finalproject

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1 The Effect of Per Game Stats on the Modern Era NBA Teams Win Percentage

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2 Introduction

NBA is a professional basketball league where 30 teams compete in a series of 82 games every year with the goal of winning as many games as possible. A team wins when they outscore the other team, so some might be quick to say that stats related to scoring such as shooting percentage are the ones that will dictate if a team is successful or not. In this project, we will take a look at if this really is the case, or if other stats such as the number of rebounds (balls retrieved after a missed shot), fouls per game or even shots blocked have a greater impact on the result of the game. Figuring out which statistics matter the most can help teams scout for players who #excel in those aspects, help fans win in the sports betting industry, or even help teams figure out what they need to change in general.

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[253]: import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
```

3 Data Collection

We will grab the advanced stats from the past 10 years (which is the modern era of basketball) which contains all the data, even though some of which are unnecessary for our analysis. We scraped the data from basketball-reference.com which is one of the leading databases for sports statistics.

After obtaining the data we must iterate over the rows and cells of the data to place them into a readable table that is not just HTML.

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[165]: # Obtain the data from a table via the URL, using pandas and beautifulsoup
       # we are able to extract a table in HTML form which we will later have to \Box
        ⇔iterate through
       # the rows and cells to place into a dataframe.
       url = 'https://www.basketball-reference.com/leagues/NBA_2022.html#advanced-team'
       res = requests.get(url)
       soup = BeautifulSoup(res.content, 'html.parser')
       table22 = soup.find('table', {'id': 'advanced-team'})
       data = []
       # get the column names
       headers = table22.find_all('tr')[1]
       columns = [header.text.strip() for header in headers.find_all('th')]
       # iterate over the rows and cells of the table
       for row in table22.find_all('tr')[2:]:
           row_data = []
           for cell in row.find_all(['th', 'td']):
               row_data.append(cell.text.strip())
           if row data:
               data.append(row_data)
       # create a pandas dataframe from the extracted data
       df22 = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
       # We will repeat this 9 more times
       url = 'https://www.basketball-reference.com/leagues/NBA_2021.html#advanced-team'
       res = requests.get(url)
       soup = BeautifulSoup(res.content, 'html.parser')
       table21 = soup.find('table', {'id': 'advanced-team'})
       data = []
       # get the column names
       headers = table21.find_all('tr')[1]
       columns = [header.text.strip() for header in headers.find_all('th')]
       # iterate over the rows and cells of the table
       for row in table21.find_all('tr')[2:]:
           row_data = []
           for cell in row.find_all(['th', 'td']):
               row_data.append(cell.text.strip())
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if row_data:
        data.append(row_data)
# create a pandas dataframe from the extracted data
df21 = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
url = 'https://www.basketball-reference.com/leagues/NBA_2020.html#advanced-team'
res = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(res.content, 'html.parser')
table20 = soup.find('table', {'id': 'advanced-team'})
data = []
# get the column names
headers = table20.find_all('tr')[1]
columns = [header.text.strip() for header in headers.find_all('th')]
# iterate over the rows and cells of the table
for row in table20.find_all('tr')[2:]:
   row_data = []
   for cell in row.find_all(['th', 'td']):
        row_data.append(cell.text.strip())
    if row data:
        data.append(row_data)
# create a pandas dataframe from the extracted data
df20 = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
url = 'https://www.basketball-reference.com/leagues/NBA_2019.html#advanced-team'
res = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(res.content, 'html.parser')
table19 = soup.find('table', {'id': 'advanced-team'})
data = []
# get the column names
headers = table19.find all('tr')[1]
columns = [header.text.strip() for header in headers.find_all('th')]
# iterate over the rows and cells of the table
for row in table19.find_all('tr')[2:]:
   row_data = []
   for cell in row.find_all(['th', 'td']):
        row_data.append(cell.text.strip())
   if row_data:
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data.append(row_data)
# create a pandas dataframe from the extracted data
df19 = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
url = 'https://www.basketball-reference.com/leagues/NBA_2018.html#advanced-team'
res = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(res.content, 'html.parser')
table18 = soup.find('table', {'id': 'advanced-team'})
data = []
# get the column names
headers = table18.find_all('tr')[1]
columns = [header.text.strip() for header in headers.find_all('th')]
# iterate over the rows and cells of the table
for row in table18.find_all('tr')[2:]:
   row_data = []
   for cell in row.find_all(['th', 'td']):
        row_data.append(cell.text.strip())
   if row_data:
        data.append(row_data)
# create a pandas dataframe from the extracted data
df18 = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
url = 'https://www.basketball-reference.com/leagues/NBA_2017.html#advanced-team'
res = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(res.content, 'html.parser')
table17 = soup.find('table', {'id': 'advanced-team'})
data = []
# get the column names
headers = table17.find_all('tr')[1]
columns = [header.text.strip() for header in headers.find_all('th')]
# iterate over the rows and cells of the table
for row in table17.find_all('tr')[2:]:
   row_data = []
   for cell in row.find_all(['th', 'td']):
       row_data.append(cell.text.strip())
    if row_data:
        data.append(row_data)
