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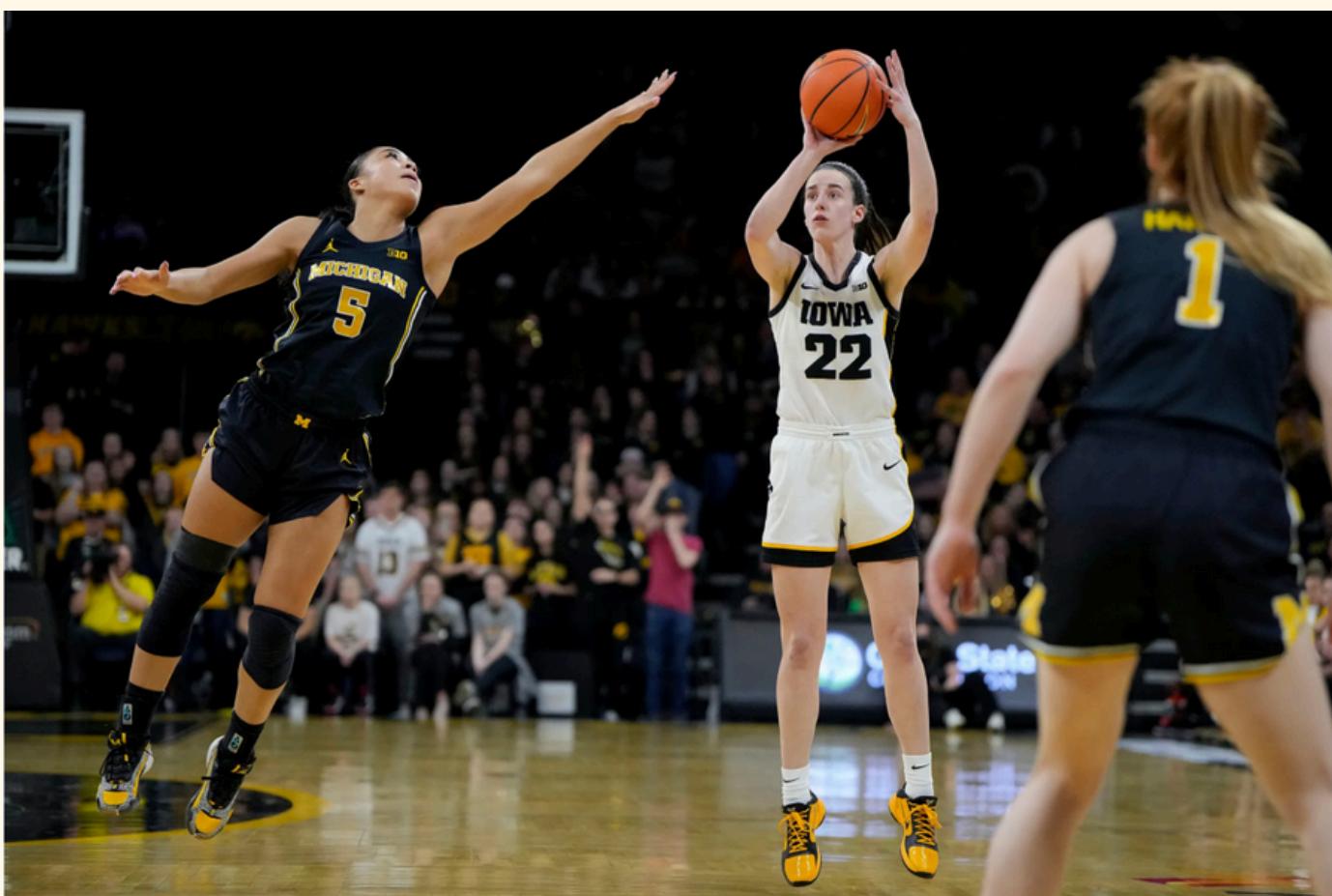
Analyzing Her Game Using  
Visualizations

