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Introduction

Premier League is arguably the best professional soccer league that represents the sport's highest level in England. It is contested by 20 clubs and operates on a system of promotion and relegation within English Football Leagues. The premier league trophy is one of the most heavily contested in professional sports today. With the teams having a loyal fan base and a high amount of ticket sales, there is always pressure to perform best in each match. While having a loyal fan base means that there will always be people watching the match in the stadiums or live streaming, but due to the global nature of this sport, there is always room to acquire more viewers and fans. A lot of this depends on how well a team plays in matches, specifically on how good they are in their offensive tactics. As goal wins matches and hearts, having a high offensive production is crucial for every team.

Vision

To help improve the performance of a team playing in the Premier League, UK.

Strategic Objective

Of the many strategic objectives of the organization, we have addressed:

- 1. Increase in Revenue
- 2. High Fan satisfaction

In short, Having high offensive production has a high impact on fan satisfaction and a small impact on the revenue.

How do a DW and/or analytics fit into the organization vision and objective?

- With the advancement and infusion of technology into the very fabric of sports, the need for centralized data storage is higher and crucial than ever.
- Premier League teams have a tremendous need for a data warehouse because to capture and store the information from all the different aspects of the organization and to be able to analyze that data in realtime is how a DW differs from a simple Database.

 Once a quality data is stored and ready to be used, Analytics will give an organization a strong support system to run various operations successfully such as team preparation, player and opposition analysis, player trading, scouting process, player health analysis.

Prioritized Requirements

Completed:

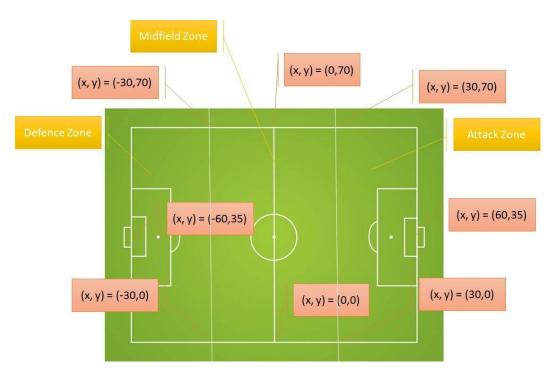
- Built a Dimensional model which helped conceptualize the project to achieve strategic objectives.
- Performed player analysis based on which team selection and preliminary strategy could be done.
- Derived which teams are offensive based on player performance and type of play (events).

Needs Refinement:

- With more data available on players physicality:
 - Injury management could be achieved.
 - o Team utilization and strategy could be devised.
 - o Overall performance output could be better.

Planned for future:

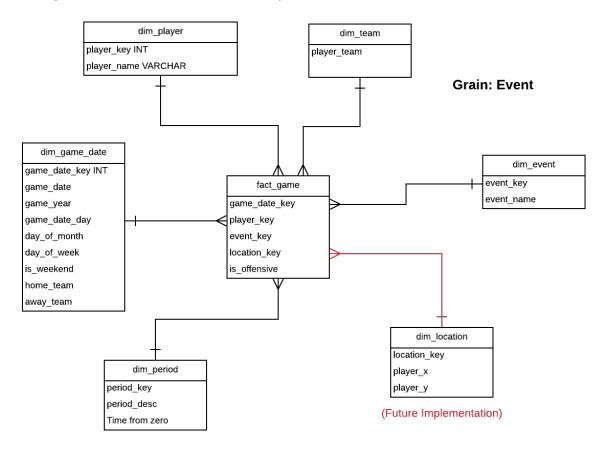
 To customize the existing dimensional model to be used to combine event and location data of the players to categorize players based on the zones (Forward, Midfielder, and Defender). Below is a snapshot of the 'zone' concept that could be implemented and integrated with events data.



 With zones data available, a better play strategic approach could be used to improve play and against oppositions.

Logical Dimensional Model:

The logical model of our Business process:



The data on which this logical model is built on has been provided in the form of a tab separated file - 'events data'.

