile('(.+?)) Free Throw (Flagrant|Clear Path)? ?(\d) of (\d) (Missed)? ?
(\((\d+) PTS\))?')
TECHNICAL_FT_RE = re.compile('(.+?) Free Throw Technical (Missed)? ?(\((\d+) PTS\))?')
SUB_RE = re.compile('(.+?) Substitution replaced by (.+?)$')
TEAM_VIOLATION_RE = re.compile('Team Violation : (Delay Of Game) \((.+?)\)')
\overline{CLOCK}_{RE} = re.compile('\((\d+:\d+)\)')')
TEAM_RE = re.compile('\setminus [([A-Z]+)\setminus]')
TECHNICAL\_RE = re.compile('(.+?) Technical (- )?([A-Z]+)? ?((.+?)))')
DOUBLE_TECH_RE = re.compile('Double Technical -(.+?), (.+?) \setminus ((.+?) \setminus)')
DOUBLE_FOUL_RE = re.compile('Foul : (Double Personal) - (.+?) \((\d+) PF\), (.+?) \((\d+) PF
\) \((.+?)\)')
EJECTION_RE = re.compile('(.+?) Ejection:(First Flagrant Type 2|Second Technical)')
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Running|Driving|Hook|Jump|3pt|Layup|Fadeaway|Bank|No) ?)+) [Ss]hot: (Made|
Missed)(\((\d+)\)PTS\())?')
def process_item(self, item, spider):
    text = item.get('text', None)
    if text:
        item['events'] = []
    while text:
        l = len(text)
        m = self.SHOT_RE.match(text)
        if m:
            event = {'player': m.group(1), 'fga': 1, 'type': m.group(2)}
            if '3pt' in m.group(2):
                event['fg3a'] = 1
                if m.group(5) == 'Made':
                    event['fg3m'] = 1
                    event['fgm'] = 1
                    event['pts'] = 3
            else:
                if m.group(5) == 'Made':
                    event['fg3m'] = 1
                    event['fgm'] = 1
                    event['pts'] = 2
            item['events'].append(event)
            text = text[m.end():].strip()
        m = self_REBOUND_RE_match(text)
```

PlayByPlay

```
"_id": ObjectId("56ca6edfd53f91c2955625e2"),
"index" : 30,
"clock": "08:31",
"seconds" : 511,
"text": "Paul Rebound (Off:0 Def:1)",
"period": 1,
"team": "Los Angeles Clippers\n
                                            (36-20)",
"date": "20160220",
"game_id": "GSWLAC",
"quarter" : "Q1",
"events" : [ { "reb" : 1, "player" : "Paul" } ]
```

Lineup

```
"_id": ObjectId("56ca72dfd53f91c295562961"),
"gp": 1,
"fg_pct": 0.714,
"period": 3,
"group_name": "Bazemore, Kent - Horford, Al - Korver, Kyle - Millsap, Paul - Teague, Jeff",
"team_id": 1610612737,
"group_set": "Lineups",
"w_pct": 0,
"pts": 11,
"min" : 5.2,
"tov" : 2,
"fta": 2,
"pf": 2,
"blk": 0,
"reb": 4,
"blka" : 1,
"ftm": 1,
"ft_pct": 0.5,
"fg3a": 1,
"pfd": 1,
"ast": 3,
"fg3m" : 0,
"fgm" : 5,
"fg3_pct" : 0,
"date": "20160220",
"dreb" : 4,
"fga": 7,
"plus_minus": 2,
"stl": 1,
"team_abbreviation": "ATL",
"I" : 1,
"oreb": 0,
"w":0,
"group_id": "203145 - 201143 - 2594 - 200794 - 201952"
```

GameEvent

```
"_id": ObjectId("56cb11edd53f91c295564176"),
"index" : 2,
"clock": "12:00",
"seconds" : 720,
"text": "(12:00) Jump Ball Vucevic vs Pachulia (Nowitzki gains possession)",
"period" : 1,
"date": "20160219",
"game_id": "DALORL",
"quarter" : "Q1",
"type": "nbaGIPbPJBall",
"events" : [
 { "jump" : "home", "player" : "Vucevic" },
 { "jump" : "away", "player" : "Pachulia (Nowitzki gains possession)" }
```

Next Steps

- Identify Players on floor
- Modeling Player Contributions
- Predicting Lineup Performance
- Understanding how factors such as rest impact Lineup Performance