Indiana Pacers – Scouting Report as per Synergy

The Indiana Pacers starting 5 consists of George Hill, Lance Stephenson, Paul George, David West and

Roy Hibbert. Their main contributors off the bench include: Luis Scola, Ian Mahinmi, CJ Watson, and Evan Turner.

Strengths

Great in isolation offense with primary ball handler’s ( George and Stephenson) having the ball over 50% of the time in isolation

Top third in the league in scoring after time outs which is indicative of good coaching ( 11th)

Great Jump Shooting team from mid-range, ( 17 feet to 3 point line) #1 in the NBA and they specifically excel when they spot up with Hill, Stephenson or George who are all in the top 20th percentile.

Surprisingly they are only middle of the pack in regards to posting up with Hibbert and West but these

Percentages go up when West has the ball in the post. Specifically when he works over his left shoulder from the left block

Defensively Indiana ranks # 1 in overall defense ( half-court and transition) and they always play straight up man to man.

Weaknesses

Too many turnovers especially on transition 28thin the league

( primary ball handlers in backcourt of Hill and George need to take better care of ball)

Poor offensive execution vs zone (27th in the league)

Don’t have out of bounds sets that lead to quality shots ( 30th in the league with low FG%)

Not very good around the basket, minus post up possessions

Isolation defensive is only average from their starting guards which could lead to breakdowns in the 1st line of defense which can create easy baskets as their C and/or PF will have to leave their men to help.

Overall Offense 21st

Half court offensive 17

Short Clock with under 4 seconds left 12

Overall Defense 1

Half Court defense 1

Transition defense 1

Defense wins championships and the strength of this team is their #1 ranked defense.

An opposing offensive should aim to run a lot of pick and roll sets involving Paul George and George Hill as they rank in the bottom quarter in the league playing defense off screens. You want to attack them from the outside in as Hibbert and West are solid post defenders. You don’t want to allow this team to set up their defense as that will be playing to their strength.

An opposing defense will want to play zone defense and pressure the ball handlers when playing man defense as they are prone to turnovers.