



Forecasting Performance of International Players in the NBA

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Who Would You Draft?

Goals

- Discover which skills and international statistics translate to the NBA
- Examine what GM's value when drafting
- Discover the determinants of success in the NBA
- Create a model to forecast top prospects' performance



Results

- Blocks per game is the most correlated international statistic
- Blocks per game is the only significant determinant of draft position
 - NBA GM's are effectively utilizing international statistics
- Identifying superstars is different than identifying role players
 - Teams must identify future superstars when they are playing in the least competitive leagues overseas
 - Role players can be found playing in the more competitive international leagues

Forecasts

	Rubio	Motiejūnas	Valančiūnas	Vesely
Years	6.99	4.93	8.33	5.24
PER	10.94	17.53	16.90	12.75
MPG	18.62	20.09	20.61	17.36