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# create a pandas dataframe from the extracted data
df17 = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
url = 'https://www.basketball-reference.com/leagues/NBA_2016.html#advanced-team'
res = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(res.content, 'html.parser')
table16 = soup.find('table', {'id': 'advanced-team'})
data = []
# get the column names
headers = table16.find_all('tr')[1]
columns = [header.text.strip() for header in headers.find_all('th')]
# iterate over the rows and cells of the table
for row in table16.find_all('tr')[2:]:
   row_data = []
   for cell in row.find_all(['th', 'td']):
        row_data.append(cell.text.strip())
   if row data:
        data.append(row_data)
# create a pandas dataframe from the extracted data
df16 = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
url = 'https://www.basketball-reference.com/leagues/NBA_2015.html#advanced-team'
res = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(res.content, 'html.parser')
table15 = soup.find('table', {'id': 'advanced-team'})
data = []
# get the column names
headers = table15.find_all('tr')[1]
columns = [header.text.strip() for header in headers.find_all('th')]
# iterate over the rows and cells of the table
for row in table15.find_all('tr')[2:]:
   row_data = []
   for cell in row.find_all(['th', 'td']):
       row_data.append(cell.text.strip())
   if row_data:
        data.append(row_data)
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# create a pandas dataframe from the extracted data
df15 = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
url = 'https://www.basketball-reference.com/leagues/NBA_2014.html#advanced-team'
res = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(res.content, 'html.parser')
table14 = soup.find('table', {'id': 'advanced-team'})
data = []
# get the column names
headers = table14.find_all('tr')[1]
columns = [header.text.strip() for header in headers.find_all('th')]
# iterate over the rows and cells of the table
for row in table14.find_all('tr')[2:]:
   row_data = []
   for cell in row.find_all(['th', 'td']):
        row_data.append(cell.text.strip())
   if row_data:
        data.append(row_data)
# create a pandas dataframe from the extracted data
df14 = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
url = 'https://www.basketball-reference.com/leagues/NBA_2013.html#advanced-team'
res = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(res.content, 'html.parser')
table13 = soup.find('table', {'id': 'advanced-team'})
data = []
# get the column names
headers = table13.find_all('tr')[1]
columns = [header.text.strip() for header in headers.find_all('th')]
# iterate over the rows and cells of the table
for row in table13.find_all('tr')[2:]:
   row data = []
   for cell in row.find_all(['th', 'td']):
        row_data.append(cell.text.strip())
   if row_data:
        data.append(row_data)
# create a pandas dataframe from the extracted data
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df13 = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
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3.1 Combining Dataset

We started by grabbing the advanced stats from the 2022 season and put it in a dataframe. We then repeated this process for the other 9 years, and combined the resulting tables into a single one. This way we can analyze all the stats and trends at once.

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[255]: dfs = [df13, df14, df15, df16, df17, df18, df19, df20, df21, df22] result = pd.concat(dfs, ignore_index=True) result.head(310)
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[310 rows x 31 columns]

4 Data Processing

We now need to clean up the Dataframe and organize our data to what we want.

Now we have all the data in one place, however, it is not organized. For this project, we care about which stats affect the win percentage of teams. T The next step we can take to reach this goal is to sort the data from the past 10 years by win percentage.

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[256]: result = result.sort_values('W', ascending=False)
        result.head(310)
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[310 rows x 31 columns]

Since we want to find what stats correlate to a high win percentage, we should only look at teams that win a lot. Drop rows from the dataframe so that only the top 50 results are present. This represents about the top 3 seeds in each confrence per year.

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[257]: result = result.head(50)
result
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[257]:		Rk	Team	Age	W	L	PW	PL	MOV	SOS	SRS	\
	94	2	Golden State Warriors*	27.4	73	9	65	17	10.76	-0.38	10.38	
	124	1	Golden State Warriors*	28.2	67	15	67	15	11.63	-0.28	11.35	
	93	1	San Antonio Spurs*	30.3	67	15	67	15	10.63	-0.36	10.28	
1 1 2 3	62	1	Golden State Warriors*	26.6	67	15	65	17	10.10	-0.09	10.01	
	1	2	Miami Heat*	30.3	66	16	62	20	7.87	-0.84	7.03	
	155	1	Houston Rockets*	29.8	65	17	61	21	8.48	-0.27	8.21	
	280	2	Phoenix Suns*	27.5	64	18	59	23	7.50	-0.56	6.94	
	31	1	San Antonio Spurs*	28.9	62	20	61	21	7.72	0.28	8.00	
	125	2	San Antonio Spurs*	29.6	61	21	60	22	7.20	-0.06	7.13	
	186	1	Milwaukee Bucks*	26.9	60	22	61	21	8.87	-0.82	8.04	
	65	4	Atlanta Hawks*	27.8	60	22	56	26	5.43	-0.68	4.75	
	0	1	Oklahoma City Thunder*	26.0	60	22	64	18	9.21	-0.06	9.15	
	33	3	Oklahoma City Thunder*	26.2	59	23	58	24	6.34	0.32	6.66	
	156	2	Toronto Raptors*	25.8	59	23	60	22	7.78	-0.49	7.29	
	188	3	Toronto Raptors*	27.3	58	24	56	26	6.09	-0.60	5.49	
	3	4	San Antonio Spurs*	28.6	58	24	58	24	6.40	0.27	6.67	
	157	3	Golden State Warriors*	28.8	58	24	56	26	5.98	-0.19	5.79	
	96	4	Cleveland Cavaliers*	28.1	57	25	57	25	6.00	-0.55	5.45	
	32	2	Los Angeles Clippers*	28.1	57	25	59	23	6.98	0.30	7.27	
	187	2	Golden State Warriors*	28.4	57	25	56	26	6.46	-0.04	6.42	
	4	5	Denver Nuggets*	26.1	57	25	55	27	5.09	0.28	5.37	
	282	4	Memphis Grizzlies*	24.0	56	26	55	27	5.68	-0.32	5.37	
	97	5	Toronto Raptors*	26.3	56	26	53	29	4.50	-0.42	4.08	
	2	3	Los Angeles Clippers*	28.8	56	26	59	23	6.45	-0.02	6.43	
	36	6	Indiana Pacers*	27.2	56	26	54	28	4.40	-0.77	3.63	
	68	7	Houston Rockets*	27.6	56	26	50	32	3.44	0.38	3.82	
	6	7	Memphis Grizzlies*	27.0	56	26	54	28	4.15	0.18	4.32	
	63	2	Los Angeles Clippers*	28.8	56	26	58	24	6.59	0.22	6.80	