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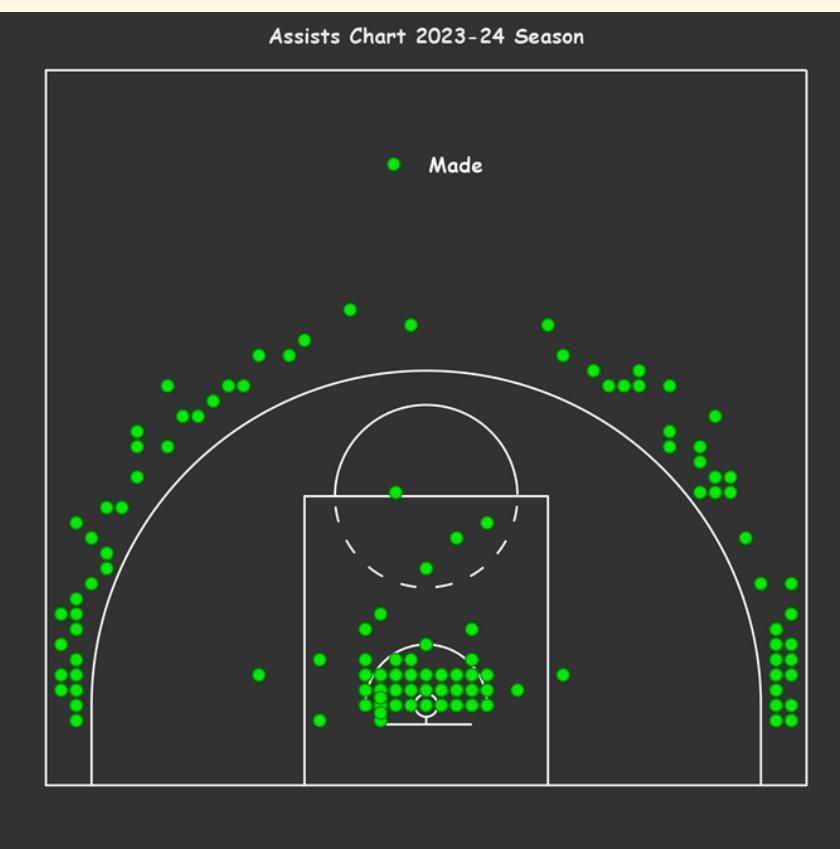
# CAITLIN CLARK'S UNSTOPPABLE NATURE

A key player for the Iowa Hawkeyes, Caitlin Clark has changed the landscape of women's basketball much like Stephen Curry did for the NBA. Awarded the national player of the year, Clark has shattered several NCAA records. Her game, characterized by an unlimited shooting range, allows her to make shots from virtually anywhere on the court.



