

NBA Playstyles

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Objective and Previous Research

Objective: To classify NBA players from the past 5 years in a more meaningful way than the traditional 5 positions.

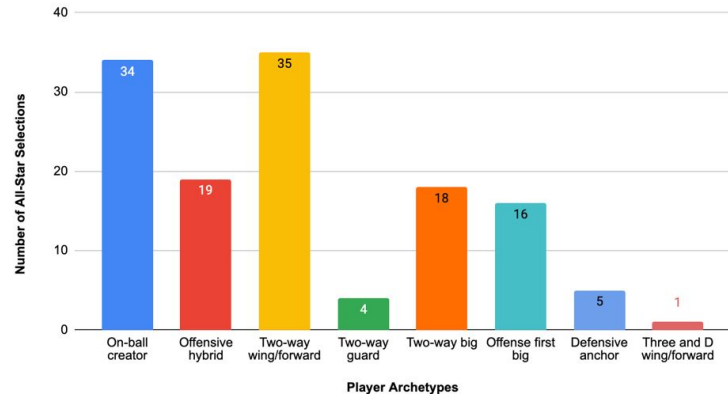
“ Who do kids emulate?

They don't emulate big players.

They emulate smaller people who can dribble the ball through a damn Coke bottle. Those are the things that excite kids.”

- ~Jerry West

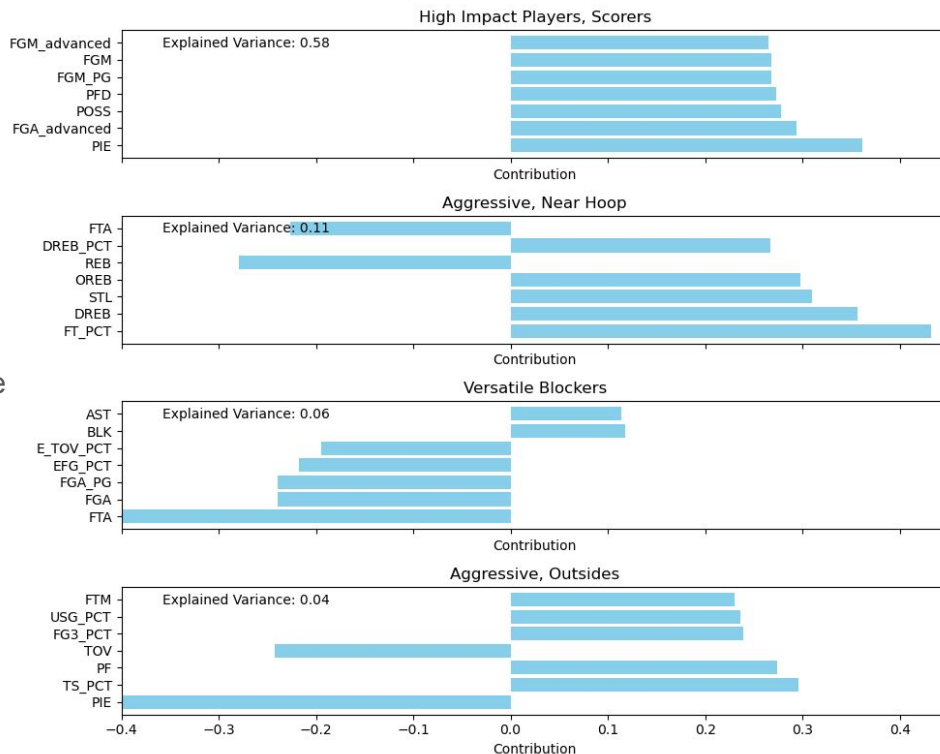
All-Star Player Archetypes Since 2019



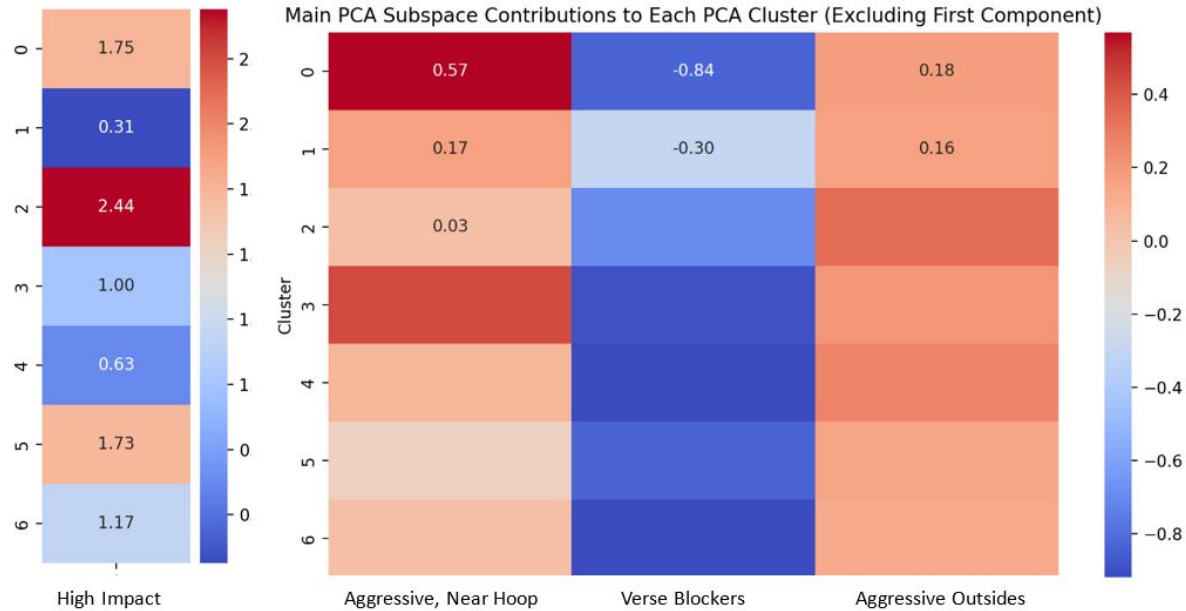
From “What Kind Of Players Become All-Stars In The Modern NBA?” By Mat Issa, Forbes, 2023

New Play Fingerprints Found

- High Impact Players
 - Score a Lot and do well in the PIE NBA metric
- Aggressive, Near Hoop Players
 - Get many offensive and defensive rebounds, steals
- Versatile Blockers
 - Play well in offense and defense
 - Lots of block and assists
 - Not much scoring
- Aggressive Outsides
 - Distincily not characterized by PIE metric
 - Still do better than others in 3 point shots and Free Throws



Players Fit into These Roles



The warmer the box is, the more there are players that fit the archetype.