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# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SUCCESSFUL AND UNSUCCESSFUL TEAMS IN INDICATORS OF SITUATIONAL EFFICIENCY IN BASKETBALL - CASE OF ELITE CLUBS

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#### **SUMMARY**

**Introduction:** The aim of this study was to analyze differences in the parameters of situational efficiency of two clubs that were by results most successful in the Croatian basketball league at the end of the season 2012/2013. The hypothesis of this research is to identify variables that discriminate winning matches from the defeated ones.

**Methods:** The sample consisted of 8 matches between basketball clubs "Zadar" and Cibona" played in the regional ABA league, the Krešimir Ćosić cup, Croatian championship and playoff. Used variables are 13 standard indicators of situational efficiency in basketball. Parameters of descriptive statistics were calculated for an overall sample, and also for groups of winner teams and hence the defeated teams. By using T-test for independent samples, for each of the 13 parameters of situational efficiency, the existence of significant differences between winning and defeated teams has been examined.

**Results**: Results indicate that variables *Points made, Offensive rebounds, Three point shots total, Free throws total* and *Fouls made* statistically significant differ winning teams from defeated ones (p<0,05)

**Conclusion**: Obtained results show that, from the viewpoint of basketball expertise, indicators of situational efficiency are only a partial indicator of efficiency of an individual or a team that emphasizes further importance of an expert basketball experience, knowledge and understanding in their interpretation, with the aim of acquiring relevant information of overall efficiency of all participants of the game. Surely, the research is limited due to a relatively small number of matches. In future researches dealing with similar issues, the sample should certainly be increased, and nonstandard indicators of situational efficiency should be used.

**Key words**: team efficiency, situational efficiency, basketball expertise

#### INTRODUCTION

Outstanding achievements in basketball in general are a result of continuous scientific research and mostly thorough professional work those cognitions have been integrated. Therefore, the research of the effect of standard indicators of situational efficiency on a total result in a basketball game no longer belongs only to the scientific area, but to a professional area too, and furthermore, it is a practical link between the two areas (Trninić, 2006). Detailed analysis of obtained data along with the results of conducted researches, surely provide coaches with information that can direct and form

the preparation, as well as the training process. It is important to point out that a large amount of works has been published, based on the analysis of standard indicators of situational efficiency conducted with different statistical methods and with different research goals.

Structure of a basketball game is not easily described with one or more sentences. For direct participants, the game goes beyond the mere kinesiological definition, and seen from their point of view, it takes on a different or, that is to say, more concrete dimension. For a coach, the game consists of a number of tasks that players of different positions must execute in order to create defensive

and offensive advantage (Trninić, 2006). Coach, besides the knowledge how to use skills, qualities and knowledge of a player in a tactical part of the game and how to consolidate them within a team, must also know how to compensate the deficiencies, concerning both the team and an individual. On the other hand, for players, the game is consisted of a number of defensive and offensive situations in which their own set of skills can be demonstrated with the aim of outplaying the opponent with the tendency of a rational energy consumption (Trninić, Dizdar & Dežman, 2002). The above mentioned skills, qualities and knowledge raise the question of the equation of specification in basketball. Equation of specification is an often subject of discussion and it is relative in a complex motorical activity that is realized within the dynamic conditions of the game (Trninić, Jelaska & Papić 2009). Quality game performance is highly related to almost every dimension of an anthropological status. Besides an optimal health state and appropriate morphological features, the game demands a high level of functional and certain motor skills. Some experts emphasized conative traits (strong character, motivation,...) are very desirable, also some cognitive abilities (perception, anticipation,...) make a difference between the players and it is an additional quality for players of similar characteristics and skills. The ratio of importance of mentioned dimensions within the equation specification opens up space for further scientifically based discussions (Bartlett, 2006; Jelaska, 2011). Certainly, the structure of a basketball game with its demands opens up a enough large space for participants of various anthropological statuses, which is probably one of the reasons for the attractiveness of this sport.

Of great significance is also the research, that was conducted on a sample of 870 matches during 6 LEB1 seasons (Spanish basketball league) with the aim of establishing which statistical indicators differ seasonally successful and unsuccessful teams (Ibanez, Sampaio et al., 2008). Using the discriminant analysis, the obtained results indicate on a great number of differences between statistical indicators of the best and the worst teams on the end of the season, with an emphasis on the passings, rebounds and blocks. The mentioned example of the research is a part of a great amount of related works that offer a different view on a basketball game, aswell as open up new spaces for further researches.

