

440 Project

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Introduction

Is there a recipe for success in the NBA? Will going to a certain college, having a certain weight to height ratio, etc. make you more likely to succeed? We will be exploring the success of players with various different backgrounds in the NBA and seeing if there are any correlations.

Questions to Address:

1. Which universities tend to create athletes who are drafted into the NBA the most?
2. Who are the top scoring players and where did they come from?
3. Is there a correlation between different positions and what height the players of those positions should be?
4. Do the top scoring players have a higher weight to height ratio or lower than the mean weight-height ratio?
5. Which positions are most likely to be NBA Player of the Year?

Research Interest

We are interested in creating a combined table using either 2 or 3 of the below data files to seek further information regarding the correlation between the transition of players from a university level to the NBA level. We intended on using the lower 2 mentioned data sets to try and summarize which universities tend to create athletes who are drafted into the NBA and have been selected in the all star team on a yearly basis. We are then interested in making predictions from the first basketball data set to understand which positions are most likely to be NBA Player of the Year and seeing if there is a correlation between # of Seasons in League and Age. We could further summarise the data to look at which variables in the combined data set are redundant to our response variable and then summarise the remaining predictors.

We will first merge our data sets to get a collective data sets with the required observations. Based on our initial observation this will be done using the players name. This combined data set will consist of multiple inconsistencies as we will have to remove rows consisting of NA's in variables such as college, team, pos and so on. We will possibly have to ensure that the players teams are well documented as one player could have played for multiple teams over his career. Therefore we will need to convert the Team abbreviations to their full name in our combined data set to ensure we have merged the data correctly. We may need to make various data type changes such as converting the height column into inches, the date column into date type and more.

Methods

Data files:

1. NBA Player of the Week dataset : https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.kaggle.com/jacobbaruch/nba-player-of-the-week___!!DZ3fjg!tnr4cfFS_MOGsYi4NFFmQ-xVGf-Y8Dzbc5pRMjpjv_V8I83zavnaf7
 - variables: 17
 - observations: 1,345

Some important columns include: Player, Team, Position, Age, Draft Year, # of Seasons in League.

This dataset got its data from this source: [https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://basketball.realgm.com/__;!!DZ3fjg!tnr4cfFS_MOGsYi4NFFmQ-xVGf-Y8Dzbc5pRMjpjv_V8I83zavnaf7GL3vCKh1xwKhNG\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://basketball.realgm.com/__;!!DZ3fjg!tnr4cfFS_MOGsYi4NFFmQ-xVGf-Y8Dzbc5pRMjpjv_V8I83zavnaf7GL3vCKh1xwKhNG$) Citation: “Basketball News, Rumors, Scores, Stats, Analysis, Depth Charts, Forums.” RealGM, basketball.realgm.com/.

2. Two decades of data on each player who has been part of an NBA teams’ roster: [https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.kaggle.com/justinas/nba-players-data__;!!DZ3fjg!tnr4cfFS_MOGsYi4NFFmQ-xVGf-Y8Dzbc5pRMjpjv_V8I83zavnaf7GL3vCKh1Bb9NbU\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.kaggle.com/justinas/nba-players-data__;!!DZ3fjg!tnr4cfFS_MOGsYi4NFFmQ-xVGf-Y8Dzbc5pRMjpjv_V8I83zavnaf7GL3vCKh1Bb9NbU$)

- variable: 22
- observation: 11146

Some important columns across Two decades of data on each player who has been part of an NBA teams’ roster include: player_name, team_abbreviation, college, age, draft year, pts

3. NBA all star teams: [https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.kaggle.com/fmejia21/nba-all-star-game-20002016__;!!DZ3fjg!tnr4cfFS_MOGsYi4NFFmQ-xVGf-Y8Dzbc5pRMjpjv_V8I83zavnaf7GL3vCKh_4G-IX-\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.kaggle.com/fmejia21/nba-all-star-game-20002016__;!!DZ3fjg!tnr4cfFS_MOGsYi4NFFmQ-xVGf-Y8Dzbc5pRMjpjv_V8I83zavnaf7GL3vCKh_4G-IX-$)

- variable: 9
- observation: 439

Background information on these Files:

The NBA Player of the Week dataset got its data from this source:

[https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://basketball.realgm.com/__;!!DZ3fjg!tUll3tseX9zHytgVMYzqdCwGsk1-O5CaIzSwoS8CE7BGNgu6ml111t1I20XCHkDstL0z\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://basketball.realgm.com/__;!!DZ3fjg!tUll3tseX9zHytgVMYzqdCwGsk1-O5CaIzSwoS8CE7BGNgu6ml111t1I20XCHkDstL0z$)

Citation: “Basketball News, Rumors, Scores, Stats, Analysis, Depth Charts, Forums.” RealGM, basketball.realgm.com/.

The NBA Player all star teams dataset got its data from this source:

[https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.kaggle.com/fmejia21/nba-all-star-game-20002016__;!!DZ3fjg!tnr4cfFS_MOGsYi4NFFmQ-xVGf-Y8Dzbc5pRMjpjv_V8I83zavnaf7GL3vCKh_4G-IX-\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.kaggle.com/fmejia21/nba-all-star-game-20002016__;!!DZ3fjg!tnr4cfFS_MOGsYi4NFFmQ-xVGf-Y8Dzbc5pRMjpjv_V8I83zavnaf7GL3vCKh_4G-IX-$)

The data set regarding two decades of data on each player who has been part of an NBA teams’ roster got its data from this source:

[https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.kaggle.com/justinas/nba-players-data__;!!DZ3fjg!tnr4cfFS_MOGsYi4NFFmQ-xVGf-Y8Dzbc5pRMjpjv_V8I83zavnaf7GL3vCKh1Bb9NbU\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.kaggle.com/justinas/nba-players-data__;!!DZ3fjg!tnr4cfFS_MOGsYi4NFFmQ-xVGf-Y8Dzbc5pRMjpjv_V8I83zavnaf7GL3vCKh1Bb9NbU$)

Results

Loading Libraries

We will be using the library tidyverse, because it contains many helpful functions that we commonly use in R code. We will be using the library readr to read our data in from their sources from csv format into a dataframe. We will be using the library sqldf to write SQL code in R. We will be using dplyr because this library makes it easier to do multiple operations on a single dataset easier.

```
library(tidyverse)
library(readr)
library(sqldf)
library(dplyr)
```

Loading Data and formatting date columns to be date format

On uploading the data we noticed that for two of our data sets the dates data type was set as a character. Therefore, we decided to convert the data type to a date and formatted the information for each data set in the patten of month-day-year

```
NBA_player_of_the_week <- read_csv("NBA_player_of_the_week.csv",
  col_types = cols(Date = col_date(format = "%b %d, %Y"))

all_seasons <- read_csv("all_seasons.csv")
```

Merge these NBA datasets and making it so there is only one occurrence of each player and the data on both of these seasons about the player

While we are combining both the data sets we need to ensure that the names of the players are unique i.e. there are no multiple occurrences of a players name. Therefore when we are creating 'remove_dup_players_all_seasons' we group by player_name. To then have a common unique variable which can be used to combine the two data sets we need to replace 'player_name' as 'Player' so that an innw join can be performed.

```
length(unique(all_seasons$player_name))
```

```
## [1] 2235
```

ensure our data only contains unique player names and no duplicates for each data file read in

```
remove_dup_players_all_seasons =sqldf("  SELECT *
      FROM    all_seasons
      GROUP BY player_name
    ")
```

```
remove_dup_players_all_seasons = remove_dup_players_all_seasons %>%
  mutate (Player = player_name)
```

```
remove_dup_players_NBA_player_of_the_week = sqldf("
  SELECT *
  FROM    NBA_player_of_the_week
  GROUP BY Player
  ")
```

