The Boston Celtics

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Research Question

Does the positivity/negativity of the players, coaches, and crowd have an effect on the game that these Celtics play?
What do the experts say about positivity

- Coaches, they are responsible for having their players backs and to reassure their team that someone is there to keep them in line as well as keep them calm when needed.
- Players, they are responsible for keeping their fellow teammates in the game and not let them get down too much on themselves.
- Crowd, they are responsible for bringing the team back up from the downs of the game and to make noise when they want to be heard. Whether it's to cheer on their team or to distract the opposing team.
What do experts say about the different Era’s (1965)

- 8th NBA Championship
- Named one of the Top Ten teams in NBA History
- K.C Jones, Sam Jones, Tom Hiensohn, Bill Russell, and John Havlicek all played on this team... were all also hall of famers
- Sam, John and Bill were also selected in the top 50 players in NBA History as well
- Both Coaches as well were both placed in the coaches hall of fame as well.
Experts on the 1985 Boston Celtics

• Won 67 games overall, 40-1 @home
• Larry Bird won his 3rd consecutive MVP award
• Won the Celtics 16th championship for them, they would not win another for 22 more years
• Also considered one of the Top 10 teams of NBA history
• Had one of the best front courts in NBA history due to the fact that they had the best passing center and forward in the game at the time
Experts on the 2008 Boston Celtics

- Led by Paul Pierce, Ray Allen, and Kevin Garnett made them a very complete team
- 66-16, compared to the year before they improved their record by 42 wins
- Kevin Garnett won Defensive player of the year
- Met the Lakers in the finals, won 4-2, winning their first championship in 22 years
- They got Ray from a draft trade, picked up Kevin as a free agent, and Paul Pierce had been a Celtic since the beginning of this super-team idea.
Methods

- Collect data from series (found on youtube)
- Code all of my series
- Use the data from the coding to find any correlations
- Analyze the timelines and graphs to take an in depth look at the different games to find similarities or differences
How I gathered the data from the series...

This the form I created when collecting data from the series. My codes changed many times before I had this final result of a form.
Predictions

When thinking of the game of basketball there is usually a pretty general timeline throughout the game with positivity. As the game starts off slowly you see less activity from the crowd, players, and coaches. But as the game goes on and things become more serious towards the end of the game. I thought this is when the positivity would really kick in. In the fourth quarter this is where I thought everyone would pull together and really begin to cheer and help the team when they needed them the most.
The 1965 Celtics

1st Quarter

2nd Quarter

3rd Quarter

4th Quarter
1985 Celtics

1st Quarter

2nd Quarter

3rd Quarter

4th Quarter
2008 Celtics

1st Quarter

2nd Quarter

3rd Quarter

4th Quarter
1965 Boston Celtics Example Timeline (1st Quarter)
1985 Boston Celtics Example Timeline (1st Quarter)
2008 Boston Celtics Example Timeline (1st Quarter)
Results

The result that I got is that the positivity of the game does actually affect the game that is being played. As seen in the previous slides, you can see when the crowd makes noise is when the coaches and players are most likely to have positivity as well. When viewing the games you can see the energy that is based off of the noise from the crowd, coaches, and players is tremendous. It brings a second wind to the team and almost reenergizes them.
Discussion

- Limitations includes the generation gap in technology
- Home Court vs away court
- Style of basketball being played
- Number of fans in attendance
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