Previous studies, along with the future ones, do not prove but rather educate, direct and undertake

the additional step to the improvement of basketball and a basketball game. methods

#### Sample of examinees

In accordance with the resarch goal, 8 games played between basketball clubs "Zadar" and "Cibona" in the season of 2012/13 were used. The games were played according to the sequunce: two in the regional ABA league, one in the Krešimir Ćosić cup semifinale, two in the Champions League of the Croatian championship and three in the Croatian championship playoff finale. Games were observed from the aspect winner - defeated. Both teams had result oscillations during the season and weren't the best ranked Croatian club in the end of the regional league, but the two have played the most matches among themselves, accomplished the best position for the Champions League and played the finals of the championship. The matches were observed in terms of differentiating the winners from the defeated.

#### Sample of variables

The variables used in this resarch are 13 standard indicators of situational efficiency in basketball: 2PT SUC - two point shots successful; 2PT TOT - two point shots total; 3PT SUC - three point shots successful; 3PT TOT - three point shots total; FT SUC - free throws made; FT TOT - free throws total; DEF REB - defensive rebounds; OF REB - offensive rebounds; ASSIS - assists; STL - steals; TO - turnovers; BL - shot blocks; and FTS - fouls made. The PM - points made variable was also used. Data was taken from the official ABA league site (www.abaliga.com) and the official Croatian basketball association site (www.hks-cbf.hr). Results presented in the tables, aswell as the discussion we written on behalf of this insight in the indicators of situational efficiency, and without any further visual analysis of the matches.

#### Data processing methods

For both teams, regardless of the match results, parameters of descriptive statistics were calculated: artithmetic mean, median, minimum score, maximum score, standard deviation, coefficient of skewness, coefficient of kurtosis and significance

while testing the normality using Kolmorgov-Smirnov test. Same parameters of descriptive statistics were calculated for groups of both winners and defeated teams as well. T-test for independent samples, for each of 13 parameters of situational efficiency, existence of statistically significant differences for the winners and defeated teams were examined.

#### **RESULTS**

In table 1, results of descriptive statistics for all observed matches are found. Indicators of descriptive statistics were calculated: arithmetic mean, median, minimum score, maximum score, standard deviation, coefficient of skewness, coefficient of kurtosis and significance while testing the normality by using Kolmorgov-Smirnov test

**Table 1:** Results of descriptive statisctic for all matches (AS – arithmetic mean, MED – median, MIN – minimal score, MAX – maximal score,  $\sigma$  – standard deviation,  $\alpha_3$ –coefficient of skewness,  $\alpha_4$  – coefficient of kurtosis, KS-p – and significance while testing the normality by using Kolmorgov-Smirnov test).

	AS	MED	MIN	MAX	σ	$\alpha_3$	$\alpha_4$	KS-p
PM	82,9	82,5	67	101	9,75	0,29	-0,16	p > 0,20
2PT SUC	23,1	22,0	18	33	4,02	0,86	1,08	p > 0,20
2PT TOT	44,2	44,0	34	53	6,05	-0,26	-0,82	p > 0,20
3PT SUC	6,8	7,0	4	10	1,87	0,24	-0,60	p > 0,20
3PT TOT	21,3	22,0	16	27	2,89	-0,00	-0,20	p > 0,20
FT SUC	16,4	15,0	10	28	5,14	1,50	1,89	p > 0,20
FT TOT	22,4	21,0	16	35	5,92	0,72	-0,23	p > 0,20
DEF REB	24,6	25,0	20	30	2,99	0,25	-0,12	p > 0,20
OF REB	10,4	9,0	5	20	4,60	1,13	0,15	p > 0,20
ASSIS	13,0	11,0	9	21	3,60	1,11	0,23	p < 0,20
STL	7,5	7,0	4	15	2,66	1,52	3,27	p < 0,20
то	13,4	13,0	9	22	3,10	1,36	2,99	p > 0,20
BL	1,9	1,5	0	5	1,65	0,72	-0,46	p > 0,20
FTS	23,6	23,5	17	32	3,67	0,50	0,65	p > 0,20

**Legend:** PM – points made, 2PT SUC – two point shots successful; 2PT TOT – two point shots total; 3PT SUC – three point shots successful; 3PT TOT – three point shots total; FT SUC – free throws made; FT TOT – free throws total; DEF REB – defensive rebounds; OF REB – offensive rebounds; ASSIS – assists; STL – steals; TO – turnovers; BL – shot blocks; FTS – fouls made