#create one common data set

```
combined_unique_player_set = inner_join(remove_dup_players_all_seasons,
  remove_dup_players_NBA_player_of_the_week,
  by = 'Player')
```

```
str(combined_unique_player_set)
```

```
## 'data.frame':    251 obs. of  39 variables:
## $ X1              : num  139 1037 5032 3820 146 ...
## $ player_name     : chr   "Aaron McKie" "Al Harrington" "Al Horford" "Al Jefferson" ...
## $ team_abbreviation: chr   "DET" "IND" "ATL" "BOS" ...
## $ age             : num   24 19 22 20 26 22 27 20 19 24 ...
## $ player_height   : num  196 206 208 208 198 ...
## $ player_weight   : num  94.8 104.3 111.1 120.2 90.7 ...
## $ college         : chr   "Temple" "None" "Florida" "None" ...
## $ country         : chr   "USA" "USA" "Dominican Republic" "USA" ...
## $ draft_year      : chr   "1994" "1998" "2007" "2004" ...
## $ draft_round     : chr   "1" "1" "1" "1" ...
## $ draft_number    : chr   "17" "25" "3" "15" ...
## $ gp              : num   83 21 81 71 81 76 66 82 60 82 ...
## $ pts             : num   5.2 2.1 10.1 6.7 14.8 23.5 19.8 13.5 7.9 11.1 ...
## $ reb             : num   2.7 1.9 9.7 4.4 3 4.1 9.9 8.8 7.6 3.4 ...
## $ ast             : num   1.9 0.2 1.5 0.3 2.2 7.5 1.6 1 0.5 5.8 ...
## $ net_rating      : num   5.2 -8.3 -2.4 -1.7 2.9 -7 10.5 -0.8 -1.5 -1.6 ...
## $ oreb_pct        : num   0.031 0.132 0.113 0.137 0.02 0.04 0.1 0.109 0.153 0.046 ...
## $ dreb_pct        : num   0.129 0.148 0.247 0.205 0.086 0.072 0.229 0.206 0.266 0.105 ...
## $ usg_pct         : num   0.147 0.21 0.162 0.212 0.223 0.284 0.275 0.214 0.17 0.222 ...
## $ ts_pct          : num   0.524 0.359 0.539 0.554 0.531 0.513 0.578 0.53 0.578 0.517 ...
## $ ast_pct         : num   0.163 0.06 0.078 0.042 0.117 0.32 0.086 0.05 0.04 0.386 ...
## $ season          : chr   "1996-97" "1998-99" "2007-08" "2004-05" ...
## $ Player          : chr   "Aaron McKie" "Al Harrington" "Al Horford" "Al Jefferson" ...
## $ Team            : chr   "Philadelphia Sixers" "New York Knicks" "Atlanta Hawks" "Charlotte Bobcats" ...
## $ Conference      : chr   NA "East" "East" "East" ...
## $ Date            : Date, format: "2000-12-31" "2008-12-15" ...
## $ Position        : chr   "G" "F" "FC" "FC" ...
## $ Height          : chr   "6'5" "6'9" "6'10" "6'10" ...
## $ Weight          : num   209 245 245 289 205 165 240 245 279 200 ...
## $ Age             : num   28 29 28 29 31 32 30 28 25 31 ...
## $ Draft Year      : num   1994 1998 2007 2004 1993 ...
## $ Seasons in league: num   6 10 7 9 9 11 7 8 6 8 ...
## $ Season          : chr   "2000-2001" "2008-2009" "2014-2015" "2013-2014" ...
## $ Season short    : num   2001 2009 2015 2014 2003 ...
## $ Pre-draft Team  : chr   "Temple" "St. Patrick High School (New Jersey)" "Florida" "Prentiss High School" ...
## $ Real_value      : num   1 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 1 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ Height CM       : num   196 206 208 208 198 183 208 208 211 190 ...
## $ Weight KG       : num   94 111 111 131 93 74 108 111 126 90 ...
## $ Last Season     : num   0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
```

Getting rid of duplicates of the same column name

When we merged these datasets, we can observe that some of the columns in these datasets have the same name with a different capitalization, such as 'Age' and 'age'. R does not handle having multiple of the same column name well so we went in and renamed the age and season from the Player of the Week dataset to be new_age and new_season that way there is no confusion between multiple of the same column name.

We were able to do this by creating a new column name called new_age and new_season and assigning these column names to contain the data in Age and Season, respectively. From here, we dropped the old columns Age and Season.

```
combined_unique_player_set = combined_unique_player_set %>%
  mutate(new_age = Age) %>%
  select(-Age) %>%
  mutate(new_season = Season) %>%
  select(-Season)
```

Ordering these players in descending order by the number of points they score per game

We want to order these players by the average number of points they score per game that way we can determine who the best shooters are. Then we will be able to see what schools the highest scoring players are from. We are interested in comparing these colleges with the colleges who have the players with the most assists because we are caring about the best offensive teams. We would like to see if some of the same schools have the players with the most points scored and the most assists.

We will output the 10 highest scoring players in this dataset because right now we are only looking at the very best players.

```
scorers = sqldf("
                                SELECT Player, team_abbreviation, college, draft_year, net_rating, p
                                FROM combined_unique_player_set
                                ORDER BY pts desc
                                ")

top_scorers = head(scorers, 10)
top_scorers
```

##	Player	team_abbreviation	college	draft_year	net_rating
## 1	Michael Jordan	CHI	North Carolina	1984	13.4
## 2	Karl Malone	UTA	Louisiana Tech	1985	12.8
## 3	Glen Rice	CHH	Michigan	1989	3.2
## 4	Shaquille O'Neal	LAL	Louisiana State	1992	6.9
## 5	Mitch Richmond	SAC	Kansas State	1988	-2.0
## 6	Allen Iverson	PHI	Georgetown	1996	-7.0
## 7	Hakeem Olajuwon	HOU	Houston	1984	6.5
## 8	Blake Griffin	LAC	Oklahoma	2009	-3.4
## 9	Patrick Ewing	NYK	Georgetown	1985	6.4
## 10	Gary Payton	SEA	Oregon State	1990	10.3

##	pts	Position
## 1	29.6	SG
## 2	27.4	PF
## 3	26.8	SF
## 4	26.2	C
## 5	25.9	SG
## 6	23.5	G
## 7	23.2	C
## 8	22.5	PF
## 9	22.4	C
## 10	21.8	G

Ordering these players in descending order by their assist percentage over all seasons

For anyone who is unfamiliar with basketball terms, assist percentage refers to the percentage of field goals a teammate made that this player passed the ball to. A player's assist percentage can tell you a lot about

how well a player knows the game and is able to play offensively.