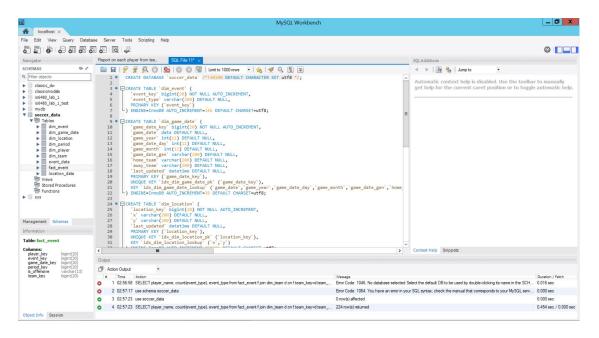
- 1. Fact Table: The fact table has been created based on the grain an event. Currently, the fact table consists of one metric attribute(is_offensive) apart from all the foreign keys. We have categorized a subset of events those would be a clear indication of an offensive play. Based on the percentage of offensive events, we could infer that our team had an offensive play indicated by 'is_offensive'.
- 2. We have **5 dimensional tables** in the logical design
 - 1. Team This dimension is used to store all the distinct teams participating in the league.
 - 2. Player This dimension stores all the players participating in the league.

- 3. Period This dimension is used to store the period value which indicates whether it is first half or the second half of the match.
- 4. Game_Date This dimension includes all the specific details about the day that a particular match is played; whether that day was a weekend, the month in which it was played, the day on which it was played, etc.
- 5. Event: This dimension is used to record every event committed by a player during the game.

Physical Design

The implementation of the logical design is described below:

1. Source Data: The source systems extract data from match videos and store them in file format. The source data is two 'tab' separated files created from two separate source systems. From the files, we have currently used only one file-events data, to create our Physical model in a relational database. As mentioned previously, integration of location data would be the next phase.



2. Using the MySQL Workbench, we loaded our source data files and analyzed the variables available to achieve our objective.

Proceeding to implement the dimensional model, we applied some transformations in order to achieve our business process objective and to create a dimensional model.

3. ETL: Pentaho – Spoon ETL tool was used to extract data from the tables.

Six separate transformations were required in order to convert the input data to the required dimension and fact tables.

Transformation 1: Load and calculate Game Date Dimension



Transformation 2: Load Event Dimension



Transformation 3: Load Player Dimension



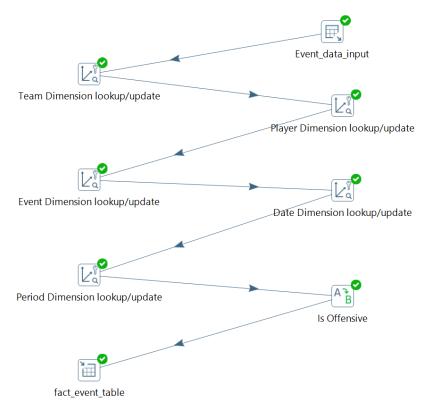
Transformation 4: Load Period Dimension.



Transformation 5: Load Team Dimension.



Transformation 6: Load fact_event fact table.



This transformation diagram shows how the fact table was loaded using the dimension table lookup, Queries, and formulas to populate fact table fields.

Reports and Analysis

Provide descriptions of one or more sample reports/analyses that are:

- Currently functional
- Could be supported by the current DW design but have yet to be developed

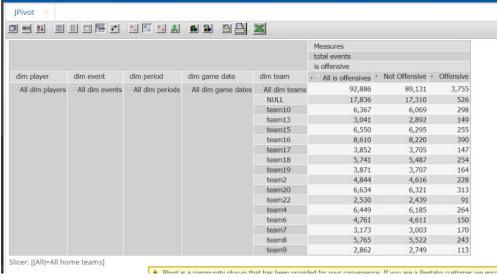
One of the most important objectives of this Data warehouse is to build metrics on the performance of players and teams that can be used to generate visually rich reports. The fact table can roll up or extended further as the grain we have chosen is fairly lowe. Ideal and insightful reports would be those that describe:

- All the stats of players who contribute towards our objective.
- Teams that exhibit offensive play and by what margin.
- Events that would help us understand which teams perform offensively and to what degree.
- Which events contribute towards the offensive play.

