

# Cavaliers v Warriors: How they stack up

POSITION: SMALL FORWARD

Numbers according to 2017 play-offs stats per game



## LEBRON JAMES

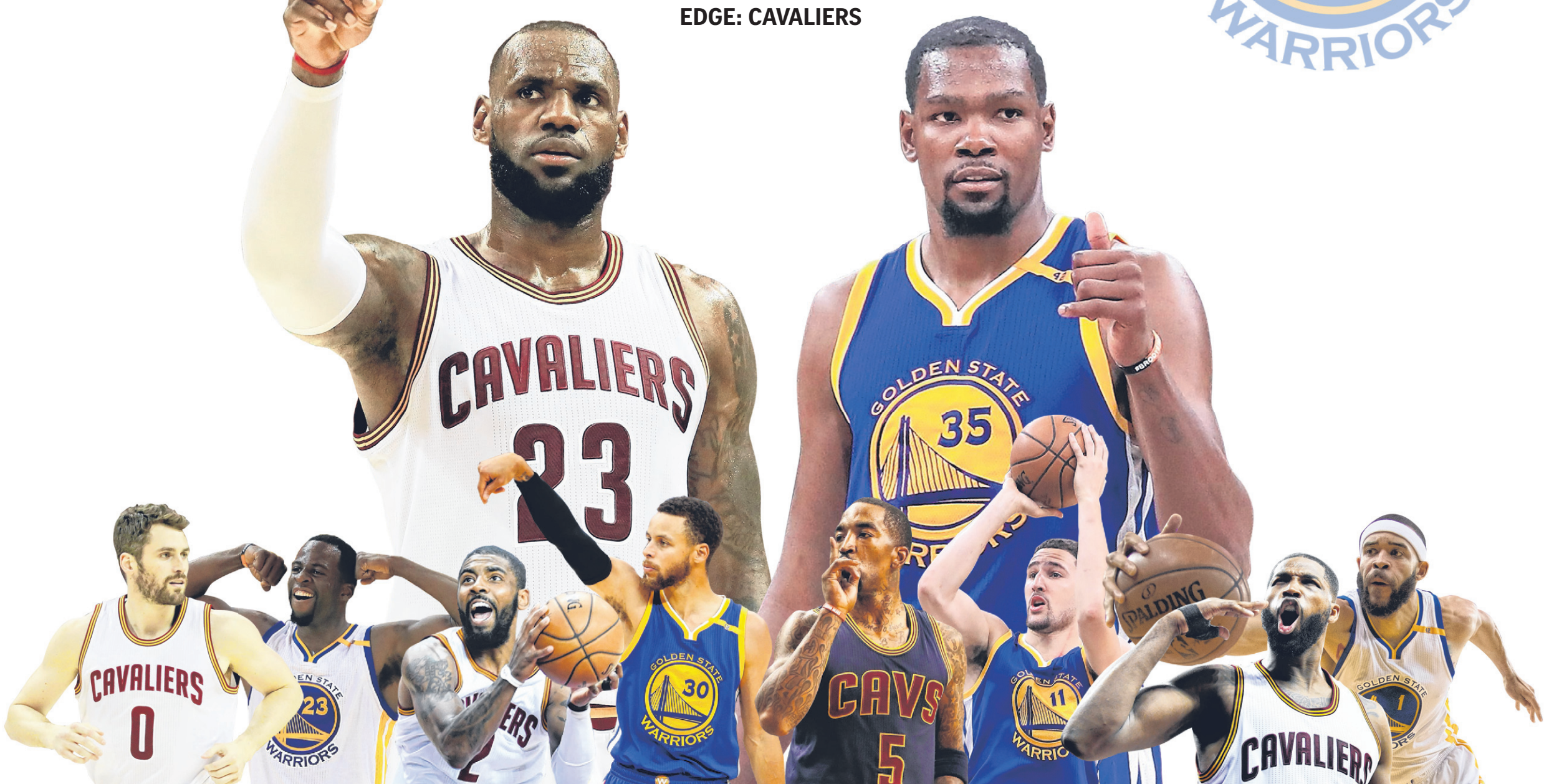
PPG	RPG	APG
32.5	8.0	7.0

## KEVIN DURANT

PPG	RPG	APG
25.2	7.8	3.7

Two of this generation's most captivating and intelligent players face off. Durant is a scorer par excellence and an underrated defender, but James can do it all and seems indestructible going into his seventh straight Finals.

**EDGE: CAVALIERS**



### POWER FORWARD

KEVIN LOVE			DRAYMOND GREEN		
PPG	RPG	APG	PPG	RPG	APG
17.2	10.4	1.9	13.9	8.7	7.2

One is a triple-double threat, the other is a double-double machine. If Green keeps his emotions in control, he is an awesome defensive stalwart. Love, on the other hand, needs to step up his intensity to counter Green.

**EDGE: WARRIORS**

### POINT GUARD

KYRIE IRVING			STEPHEN CURRY		
PPG	RPG	APG	PPG	RPG	APG
24.5	2.4	5.6	28.6	5.5	5.6

Curry is the heart and soul of the Warriors, and the supreme sharpshooter will be desperate to erase his injury-hampered, sub-par Finals outing last season. Irving is no pushover, and usually raises his performances in big games. The Cavs need at least four of those from him.

**EDGE: WARRIORS**

### SHOOTING GUARD

J.R. SMITH			KLAY THOMPSON		
PPG	RPG	APG	PPG	RPG	APG
6.6	2.6	0.8	14.4	3.5	2.0

Two shooters who can pour in points in a hurry, but both are struggling for form in the play-offs. Thompson looks the better defender though.

**EDGE: WARRIORS**

### CENTRE

TRISTAN THOMPSON			JAVALE MCGEE		
PPG	RPG	APG	PPG	RPG	APG
9.2	9.3	1.0	7.0	3.2	0.1

Once the laughing stock of the NBA with his error-prone performances, McGee has improved his decision-making after joining the Warriors this season. Thompson will punish defences who leave him open to double-team James, with his consistent shot-making.

**EDGE: CAVALIERS**

### KEY BENCH PLAYERS

DERON WILLIAMS	ANDRE IGUODALA
KYLE KORVER	DAVID WEST
CHANNING FRYE	SHAUN LIVINGSTON

Both benches are dominated by veterans, all of whom are armed with enough savvy to keep the team ticking when the starters take their breaks. The Warriors bench has better firepower, but the Cavaliers are stacked with three-point shooters.

**EDGE: WARRIORS**

### COACH

TYRONN LUE	MIKE BROWN (STEVE KERR)
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Who would have thought the Warriors would be hit by injury – to coach Kerr, who is still out after complications from back surgery. Brown has deputised capably, but would be hard-pressed to come up with great plans to stop his former protege James. Lue, meanwhile, has kept the Cavaliers going despite some periods of poor form this season.

**EDGE: CAVALIERS (if Kerr stays unfit)**