We will do the same thing that we did for average points scored per game to the players assist percentage, ordering in descending order by assist percentage. We will output the 10 highest assisting players in this dataset and compare these to the 10 highest scoring players. We will be able to see if these are any players in common between the top scorers and the top assisters. We are only selecting to output the relevant columns.

```
assisters = sqldf("
                    SELECT Player, team_abbreviation, college, draft_year, net_rating, ast_pct
                    FROM combined_unique_player_set
                    ORDER BY ast_pct desc
                    ")

top_assisters = head(assisters, 10)
top_assisters
```

##	Player	team_abbreviation	college	draft_year	net_rating
## 1	Mark Jackson	IND	St. John's (NY)	1987	-2.0
## 2	John Stockton	UTA	Gonzaga	1984	11.4
## 3	Tim Hardaway	MIA	Texas-El Paso	1989	8.9
## 4	Spencer Dinwiddie	DET	Colorado	2014	-8.7
## 5	Trae Young	ATL	Oklahoma	2018	-6.3
## 6	Kevin Johnson	PHX	California	1987	2.9
## 7	Andre Miller	CLE	Utah	1999	-1.6
## 8	Chris Paul	NOK	Wake Forest	2005	-3.9
## 9	T.J. Ford	MIL	Texas	2003	-0.2
## 10	Stephon Marbury	MIN	Georgia Tech	1996	-3.1

##	ast_pct	Position
## 1	0.464	PG
## 2	0.450	PG
## 3	0.404	PG
## 4	0.394	PG
## 5	0.390	PG
## 6	0.388	PG
## 7	0.386	PG
## 8	0.378	PG
## 9	0.375	PG
## 10	0.373	G

We can observe that there are no matches in the data of players who are both top scorers and top assisters. We can conclude that different players are good at scoring and assisting.

But now, we are curious about which college programs are the best at offense collectively and have had the best scorers and assisters.

Making a frequency table for the Colleges that have players in the top 50 Scorers & top 50 Assistors.

In order to see which college programs have had the best scorers, we will select the first 50 entries of the sorted data on the the average scoring percentage.

To do this correctly, we need to filter out colleges listed as 'None'. There will be 'None' in the data under college for any players that did not go to college and joined the NBA right out of high school. The way we will determine the frequency of each college program in the top 50 scoring players, we will count each

program by the number of times it appears in the top 50 dataset. Then, we will sort the data in descending order of their frequencies and alphabetically by college name after that.

```
top_50_scorers = scorers[1:50,]

top_scoring_programs = sqldf("
    select college, count(college) as frequency
    from top_50_scorers
    where college not in ('None')
    group by college
    order by frequency desc, college
")

best_scoring = head(top_scoring_programs, 10)
best_scoring
```

##	college	frequency
## 1	Duke	3
## 2	Georgetown	3
## 3	Michigan	3
## 4	North Carolina	3
## 5	Oklahoma	3
## 6	California	2
## 7	Houston	2
## 8	Kentucky	2
## 9	Syracuse	2
## 10	Alabama	1

Now, we will take a subset of the top 50 assisting players from the sorted assisters dataset. We are able to simply take the first 50 entries of this dataset because it is already sorted by assist percentage in descending order.

Again, we filtered out the colleges in this dataset that were labelled 'None'. We counted the number of times a college was in the dataset using the count function and setting that to a new column name, frequency. We grouped our data by college with the group by function so that each program is only listed once. Finally, we sorted in descending order by frequency and then alphabetically by college.

```
top_50_assisters = assisters[1:50,]

top_assisting_programs = sqldf("
    select college, count(college) as frequency
    from top_50_assisters
    where college not in ('None')
    group by college
    order by frequency desc, college
")

best_assisting = head(top_assisting_programs, 10)
best_assisting
```

##	college	frequency
## 1	Arizona	2
## 2	California	2

```
## 3      Duke      2
## 4 Georgia Tech  2
## 5      Kentucky  2
## 6      Maryland  2
## 7      Memphis  2
## 8      Oklahoma  2
## 9      UCLA     2
## 10 Wake Forest  2
```

Which programs are in the top 10 list for both top scoring programs and top assisting programs?

I iterated through each entry in the top 10 best scoring colleges and for each of those college I checked if the college was the same as each of the top 10 best scoring colleges. Each time I found a match, I printed out the college.

```
for (i in 1:nrow(best_scoring)){
  for (j in 1:nrow(best_assisting)){
    if (best_scoring$college[i] == best_assisting$college[j]){
      print(best_scoring$college[i])
    }
  }
}
```

```
## [1] "Duke"
## [1] "Oklahoma"
## [1] "California"
## [1] "Kentucky"
```

Generally speaking, the players at Duke, Oklahoma, California, and Kentucky have had the most top notch scoring and assisting players out of this dataset and these schools have some the highest quality offensive programs. If a top-notch player who wants to enter the NBA wants to have the best chances of success at scoring or assisting, he should consider going to college at Duke, Oklahoma, California, or Kentucky because these schools train their players well offensively and these players go on to be top scorers and assisters in the NBA.

Now, we will explore a new topic related to the success of NBA Players, their weight to height ratio.

Many players often wonder whether it is more beneficial to be bulky with muscle for basketball or to be lean. The right balance between bulking up and slimming down is different for everyone because we all have different body types. However, we are curious to explore whether players who have a higher weight to height ratio than the average NBA player are more successful or if a lower weight to height ratio is more successful on average.

To do this, we will add a new variable called `wh_ratio` that is the Weight to Height ratio of the players. We will compare the ratio for the average player on the team to each of the top scorers and see if the top scorers have more or less weight than the average ratio.

We will output our dataframe that contains applicable columns and the average weight to height ratio. In this data, the variable Weight is in kg and height is in cm.


```
combined_unique_player_set = combined_unique_player_set %>%
  mutate(wh_ratio = player_weight / player_height)

weight_height_ratio_set = sqldf("
    SELECT Player, team_abbreviation, college, draft_year, net_rating, a
    FROM combined_unique_player_set
    ORDER BY wh_ratio desc
  ")

head(weight_height_ratio_set, 10)
```

```
##           Player team_abbreviation      college draft_year net_rating
## 1   Oliver Miller           TOR      Arkansas    1992      -1.0
## 2 Shaquille O'Neal          LAL Louisiana State    1992       6.9
## 3   Carlos Boozer          CLE           Duke    2002     -11.9
## 4 Arvydas Sabonis          POR           None    1986       8.1
## 5   Zach Randolph          POR Michigan State    2001      -3.7
## 6   Larry Johnson          NYK Nevada-Las Vegas    1991       4.7
## 7     Yao Ming             HOU           None    2002       2.2
## 8   Andre Drummond          DET      Connecticut    2012      -1.5
## 9   Andrew Bynum           LAL           None    2005      -4.0
## 10 DeMarcus Cousins        SAC      Kentucky    2010      -7.5
##      ast_pct wh_ratio
## 1    0.116 0.6834525
## 2    0.159 0.6302807
## 3    0.090 0.6173119
## 4    0.136 0.5993704
## 5    0.103 0.5952651
## 6    0.115 0.5945116
## 7    0.104 0.5939274
## 8    0.040 0.5880058
## 9    0.044 0.5846354
## 10   0.149 0.5809214
```

```
avg_ratio = mean(weight_height_ratio_set$wh_ratio)
avg_ratio
```

```
## [1] 0.4943594
```

Do the top scoring players have a higher weight to height ratio or lower than the mean weight-height ratio?

