Steps to ensure CVX code works:

1.) Please have all the following files in the same folder directory in MATLAB

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"Code_Erdogan.m", "Data_Erdogan.m", "NBA_Stats.xlsx", "2016 Team Stats.xlsx"
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- 2.) Once all the files are in the correct folder and path in MATLAB, run "Data\_Erdogan.m". This file will pull all the data from the excel sheets that are also in the same MATLAB folder path.
- 3.) When this files finishes running (which may take a few minutes depending on the hardware of your computer) please make sure that you have a professional CVX solver set to your default. The CVX code will not work otherwise since the standard solvers cannot handle binary variables. Please make sure you have activated the professional license in your version of MATLAB. An academic professional license is free to get at

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http://www.cvxr.com/cvx/academic/
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Installation instructions can be found at the link below if you need to install a professional license.

http://cvxr.com/cvx/doc/install.html#licinstall

To set MOSEK as your default solver, which is the solver I used, please type the following code in the command window

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cvx_solver mosek
cvx_save_prefs
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- 4.) Now that you have MOSEK as your solver please open up the "Code\_Erdogan.m" file in MATLAB and run it. The output will come up in the command window. It is displaying the index number of the players that were selected. Please refer to "Data\_Erdogan.m" and look through the code at the comments to see which index numbers correspond to the players selected. A table of players and their corresponding index number is also available in the final report on pages 5 and 6. This is your optimized line up and the answer to the convex optimization problem.
- 5.) Convince a NBA franchise to give you total control of their team, acquire all the players selected by CVX, win a NBA championship with your optimized roster, make millions of dollars and then retire.... just kidding ©