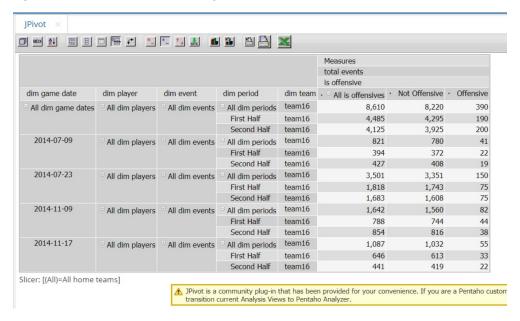
Analysis using OLAP cubes:

We used Pentaho Schema Workbench to setup dimensions and OLAP cube to publish them in Pentaho BI Server so that we can analyze the data using JPivot table to filter more detailed information on how offensive these teams are. Below are a few examples of OLAP cube analysis:

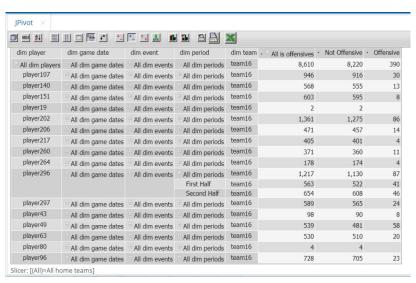
1. From the JPivot table below, we can tell that the team that has the largest number of offensive events is team 16. (We ignored NULL team which appeared due to data inconsistency)



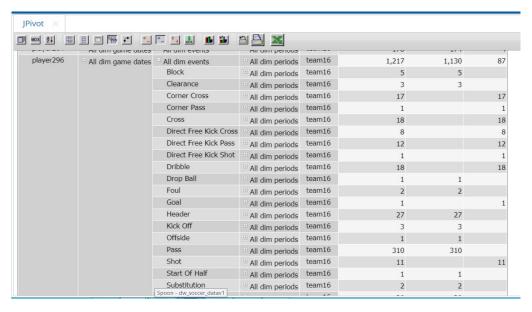
2. Drilling down into the cube, a more detailed JPivot table shows the dates and periods that team 16 played and how many offensive event they did on each date and period.



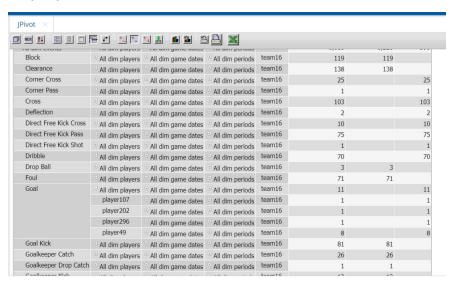
3. Then we looked at each player in team 16 with how many offensive events they performed as shown in the JPivot table below. It is easy to note that player 296 performed the most offensive events.



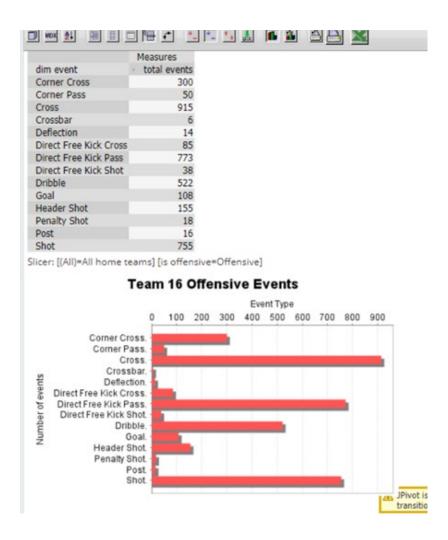
4. Looking at detailed performance of player 296 by filtering down to each event, it comes to a guess that player 296 should be the winger.



5. Then if we only look at detailed data of event "Goal", we can see that player 49 has made the most goals, so he is probably a striker or a forward player.