We will now add another column to this dataset called `higher_ratio` that returns `TRUE` when a player's weight to height ratio is higher than the average weight to height ratio and `FALSE` when it is lower.

```
score_ratio_df = sqldf("
  select top_scorers.Player, top_scorers.pts, weight_height_ratio_set.wh_ratio
  from weight_height_ratio_set, top_scorers
  where top_scorers.Player = weight_height_ratio_set.Player
  order by pts desc
  ")
```

```
score_ratio_df$higher_ratio = ifelse(score_ratio_df$wh_ratio > avg_ratio, TRUE, FALSE)
score_ratio_df
```

```
##           Player pts wh_ratio higher_ratio
## 1   Michael Jordan 29.6 0.4945279         TRUE
## 2     Karl Malone 27.4 0.5643995         TRUE
## 3      Glen Rice 26.8 0.4910937         FALSE
## 4 Shaquille O'Neal 26.2 0.6302807         TRUE
## 5   Mitch Richmond 25.9 0.4986311         TRUE
## 6   Allen Iverson 23.5 0.4092448         FALSE
## 7   Hakeem Olajuwon 23.2 0.5421164         TRUE
## 8    Blake Griffin 22.5 0.5466276         TRUE
## 9   Patrick Ewing 22.4 0.5102272         TRUE
## 10    Gary Payton 21.8 0.4464488         FALSE
```

7/10 of the top scorers are above average in their weight to height ratio. According to our data, on average, the highest scoring basketball players are the ones who weigh more. This could be due to their muscle mass.

Do the top assisting players have a higher weight to height ratio or lower than the mean weight-height ratio?

We will also add another column to this dataset called `higher_ratio` that returns `TRUE` when a player's weight to height ratio is higher than the average weight to height ratio and `FALSE` when it is lower.

```
ast_ratio_df = sqldf("
    select top_assisters.Player, top_assisters.ast_pct, weight_height_ratio_set.wh_ratio
    from weight_height_ratio_set, top_assisters
    where top_assisters.Player = weight_height_ratio_set.Player
    order by top_assisters.ast_pct desc
")

ast_ratio_df$higher_ratio = ifelse(ast_ratio_df$wh_ratio > avg_ratio, TRUE, FALSE)
ast_ratio_df
```

```
##           Player ast_pct wh_ratio higher_ratio
## 1    Mark Jackson  0.464 0.4404962         FALSE
## 2    John Stockton  0.450 0.4281016         FALSE
## 3      Tim Hardaway  0.404 0.4836529         FALSE
## 4 Spencer Dinwiddie  0.394 0.4578962         FALSE
## 5      Trae Young   0.390 0.4343826         FALSE
## 6    Kevin Johnson  0.388 0.4647960         FALSE
## 7     Andre Miller  0.386 0.4898871         FALSE
## 8      Chris Paul   0.378 0.4340475         FALSE
## 9       T.J. Ford   0.375 0.4092448         FALSE
## 10 Stephon Marbury  0.373 0.4343826         FALSE
```

7/10 of the top assisters also are above average in their weight to height ratio. According to our data, on average, the highest assisting basketball players are the ones who weigh more. This might also be due to their muscle mass.

We now used a common methodology amongst all the three cleaned datasets above along with the new formed joined data. To obtain the best univeristy program we:

- Removed all the NA values
- Created a frequency table of the dataset being taken into consideration
- Calculated the percentage of each unique college
- Obtained the best program by finding the highest percentage

Based on the answers we ensure that the players within that subcategory are distinct and then based on this conclusion we further looked at what are the necessary parameters for success while you are still in the program.

Based on the all seasons data only:

create a frequency table to understand the university with the highest percentage of student athletes

```
number_of_players_1 = table(remove_dup_players_all_seasons$college)
number_of_players_1 = as.data.frame(number_of_players_1)
number_of_players_1 = number_of_players_1 %>%
  mutate(per_per_school = (number_of_players_1$Freq/nrow(number_of_players_1))*100)
x1 = sort(number_of_players_1$per_per_school)
x1 = x1[306]
z1 = (number_of_players_1$per_per_school == x1)
number_of_players_1$Var1[z1]
```

```
## [1] Kentucky
## 307 Levels: Alabama Alabama A&M Alabama Huntsville ... Yonsei (KOR)
```

#statistical analysis
#college decided based on above code chucks observation
 players_from_best_uni_1=sqldf("
 SELECT *
 FROM remove_dup_players_all_seasons
 WHERE college == 'Kentucky'
 ")
 players_from_best_uni_1

##	X1	player_name	team_abbreviation	age	player_height
## 1	8924	Aaron Harrison	CHA	21	198.12
## 2	9090	Alex Poythress	PHI	23	200.66
## 3	9080	Andrew Harrison	MEM	22	198.12
## 4	7556	Anthony Davis	NOH	20	208.28
## 5	159	Antoine Walker	BOS	20	205.74
## 6	8067	Archie Goodwin	PHX	19	195.58
## 7	9616	Bam Adebayo	MIA	20	208.28
## 8	7089	Brandon Knight	DET	20	190.50
## 9	4248	Chuck Hayes	HOU	23	198.12
## 10	9745	Dakari Johnson	OKC	22	213.36
## 11	6780	Daniel Orton	ORL	21	208.28
## 12	7479	Darius Miller	NOH	23	203.20
## 13	9686	De'Aaron Fox	SAC	20	190.50
## 14	6782	DeAndre Liggins	ORL	24	198.12
## 15	6456	DeMarcus Cousins	SAC	20	210.82
## 16	711	Derek Anderson	CLE	23	195.58

## 17	8870	Devin Booker	PHX	19	198.12			
## 18	7547	Doron Lamb	ORL	21	193.04			
## 19	6681	Enes Kanter	UTA	20	210.82			
## 20	6334	Eric Bledsoe	LAC	21	185.42			
## 21	3965	Erik Daniels	SAC	23	203.20			
## 22	4374	Gerald Fitch	MIA	23	190.50			
## 23	10116	Hamidou Diallo	OKC	20	195.58			
## 24	10127	Isaac Humphries	ATL	21	213.36			
## 25	1817	Jamaal Magloire	CHH	23	208.28			
## 26	65	Jamal Mashburn	MIA	24	203.20			
## 27	9252	Jamal Murray	DEN	20	193.04			
## 28	8393	James Young	BOS	19	198.12			
## 29	10197	Jarred Vanderbilt	DEN	20	205.74			
## 30	1315	Jeff Sheppard	ATL	24	190.50			
## 31	5838	Jodie Meeks	PHI	22	193.04			
## 32	5543	Joe Crawford	NYK	23	195.58			
## 33	6285	John Wall	WAS	20	193.04			
## 34	7005	Josh Harrellson	NYK	23	208.28			
## 35	8281	Julius Randle	LAL	20	205.74			
## 36	8781	Karl-Anthony Towns	MIN	20	213.36			
## 37	3285	Keith Bogans	ORL	24	195.58			
## 38	11073	Keldon Johnson	SAS	20	195.58			
## 39	4812	Kelenna Azubuike	GSW	23	195.58			
## 40	10496	Kevin Knox II	NYK	19	205.74			
## 41	10036	Malik Monk	CHA	20	190.50			
## 42	464	Mark Pope	IND	25	208.28			
## 43	7203	Marquis Teague	CHI	20	187.96			
## 44	7232	Michael Kidd-Gilchrist	CHA	19	200.66			
## 45	11096	Mychal Mulder	GSW	25	190.50			
## 46	1124	Nazr Mohammed	PHI	21	208.28			
## 47	8582	Nerlens Noel	PHI	21	210.82			
## 48	10924	P.J. Washington	CHA	21	200.66			
## 49	6621	Patrick Patterson	HOU	22	205.74			
## 50	4696	Rajon Rondo	BOS	21	185.42			
## 51	4697	Randolph Morris	NYK	21	210.82			
## 52	629	Reggie Hanson	BOS	29	203.20			
## 53	262	Rex Chapman	PHX	29	193.04			
## 54	612	Ron Mercer	BOS	22	200.66			
## 55	1548	Scott Padgett	UTA	24	205.74			
## 56	10372	Shai Gilgeous-Alexander	LAC	20	198.12			
## 57	9321	Skal Labissiere	SAC	21	210.82			
## 58	2938	Tayshaun Prince	DET	23	205.74			
## 59	7296	Terrence Jones	HOU	21	205.74			
## 60	305	Tony Delk	CHH	23	187.96			
## 61	8980	Trey Lyles	UTA	20	208.28			
## 62	10966	Tyler Herro	MIA	20	195.58			
## 63	9139	Tyler Ulis	PHX	21	177.80			
## 64	293	Walter McCarty	NYK	23	208.28			
## 65	1614	Wayne Turner	BOS	24	187.96			
## 66	9058	Willie Cauley-Stein	SAC	22	213.36			
##	player_weight	college	country	draft_year	draft_round	draft_number	gp	pts
## 1	95.25432	Kentucky	USA	Undrafted	Undrafted	Undrafted	21	0.9
## 2	107.95490	Kentucky	USA	Undrafted	Undrafted	Undrafted	6	10.7
## 3	96.61510	Kentucky	USA	2015	2	44	72	5.9

