

# Mini-Project2

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## Introduction

In this project, we explored soccer statistics from multiple professional football leagues using data from FBref (<https://fbref.com/en/comps/22/Major-League-Soccer-Stats>), a trusted site for advanced football analytics. While we initially focused on Major League Soccer (MLS), we extended our analysis to include other major international competitions such as the Premier League, La Liga, Bundesliga, and Serie A.

Our goal was to collect and organize standardized squad-level statistics across leagues to support comparative analysis. Specifically, we targeted the “Squad Standard Stats” tables on each competition’s main stats page. These tables contain information on team performance metrics such as matches played, goals, assists, average age, possession %, and more.

## Motivation

We chose this dataset primarily out of personal interest: one of us enjoys following global football news, while the other is an avid FC25 player. Beyond our curiosity, we recognized that this data offers a rich opportunity for cross-league comparisons.

By scraping the same type of statistics from each league, we aimed to answer questions such as:

- Do older squads tend to score more or less?
- Is there a relationship between average age and possession percentage?
- How does team performance (e.g., goals, assists) vary across leagues?

These questions open the door for future data visualizations (like scatterplots or heatmaps) and statistical modeling (e.g., regression of goals on age or possession).

To acquire the data, we used a custom scraping function along with an iteration technique (pmap) to systematically collect comparable squad stats from each league’s respective webpage. This ensures consistency while handling slight variations in webpage structure — such as differing table positions.

## Scraping the “Squad Standard Stats” table:

To begin, we manually scrape the Major League Soccer (MLS) stats page using `rvest`. This allows us to locate and inspect the structure of all tables on the page, which helps identify the correct table containing squad-level statistics.

Once we confirm the correct table is loaded (in this case, table 5), we clean it by promoting the first row to column headers, standardizing names, and parsing numeric columns. This results in a tidy dataset ready for analysis.

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#| results: hide  
  
library(rvest)  
library(janitor)
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Warning: package 'janitor' was built under R version 4.4.3
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Attaching package: 'janitor'
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The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
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  chisq.test, fisher.test
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library(dplyr)
```

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Attaching package: 'dplyr'
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The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
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  filter, lag
```