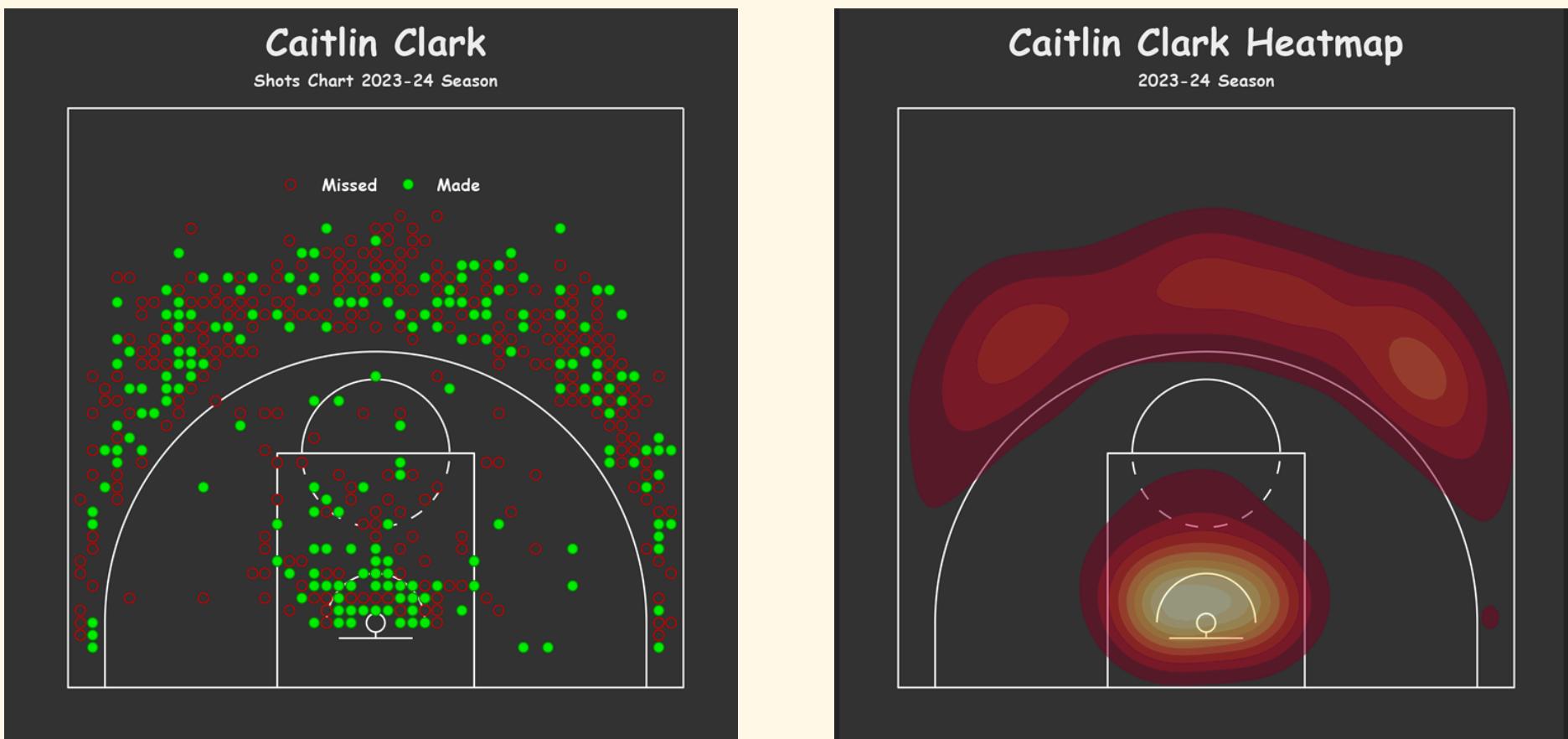
# THE POWER OF PRECISION PASSING

Often overlooked, Clark's most undervalued skill is her exceptional passing. My analysis highlights how she excels in finding open shooters and big men inside the paint. The chart demonstrates that most of Iowa's made shots from her assists are either layups around the basket or three-point jumpers, indicating her ability of finding open shooters and big man around the rim. This ability will be crucial as she pairs with Aliyah Boston at Indiana Fever, suggesting a strong future impact in the WNBA.



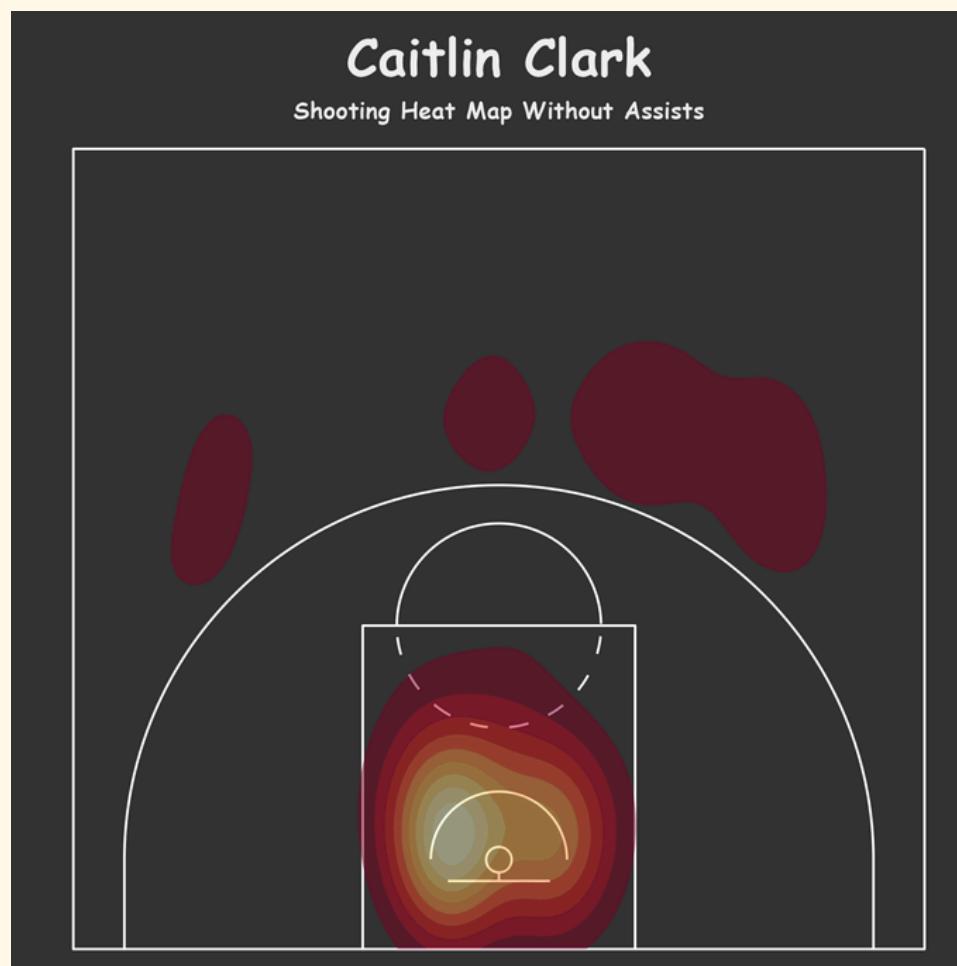
# REVOLUTIONARY SHOOTING TECHNIQUE

Clark's shooting prowess is unlike anything previously seen in women's basketball. Her range and quick release make her nearly unstoppable from behind the arc. She has a simple yet effective approach: take layups around the rim or go for three-point jumpers, steering clear of the less efficient mid-range shots. The first image below illustrates her shooting chart from the 2023-24 NCAA season, showcasing this strategy.



