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Determining Whether NBA Players are NBA Regular Season or Post Season Performers

There is a popular belief that certain NBA players perform better in the post season while others fail to perform as well in the postseason as they do in the regular season. This research aims to determine if this belief is true and if it is possible to predict the NBA Finals winners using regular season performance and previous post season performances. By using VORP, Value Over Replacement Player, and time played, a single metric was created to quantify a player’s performance. By comparing regular season to post season, we are able to determine if a certain player performs better in the post season. Future research will also use this metric to see if the NBA Champions can be predicted with reasonable accuracy.