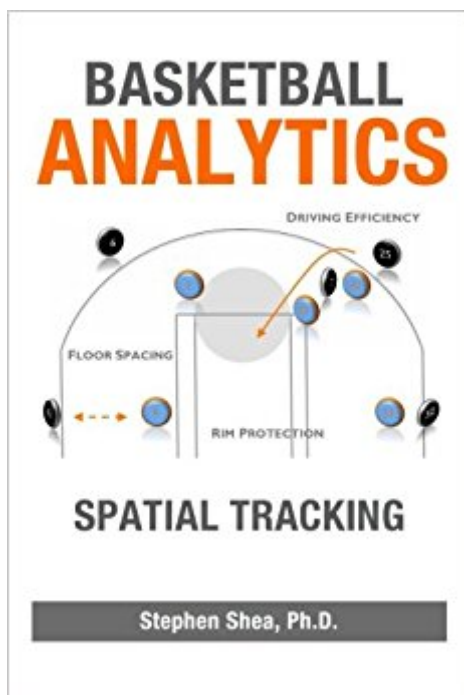


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# Basketball Analytics: Spatial Tracking



## Synopsis

Equipped with new spatial tracking data collected by SportVU and others, *Basketball Analytics* investigates game strategy, player evaluation, player types, and prospect potential. Author Stephen Shea, Ph.D. introduces new measures of a player's scoring and playmaking efficiency, quantifies the spacing in an offense and the stretch of a defense, and demonstrates several ways in which the NBA game has changed over the years. He also reveals the full methodology behind popular topics from the blog, [BasketballAnalyticsBook.com](http://BasketballAnalyticsBook.com), such as the College Prospect Rating System and the periodic tables of NBA elements. The author presents a modern viewpoint on basketball analytics' most fundamental principles and demonstrates the power of the industry's latest statistical breakthroughs. *Basketball Analytics* is a must-read for any sports analytics enthusiast.

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Stephen Shea is an associate professor of mathematics at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. He earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, and a B.A. in mathematics from The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. His mathematical expertise and publication record is in the areas of probability, statistics, dynamical systems, and combinatorics. For years, he has been applying his abilities in these areas to study professional and amateur sports. At Saint Anselm College, he runs a course on sports analytics. His sport writing has been featured in the *Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports*, *Psych Journal*, the Expert Series at [WinthropIntelligence.com](http://WinthropIntelligence.com), and the Stat Geek Idol Competition for [TeamRankings.com](http://TeamRankings.com). In 2013, Stephen coauthored the book, *Basketball Analytics*:

Objective and Efficient Strategies for Understanding How Teams Win, and co-created the accompanying blog BasketballAnalyticsBook.com. He is a regular participant in the MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference. He lives with his wife and three children in Hooksett, New Hampshire.

This book is a must-read for any basketball stat junkie. The author gives really good insight when referencing actual statistics from previous NBA seasons. 1 quirk that annoys me about this book is that sometimes the statistical tables provided are on different pages from the context! So the layout is a little funky, but that's easy to get over because this book is pretty enthralling to my inner-nerd.

Loved the book, been interested in the new NBA sportvu data and all the new stats and tracking data available and this book helps my understanding of what I'm looking at.

I had to pause my reading to first absorb the authors' first book and some free online resources. Once I got acquainted with the terms and existing conversation this book was remarkable in its clarity and ability to nudge dense topics forward clearly.

Great book. Some interesting insights and take aways for coaches.

Fantastic book. Includes a lot of interesting data. Also shows how to use it.

Great read. Pretty digestible for people who haven't had much stats training, but yet still provides plenty of insight beyond simple analysis.

It's a good book

AWESOME!

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