## 4	99.79024	Kentucky	USA	2012	1		1	64	13.5
## 5	101.60461	Kentucky	USA	1996	1		6	82	17.5
## 6	89.81122	Kentucky	USA	2013	1		29	52	3.7
## 7	115.66596	Kentucky	USA	2017	1		14	69	6.9
## 8	85.72889	Kentucky	USA	2011	1		8	66	12.8
## 9	109.76926	Kentucky	USA	Undrafted	Undrafted	Undrafted	40		3.7
## 10	115.66596	Kentucky	USA	2015	2		48	31	1.8
## 11	115.66596	Kentucky	USA	2010	1		29	16	2.8
## 12	106.59412	Kentucky	USA	2012	2		46	52	2.3
## 13	79.37860	Kentucky	USA	2017	1		5	73	11.6
## 14	94.80073	Kentucky	USA	2011	2		53	17	1.9
## 15	122.46984	Kentucky	USA	2010	1		5	81	14.1
## 16	88.45044	Kentucky	USA	1997	1		13	66	11.7
## 17	93.43995	Kentucky	USA	2015	1		13	76	13.8
## 18	95.25432	Kentucky	USA	2012	2		42	47	3.3
## 19	121.10906	Kentucky	Turkey	2011	1		3	66	4.6
## 20	88.45044	Kentucky	USA	2010	1		18	81	6.7
## 21	97.06869	Kentucky	USA	Undrafted	Undrafted	Undrafted	21		0.6
## 22	85.27530	Kentucky	USA	Undrafted	Undrafted	Undrafted	18		4.7
## 23	89.81122	Kentucky	USA	2018	2		45	51	3.7
## 24	117.93392	Kentucky	Australia	Undrafted	Undrafted	Undrafted	5		3.0
## 25	117.93392	Kentucky	Canada	2000	1		19	74	4.6
## 26	113.39800	Kentucky	USA	1993	1		4	69	11.9
## 27	93.89354	Kentucky	Canada	2016	1		7	82	9.9
## 28	97.52228	Kentucky	USA	2014	1		17	31	3.4
## 29	97.06869	Kentucky	USA	2018	2		41	17	1.4
## 30	86.18248	Kentucky	USA	Undrafted	Undrafted	Undrafted	17		2.4
## 31	94.34714	Kentucky	USA	2009	2		41	60	4.7
## 32	95.25432	Kentucky	USA	2008	2		58	2	4.5
## 33	88.45044	Kentucky	USA	2010	1		1	69	16.4
## 34	124.73780	Kentucky	USA	2011	2		45	37	4.4
## 35	113.39800	Kentucky	USA	2014	1		7	1	2.0
## 36	110.67645	Kentucky	USA	2015	1		1	82	18.3
## 37	97.52228	Kentucky	USA	2003	2		43	73	6.8
## 38	99.79024	Kentucky	USA	2019	1		29	7	4.7
## 39	99.79024	Kentucky	England	Undrafted	Undrafted	Undrafted	41		7.1
## 40	97.52228	Kentucky	USA	2018	1		9	75	12.8
## 41	90.71840	Kentucky	USA	2017	1		11	63	6.7
## 42	106.59412	Kentucky	USA	1996	2		52	28	1.4
## 43	86.18248	Kentucky	USA	2012	1		29	48	2.1
## 44	105.23334	Kentucky	USA	2012	1		2	78	9.0
## 45	83.46093	Kentucky	Canada	Undrafted	Undrafted	Undrafted	6		12.3
## 46	108.86208	Kentucky	USA	1998	1		29	26	1.6
## 47	103.41898	Kentucky	USA	2013	1		6	75	9.9
## 48	104.32616	Kentucky	USA	2019	1		12	56	12.3
## 49	106.59412	Kentucky	USA	2010	1		14	52	6.3
## 50	77.56423	Kentucky	USA	2006	1		21	78	6.4
## 51	117.93392	Kentucky	USA	Undrafted	Undrafted	Undrafted	5		0.8
## 52	88.45044	Kentucky	USA	1998	Undrafted	Undrafted	8		0.8
## 53	88.45044	Kentucky	USA	1988	1		8	65	13.8
## 54	95.25432	Kentucky	USA	1997	1		6	80	15.3
## 55	108.86208	Kentucky	USA	1999	1		28	47	2.6
## 56	82.10015	Kentucky	Canada	2018	1		11	82	10.8
## 57	102.05820	Kentucky	Haiti	2016	1		28	33	8.8