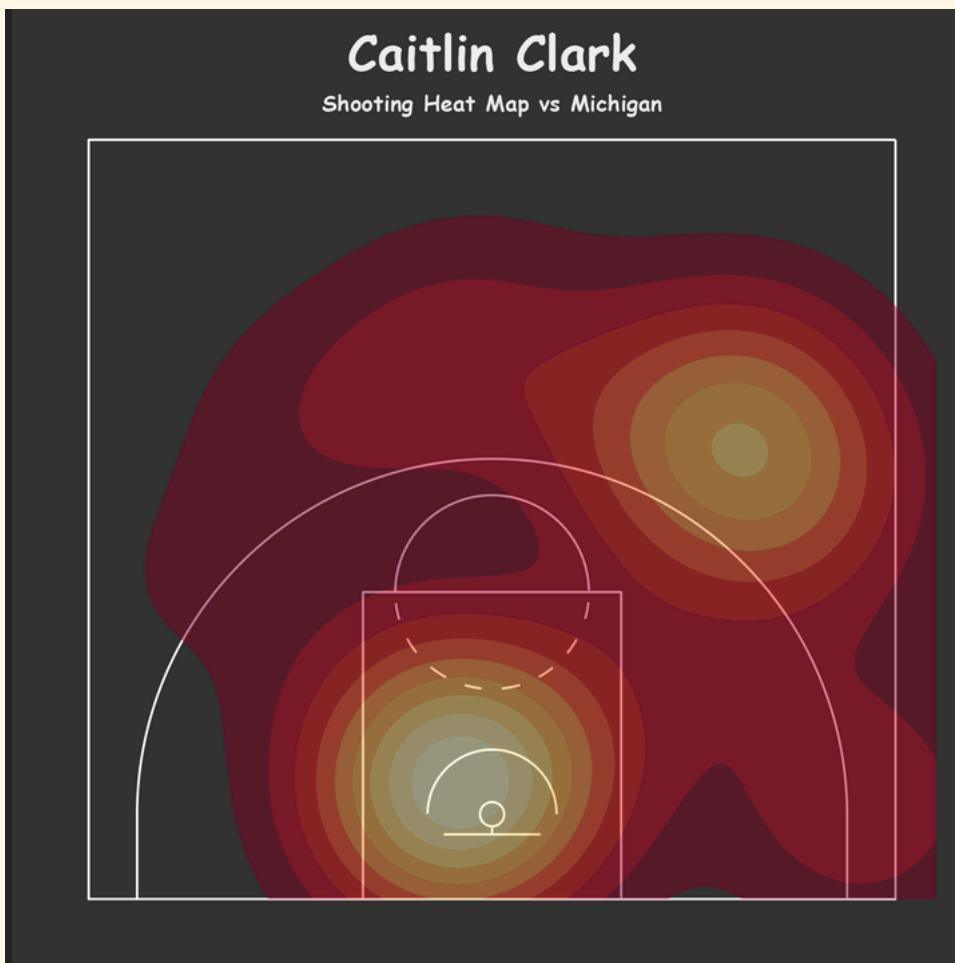
# SHOOTING STRATEGY

Caitlin Clark's heat map of her made shots without assists highlights her shooting strategy. The right side of the image (her offensive left) shows a red area extending from the three-point line, indicating her preference for pull-up jumpers there. Conversely, the left side of the image (her offensive right) near the basket is yellow, reflecting a higher frequency of layups. This pattern emphasizes her shot selection from different court sides.



