

TEAM NOTES — CAVS at NETS

5TH MEETING THIS SEASON: NETS LEAD CAVS 3-1

BKN 109, CLE 99; Nov. 17 at Brooklyn
CLE 114, BKN 107; Jan. 17 at Cleveland

BKN 117, CLE 112; Nov. 22 at Cleveland
BKN 118, CLE 107 April 8 at Brooklyn

TONIGHT at Brooklyn

CAVS 44-38, T-7th in East w BKN
-Beat MIL on Sunday to snap 3-game skid; lost 8 of 11 since last time they had consecutive wins, March 18-19
-2-8 vs. Top-6 East playoff teams since beating Bucks on Jan. 26 (beat TOR on March 6; MIL on Sunday)

Series History: Cavs lead, 105-83
-Nets have won four of past five meetings, and have won four straight against Cavs at Barclays Center
-Series is nearly even since the Nets moved to Brooklyn, with the Cavs owning an 18-16 edge
-Historically, they have met three times in the playoffs with the Cavs winning all three series; the last being the East Semis in 2007 (CLE 4, BKN 2)

Last Game: CLE 133, MIL 115; at CLE, Sunday
-Kevin Love made eight 3-pointers and scored 32 pts as Cleveland secured the No. 8 play-in spot while the Bucks rested Giannis and their regular other regulars
-Cavs scored the game's first 14 points and coasted after leading 46-20 at the end of the first quarter

NETS 44-38, T-7th in East w CLE
-13-10 since the All-Star Break including four straight wins to cap the regular season
-Counting tonight, Nets have played 4 of 5, and seven of their last nine games at Barclays Center

Last Meeting: BKN 118, CLE 107; at BKN, April 8
-Cavs were ahead 93-89 early in fourth, but a pair of 3's from Kevin Durant sparked 10-0 and 8-0 runs to keep the Nets in control; Durant finished with 36 pts
-Darius Garland scored 31 points for the Cavs who lost their third straight; Evan Mobley returned to the Cavs lineup and scored 17 points
-Nets opened big and closed big, limiting Cleveland to just 19 points in the first and fourth periods

Last Game: BKN 134, IND 126; at BKN, Sunday
-Kyrie Irving scored 35 points and Kevin Durant added 20 points, a career-high 16 assists and 10 boards as the Nets won their fourth straight
-Andre Drummond shot 9-of-9 FG and had 13 rebs
-Nets made 20 of their first 26 shots (Durant 0-5) and led 47-29 just over a minute into the second quarter

2021-22 Team Stats (through games of Sunday, April 10)

	PTS	REB	FG%	3P%	FT%	AST	TO
CLE OFF	107.8 (25)	44.2 (15)	46.9 (9)	35.5 (15)	76.0 (21)	25.2 (11)	14.4 (22)
BKN DEF	112.1 (18)	44.1 (15)	45.2 (7)	34.5 (8)	78.8 (25)	23.8 (9)	13.3 (18)

	PTS	REB	FG%	3P%	FT%	AST	TO
BKN OFF	112.9 (9)	44.4 (13)	47.5 (4)	36.1 (10)	80.5 (6)	25.3 (10)	14.1 (17)
CLE DEF	105.7 (5)	42.9 (6)	45.2 (8)	35.3 (16)	77.4 (15)	24.1 (12)	13.4 (17)

CAVS:

OFF EFFICIENCY: 111.0 (20) | DEF EFFICIENCY 108.9 (5)

NETS:

OFF EFFICIENCY: 113.2 (10) | DEF EFFICIENCY 112.3 (20)

J.B. BICKERSTAFF

3rd season as Cavs HC Age: 43
Born: Denver, Colo. College: Minnesota
Career record: 156-225 (.409)

-Only postseason appearance as NBA head coach was with HOU in a 4-1 first-round defeat to GST in 2016; Warriors later fell to LeBron-led Cavs in 2016 Finals
-Associate HC for Cavs to start 2020 before taking over head role when John Beilein resigned on Feb. 19
-Was HC with HOU for a season and MEM for two
-Son of Bernie Bickerstaff, who won 419 NBA games as head coach; J.B. averaged 10.9 points and 6.1 rebounds as college player at University of Minnesota

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Steve NASH

2nd season as Nets HC Age: 48
Born: South Africa College: Santa Clara
Career record: 92-62 (.597)

-8-time All-Star as a player; 3rd all-time in assists (10,335) behind Stockton & Kidd; three games in his career w more than 20 assists – 21 vs. Cavs in 2007
-Played final two seasons with Lakers in 2013 & 2014; Bernie Bickerstaff was Lakers assistant coach in '13
-Inducted to the National Basketball Hall of Fame in 2018; Kidd was in the same class
-Born in Johannesburg, raised in British Columbia

Notes:

5 Things to know about the Cavs:

- 1- Allowed just 103.2 points through March 6; have allowed 114.4 PPG in an 18-game span since March 8 without Jarrett Allen
- 2- +1.8 rebounding edge prior to Allen's recent absence; opponents have a +0.3 edge since March 8
- 3- Opponents have shot 48.1% since March 8, compared to 44.4% through March 6; behind the arc, opponent shooting has increased from 34.5% to 38.0%
- 4- Cavs hope to end a three-year postseason drought since LeBron-led Cavs reached Finals from 2015-18
- 5- Saving the best for last: Cavs shot 54.3% FG and scored 133 points on Sunday; both figures reflected the Cavs' best output since December

5 Things to know about the Nets:

- 1- The Nets outshot their opponents in 17 of their last 18 games; the lone exception being the Cavs' 48.8% to Nets' 46.7% last Friday. They are shooting 50.8% in that span, compared to 44.4% for the other team
- 2- 16-game streak with a better FG pct was the longest in the NBA this season (PHX had streaks of 13 & 10)
- 3- Friday's win over CLE was their first home win over an Eastern Conference team with a winning record since beating PHI (then 15-14) on December 16
- 4- Current four-game win streak is longest in the East, and eclipsed only by Warriors (5) and Clippers (5)
- 5- Brooklyn's last four opponents (HOU, NYK, CLE, IND) are a combined 76 games below .500 (126-202)