## 58	97.52228	Kentucky	USA	2002	1	23	42	3.3	
## 59	114.30518	Kentucky	USA	2012	1	18	19	5.5	
## 60	85.72889	Kentucky	USA	1996	1	16	61	5.4	
## 61	106.14053	Kentucky	USA	2015	1	12	80	6.1	
## 62	88.45044	Kentucky	USA	2019	1	13	46	13.1	
## 63	68.03880	Kentucky	USA	2016	2	34	61	7.3	
## 64	104.32616	Kentucky	USA	1996	1	19	35	1.8	
## 65	86.18248	Kentucky	USA	Undrafted	Undrafted	Undrafted	3	1.3	
## 66	108.86208	Kentucky	USA	2015	1	6	66	7.0	
##	reb	ast	net_rating	oreb_pct	dreb_pct	usg_pct	ts_pct	ast_pct	season
## 1	0.7	0.1	2.2	0.047	0.133	0.138	0.371	0.033	2015-16
## 2	4.8	0.8	-9.6	0.073	0.137	0.166	0.548	0.052	2016-17
## 3	1.9	2.8	-0.3	0.017	0.090	0.164	0.477	0.209	2016-17
## 4	8.2	1.0	-5.5	0.106	0.236	0.215	0.559	0.060	2012-13
## 5	9.0	3.2	-9.3	0.103	0.189	0.251	0.474	0.150	1996-97
## 6	1.7	0.4	-7.6	0.051	0.121	0.192	0.507	0.061	2013-14
## 7	5.5	1.5	-0.6	0.086	0.194	0.157	0.570	0.115	2017-18
## 8	3.2	3.8	-7.2	0.018	0.103	0.217	0.511	0.202	2011-12
## 9	4.5	0.4	9.2	0.140	0.253	0.120	0.589	0.044	2005-06
## 10	1.1	0.3	10.9	0.099	0.111	0.139	0.575	0.083	2017-18
## 11	2.4	0.3	-11.5	0.109	0.130	0.120	0.549	0.047	2011-12
## 12	1.5	0.8	-5.1	0.013	0.123	0.092	0.529	0.100	2012-13
## 13	2.8	4.4	-10.2	0.016	0.087	0.227	0.478	0.240	2017-18
## 14	0.9	0.3	-27.1	0.058	0.103	0.182	0.495	0.091	2011-12
## 15	8.6	2.5	-7.5	0.105	0.247	0.272	0.484	0.149	2010-11
## 16	2.8	3.4	3.9	0.038	0.091	0.215	0.531	0.219	1997-98
## 17	2.5	2.6	-9.6	0.014	0.083	0.231	0.535	0.162	2015-16
## 18	1.0	0.7	-8.9	0.016	0.075	0.156	0.433	0.085	2012-13
## 19	4.2	0.1	-8.2	0.135	0.231	0.169	0.539	0.016	2011-12
## 20	2.8	3.6	-7.0	0.045	0.098	0.179	0.499	0.254	2010-11
## 21	0.9	0.2	-23.2	0.090	0.162	0.141	0.361	0.118	2004-05
## 22	1.7	1.8	0.3	0.033	0.105	0.216	0.424	0.228	2005-06
## 23	1.9	0.3	-6.8	0.065	0.110	0.160	0.497	0.044	2018-19
## 24	2.2	0.0	-17.1	0.055	0.123	0.142	0.357	0.000	2018-19
## 25	4.0	0.4	3.2	0.111	0.195	0.164	0.506	0.042	2000-01
## 26	4.3	2.9	1.4	0.037	0.121	0.207	0.487	0.158	1996-97
## 27	2.6	2.1	1.0	0.026	0.104	0.216	0.518	0.142	2016-17
## 28	1.4	0.4	-2.9	0.027	0.110	0.153	0.457	0.059	2014-15
## 29	1.4	0.2	4.5	0.084	0.205	0.179	0.513	0.064	2018-19
## 30	1.3	0.9	-2.9	0.036	0.098	0.130	0.447	0.157	1998-99
## 31	1.7	0.7	-3.1	0.014	0.154	0.190	0.493	0.080	2009-10
## 32	2.0	0.5	16.8	0.043	0.120	0.216	0.414	0.091	2008-09
## 33	4.6	8.3	-9.0	0.014	0.127	0.236	0.494	0.357	2010-11
## 34	3.9	0.3	9.9	0.094	0.206	0.149	0.505	0.033	2011-12
## 35	0.0	0.0	-74.1	0.000	0.000	0.170	0.258	0.000	2014-15
## 36	10.5	2.0	-2.1	0.102	0.271	0.247	0.590	0.108	2015-16
## 37	4.3	1.3	-10.2	0.066	0.139	0.145	0.499	0.087	2003-04
## 38	1.6	0.6	16.3	0.033	0.136	0.227	0.579	0.100	2019-20
## 39	2.3	0.7	-9.9	0.040	0.110	0.187	0.572	0.068	2006-07
## 40	4.5	1.1	-13.6	0.025	0.120	0.219	0.475	0.060	2018-19
## 41	1.0	1.4	-11.8	0.008	0.069	0.241	0.477	0.178	2017-18
## 42	0.9	0.3	-0.2	0.056	0.115	0.145	0.402	0.062	1997-98
## 43	0.9	1.3	-2.7	0.009	0.126	0.187	0.412	0.275	2012-13
## 44	5.8	1.5	-8.2	0.072	0.188	0.179	0.506	0.096	2012-13

## 45	3.2	1.3	9.9	0.018	0.086	0.161	0.593	0.060	2019-20
## 46	1.4	0.1	15.9	0.175	0.165	0.227	0.410	0.031	1998-99
## 47	8.1	1.7	-9.1	0.082	0.207	0.173	0.493	0.099	2014-15
## 48	5.5	2.2	-6.5	0.030	0.146	0.183	0.553	0.116	2019-20
## 49	3.8	0.8	1.3	0.110	0.146	0.163	0.574	0.078	2010-11
## 50	3.7	3.8	-0.3	0.047	0.147	0.164	0.472	0.260	2006-07
## 51	1.8	0.2	-11.8	0.023	0.276	0.107	0.231	0.037	2006-07
## 52	0.8	0.1	7.3	0.167	0.188	0.161	0.500	0.056	1997-98
## 53	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.016	0.099	0.223	0.551	0.159	1996-97
## 54	3.5	2.2	-2.8	0.044	0.084	0.224	0.491	0.114	1997-98
## 55	1.9	0.5	-3.8	0.068	0.169	0.184	0.395	0.092	1999-00
## 56	2.8	3.3	-2.0	0.026	0.078	0.182	0.554	0.179	2018-19
## 57	4.9	0.8	-2.9	0.095	0.194	0.212	0.577	0.071	2016-17
## 58	1.1	0.6	-3.8	0.013	0.108	0.164	0.546	0.104	2002-03
## 59	3.4	0.8	-2.6	0.107	0.154	0.179	0.512	0.090	2012-13
## 60	1.6	1.6	0.9	0.044	0.090	0.182	0.596	0.187	1996-97
## 61	3.7	0.7	-0.9	0.048	0.203	0.183	0.517	0.072	2015-16
## 62	4.0	2.0	-1.2	0.011	0.126	0.210	0.535	0.116	2019-20
## 63	1.6	3.7	-6.5	0.018	0.073	0.202	0.474	0.297	2016-17
## 64	0.7	0.4	3.2	0.056	0.080	0.217	0.431	0.116	1996-97
## 65	1.0	1.7	-1.2	0.026	0.053	0.124	0.231	0.192	1999-00
## 66	5.3	0.6	-2.7	0.105	0.166	0.133	0.588	0.038	2015-16

##	Player
## 1	Aaron Harrison
## 2	Alex Poythress
## 3	Andrew Harrison
## 4	Anthony Davis
## 5	Antoine Walker
## 6	Archie Goodwin
## 7	Bam Adebayo
## 8	Brandon Knight
## 9	Chuck Hayes
## 10	Dakari Johnson
## 11	Daniel Orton
## 12	Darius Miller
## 13	De'Aaron Fox
## 14	DeAndre Liggins
## 15	DeMarcus Cousins
## 16	Derek Anderson
## 17	Devin Booker
## 18	Doron Lamb
## 19	Enes Kanter
## 20	Eric Bledsoe
## 21	Erik Daniels
## 22	Gerald Fitch
## 23	Hamidou Diallo
## 24	Isaac Humphries
## 25	Jamaal Magloire
## 26	Jamal Mashburn
## 27	Jamal Murray
## 28	James Young
## 29	Jarred Vanderbilt
## 30	Jeff Sheppard
## 31	Jodie Meeks