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We want to remove unwanted data such as attendance, arena, the loss column, ranks, as well as redicted wins/loss. Attendance and arena is an uncontrollable stat, as it is dependant on a team's location. Also teams performance away and at home are not possible to be accounted for. The loss, rank and prediction columns are already calculated via the wins share column, thus is just repeated data in which we can remove.

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[258]: result = result.drop('Rk', axis = 1)
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[258]:	Team	Age	W	MOV	SOS	SRS	ORtg	DRtg	\
94	Golden State Warriors*	27.4	73	10.76	-0.38	10.38	114.5	103.8	
124	Golden State Warriors*	28.2	67	11.63	-0.28	11.35	115.6	104.0	
93	San Antonio Spurs*	30.3	67	10.63	-0.36	10.28	110.3	99.0	
62	Golden State Warriors*	26.6	67	10.10	-0.09	10.01	111.6	101.4	
1	Miami Heat*	30.3	66	7.87	-0.84	7.03	112.3	103.7	
155	Houston Rockets*	29.8	65	8.48	-0.27	8.21	114.7	106.1	
280	Phoenix Suns*	27.5	64	7.50	-0.56	6.94	114.8	107.3	
31	San Antonio Spurs*	28.9	62	7.72	0.28	8.00	110.5	102.4	
125	San Antonio Spurs*	29.6	61	7.20	-0.06	7.13	111.1	103.5	
186	Milwaukee Bucks*	26.9	60	8.87	-0.82	8.04	113.8	105.2	
65	Atlanta Hawks*	27.8	60	5.43	-0.68	4.75	108.9	103.1	
0	Oklahoma City Thunder*	26.0	60	9.21	-0.06	9.15	112.4	102.6	
33	Oklahoma City Thunder*	26.2	59	6.34	0.32	6.66	110.5	103.9	
156	Toronto Raptors*	25.8	59	7.78	-0.49	7.29	113.8	105.9	
188	Toronto Raptors*	27.3	58	6.09	-0.60	5.49	113.1	107.1	
3	San Antonio Spurs*	28.6	58	6.40	0.27	6.67	108.3	101.6	
157	Golden State Warriors*	28.8	58	5.98	-0.19	5.79	113.6	107.6	
96	Cleveland Cavaliers*	28.1	57	6.00	-0.55	5.45	110.9	104.5	
32	Los Angeles Clippers*	28.1	57	6.98	0.30	7.27	112.1	104.8	
187	Golden State Warriors*	28.4	57	6.46	-0.04	6.42	115.9	109.5	
4	Denver Nuggets*	26.1	57	5.09	0.28	5.37	110.4	105.1	
282	Memphis Grizzlies*	24.0	56	5.68	-0.32	5.37	114.6	109.0	
97	Toronto Raptors*	26.3	56	4.50	-0.42	4.08	110.0	105.2	
2	Los Angeles Clippers*	28.8	56	6.45	-0.02	6.43	110.6	103.6	
36	Indiana Pacers*	27.2	56	4.40	-0.77	3.63	104.1	99.3	
68	Houston Rockets*	27.6	56	3.44	0.38	3.82	107.0	103.4	
6	Memphis Grizzlies*	27.0	56	4.15	0.18	4.32	104.9	100.3	
63	Los Angeles Clippers*	28.8	56	6.59	0.22	6.80	112.4	105.5	
217	Milwaukee Bucks*	29.2	56	10.08	-0.67	9.41	112.4	102.9	
69	Memphis Grizzlies*	29.6	55	3.24	0.38	3.62	105.7	102.2	
160	Boston Celtics*	24.7	55	3.59	-0.35	3.23	107.6	103.9	
64	San Antonio Spurs*	29.8	55	6.20	0.14	6.34	108.5	102.0	
95	Oklahoma City Thunder*	25.8	55	7.28	-0.19	7.09	113.1	105.6	
126	Houston Rockets*	27.4	55	5.77	0.08	5.84	114.7	109.0	
38	Portland Trail Blazers*	25.8	54	3.99	0.45	4.44	111.5	107.4	
193	Denver Nuggets*	24.9	54	3.95	0.24	4.19	113.0	108.9	
5	New York Knicks*	30.2	54	4.23	-0.50	3.73	111.1	106.3	
34	Miami Heat*	30.6	54	4.76	-0.61	4.15	110.9	105.8	
37	Houston Rockets*	25.4	54	4.56	0.50	5.06	111.0	106.3	
98	Los Angeles Clippers*	29.7	53	4.28	-0.15	4.13	108.3	103.8	
66	Cleveland Cavaliers*	26.9	53	4.48	-0.40	4.08	111.1	106.3	
283	Golden State Warriors*	27.6	53	5.54	-0.02	5.52	112.5	106.9	
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We now see that everything is sorted and organized, but there is still one thing that makes our data a tad confusing. The labels of the table include four offensive and defensive stats that are the exact same name. This includes eFG%, TOV%, and FT/FGA. Let us rename it so that we can better interpret the data.

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187	+6.4	100.9	•••	.565	12.6	22.5	.182	.508	11.7	77.1
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283	+5.6	98.4	•••	.552	13.5	22.8	.181	.509	13.0	78.7
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284	+4.6	95.9	•••	.547	13.4	23.5	.204	.524	13.8	78.0
131	+2.8	96.8	•••	.525	12.2	21.2	.220	.503	12.6	75.3
220	+6.1	100.9		.536	13.1	21.3	.210	.502	14.6	76.7
248	+9.3	98.5	•••	.563	12.7	24.5	.195	.507	10.3	79.3
285	+3.4	95.4	•••	.538	11.7	21.3	.192	.521	12.2	78.0
159	+4.5	99.8	•••	.535	14.6	25.3	.198	.492	12.6	78.6

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5 Exploratory Analysis and Data Visualization:

In this part of tutorial, we will dive into trends and logistical analysis via graphs and sorting through the numbers. There will be plots to show trends we notice, as well as sorting the tables by certain categories that will show which correlate to team wins. Therefore we will further dive into the data and explore these trends.

Before we dive into details and statistics we should look at which teams make it in the top 50 the most and that will lead us to wanna find out the facts and correlations of why these teams win so much

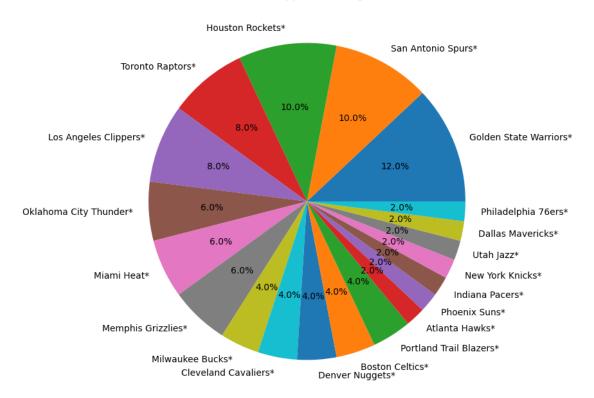
We will plot a pie chart to help visualize which teams win in comparison to others.

[170]: display(result[['Team','W']])

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[260]: counts = result['Team'].value_counts()
       # create a pie chart
       plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
       plt.pie(counts.values, labels=counts.index, autopct='%1.1f%%')
       plt.title('Number of Appearances by Team')
       plt.show()
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Number of Appearances by Team



We clearly see now that the Golden State Warriors, San Antonio Spurs, and Houston Rockets taken up most of the space on the pie chart. We now will dive into what makes these teams so good and what factors we can take away from this.

We can see from the pie chart that five teams, the Golden State Warriors, San Antonio Spurs, Houston Rockets, Toronto Raptors, and Los Angeles Clippers make up almost half of the appearances. This means that whatever strategies or strengths they have are working very well to get them an above average amount of wins. Lets take a look a couple stats which these teams might have strengths in which may lead them to more wins First, drop all rows from the dataframe where the team is not one of these five top teams

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[261]: team_names = ['Golden State Warriors*', 'San Antonio Spurs*', 'Houston

→Rockets*', 'Toronto Raptors*', 'Los Angeles Clippers*']

filtered_results = result[result['Team'].isin(team_names)]

