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Assignment #1

Do Great NBA Players
Make Their
Teammates Better?

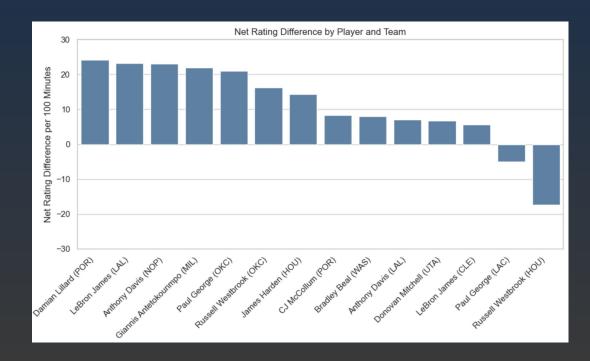
	player	points
1	James Harden	8533
2	LeBron James	6782
3	Giannis Antetokounmpo	6668
4	Damian Lillard	6639
5	Anthony Davis	6033
6	Bradley Beal	5837
7	Donovan Mitchell	5729
8	Russell Westbrook	5689
9	Paul George	5480
10	CJ McCollum	5397
		

Who Are The Top Players?

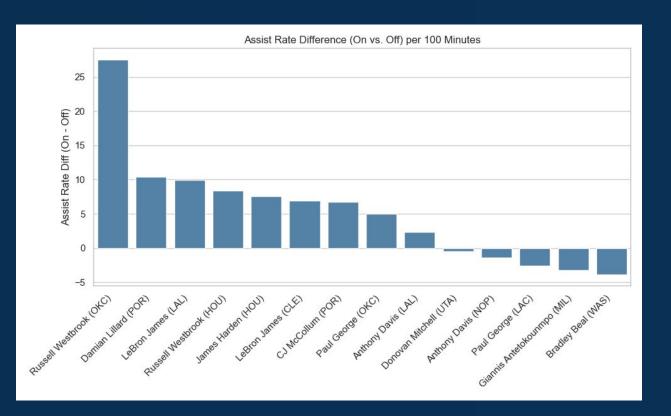
- Use data from 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 seasons.
- The primary objective of basketball is to score points.
- Therefore, players that score the most points are the top NBA players.
- Top scorers face double team coverage and spend the most time on court.

- We redefine net rating as a team's point differential per 100 minutes of game time.
- Net rating difference is the net rating of the team with the star player on the court minus net rating of the team with the star player off the court.
- Damian Lillard, as the star player on the Trailblazers, attracts a lot of defenders.
 - Therefore, when Dame is not on the court his teammates struggle with the increased pressure.

On/Off Court Net Rating by Minutes



Assist Rate Difference



- Comparing assist rates when a star player is on and off the court can help tell us is they are indeed making their teammates better.
- Russell Westbrook's teammates on the Thunder experienced, on average, 27 more assists than without him per 100 minutes.
- Thus, Westbrook enabled his teammates to take more scoring opportunities, making them better players.

Appendix

GitHub Repo Link: https://github.com/nhamby/45983-Assignment-1-Team-15

