Cleveland Cavaliers at Denver Nuggets

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	Nuggets
PG	Kyrie Irving	Jameer Nelson
SG	Iman Shumpert	Gary Harris
SF	LeBron James	Juan Hernangómez
PF	Kevin Love	Mason Plumlee
C	Tristan Thompson	Nikola Jokic

Team Stats (Per Game)

Stat	Cavs	Nuggets	Average
Offensive Rebounds	9.4	12.2	10.1
Defensive Rebounds	34.4	34.1	33.4
Assists	22.4	25.1	22.5
Turnovers	13.6	15.3	14.0
Steals	6.6	7.1	7.7
Blocks	4.0	4.0	4.8
FG%	46.9%	46.8%	45.7%
3PT%	38.8%	37.3%	35.8%
Points	110.4	111.3	105.5
Possessions	98.6	100.5	98.8

Offensive Distance Stats

Distance Range	Cavs Team FG%	Nuggets Team FG%	Average	Difference (Advantage)
0-3 feet	66.4%	61.9%	62.9%	4.5% (Cavs)
3-10 feet	34.2%	44.0%	41.2%	9.8% (Nuggets)
10-16 feet	43.6%	37.6%	41.0%	6% (Cavs)
16 feet - 3PT	41.3%	39.7%	39.9%	1.6% (Cavs)
3PT	38.8%	37.3%	35.8%	1.5% (Cavs)

Defensive Distance Stats

Distance Range	Cavs Opponent FG%	Nuggets Opponent FG%	Average	Difference (Advantage)
0-3 feet	62.6%	64.0%	62.9%	1.4% (Cavs)
3-10 feet	39.8%	46.5%	41.5%	6.7% (Cavs)
10-16 feet	40.7%	44.7%	41.1%	4% (Cavs)
16 feet - 3PT	40.7%	40.1%	40.2%	0.6% (Nuggets)
3PT	36.5%	37.9%	35.9%	1.4% (Cavs)

Team Stats (Per 100 Possessions)

Stat	Cavs	Nuggets	Average
ORTG (Points scored)	111.0	109.8	106.1
DRTG (Points allowed)	107.5	110.4	106.1

Percent of Shots Taken

Distance Range	Cavs % of Shots	Nuggets % of Shots	Average
0-3 feet	28.5%	33.0%	28.8%
3-10 feet	11.0%	15.4%	15.3%
10-16 feet	9.4%	7.5%	9.9%
16 feet - 3PT	11.2%	11.3%	14.3%
3PT	39.9%	32.7%	31.6%

Best and Worst Ranges Compared to Average

- The Cavs are shooting best in the 0-3 feet range and defending best in the 3-10 feet range, where the Nuggets are shooting best in the 3-10 feet range and defending best in the 16 feet - 3PT
- The Cavs are shooting worst in the 3-10 feet range, and defending worst in the 3PT range, where the Nuggets are shooting worst in the 10-16 feet range, and defending worst in the 3-10 feet

Key Distance Ranges

- In the 3PT range, the Nuggets are shooting above average where the Cavs are already allowing teams to shoot over average.
- In the ranges 0-3 feet, 10-16 feet, and 3PT, the Cavs are shooting above average where the Nuggets are already allowing teams to shoot over average.
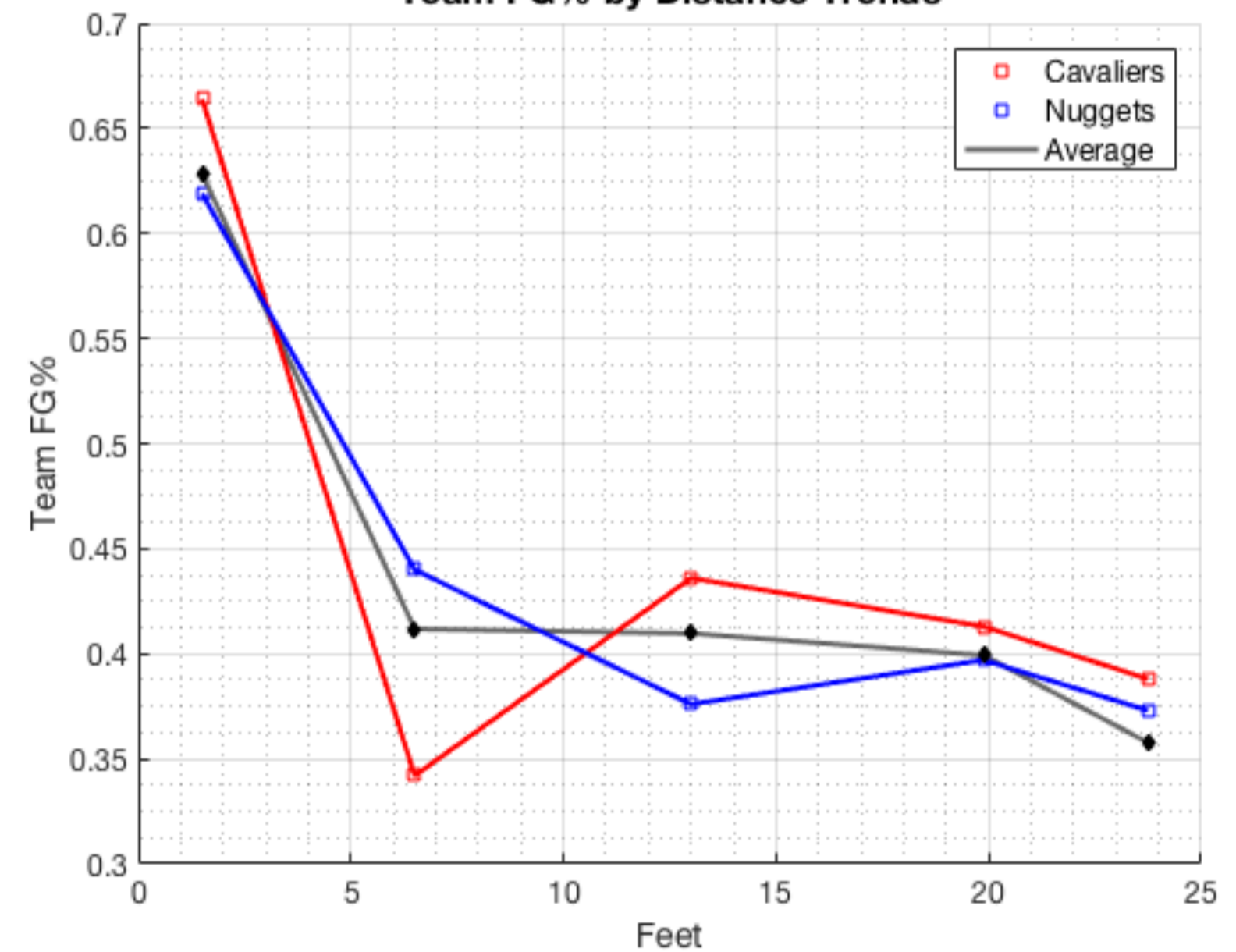
Net Scoring Advantages: (Sum of team FG% above average and the FG% the opponent allows teams to score above average)

- The highest net scoring advantage for the Cavs is in the 10-16 feet range.
- The highest net scoring advantage for the Nuggets is in the 3PT range.

Notes:

Note: 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.

Team FG% by Distance Trends

Opponent FG% by Distance Trends

Cavaliers

Nuggets

League Average

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