From the table of basic statistic indicators (Table 1), it is visible that all of the variables are normally distributed. Although there's a slight range of values in the variable *Points made* (67-101), the arithmetic mean (AS=82,9) indicates a standard value of the final result with a standard deviation of 9,75. The range of results of other variables, for example *Offensive rebounds* (5-20), or *Turnovers* (9-22), is also wide, but the arithmetic mean of the two has a standard value, also with no bigger oscilations

( $\sigma$ =4,60;  $\sigma$ =3,10). Arithmetic mean of all variables, with the hypothetical replacement of values between the variables STL (AS=7,5) and TO (AS=13,4), observed from a basketball aspect, is a good final match statistic.

In Table 2, results of descriptive statistics of the winning teams are found. The basic statistic parameters are calculated: arithmetic mean, median, minimum score, maximum score, standard deviation, coefficient of skewness and coefficient of kurtosis.

**Table 2:** Results of descriptive statistics - winners (AS – arithmetic mean, MED – median, MIN – minimal result, MAX – maximum result,  $\sigma$  – standard deviation,  $\alpha_3$  – coefficient of skewness,  $\alpha_4$  – coefficient of kurtosis).

	AS	MED	MIN	MAX	σ	$\alpha_3$	$\alpha_4$
PM	89,25	88,50	78	101	8,22	0,32	-1,00
2PT SUC	24,75	25,50	18	33	4,74	0,29	0,11
2PT TOT	43,88	43,00	34	53	7,68	0,09	-1,85
3PT SUC	7,25	7,00	4	10	2,25	-0,01	-1,39
3PT TOT	19,38	18,50	16	23	2,50	0,60	-0,66
FT SUC	18,00	16,00	10	28	6,63	0,85	-0,49
FT TOT	25,25	24,50	16	35	6,30	0,21	-0,67
DEF REB	26,38	26,00	23	30	2,56	0,47	-0,82
OF REB	9,00	8,50	5	17	3,63	1,68	3,90
ASSIS	14,38	12,50	10	21	4,34	0,55	-1,70
STL	8,00	7,00	4	15	3,42	1,23	1,99
то	12,63	13,00	9	15	1,77	-1,10	2,42
BL	1,00	1,00	0	2	0,76	0,00	-0,70
FTS	21,00	21,00	17	24,	2,14	-0,58	0,94

**Legend:** PM – points made, 2PT SUC – two point shots successful; 2PT TOT – two point shots total; 3PT SUC – three point shots successful; 3PT TOT – three point shots total; FT SUC – free throws made; FT TOT – free throws total; DEF REB – defensive rebounds; OF REB – offensive rebounds; ASSIS – assists; STL – steals; TO – turnovers; BL – shot blocks; FTS – fouls made

From the table of basic statistic indicators (Table 2), it is visible that the variable *Points made* indicates that the winning team, from a basketball point of view, have accomplished a high value in the parameter arithmetic mean (AS=89,25), extremely high in parameter maximum (MAX=101). Moreover, bearing in mind the minimum number of *Points made* (MIN=78), resonating from an aspect of Croatian league basketball practice, we can notice that a relatively high value of *Points made* had been

accomplished at the match. Furthermore, from the more exceptional results of other statistical parameters, the high values of Successful two point shots (AS=24,75) and assist variables (AS=14,38) are worth of emphasizing. It should be mentioned that the winning team had a more significant oscillations in values of minimum (MIN) and maximum (MAX) Offensive rebounds (5-17), Steals (4-15) and Free throws made (10-28).

**Table 3:** Results of descriptive statistics – defeated (AS – arithmetic mean, MED – median, MIN – minimal result, MAX – maximum result,  $\sigma$  – standard deviation,  $\alpha_3$  – coefficient of skewness,  $\alpha_4$  – coefficient of kurtosis).