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Next pick four stats to look at. Look for trends in the stats, if they have a strong correlation with the win percentage. In addition, look for trends regarding the teams - does any team excel at any one of the stats? Plotting the datapoints in color to match which team the data is from makes the analysis easier.

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[177]: #Plot for Age
       color map = {'Golden State Warriors*': 'yellow', 'Houston Rockets*': 'red', |
        G'Los Angeles Clippers*': 'blue', 'San Antonio Spurs*': 'green', 'Toronto⊔

¬Raptors*': 'black'}
       filtered results['Age'] = filtered results['Age'].astype(float)
       colors = filtered_results['Team'].map(color_map)
       valid_colors = [color_map.get(team, 'gray') for team in_

→filtered_results['Team']]
       plt.scatter(filtered results['W'], filtered results['Age'], c=valid colors)
       # add a legend
       labels = color map.keys()
       handles = [plt.scatter([], [], c=color_map[label], label=label) for label in_
        -labels]
       plt.legend(handles, labels, loc='best')
       plt.legend(loc='upper left', bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1))
       plt.xlabel('Wins')
       plt.ylabel('Age')
       plt.title('Wins vs Age Scatter Plot')
       plt.show()
       #Plot for Defensive Rating
       color_map = {'Golden State Warriors*': 'yellow', 'Houston Rockets*': 'red',
        ⇔'Los Angeles Clippers*': 'blue', 'San Antonio Spurs*': 'green', 'Toronto⊔

¬Raptors*': 'black'}
       filtered_results['DRtg'] = filtered_results['DRtg'].astype(float)
       colors = filtered_results['Team'].map(color_map)
       valid_colors = [color_map.get(team, 'gray') for team in_
        →filtered_results['Team']]
       plt.scatter(filtered_results['W'], filtered_results['DRtg'], c=valid_colors)
       labels = color_map.keys()
       handles = [plt.scatter([], [], c=color_map[label], label=label) for label in_
        ⊣labels]
       plt.legend(handles, labels, loc='best')
       plt.legend(loc='upper left', bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1))
       plt.xlabel('Wins')
       plt.ylabel('Defensive Rating')
       plt.title('Wins vs Defensive Rating')
       plt.show()
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#Plot for Offensive Rating
color_map = {'Golden State Warriors*': 'yellow', 'Houston Rockets*': 'red', |
 _{\hookrightarrow}'Los Angeles Clippers*': 'blue', 'San Antonio Spurs*': 'green', 'Toronto_{\sqcup}

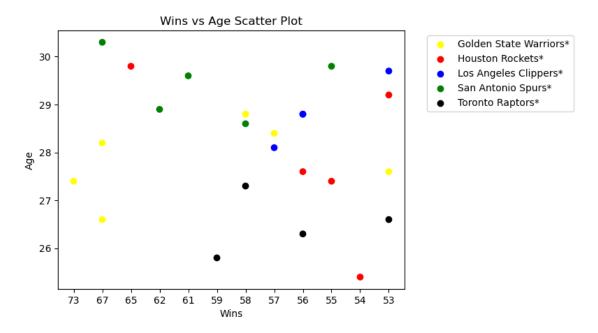
¬Raptors*': 'black'}
filtered_results['ORtg'] = filtered_results['ORtg'].astype(float)
colors = filtered_results['Team'].map(color_map)
valid_colors = [color_map.get(team, 'gray') for team in_

→filtered_results['Team']]
plt.scatter(filtered results['W'], filtered results['ORtg'], c=valid colors)
labels = color map.keys()
handles = [plt.scatter([], [], c=color_map[label], label=label) for label in_
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plt.legend(handles, labels, loc='best')
plt.legend(loc='upper left', bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1))
plt.xlabel('Wins')
plt.ylabel('Offensive Rating')
plt.title('Wins vs Offensive Rating')
plt.show()
#Plot for Pace
→ 'Los Angeles Clippers*': 'blue', 'San Antonio Spurs*': 'green', 'Toronto⊔

¬Raptors*': 'black'}
filtered_results['Pace'] = filtered_results['Pace'].astype(float)
colors = filtered_results['Team'].map(color_map)
valid_colors = [color_map.get(team, 'gray') for team in_
 →filtered_results['Team']]
plt.scatter(filtered_results['W'], filtered_results['Pace'], c=valid_colors)
labels = color map.keys()
handles = [plt.scatter([], [], c=color_map[label], label=label) for label in_
 -labels]
plt.legend(handles, labels, loc='best')
plt.legend(loc='upper left', bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1))
plt.xlabel('Wins')
plt.ylabel('Pace')
plt.title('Wins vs Pace')
plt.show()
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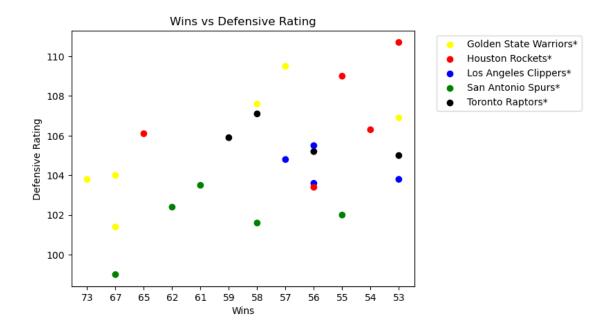
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A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy filtered_results['Age'] = filtered_results['Age'].astype(float)



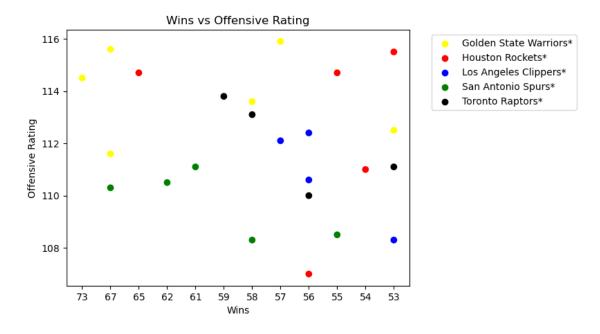
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Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

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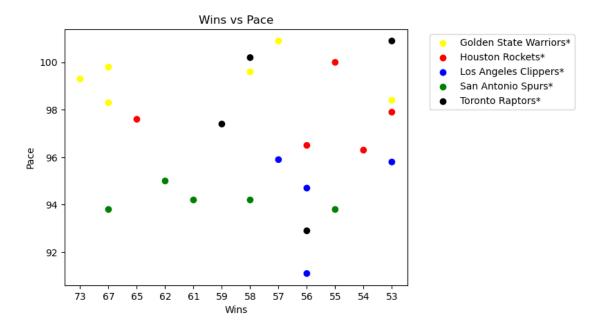
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/tmp/ipykernel_841/2482424528.py:56: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy filtered_results['Pace'] = filtered_results['Pace'].astype(float)



Analysis of the top five teams and their stats. When looking at the plots above, there seems to be no strong correlation between any of the stats and the win percentage. For less obvious stats such as age or pace this makes sense (an older team does not necessarily mean more wins nor does a fast paced team always beat out a slower one who can control the pace). However, it is surprising that defensive rating does not have a strong correlation with wins. Many teams specifically Golden State have poor ratings compared to the other four but still excel in wins. However, after looking at the offensive rating graph, we can see Golden State has a high offensive rating which may counteract the low defensive ratings.

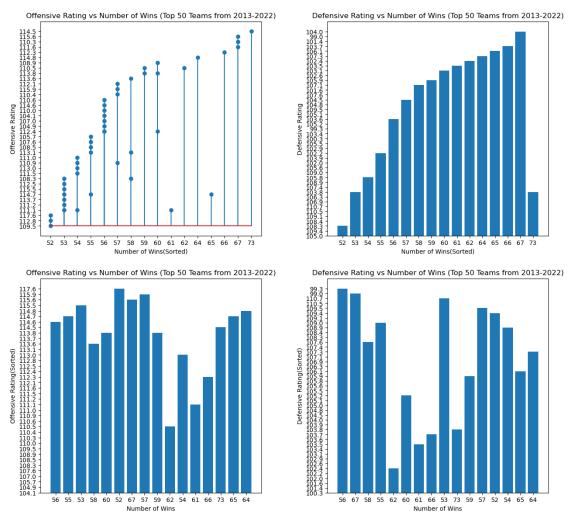
We will explore the offense and defensive ratings of all the teams because that is an essential part of the sport We will see if there are trends and correlations to the number of wins to these ratings. Now let us plot both and compare into two new data frames.

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[262]: # create a figure with two subplots, arranged side by side fig, axs = plt.subplots(ncols=2, nrows=2, figsize=(15, 14))
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Below are looking at the correlation between Offensive rating vs Number of \Box
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# plot the first subplot
sortedWins = result.sort_values('W')
axs[0][0].stem(sortedWins['W'], sortedWins['ORtg'])
axs[0][0].set xlabel('Number of Wins(Sorted)')
axs[0][0].set_ylabel('Offensive Rating')
axs[0][0].set_title('Offensive Rating vs Number of Wins (Top 50 Teams from I
  →2013-2022)')
# plot the 2nd plot
sortedORTG = result.sort_values('ORtg')
axs[1][0].bar(sortedORTG['W'], sortedORTG['ORtg'])