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## 32      Joe Crawford
## 33      John Wall
## 34      Josh Harrellson
## 35      Julius Randle
## 36      Karl-Anthony Towns
## 37      Keith Bogans
## 38      Keldon Johnson
## 39      Kelenna Azubuike
## 40      Kevin Knox II
## 41      Malik Monk
## 42      Mark Pope
## 43      Marquis Teague
## 44      Michael Kidd-Gilchrist
## 45      Mychal Mulder
## 46      Nazr Mohammed
## 47      Nerlens Noel
## 48      P.J. Washington
## 49      Patrick Patterson
## 50      Rajon Rondo
## 51      Randolph Morris
## 52      Reggie Hanson
## 53      Rex Chapman
## 54      Ron Mercer
## 55      Scott Padgett
## 56      Shai Gilgeous-Alexander
## 57      Skal Labissiere
## 58      Tayshaun Prince
## 59      Terrence Jones
## 60      Tony Delk
## 61      Trey Lyles
## 62      Tyler Herro
## 63      Tyler Ulis
## 64      Walter McCarty
## 65      Wayne Turner
## 66      Willie Cauley-Stein
```

```
teams_from_college_1 = table(players_from_best_uni_1$team_abbreviation)
mean(players_from_best_uni_1$player_height)
```

```
## [1] 200.2367
```

```
mean(players_from_best_uni_1$player_weight)
```

```
## [1] 99.34352
```

```
mean(players_from_best_uni_1$age)
```

```
## [1] 21.68182
```

```
teams_from_college_1
```



```
##
## ATL BOS CHA CHH CHI CLE DEN DET GSW HOU IND LAC LAL MEM MIA MIN NOH NYK OKC ORL
## 2 6 4 2 1 1 2 2 2 3 1 2 1 1 4 1 2 5 2 4
## PHI PHX SAC SAS UTA WAS
## 4 4 5 1 3 1
```

Based on the combined subsetted data the best program is: - This data has the combination of NBA player of the week and all NBA players.

```
# create a frequency table to understand the university with the highest percentage of student athletes
```

```
number_of_players = table(combined_unique_player_set$`Pre-draft Team`)
number_of_players = as.data.frame(number_of_players)
number_of_players = number_of_players%>%
  mutate(per_per_school = (number_of_players$Freq/nrow(number_of_players))*100)
x = max(number_of_players$per_per_school)
x
```

```
## [1] 7.246377
```

```
z = (number_of_players$per_per_school == x)
number_of_players$Var1[z]
```

```
## [1] Kentucky
## 138 Levels: Alabama Alief Elsie High School (Texas) ... Zalgiris (Lithuania)
```

```
#statistical analysis
#college decided based on above code chunks observation
players_from_best_uni=sqldf("
  SELECT *
  FROM   combined_unique_player_set
  WHERE  `Pre-draft Team` == 'Kentucky'
")
players_from_best_uni
```

```
##      X1      player_name team_abbreviation age player_height player_weight
## 1  7556    Anthony Davis              NOH   20         208.28      99.79024
## 2   159    Antoine Walker              BOS   20         205.74     101.60461
## 3  9616      Bam Adebayo              MIA   20         208.28     115.66596
## 4  6456 DeMarcus Cousins              SAC   20         210.82     122.46984
## 5   711    Derek Anderson              CLE   23         195.58      88.45044
## 6  1817   Jamaal Magloire              CHH   23         208.28     117.93392
## 7    65    Jamal Mashburn              MIA   24         203.20     113.39800
## 8  6285      John Wall                WAS   20         193.04      88.45044
## 9  8781 Karl-Anthony Towns             MIN   20         213.36     110.67645
## 10 4696    Rajon Rondo                BOS   21         185.42      77.56423
##      college country draft_year draft_round draft_number gp pts reb ast
## 1  Kentucky    USA      2012         1         1  64 13.5  8.2 1.0
## 2  Kentucky    USA      1996         1         6  82 17.5  9.0 3.2
## 3  Kentucky    USA      2017         1        14  69  6.9  5.5 1.5
## 4  Kentucky    USA      2010         1         5  81 14.1  8.6 2.5
## 5  Kentucky    USA      1997         1        13  66 11.7  2.8 3.4
```

```
## 6 Kentucky Canada 2000 1 19 74 4.6 4.0 0.4
## 7 Kentucky USA 1993 1 4 69 11.9 4.3 2.9
## 8 Kentucky USA 2010 1 1 69 16.4 4.6 8.3
## 9 Kentucky USA 2015 1 1 82 18.3 10.5 2.0
## 10 Kentucky USA 2006 1 21 78 6.4 3.7 3.8
## net_rating oreb_pct dreb_pct usg_pct ts_pct ast_pct season
## 1 -5.5 0.106 0.236 0.215 0.559 0.060 2012-13
## 2 -9.3 0.103 0.189 0.251 0.474 0.150 1996-97
## 3 -0.6 0.086 0.194 0.157 0.570 0.115 2017-18
## 4 -7.5 0.105 0.247 0.272 0.484 0.149 2010-11
## 5 3.9 0.038 0.091 0.215 0.531 0.219 1997-98
## 6 3.2 0.111 0.195 0.164 0.506 0.042 2000-01
## 7 1.4 0.037 0.121 0.207 0.487 0.158 1996-97
## 8 -9.0 0.014 0.127 0.236 0.494 0.357 2010-11
## 9 -2.1 0.102 0.271 0.247 0.590 0.108 2015-16
## 10 -0.3 0.047 0.147 0.164 0.472 0.260 2006-07
## Player Team Conference Date Position
## 1 Anthony Davis Los Angeles Lakers West 2019-12-09 PF
## 2 Antoine Walker Boston Celtics East 2003-01-19 F
## 3 Bam Adebayo Miami Heat East 2019-12-16 C
## 4 DeMarcus Cousins New Orleans Pelicans West 2017-10-30 C
## 5 Derek Anderson San Antonio Spurs <NA> 2001-03-11 G
## 6 Jamaal Magloire New Orleans Hornets East 2004-04-12 C
## 7 Jamal Mashburn Dallas Mavericks <NA> 1994-12-11 SF
## 8 John Wall Washington Wizards East 2017-03-13 PG
## 9 Karl-Anthony Towns Minnesota Timberwolves West 2019-10-28 C
## 10 Rajon Rondo Boston Celtics East 2010-11-01 PG
## Height Weight Draft Year Seasons in league Season short Pre-draft Team
## 1 6'10 253 2012 7 2020 Kentucky
## 2 6'9 265 1996 6 2003 Kentucky
## 3 6'10 255 2017 2 2020 Kentucky
## 4 6'11 270 2010 7 2018 Kentucky
## 5 6'5 194 1997 3 2001 Kentucky
## 6 6'11 259 2000 3 2004 Kentucky
## 7 6'8 247 1993 1 1995 Kentucky
## 8 6'4 210 2010 6 2017 Kentucky
## 9 7'0 248 2015 4 2020 Kentucky
## 10 6'1 186 2006 4 2011 Kentucky
## Real_value Height CM Weight KG Last Season new_age new_season wh_ratio
## 1 0.5 208 114 1 26 2019-2020 0.4791158
## 2 0.5 206 120 0 26 2002-2003 0.4938496
## 3 0.5 208 115 1 22 2019-2020 0.5553388
## 4 0.5 211 122 0 27 2017-2018 0.5809214
## 5 1.0 196 88 0 26 2000-2001 0.4522469
## 6 0.5 211 117 0 25 2003-2004 0.5662278
## 7 1.0 203 112 0 22 1994-1995 0.5580610
## 8 0.5 193 95 0 26 2016-2017 0.4581975
## 9 0.5 213 112 1 24 2019-2020 0.5187310
## 10 0.5 185 84 0 25 2010-2011 0.4183164
```