	AS	MED	MIN	MAX	σ	$\alpha_3$	$\alpha_4$
PM	76,63	76,00	67	86	6,72	-0,23	-0,88
2PT SUC	21,38	22,00	18	25	2,39	-0,34	-0,26
2PT TOT	44,50	45,50	35	48	4,38	-1,66	3,16
3PT SUC	6,38	6,50	4	8	1,41	-0,48	-0,56
3PT TOT	23,13	22,00	22	27	1,89	1,64	1,77
FT SUC	14,75	14,00	12	19	2,55	0,85	-0,65
FT TOT	19,50	18,50	16	26	4,07	0,84	-0,92
DEF REB	22,75	23,00	20	25	2,25	-0,19	-2,19
OF REB	11,88	10,00	7	20	5,25	0,78	-1,12
ASSIS	11,63	11,00	9	15	2,13	0,53	-1,15
STL	7,00	6,50	5	10	1,69	0,95	-0,03
TO	14,25	13,50	10	22	3,99	1,03	0,81
BL	2,88	3,00	0	5	1,81	-0,34	-0,93
FTS	26,25	26,00	23	32	2,92	1,05	1,12

**Legend:** PM – points made, 2PT SUC – two point shots successful; 2PT TOT – two point shots total; 3PT SUC – three point shots successful; 3PT TOT – three point shots total; FT SUC – free throws made; FT TOT – free throws total; DEF REB – defensive rebounds; OF REB – offensive rebounds; ASSIS – assists; STL – steals; TO – turnovers; BL – shot blocks; FTS – fouls made

In Table 3 are the results of descriptive statistics of defeated teams. The basic statistic parameters are calculated: arithmetic mean, median, minimum score, maximum score, standard deviation, coefficient of skewness and coefficient of kurtosis.

From the table of basic statistic indicators for the defeated teams (Table 3), it is evident that the maximum value (MAX) indicates that the defeated teams have not accomplished an exceptionally high value of *Points made* (MAX=86), but have accomplished a high value in *Turnovers* variable (MAX=22), aswell as the *fouls made* variable (MAX=32). On the other hand, in the same statistical indicator of variables of *Offensive rebounds*, the defeated teams mark a high value (MAX=20), but not in the arithmetic mean as well (AS=11,88). Furthermore, by examining the arithmetic mean (AS), it can be noticed that, from a league basketball practice, there is a relatively bad ratio of values in *Steals* (AS=7,00) and *Rebounds* (AS=14,25) variables.

There is also an interesting information that the defeated teams in variables of *Two points shots total* (AS=44,50) and *Three points shots total* (AS=23,13), mark higher values than those of the winner teams. On the other hand, the values of *Two point shots successful* (AS=21,38) and *Three point shots successful* (AS=6,38) variables are lower.

In Table 4 results of t-test for independent samples are presented. Previously calculated arithmetic values are shown and a testing value while testing the statistical significance of differences between the arithmetic means, level of significance while testing the statistical significance of differences between the two observed groups in the arithmetic means, test value while testing the statistical significance of differences between two observed groups in variances and level of significance while testing the statistical significance of differences in variances were calculated.

**Table 4:** Results of t-test for independent samples (AS-1- arithmetic mean of winners, AS-0- arithmetic mean for defeated, t – testing value while testing the statistical significance of differences between the arithmetic means, p – level of significance while testing the statistical significance of differences between the two observed groups in the arithmetic means, F-Var - test value while testing the statistical significance of differences between two observed groups in variances, p-Var - level of significance while testing the statistical significance of differences in variances).

	AS - 1	AS - 0	t	р	F-Var	p-Var
PM	89,25	76,63	3,36	0,005	1,50	0,61
2PT SUC	24,75	21,38	1,80	0,094	3,95	0,09
2PT TOT	43,88	44,50	-0,20	0,844	3,08	0,16
3PT SUC	7,25	6,38	0,93	0,367	2,56	0,24
3PT TOT	19,38	23,13	-3,38	0,004	1,76	0,47
FT SUC	18,00	14,75	1,29	0,217	6,77	0,02
FT TOT	25,25	19,50	2,17	0,048	2,39	0,27
DEF REB	26,37	22,75	3,01	0,009	1,29	0,74
OF REB	9,00	11,88	-1,27	0,223	2,10	0,35
ASSIS	14,38	11,63	1,61	0,130	4,14	0,08
STL	8,00	7,00	0,74	0,471	4,10	0,08
ТО	12,63	14,25	-1,05	0,310	5,10	0,05
BL	1,00	2,88	-2,71	0,017	5,72	0,03
FTS	21,00	26,25	-4,11	0,001	1,86	0,43

**Legend:** PM – points made, 2PT SUC – two point shots successful; 2PT TOT – two point shots total; 3PT SUC – three point shots successful; 3PT TOT – three point shots total; FT SUC – free throws made; FT TOT – free throws total; DEF REB – defensive rebounds; OF REB – offensive rebounds; ASSIS – assists; STL – steals; TO – turnovers; BL – shot blocks; FTS – fouls made

From the Table 4 it is visible that variables *Points made, Defensive rebounds, Three point shots total, Free throws total* and *Fouls made* statistically differentiate the winning teams from the defeated teams.