6. We have also made a plot on team 16 offensive events in the Pentaho Server. This is easier to compare which offensive event they performed most.

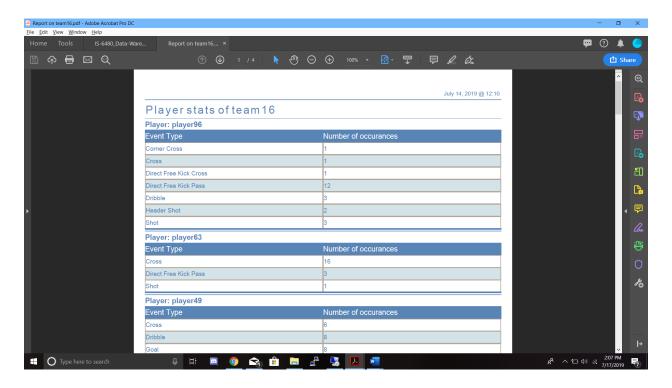


Plot and function in Pentaho Server

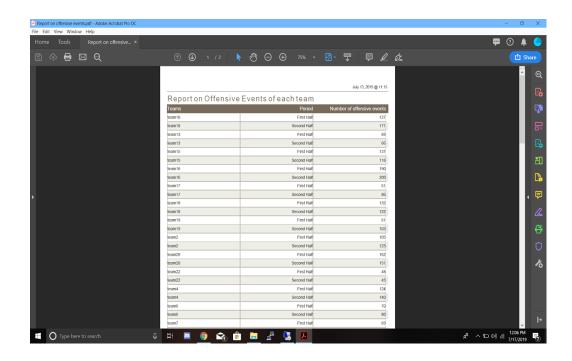
Currently functional reports:

Although the above tables are great for analysis, a visual representation is always more intuitive and easier to understand. Hence we used **Pentaho Report Designer** to present the above analysis along with visual representation that will help the team Coaches and the Manager to analyze how offensive or defensive their players are, what kind of approach to take

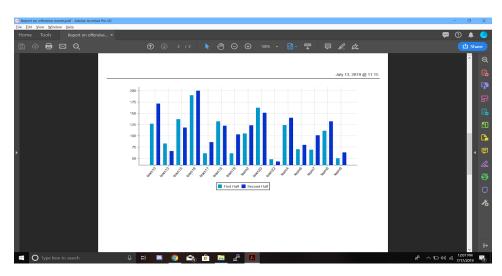
when they come up against a tough opponent, how much ground players are covering throughout the game including the minutes spent on the field.



Offensive stat of each Player from team 16



Total offensive events in each half by each Team



Visualization of the above report

Reports that could be supported by the current DW design but have yet to be developed:

- 1. Team that has poorest offensive play and why is that so.
- 2. Detailed report on each player for the entire season.
- 3. Which is the most offensive play contributing player in the entire league or for the team.
- 4. Player acquisition for a team. For example, if a team has very few crosses, which heavily contributes to an offensive play, then this team could target/acquire a player who has a 'cross' output which means a winger.
- 5. Best positional play of a player in the entire league which would essentially mean selecting best combined team of the league.
- 6. Team performance based on Half of the game.
- 7. Which team has the lowest Fan satisfaction.
- 8. Which is the one event that occurs the most in an offensive display. Based on this, teams could focus on generating other offensive events in their play.

Note: After the inclusion of Location dimension to the current DW model, we could develop reports that would detail on:

- 1. 'Zones' i.e. Forward, Midfield, and Defence in conjunction with Player stats. Which player suits what position and subsequent strategic changes.
- 2. Overall team play could be determined to be offensive or defensive. without having to go through game videos each time.

Conclusion

The most important objective of the project is to create a system that enables organisations to analyse the data with utmost flexibility and visualize these analysis using rich insightful reports. More specifically, the idea was to create and analyze performance metrics of teams and players to see the effectiveness of strategies and impact of players in a match and how they react to challenges before, during and after each game. Sports Coaches and support staff benefit more from visual content than statistics numbers. We used a host of different tools and applications from Pentaho to create this Data warehouse environment. Through this project, we were able to take small but a crucial step towards creating such an analytics environment.