axs[1][0].set_xlabel('Number of Wins')
axs[1][0].set_ylabel('Offensive Rating(Sorted)')
axs[1][0].set_title('Offensive Rating vs Number of Wins (Top 50 Teams from vs Number 
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# plot the first subplot
sortedWins = result.sort_values('W')
axs[0][1].bar(sortedWins['W'], sortedWins['DRtg'])
axs[0][1].set_ylabel('Defensive Rating')
axs[0][1].set_xlabel('Number of Wins(Sorted)')
axs[0][1].set title('Defensive Rating vs Number of Wins (Top 50 Teams from,
  →2013−2022)')
# # plot the 2nd plot
sortedDRTG = result.sort_values('DRtg')
axs[1][1].bar(sortedDRTG['W'], sortedDRTG['DRtg'])
axs[1][1].set_ylabel('Defensive Rating(Sorted)')
axs[1][1].set_xlabel('Number of Wins')
axs[1][1].set_title('Defensive Rating vs Number of Wins (Top 50 Teams from
  →2013−2022)')
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# adjust the spacing between the subplots
plt.subplots_adjust(wspace=0.3)

# display the plot
plt.show()
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5.1 About the Graphs

Looking at the graphs above, two of them display the offensive rating vs the number of wins(left side) between the top 50 teams from 2013-2022. The other two graphs(right side) displays the defensive rating vs the number of wins between the top 50 teams from 2013-2022. The reason why there are two graphs for both is because the way how the graphs were originally displayed does not help depict the rating vs the wins/losses well. So to fix this, we decided to sort one of the axes in one graph and sort one of the other axes on the other graph. Also notice how the graphs aren't

specifically displaying 50 different data points(bars). Each bar represents one of the top 50 playing teams between 2013-2022. If there is a repeat of the team who ranks top 50 between the time period, we take the mean of the offensive rating and number of wins; remember that we're specially looking at the correlation between the ratings and wins therefore we will not display which team is represented by the bar.

5.2 Analysis and Correlation Between Offensive and Defensive Rating

Offensive Looking at the two left graphs, they help us determine if there is a correlation between the offensive rating and the number of wins. So let's first look at the difference between the most victorious team and the least victorious team in the top 50. Looking at the graphs, there is a team who racked up 73 wins and a team who racked up 52 wins. Assume team A is the team with 73 wins and team B is the team with 52 wins. Looking at their offensive ratings, team A has an offensive rating of 114.5 and team B has an offensive rating of 112.8. Looking at both of those alone, it doesn't tell us much since their offensive ratings are very close to each other. So... let's look at the other teams. Is there a correlation? Looking at teams who are in the middle(around the high 50s and mid 60s) there doesn't seem to be a correlation between the offensive ratings. Looking at the team with 67 wins, it has a rating of 117.7, which is the highest between the rest. Then if we were to look at the team with 62 wins, it has a rating of 110.5 which is the lowest. The next lowest rating team is a team who racked up 61 wins. Okay so should the teams in the 50's win mark be lower in rating? No, they're actually one of the top rating teams. The teams who had 53,55,56 wins had some of the highest ratings in comparison to others(ratings above 114). So we can conclude here that the higher the offensive rating, the higher the number of wins a team has.

Defensive Knowing that there is no correlation between a teams offensive rating and defensive rating, is there a correlation between the number of wins and a teams' defensive rating? Looking at teams who have 60+ wins, it looks like their most ratings fall below 108. On the other hand, most teams who are sub-60 wins have some of the highest defensive ratings in comparison to other teams. For example, let's look at the following:

Wins | Defensive Rating 61 103.5 62 102.4 66 103.7

52 109.5 55 109.0 56 99.3 58 107.6

As we can see, looking at 6 of the data points there doesn't seem to be a correlation between the defensive rating and the number of wins as well.

Conclusion Originally before creating these graphs, we thought that a team's rating would be one of the factors to help determine whether a team would be more victorious in its games. After analyzing the graphs of the offensive ratings and defensive ratings, they do not help a teams' ability to win games. There seems to be other factors that fall in play when helping a team to win games.

Now we dive deeper into the offense as we explored that there is not a big difference in the offensive rating in corelation to wins once we reach a certain threshold. It makes us curious on why this is thus Let us explore into that more and see why that is!

The main part of offense in basketball is how well a team shoots the ball. So we will view the FT and 3PA (free throws and 3 point ratings) and see if the higher they are the more it lines up with wins.

[153]: display(result[['W', 'FTr', '3PAr', 'TS%']]) W FTr3PAr TS% 94 73 0.250 0.362 0.593 0.259 0.359 124 67 0.597 93 0.246 0.223 0.564 67 62 67 0.239 0.311 0.571 1 66 0.297 0.285 0.588 155 65 0.298 0.502 0.590 280 0.221 0.354 64 0.581 31 62 0.240 0.257 0.571 0.263 0.281 125 61 0.564 186 60 0.255 0.419 0.583 65 60 0.259 0.321 0.563 0 0.338 0.244 0.580 60 33 59 0.303 0.271 0.566 156 59 0.250 0.377 0.575 188 58 0.247 0.379 0.579 3 58 0.258 0.264 0.568 157 58 0.239 0.339 0.603 96 57 0.259 0.352 0.558 0.353 0.291 32 57 0.567

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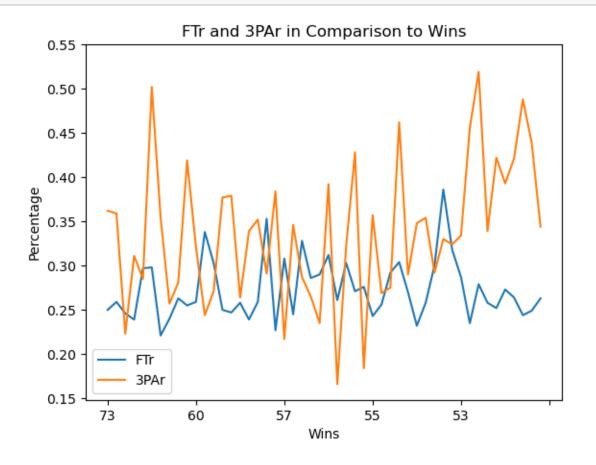
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                       0.344
                              0.568
[121]: # We change the data in table to numeric values
       result['FTr'] = result['FTr'].astype(float)
       result['3PAr'] = result['3PAr'].astype(float)
       # Plot all three on one graph
       result.plot(x='W', y=['FTr', '3PAr'], kind='line')
       # set the y-axis tick intervals
       plt.yticks(np.arange(.15, .6, 0.05))
                                              # start, stop, step
       plt.xlabel('Wins')
       plt.ylabel('Percentage')
       plt.title('FTr and 3PAr in Comparison to Wins')
       plt.show()
```