#### DISCUSSION

From Table 4 it is evident that high value of points made (PM=89,25), or in other words, an

efficient offense statistically significantly contributes to victory. In modern basketball, where defense is a very important segment of team strategy, a value of almost 90 points is usually classified as a high value of points made. On the other hand, from the same amount of value, it could be concluded that poor quality defense is the one that takes away the victory. Therefore a pointed question is asked: "Does the winning team have a quality offense or does the defeated team have poor quality defense?" As it can be seen from tables 2 and 3, a high number of total shots from the game, shown in variables Two point shots total and Three point shots total, of the winning teams (2PT TOT =43,88; 3PT TOT =19,38) but also the defeated teams (2 PT TOT=44,50; 3PT TOT=23,13) marks a basketball match with a high number of offenses. Furthermore, considering the variable Offensive rebounds in winning teams (OF REB= 9,00), and defeated teams (OF REB=11,88) doesn't mark any slight deviation from the usual statistical values of a basketball match, it can be assumed that there weren't many chances for a second or a third attack (Ibanez, Garcia et al., 2008). So it is necessary to mention that, in a basketball match, team in the attack phase, after a missed jump shot in the offense, gets a chance for at least another attack while a big number of total shots is a result of a high game tempo. High game tempo in offense is characterised by shorter time of attacks, in which an attempt to score is realized in 10 or more seconds before the expiration of an allowed time of offense phase, and a large number of counterattacks. Unlike short attacks in which the attacking team, using a "quick shot", decreases the chance of a successful realization because of the more quality defensive formation of the defending team and higher level of fatigue as a consequence of an inadequate physical recovery from previous defensive and offensive actions, the counterattacking team increases the chance of a successful realization because of the numerical superiority realized with a fast transition (conversion) from defense to offense. The prerequisite of every counterattack, primary (2:1) or secondary (5:4), is a defensive rebound in which the defending team in the defensive phase gains possession of the ball. Statistically significant difference between the winner and the defeated in the variable Defensive rebounds (p=0.009) indicates that the winning team (DEFREB=26,37) had significantly more overtaken balls than the defeated ones (DEF REB=22,75), and therefore more chances for counterattack and easier realization. The Two

point shots successful (p=0,094), although statistically not differentiating the winning team from the defeated team, indicates that the winning team (2 PT SUC=24,75) had a more successful realization than the defeated team (2 PT SUC=21,38 in that segment of the game which can be accomplished with a quality counterattack and a good selection of offence and shots in the set offence, respectively (Gomez, Lorenzo, Sampaio et al., 2008).

A team surely has a good shot selection when it, with various offensive maneuvers which do not allow the defense to adapt (good offense selection), finds a player who is, according to his own capability, in the best position for realization in relation to defense and the basket. It is partially visible from the Three point shots total variable (p=0,004) which statistically differentiates the winning team (3 PT TOT=19,38) from the defeated (3 PT TOT=23,13). The defeated teams had a higher number of Three point shot total, but lower number of Three point shots successful (3 PT SUC=6,38) than the winning team (3 PT SUC=7,25), which also indicates the posibility of worse three point shot selections emerging from the unilateral offensive maneuveres to which the defense has adapted (bad attack selection that lowered the efficiency of realization). In the other hand, it is possible that the winning teams were more "hot", or that the defeated team was less "hot" so the winning team took the conceptional risk and allowed more open shots. Shooting outside of the three point line is part of the basketball game and it is also the offensive strategy of many teams, so it can not and shouldn't be a priori characterised as a bad shot selection. Precisely speaking, bad shot selection is not a missed shot, rather it is a bad shot timing and poorly chosen shooting position, as well as a wrong choice of player for shooting (bad offense selection).

