Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers

A review of FG% by distance, opponent FG% by distance, % of shots taken by distance, rebounds, assists, turnovers, points per game, steals, and blocks.

Projected Starters

Position	Cavs	Celtics
PG	Kyrie Irving	Isaiah Thomas
SG	Deandre Liggins	Avery Bradley
SF	LeBron James	Jae Crowder
PF	Kevin Love	Amir Johnson
C	Tristan Thompson	Al Horford

Team Stats (Per Game)

Stat	Cavs	Celtics	Average
Offensive Rebounds	10.2	9.6	10.3
Defensive Rebounds	34.3	32.4	33.5
Assists	22.6	24.8	22.2
Turnovers	13.7	12.4	14.1
FG%	45.7%	44.7%	45.2%
3PT%	39.8%	35.1%	35.4%
Points	110.1	105.4	104.4
Possessions	98.9	98.5	98.7

Team Stats (Per 100 Possessions)

Stat	Cavs	Celtics	Average
ORTG (Points scored)	110.5	106.8	105.0
DRTG (Points allowed)	104.2	104.5	105.0

Best and Worst Ranges Compared to Average

- The Cavs are shooting best in the 3PT range and defending best in the 3-10 feet range, where the Celtics are shooting best in the 16 feet - 3PT range and defending best in the 10-16 feet
- The Cavs are shooting worst in the 3-10 feet range, and defending worst in the 16 feet - 3PT range, where the Celtics are shooting worst in the 3-10 feet range, and defending worst in the 3-10 feet

Key Distance Ranges

- In the 16 feet - 3PT range, the Celtics are shooting above average where the Cavs are already allowing teams to shoot over average.
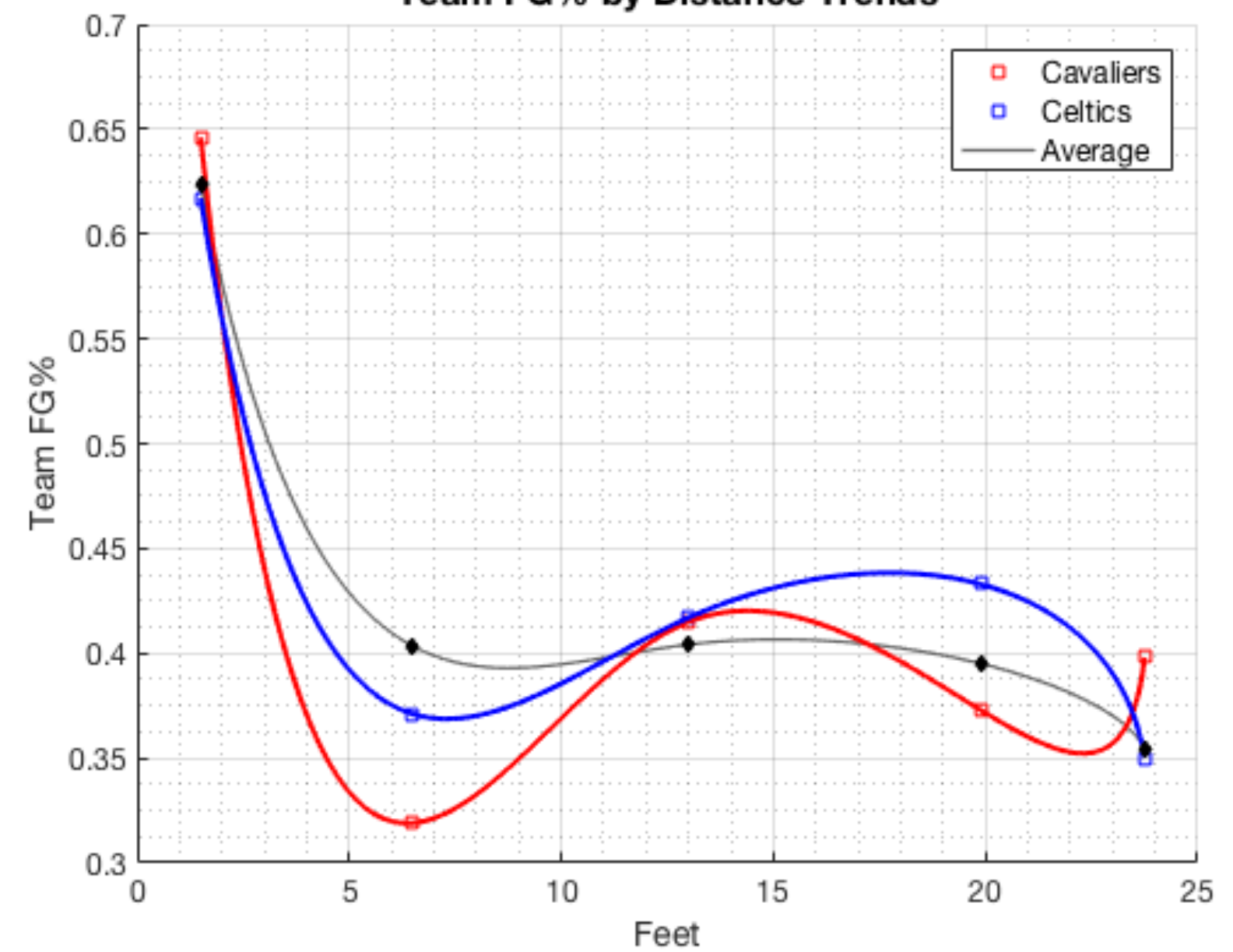
Net Scoring Advantages: (Sum of team FG% above average and the FG% the opponent allows teams to score above average)