References

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- 2) Lab materials IS 6480 Data Warehousing by Prof. Michael J Boyle
- 3) The Data Warehouse Toolkit, 3rd Edition
- 4) Insights from Guest lecturers during the course
- 5) Tool Manuals: Pentaho Report Designer and Pentaho BI Server

Appendix A

Course materials and their applications

No.	Topic	Context
1	Class Lecture on Logical Design	Identifying Dimensions & Facts. Design of the Data warehouse
2	Lab 1	Creating logical dimensional model
3	Lab 2	Creating data integration and using Pentaho Spoon
4	Lab 3	Creating JPivot table using Schema Workbench
5	Lab 4	Report Designing using Pentaho Report Designer

Appendix B
Detailed Hours spent on different project tasks by each team member.

Date	Team Member	Hours Spent	Description of Work	Additional Comments		
2019/06/10	Abhijay	2	Researching AWS environment	NA		
2019/06/10	Angel	2	Going through tutorial about AWS			
2019/06/11	Gaurav	1	Creating bus matrix	NA		
2019/06/11	Abhijay	1	Creating bus matrix NA			
2019/06/11	Angel	1	Creating bus matrix			
2019/06/12	Abhijay	1	Setting up development environment	NA		
2019/06/12	Gaurav	1	Setting up development environment	NA		
2019/06/12	Angel	1	Setting up development environment	NA		
2019/06/18	Abhijay	0.5	Creating tables from the tab files	NA		
2019/06/18	Gaurav	1	Creating tables from the tab files	NA		
2019/06/18	Angel	0.5	Creating tables from the tab files	NA		
2019/06/22	Gaurav	0.5	Gathering business NA requirements			
2019/06/25	Abhijay	1	Design of Logical Model	NA		
2019/06/25	Gaurav	1	Design of Logical Model	NA		
2019/06/25	Angel	1	Design of Logical Model	NA		

2019/07/02	Abhijay	1	Preparing & cleansing NA data for ETL		
2019/07/02	Gaurav	1	Preparing & cleansing data for ETL	NA	
2019/07/02	Angel	1	Preparing & cleansing data for ETL	NA	
2019/07/06	Abhijay	2	Creating Transformations scripts for ETL	NA	
2019/07/06	Gaurav	2	Creating Transformations scripts for ETL	NA	
2019/07/06	Angel	2	Creating Transformations scripts for ETL	NA	
2019/07/09	Abhijay	2	Reports and visualizations	NA	
2019/07/09	Gaurav	2	Reports and visualizations	NA	
2019/07/09	Angel	2	Reports and visualizations	NA	
2019/07/13	Abhijay	1	Documentations	NA	
2019/07/13	Angel	1	Documentations	NA	
2019/07/13	Gaurav	3	Project report NA		
2019/07/13	Angel	3	Project report NA		
2019/07/16	Abhijay	1	Preparing Presentation NA		
2019/07/16	Gaurav	0.5	Preparing Presentation NA		
2019/07/17	Angel	1	Preparing Presentation	NA	
2019/07/17	Abhijay	2	Preparing Presentation	NA	

Appendix C

Bus Matrix

	Game			Locati			
Business processes	Date	Team	Player	on	Period	Event	Status
Manage player personnel strategy							NR
Acquire players							NR
Divest players							NR
Develop players							NR
On pitch, game time training							NR
Off pitch Training							NR
Manage injuries							PF
Physical condition management							PF
Manage fitness							PF
Diet management							PF
Manage player personnel tactics							С
Goalie Tactics							С
Forward Tactics							С
Midfiled Tactics							С
Defensive Tactics							С
Manage game/opponent tactics							NR
Formations managements							NR
Player instructions							NR
Fouls management							NR
Entertain fans							С
Offense productions							С
Goal productions							С

Abbrevations:
Completed - C
Needs refinement - NR
Planned for future - PF