```
teams_from_college = table(players_from_best_uni$Team)
conference_from_college = table(players_from_best_uni$Conference)
best_pos_from_college = table(players_from_best_uni$Position)
teams_from_college
```

```
##
##      Boston Celtics      Dallas Mavericks      Los Angeles Lakers
##              2              1              1
##      Miami Heat Minnesota Timberwolves      New Orleans Hornets
##              1              1              1
##      New Orleans Pelicans      San Antonio Spurs      Washington Wizards
##              1              1              1
```

```
conference_from_college
```

```
##
## East West
##      5      3
```

```
best_pos_from_college
```

```
##
## C  F  G PF PG SF
##  4  1  1  1  2  1
```

Based on Player of the week data only:

```
# create a frequency table to understand the university with the highest percentage of student athletes
```

```
distinct_players = distinct(NBA_player_of_the_week, Player, .keep_all = TRUE)
number_of_players_2 = table(distinct_players$`Pre-draft Team`)
number_of_players_2 = as.data.frame(number_of_players_2)
number_of_players_2 = number_of_players_2 %>%
  mutate(per_per_school = (number_of_players_2$Freq/nrow(number_of_players_2))*100)
x2 = max(number_of_players_2$per_per_school)
z2 = (number_of_players_2$per_per_school == x2)
number_of_players_2$Var1[z2]
```

```
## [1] Kentucky
## 169 Levels: Alabama Albany State (GA) ... Zalgiris (Lithuania)
```

```
# statistical analysis
#college decided based on above code chunks observation
alumunia_kent = NBA_player_of_the_week %>%
  filter(`Pre-draft Team` == 'Kentucky')
alumunia_kent = distinct(alumunia_kent, Player, .keep_all = TRUE)
table(alumunia_kent$Position)
```

```
##
## C  F  G GF PF PG SF
##  4  1  1  1  1  2  1
```

```
mean(alumunia_kent$`Height CM`)
```

```
## [1] 202.7273
```

```
mean(alumunia_kent$Weight)
```

```
## [1] 236.0909
```

```
mean(alumunia_kent$Age)
```

```
## [1] 25
```

Based of the above three methods:

```
number_of_players$Var1[z]
```

```
## [1] Kentucky
```

```
## 138 Levels: Alabama Alief Elsie High School (Texas) ... Zalgiris (Lithuania)
```

```
number_of_players_1$Var1[z1]
```

```
## [1] Kentucky
```

```
## 307 Levels: Alabama Alabama A&M Alabama Huntsville ... Yonsei (KOR)
```

```
number_of_players_2$Var1[z2]
```

```
## [1] Kentucky
```

```
## 169 Levels: Alabama Albany State (GA) ... Zalgiris (Lithuania)
```

Based on the above data classification we can thereby come to the conclusion that the best university in the program is that of Kentucky.

Parameters for success while in the Kentucky program: Height : 200.2367-202.7273 Weight : 236.0909pounds or 99.34352kg

Average age at which athletes from Kentucky get drafted: 21.68182

Most successful position to make it the the NBA from the program: Center

Based on previous data the NBA team you are most likely to go to: Boston Celtics

Based on previous data the conference you are most likely to play in: East

Which positions are most likely to be NBA Player of the Year?

First, we begin with using our merged data set that contains the players of the week with the duplicates removed. From here, we will start with counting the frequency of the position for player of the week and seeing which position appears the most. This would give us an indication for which positions are often the most influential, although we have to consider that part of this comes down to the skill of the player in question.

```
#combined_unique_player_set

positions <- sqldf("
  select position, count(position) as frequency
  from combined_unique_player_set
  group by position
  order by count(position) desc
")
head(positions,20)
```

##	Position	frequency
## 1	G	44
## 2	C	36
## 3	PG	29
## 4	PF	29
## 5	SG	27
## 6	F	26
## 7	SF	25
## 8	FC	20
## 9	GF	12
## 10	G-F	2
## 11	F-C	1

```
toppositions = head(positions,6)
```

Now for a reader with limited knowledge of basketball, the positions as following above go G = Guard, C = Center, PG = Point Guard, PF = power forward, SG = Shooting Guard. F = Forward, SF = Small Forward, FC = forward center, GF = Guard Forward, G-F = Guard Forward. Now this presents us with an issue, because we have to consider that there is some overlap within the positions themselves. On looking at the positions printed out we see that the most prominent position in terms of Players of the Week is the Guard. However this information is insufficient to make a decision on which position would ideally win player of the year. Therefore, we will focus on which positions have the highest frequency of players in terms of assists and points scored based on the data subsets created earlier.

```
assist_positions <- sqldf("
  select position, count(position) as frequency
  from top_50_assisters
  group by position
  order by count(position) desc
")
assist_positions
```

##	Position	frequency
## 1	PG	27
## 2	G	18
## 3	SF	2
## 4	SG	1
## 5	PF	1
## 6	F	1

We are only looking at the top 50 assisters and we notice that the top 6 positions for this list are: PG = Point Guard, G = Guard, SF = Small Forward, SG = Shooting Guard, PF = power forward, F = Forward.

```
score_positions <- sqldf("
  select position, count(position) as frequency
  from top_50_scorers
  group by position
  order by count(position) desc
  ")
score_positions
```

```
##      Position frequency
## 1          SF          9
## 2           C          9
## 3          PG          6
## 4          PF          6
## 5           G          6
## 6          SG          5
## 7           F          5
## 8          FC          2
## 9         G-F          1
## 10         F-C          1
```

We are only looking at the top 50 scorers and we notice that the top 6 positions for this list are: PG = Point Guard, G = Guard, SF = Small Forward, SG = Shooting Guard, PF = power forward, C = Center.

We will now combine the two frequency tables obtained for assists and scorers. To do this we will combine the tables by keeping Positions as our comparison variable to create a new table of the common positions between the above mentioned tables(i.e. assists and scorers). We will then combine our frequency and sort this variable to see which position has the highest count.

```
first_combine = inner_join(score_positions,assist_positions,by = 'Position')
first_combine=first_combine%>%
  mutate(freq = frequency.x+frequency.y)%>%
  select(Position,freq)
first_combine <- sqldf("
  select Position, freq
  from first_combine
  order by freq desc
  ")
first_combine
```

```
##      Position freq
## 1          PG    33
## 2           G    24
## 3          SF    11
## 4          PF     7
## 5          SG     6
## 6           F     6
```

We will then combine our new table with that created to look at the frequency of the position for player of the week and seeing which position appears the most.

```
second_combine = inner_join(first_combine,toppositions,by = 'Position')
second_combine=second_combine%>%
```

```

mutate(com_freq = freq+frequency)
second_combine <- sqldf("
  select *
  from second_combine
  order by com_freq desc
  ")
second_combine

```

##	Position	freq	frequency	com_freq
## 1	G	24	44	68
## 2	PG	33	29	62
## 3	PF	7	29	36
## 4	SG	6	27	33
## 5	F	6	26	32

Based on the above information we come to the conclusion that the best 5 positions are: PG = Point Guard, G = Guard, SF = Small Forward, SG = Shooting Guard, PF = power forward. However, it is most likely to win the player of the year if you are either a Point Guard and Guard since they have the highest frequency count across both the tables.