Because of the higher realization percentage, lots of different ways for realization and the nearness of the basket, and also the chance of extortion of a higher number of fouls, the two points shot is a more safer way to score than the three point shot. However, the following two variables which statistically differentiate the winner from the defeated, *Free throws total* (p=0,048) and *Fouls made* (p=0,001), indicate and almost prove a better shot selection of the winning team. The winners have a higher number of *Free throws total* (FT TOT=25,25) than the defeated (FT TOT=19,50), and the defeated - as expected but not necessary, have a higher number of *Fouls made* (FTS=26,26) than the winners

(FTS=21,00). The highest number of fouls is made or extorted inside the three point line when the attacker has obtained advantage (in position, in penetration, on the shot,...) in relation to the defense and is in a likely position for realization. Stopped by a foul, the attacker gains the ball on the side and a new attack or free throws or even both (in unsportsmanlike or intentional fouls).

The defeated teams had a higher number of Two point shots total (2 PT TOT=44,50) than the winners (2PT TOT=43,88) but as is already mentioned, also a lower number of Two point shots successful as well as Free throw total, while the winners had higher number of Two point shots successful and Free throws total with a lower number of Two point shots total. That probably indicates that the winners had more good opportunites from where with good shooting (and attack) selection have scored or extorted a higher number of fouls made from the defeated and, from the same reason, made more free throws (Gomez, Lorenzo, Barakat et al., 2008). As the significantly lower number of fouls is made on the three point shot than in the two point shot zone, it is probably that the winners were loooking for a safer mean of scoring. Furthermore, a higher number of defensive rebounds in the winning team has opened more opportunities for counterattacks from which they have either scored or extorted a foul right after a missed shot, by which "easy points" are prevented (tactical foul if the team isn't in bonus); or extorted a free throw foul. The block variable also statistically differentiates the winners from the defeated (p=0,017), but, although having a negative value (t=-2,77) because of the aforementioned, it goes in favor of the winning team because most of the shots are blocked below or in proximity of the basked which even further confirms that the winning team was constantly looking for a safer way of realization, which finally means, closer to the basket.

#### CONCLUSION

Basketball is an extremely complex sports game in which a continuous, nonlinear, hardly predictable and at moments even chaotic interactions within a team along with confrontations between two teams, takes place. Researches show that the structure of a basketball game is similar to the systems that describe dynamic systems and models of deterministic chaos (Jelaska, 2011). Analysis of the differences of situational efficiency indicators of the selected clubs, in this case Cibona and Zadar, can

surely only partially present all the relevant elements that affect the result efficiency in basketball games. In this research, relatively small number of indicators used (although used by standards) surely has a limited reach. A pointed question is asked: "To which extent is it even possible to present and explain the issues and course of events that take place in the match, based only on the statistical indicators, even if they are greatly numbered?". Indicators of situational efficiency give thorough information, draw coaches' and players' attention and even educate, but they surely cannot present all of the elements that are to a greater or a lesser extent important for the ultimate outcome. This is not only because of the complexity of basketball as a sports game, but because of a series of other external and internal factors that are in reality extremely difficult, or even impossible, to accurately measure.

Thus, for example, the pure issues of the sports form, which defines itself as an optimal psychophysical condition of a athlete or a team, is of great importance in basketball as for a single match so for an entire season, which in real situations cannot be exactly measured or presented. The influence or pressure from the audience, positive or negative, has an impact on individuals and teams to such an extent that it makes them look like other persons or teams. From great significance is also the referee criterion, or in other words the possible subjective impact of the referee, which isn't exactly measureable but is an integral part of a basketball match. In basketball games there were situations in which one particular decision of a referee changed the outcome of the entire match. The sole basketball match tracked by educated statisticians consists of a series of situations which cannot be recorded on paper. As an example, a team with a great offensive player, who is also already renowned and has its "significance" in the field, can be specified. Because the strategy of the defending team is focused on him, the attacking team will have different indicators of situational efficiency (for example more shots 'in the paint', more offensive rebounds etc.) than against a team with no such defensive strategy. Or, for instance, a team who has few attempts and a low percentage of two shot realizations, and only because the defending team has a tall player or an exceptional blocker who had "closed" access towards the basket. The presence of such a player on the floor can be recorded in minutes, the efficiency with recorded blocks and rebounds, but the deviation

from the shot execution or loss of confidence by the opposing team cannot be measured. These situations which in various factors have effect on the score and lots of unmentioned situations proved that the situational efficiency indicators aren't and shouldn't be the only measure in player and team efficiency. So, for instance: "How to record the pressure level in the defense?", or how to quantify a player who is, from a statistical point of view, among the worse players, but who has during the defensive phase "shut down" an opponent from all actions and minimized his effect?

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