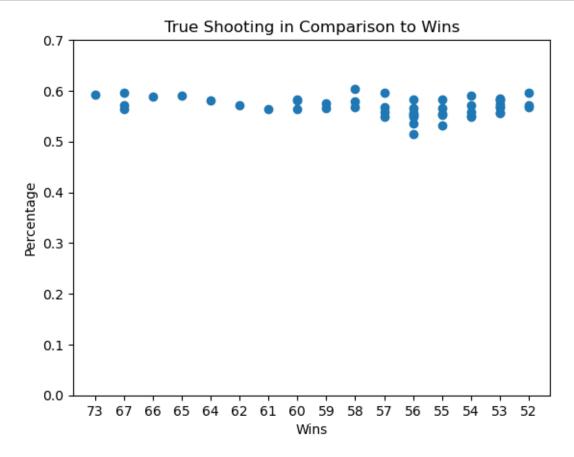


As we can see the 73 win team actually does not have a high FTr and 3PA compared to the others.

In fact, we see that even the lower win teams are up there in these stats. On average, the middle win teams average the highest numbers of these stats. This makes sense with our conclusion earlier, because it shows that the offensive rating does not correlate to number of wins once a team reaches a certain offensive rating threshold.

There is a true shooting % which calculates how a team scores overall, through all methods of scoring We will see if there is any trends or points we notice when we look at the graph.

```
[124]: result['TS%'] = result['TS%'].astype(float)
plt.scatter(result['W'], result['TS%'])
plt.yticks(np.arange(0, .8, 0.1)) # start, stop, step
plt.xlabel('Wins')
plt.ylabel('Percentage')
plt.title('True Shooting in Comparison to Wins')
plt.show()
```



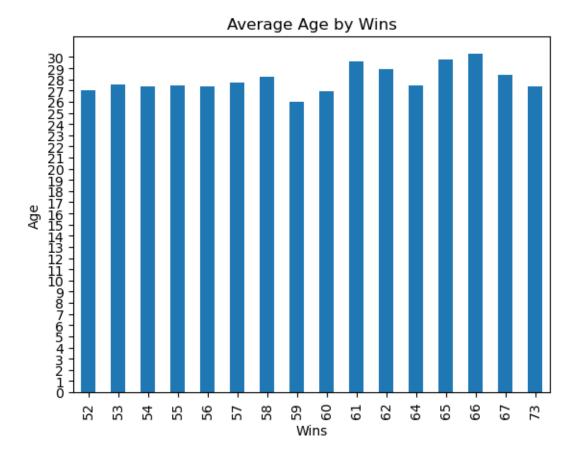
We notice that for the most part, all the teams have a good true shooting. Wheter they have 73 wins or 53 wins for almost all of the top 50 teams have a high and similar true shooting. Each of which are within .05% of each other which shows the commonality amongst all the winning teams.

5.2.1 What about Age?

This is the only non offensive or defensive statistic, and it makes you wonder if it matters if the average age of the team matters on amount of wins? Is it better to have old experienced players or youthful players who can play at a high pace for longer?

We will see if there is any correlation, and if there is, this is one of the statistics a team can always control.

```
[144]: result['Age'] = result['Age'].astype(float)
    age_means = result.groupby('W')['Age'].mean()
    age_means.plot(kind='bar')
    plt.xlabel('Wins')
    plt.ylabel('Age')
    plt.title('Average Age by Wins')
    plt.yticks(range(0, int(max(age_means))+1, 1))
    plt.show()
```



Now let us compare this to what the average age of all the successful teams are

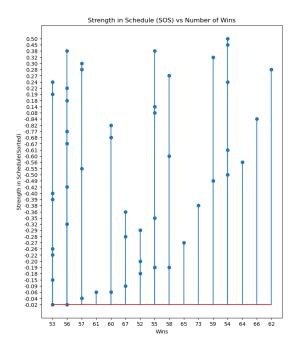
```
[147]: age_avg = result['Age'].mean()
print("The average age is:", age_avg)
```

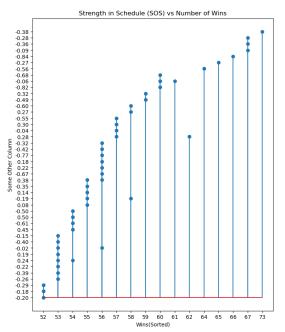
The average age is: 27.622

So what we can conclude is that the average team age is 27 for the top 50 teams. If we analyze the data table we see that the more successful teams all are above 27 years of age. They are around 27-30 but never under this. This means that experience matters a lot but there is definetly a cap of when the age is too much.

Another thing is there is a stat where a team can not control and it is based on the schedule of the teams they play his is called (SOS) and it is a given score based on how "difficult" a teams schedule is. We are curious to see if this really matters, and if a team with an easier schedule means they win more.

```
[156]: sortedSOS = result.sort values('SOS')
       # Create a figure and two subplots
       fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(18,10))
       # Plot the scatter plot on the first subplot (ax1)
       ax1.stem(sortedSOS['W'], sortedSOS['SOS'])
       ax1.set_title("Strength in Schedule (SOS) vs Number of Wins")
       ax1.set_xlabel("Wins")
       ax1.set_ylabel("Strength in Schedule(Sorted)")
       sortedWins = result.sort values('W')
       # Plot a different type of plot on the second subplot (ax2)
       # For example, let's plot a line plot
       ax2.stem(sortedWins['W'], sortedWins['SOS'])
       ax2.set_title("Strength in Schedule (SOS) vs Number of Wins")
       ax2.set_xlabel("Wins(Sorted)")
       ax2.set_ylabel("Some Other Column")
       # Adjust spacing between subplots
       plt.subplots adjust(hspace=0.5)
       # Display the plot
       plt.show()
```





So, is there a correlation between the strength of a team's schedule and the number of wins they achieve? Let's examine teams that have 53 wins as an example. In the dataset, there appear to be several teams with 53 wins, represented by individual dots on the graph. When we analyze the line that represents teams with 53 wins (the left graph), we observe that the data points are widely scattered. The range of values extends as low as -0.02 and as high as 0.24.

Now, let's consider other teams with different win totals. If we examine lines representing teams with 56, 60, 54, and so on, we find that they also exhibit scattered patterns. Additionally, when we examine lines with only one data point, such as 61, 62, 64, 65, and 73 wins, they too display scattered distributions.

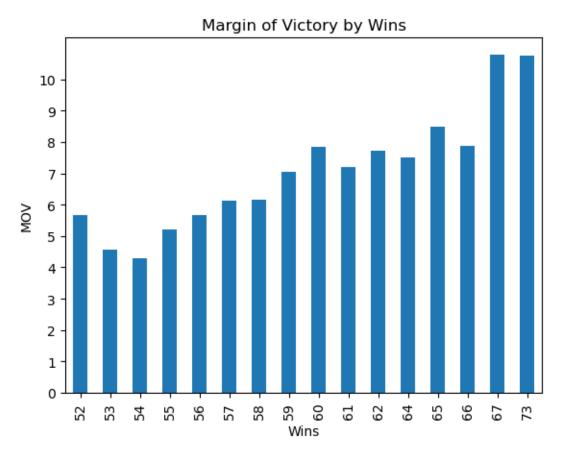
Based on these observations, it appears that there is no clear correlation between the strength of a team's schedule (measured by SOS - Strength of Schedule) and the number of wins they achieve. This conclusion is supported by the fact that the SOS of a team with 66 wins falls between the SOS values of teams with 65 wins and 52 wins, further indicating the lack of a consistent relationship between schedule strength and win totals.