- The highest net scoring advantage for the Cavs is in the 3PT range.
- The highest net scoring advantage for the Celtics is in the 16 feet - 3PT range.

Notes:

Data from basketball-reference.com, with the exception of pace data, which is from ESPN's Hollinger NBA Team Stats. The curves in between ARE NOT to be used to extrapolate data accurately, it merely shows the *trend* between separate points, as the area under the curves divided by a unit length will not provide the FG% for the range as an average value.

Offensive Distance Stats

Distance Range	Cavs Team FG%	Celtics Team FG%	Average	Difference (Advantage)
0-3 feet	64.6%	61.7%	62.4%	2.9% (Cavs)
3-10 feet	31.9%	37.1%	40.3%	5.2% (Celtics)
10-16 feet	41.5%	41.7%	40.4%	0.2% (Celtics)
16 feet - 3PT	37.3%	43.3%	39.5%	6% (Celtics)
3PT	39.8%	35.1%	35.4%	4.8% (Cavs)

Defensive Distance Stats

Distance Range	Cavs Opponent FG%	Celtics Opponent FG%	Average	Difference (Advantage)
0-3 feet	62.6%	60.4%	62.4%	2.2% (Celtics)
3-10 feet	34.1%	43.1%	40.6%	9% (Cavs)
10-16 feet	40.1%	38.5%	40.6%	1.6% (Celtics)
16 feet - 3PT	41.6%	40.4%	39.7%	1.2% (Celtics)
3PT	35.5%	34.2%	35.6%	1.3% (Celtics)

Percent of Shots Taken

Distance Range	Cavs % of Shots	Celtics % of Shots	Average
0-3 feet	28.0%	29.2%	28.7%
3-10 feet	11.5%	14.3%	15.5%
10-16 feet	10.4%	7.0%	10.1%
16 feet - 3PT	11.1%	13.1%	14.6%
3PT	39.0%	36.3%	31.2%

Team FG% by Distance Trends

Opponent FG% by Distance Trends

Cavaliers — 28%, 39%, 12%, 10%, 11%

Celtics — 29%, 36%, 14%, 7%, 13%

League Average — 29%, 31%, 15%, 10%, 15%

Legend:
- 0-3 feet
- 3-10 feet
- 10-16 feet
- 16 feet - 3PT
- 3PT