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| Term | Definition |
| MVP | Most Valuable Player. Awarded to the “Best Player” in the league every year. |
| Votes | A panel of about 125 sportswriters every year is awarded ballots by the league. For each ballot the first vote is worth 10 points, second place is worth 7, third is worth 5, fourth is worth 3, and fifth is worth 1. “Votes” as used in this paper refers to total vote points a player has for a given season. |
| FGM | Field Goals Made |
| FG\_PCT | Field Goal Percentage |
| FT | Free Throws |
| FT\_PCT | Free Throw Percentage |
| W\_PCT | Win Percentage for that player’s team |
| FG3 | 3-PT Field Goals Made |
| FG3\_PCT | 3-PT Percentage |
| PTS | Points |
| BLKS | Blocks |
| REB | Total Rebounds |
| AST | Assists |
| STL | Steals |
| TOV | Turnovers |
| Plus Minus | The point differential for a given player’s time on court. |
| Double Double (DD2) | The amount of games in which a player records double digit totals in two of five categories (Assists, Blocks, Points, Rebounds, Steals) |
| Triple Double (TD2) | The amount of games in which a player records double digit totals in three of five categories. Considerably rarer and more prestigious than a Double Double. |