Essentially stating that with the top teams, they are so dominant the schedule and the teams they play do not play a factor!

We wanna see if the Margin Of Victory (MOV) matters at all because this in summary is everything we have looked at both offense and defense intertwined. We now will compare them via a bar graph because we want to see the trends and if there is a correlation between them.

```
[150]: result['MOV'] = result['MOV'].astype(float)
movwins = result.groupby('W')['MOV'].mean()
movwins.plot(kind='bar')
plt.xlabel('Wins')
```

```
plt.ylabel('MOV')
plt.title('Margin of Victory by Wins')
plt.yticks(range(0, int(max(age_means))+1, 1))
plt.show()
```



We see a constant trend here! As the wins go up so does the margin of victory. This is expected because that means the teams offense to defense is high which would lead to more wins (theoretically).

We now have explored statistics, team controlled variables and non controllable values in correspondence to team wins! We have seen the trends, common factors and other variables that might affect the teams wins.

A question we had all this time was how do these stats compare to the league average over these years. This will further provide us how much of a skill gap there is between the top teams.

```
tableref = soup2.find('table', {'id': 'advanced-team'})
data = []

# get the column names
headers = tableref.find_all('tr')[1]
columns = [header.text.strip() for header in headers.find_all('th')]

# iterate over the rows and cells of the table
for row in tableref.find_all('tr')[2:]:
    row_data = []
    for cell in row.find_all(['th', 'td']):
        row_data.append(cell.text.strip())
    if row_data:
        data.append(row_data)

# create a pandas dataframe from the extracted data
overall = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
```

```
[209]: overall['TS%'] = overall['TS%'].astype(float)
       result['TS%'] = result['TS%'].astype(float)
       ovTS = overall['TS%'].mean()
       topTS = result['TS%'].mean()
       print('This is 2022 Seasons TS%:', ovTS)
       print('This is the top 50 teams TS%:', topTS)
       overall['ORtg'] = overall['ORtg'].astype(float)
       result['ORtg'] = result['ORtg'].astype(float)
       ovortg = overall['ORtg'].mean()
       toportg = result['ORtg'].mean()
       print('This is 2022 Seasons TS%:', ovortg)
       print('This is the top 50 teams TS%:', toportg)
       overall['DRtg'] = overall['DRtg'].astype(float)
       result['DRtg'] = result['DRtg'].astype(float)
       ovdef = overall['DRtg'].mean()
       topdef = result['DRtg'].mean()
       print('This is 2022 Seasons DTrg:', ovdef)
       print('This is the top 50 teams DTrg:', topdef)
```

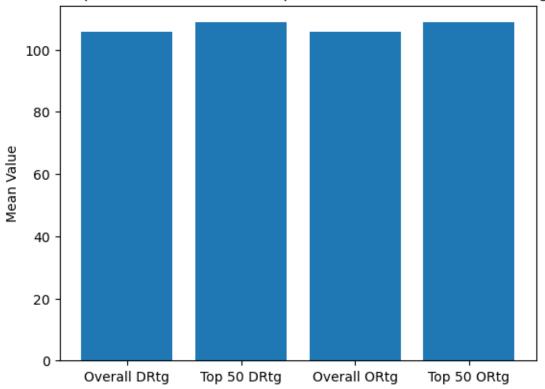
```
This is 2022 Seasons TS%: 0.5341290322580645
This is the top 50 teams TS%: 0.5521516129032257
This is 2022 Seasons TS%: 105.63870967741936
This is the top 50 teams TS%: 108.71774193548387
This is 2022 Seasons DTrg: 105.64838709677417
```

This is the top 50 teams DTrg: 108.72806451612902

```
[212]: x_labels = ['Overall DRtg', 'Top 50 DRtg', 'Overall ORtg', 'Top 50 ORtg']
y_values = [ovdef, topdef, ovortg, toportg]

plt.bar(x_labels, y_values)
plt.title('Comparison of Overall and Top 50 Offense and Defense Rating')
plt.ylabel('Mean Value')
plt.show()
```

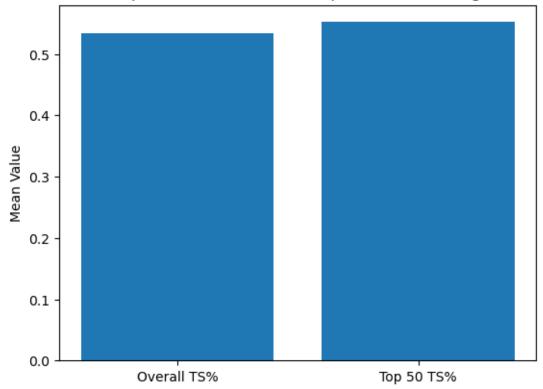
Comparison of Overall and Top 50 Offense and Defense Rating



```
[213]: x_labels = ['Overall TS%', 'Top 50 TS%']
    y_values = [ovTS, topTS]

plt.bar(x_labels, y_values)
    plt.title('Comparison of Overall and Top 50 True Shooting %')
    plt.ylabel('Mean Value')
    plt.show()
```





We see here that the top 50 teams compared to a random year in the modern era are all better in the main stats It might not seem like a whole lot more but perentages and ratings in sports are very tight and even 1 or 2 points off a rating is very big.

6 Model: Analysis, Hypothesis Testing

We have captured various modeling, statistics and calculations to be used to obtain a predictive model of our data We will attempt multiple modeling strategies to obtain these models, which will allow us to predict values that we do not have Here we will try and predict how many wins the Golden State Warriors will have this 2023 season.

```
[238]: urlgsw = 'https://www.basketball-reference.com/teams/GSW/#GSW'
resgsw = requests.get(urlgsw)
soup3 = BeautifulSoup(resgsw.content, 'html.parser')

tablegsw = soup3.find('table')
data = []

# get the column names
headers = tablegsw.find_all('tr')[0]
columns = [header.text.strip() for header in headers.find_all('th')]
```

```
# iterate over the rows and cells of the table
       for row in tablegsw.find_all('tr')[1:]:
           row_data = []
           for cell in row.find_all(['th', 'td']):
               row_data.append(cell.text.strip())
           if row data:
               data.append(row_data)
       # create a pandas dataframe from the extracted data
       gsw = pd.DataFrame(data, columns=columns)
       gsw = gsw.drop(index=0)
       gsw = gsw.head(11)
       gsw
                                                           W/L%
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[238]:
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                         Golden State Warriors*
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       2
           2020-21
                    NBA
                           Golden State Warriors
                                                       33
                                                           .542
                                                                 4th of 5
                                                                             1.10
       3
           2019-20
                    NBA
                           Golden State Warriors
                                                       50
                                                           .231
                                                                 5th of 5
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       4
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                    NBA
                         Golden State Warriors*
                                                           .695
                                                                 1st of 5
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           2017-18
                         Golden State Warriors*
                                                           .707
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                    NBA
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                                                                 1st of 5
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                    NBA
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           2015-16
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                         Golden State Warriors*
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                    NBA
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                         Golden State Warriors*
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              S. Kerr (39-33)
                                  S. Curry (9.0)
       3
              S. Kerr (15-50)
                                 M. Chriss (3.4)
       4
              S. Kerr (57-25)
                                K. Durant (11.5)
       5
              S. Kerr (58-24)
                                K. Durant (10.4)
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6
       S. Kerr (67-15)
                          S. Curry (12.6)
7
                          S. Curry (17.9)
        S. Kerr (73-9)
8
       S. Kerr (67-15)
                          S. Curry (15.7)
                          S. Curry (13.4)
9
    M. Jackson (51-31)
   M. Jackson (47-35)
                          S. Curry (11.2)
   M. Jackson (23-43)
                             D. Lee (5.0)
11
```