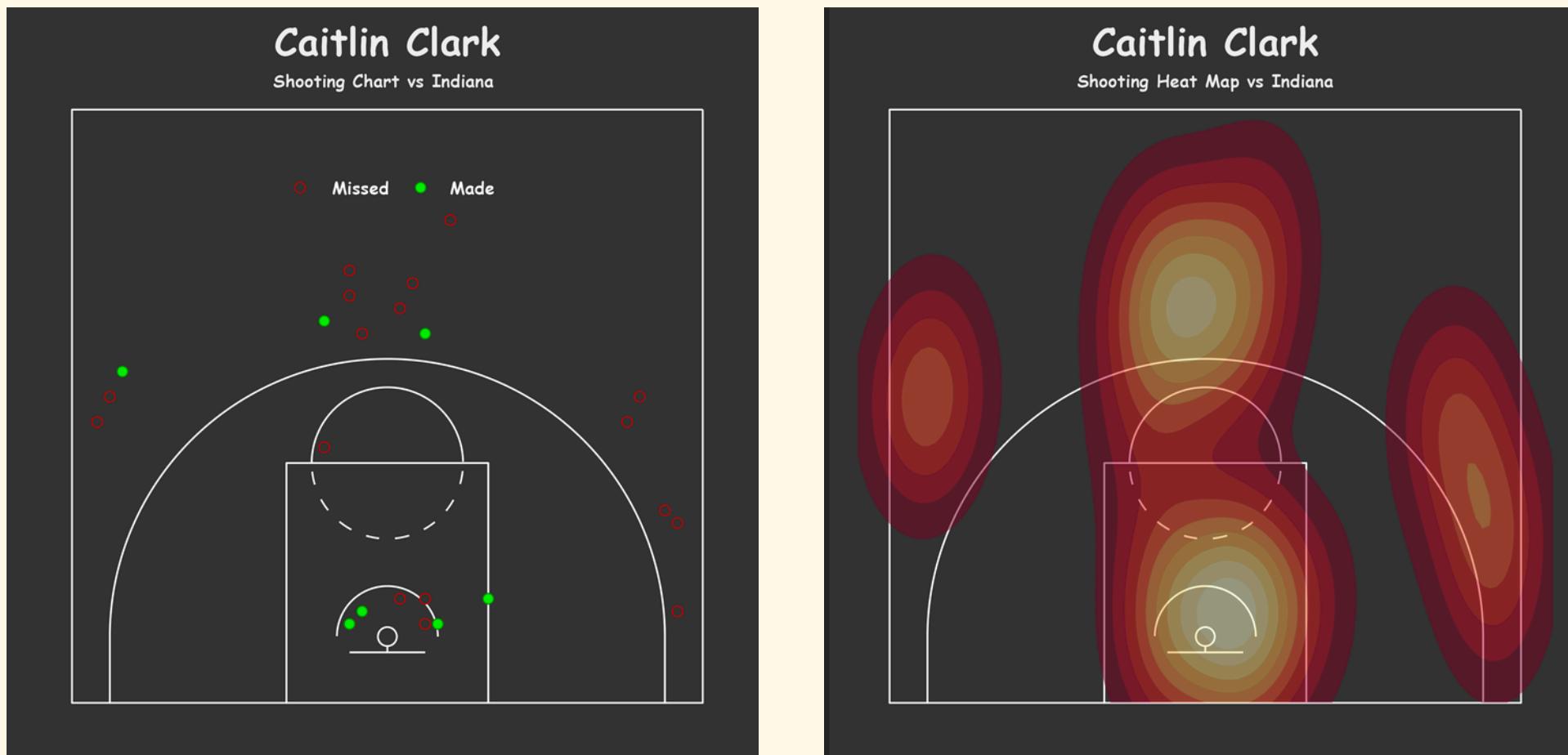
# RECORD BREAKING PERFORMANCE

This strategy proved particularly effective in her record-breaking performance against Michigan on February 15, 2024, where she scored career high 49 points. The heat map from that game showed intense activity in her favorite areas: three-pointers from the left (her left side) and layups from the right(her right side).



# ANY WEAKNESS?

However, even the best have their off days. A week after her historic performance, during a game against Indiana, Clark faced challenges. She shot 8-26 from the field and a surprising 3-16 from beyond the arc, with Iowa suffering its largest loss of the season, 69-86. Notably, the shooting chart from this game shows no successful three-pointers from the left(her left) side of the court, a stark contrast to her usual pattern. This suggests it is not impossible to stop her.



# TAKE AWAYS

Caitlin Clark stands as a transformative figure in women's basketball, with her game-changing abilities etching her name among the all-time greats. Her pull up jumpers from beyond the arc, particularly from the left side of the court, has become a signature of her play. As Clark transitions to the WNBA, all eyes will be on whether she can elevate her proficiency on the right side to match her already extraordinary skillset. For a right-handed shooter like Clark, mastering shots from the left is often natural, but her quest to refine her shooting from the right could add a new dimension to her game. The evolution of Clark's overall performance in the WNBA is eagerly anticipated, promising an exciting chapter in the story of this super star.



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