We only need certain columns that match with our data, so we need to filter and modify this dataframe so we can compare data We proved that there is a certain threshold that teams need to be a successfull team and that these statistics matter to a certain point.

```
[243]: tokeep = ['Team', 'W', 'Pace', 'ORtg', 'DRtg']
gsw = gsw.loc[:, tokeep]
gsw
```

```
[243]:
                                    W
                                                ORtg
                             Team
                                        Pace
                                                       DRtg
           Golden State Warriors*
                                   53
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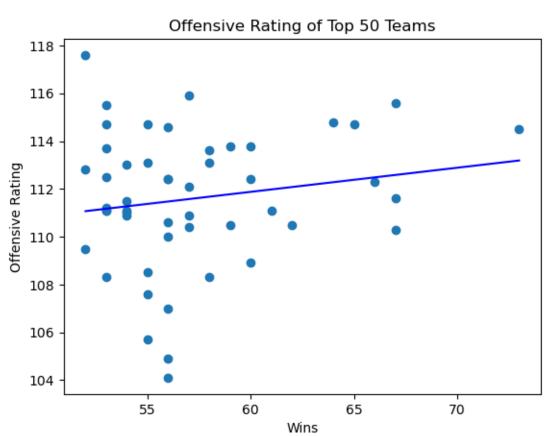
So we will calculate the average of these ratings / statistics and put them in correlation to our top 50 teams!

```
[263]: gsw['DRtg'] = gsw['DRtg'].astype(float)
gsw['ORtg'] = gsw['ORtg'].astype(float)
gsw['Pace'] = gsw['Pace'].astype(float)

gswdef = gsw['DRtg'].mean()
gswof = gsw['ORtg'].mean()
gswpace = gsw['Pace'].mean()
print('This is GSW Average DRtf:', gswdef)
print('This is GSW Average OTrg:', gswof)
print('This is GSW Average Pace:', gswpace)
```

We calculated the ORtg plot of the top 50 teams and created a line of best fit

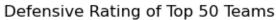
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[273]: x = result['W'].astype(float)
y = result['ORtg'].astype(float)
slope, intercept = np.polyfit(x, y, 1)
plt.scatter(x, y)
plt.plot(x, slope * x + intercept, color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Wins')
plt.ylabel('Offensive Rating')
plt.title('Offensive Rating of Top 50 Teams')
plt.show()
```

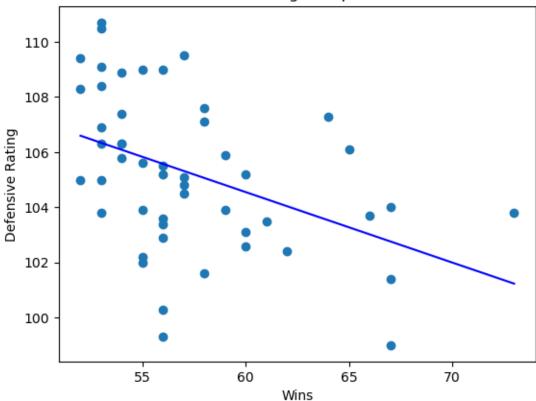


If we were to place the OTrg score of 110 on this chart we will see it equates to around 57 wins. We calculated the DRtg plot of the top 50 teams and created a line of best fit

```
[274]: x = result['W'].astype(float)
y = result['DRtg'].astype(float)
slope, intercept = np.polyfit(x, y, 1)
plt.scatter(x, y)
plt.plot(x, slope * x + intercept, color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Wins')
plt.ylabel('Defensive Rating')
```

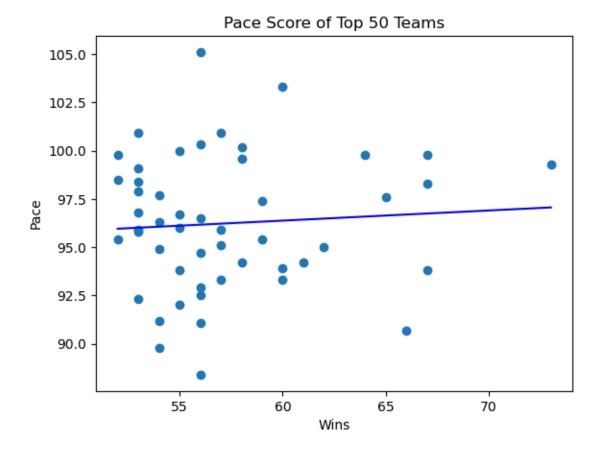
```
plt.title('Defensive Rating of Top 50 Teams')
plt.show()
```





If we were to place the DTrg score of 106 on this chart we will see it equates to around 54 wins. We calculated the Pace plot of the top 50 teams and created a line of best fit.

```
[275]: x = result['W'].astype(float)
y = result['Pace'].astype(float)
slope, intercept = np.polyfit(x, y, 1)
plt.scatter(x, y)
plt.plot(x, slope * x + intercept, color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Wins')
plt.ylabel('Pace')
plt.title('Pace Score of Top 50 Teams')
plt.show()
```



If we were to place the Pace score of 98 on this chart we will see it equates to an average of around 57 wins

If we take all this data, we have 57, 54, 57 which averages to a predicted 55 wins. We can see if that is right in the future.

7 Interpretation and Conclusions

In this portion, we will use the data and the data analysis to draw conclusions.

The main goal of this project was to see if any stats were highly correlated to more wins for an NBA team. To do this, we first pulled 10 years of regular season NBA data. The next step was tidying up the data. After sorting the data by the number of wins, we decided to only keep the top 50 performances from the past 10 years. This would allow us to look at what winning teams had in common, and see if any statistics correlated with them winning a lot. What we found was surprising.

Some statistics, logically, don't correlate to more wins. Some examples we tested were Age (older or younger teams don't necessarily mean better) and Pace (faster or slower pace doesn't mean better). After wrangling with the data and creating plots, we were able to see scattered distributions for both of these factors. There was no clear correlation or correlation at all that these factors helped

the successful teams be successful. This part was not surprising to us.

However, what surprised us is the results that came out of studying factors that logically would make a team win more. We studied many of these factors, a few include offensive rating, defensive rating, the strength of schedule (how good/bad the opposing team is), and shooting statistics such as free throws, 3-pointers, and true shooting. None of these statistics showed a correlation to wins - teams with lower offensive ratings would win more than those with higher ones, teams with worse true shooting stats would win just as much as teams with better stats, and the same could be said for the other stats that would logically make a team win more.