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The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
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  intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
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library(purrr)  
library(stringr)  
library(readr)
```

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Attaching package: 'readr'
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The following object is masked from 'package:rvest':
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guess_encoding
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# Check permissions for the specific stats page
robotstxt::paths_allowed("https://fbref.com/en/comps/22/Major-League-Soccer-Stats")
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fbref.com
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[1] TRUE
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# Step 1: Read the page with rvest
MLS_table <- read_html("https://fbref.com/en/comps/22/Major-League-Soccer-Stats")

# Step 2: Extract tables from the page
Squad <- html_nodes(MLS_table, "table")
html_table(Squad, header = TRUE, fill = TRUE) # find right table
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[[1]]
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# A tibble: 15 x 20
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|    | Rk    | Squad    | MP    | W     | D     | L     | GF    | GA    | GD    | Pts   | `Pts/MP` | xG    |
|----|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
|    | <int> | <chr>    | <int> | <int> | <int> | <int> | <int> | <int> | <int> | <int> | <dbl>    | <dbl> |
| 1  | 1     | Columbu~ | 7     | 4     | 3     | 0     | 10    | 5     | 5     | 15    | 2.14     | 8.7   |
| 2  | 2     | Inter M~ | 6     | 4     | 2     | 0     | 12    | 6     | 6     | 14    | 2.33     | 11.3  |
| 3  | 3     | Philade~ | 7     | 4     | 1     | 2     | 13    | 8     | 5     | 13    | 1.86     | 13.2  |
| 4  | 4     | Charlot~ | 7     | 4     | 1     | 2     | 12    | 7     | 5     | 13    | 1.86     | 9.3   |
| 5  | 5     | FC Cinc~ | 7     | 4     | 1     | 2     | 9     | 9     | 0     | 13    | 1.86     | 10    |
| 6  | 6     | Orlando~ | 7     | 3     | 2     | 2     | 15    | 12    | 3     | 11    | 1.57     | 12.4  |
| 7  | 7     | Chicago~ | 7     | 3     | 2     | 2     | 14    | 12    | 2     | 11    | 1.57     | 11.7  |
| 8  | 8     | NY Red ~ | 7     | 3     | 2     | 2     | 9     | 7     | 2     | 11    | 1.57     | 11    |
| 9  | 9     | Nashvil~ | 7     | 3     | 1     | 3     | 10    | 7     | 3     | 10    | 1.43     | 11.2  |
| 10 | 10    | Atlanta~ | 7     | 2     | 3     | 2     | 11    | 12    | -1    | 9     | 1.29     | 10    |
| 11 | 11    | NYCFC    | 7     | 2     | 2     | 3     | 10    | 11    | -1    | 8     | 1.14     | 9.9   |
| 12 | 12    | D.C. Un~ | 7     | 1     | 3     | 3     | 9     | 17    | -8    | 6     | 0.86     | 11.3  |
| 13 | 13    | NE Revo~ | 6     | 1     | 1     | 4     | 3     | 7     | -4    | 4     | 0.67     | 4.3   |

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14 14 Toronto~ 7 0 3 4 7 13 -6 3 0.43 5.7
15 15 CF Mont~ 7 0 2 5 4 12 -8 2 0.29 7.1
# i 8 more variables: xGA <dbl>, xGD <dbl>, `xGD/90` <dbl>, `Last 5` <chr>,
# Attendance <chr>, `Top Team Scorer` <chr>, Goalkeeper <chr>, Notes <lg1>

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# A tibble: 16 x 28
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  ` `      Home Home Home Home Home Home Home Home Home Home Home Home
  <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Rk    Squad MP    W    D    L    GF    GA    GD    Pts  "Pts~ xG    xGA
2 1     Colu~ 4    2    2    0    6    3    +3    8    "2.0~ 6.1  2.8
3 2     Inte~ 4    2    2    0    6    4    +2    8    "2.0~ 7.8  5.0
4 3     Phil~ 4    2    1    1    6    4    +2    7    "1.7~ 8.0  3.5
5 4     Char~ 4    4    0    0    10   2    +8    12   "3.0~ 7.5  5.6
6 5     FC C~ 4    3    1    0    6    2    +4    10   "2.5~ 6.4  3.8
7 6     Orla~ 3    2    0    1    10   7    +3    6    "2.0~ 7.0  3.5
8 7     Chic~ 2    0    2    0    3    3    0     2    "1.0~ 3.1  4.5
9 8     NY R~ 4    3    1    0    8    4    +4    10   "2.5~ 8.1  4.8
10 9     Nash~ 4    2    1    1    6    2    +4    7    "1.7~ 7.3  3.2
11 10    Atla~ 5    2    2    1    9    8    +1    8    "1.6~ 7.3  7.3
12 11    NYCFC 3    2    0    1    5    4    +1    6    "2.0~ 6.3  3.9
13 12    D.C.~ 4    1    2    1    5    5    0     5    "1.2~ 5.3  4.4
14 13    NE R~ 3    1    0    2    2    4    -2    3    "1.0~ 2.8  3.1
15 14    Toro~ 2    0    1    1    1    2    -1    1    "0.5~ 1.3  2.4
16 15    CF M~ 0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0    ""    0.0  0.0

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# i 15 more variables: Home <chr>, Home <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>,
# Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>,
# Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>

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# A tibble: 15 x 20
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  Rk Squad      MP    W    D    L    GF    GA    GD    Pts `Pts/MP`    xG
  <int> <chr>    <int> <int> <int> <int> <int> <int> <int> <int>    <dbl> <dbl>
1 1 1 Vancouv~ 7    5    1    1    12    5    7    16    2.29  11.7
2 2 2 San Die~ 7    4    2    1    13    6    7    14    2    12.7
3 3 3 Minneso~ 7    4    2    1    11    7    4    14    2    13.8
4 4 4 Austin  7    4    1    2    5    3    2    13    1.86  8.2
5 5 5 Portlan~ 7    3    2    2    9    8    1    11    1.57  7.4
6 6 6 FC Dall~ 7    3    2    2    10   10    0    11    1.57  10.1
7 7 7 Colorad~ 7    3    2    2    8    9    -1    11    1.57  7.8
8 8 8 SJ Eart~ 7    3    1    3    15   10    5    10    1.43  14.6
9 9 9 LAFC    7    3    0    4    8    10   -2    9    1.29  7.6
10 10 Real Sa~ 7    3    0    4    7    11   -4    9    1.29  9.7

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11 11 St. Lou~ 7 2 2 3 4 4 0 8 1.14 7.2
12 12 Seattle~ 7 1 3 3 8 11 -3 6 0.86 10
13 13 Houston~ 7 1 2 4 5 11 -6 5 0.71 5.6
14 14 Sportin~ 7 1 1 5 8 12 -4 4 0.57 6.4
15 15 LA Gala~ 7 0 2 5 5 14 -9 2 0.29 6

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# i 8 more variables: xGA <dbl>, xGD <dbl>, `xGD/90` <dbl>, `Last 5` <chr>,
# Attendance <chr>, `Top Team Scorer` <chr>, Goalkeeper <chr>, Notes <lgl>

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# A tibble: 16 x 28
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  ` `      ` `      Home Home Home Home Home Home Home Home Home Home Home Home
  <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Rk    Squad MP    W    D    L    GF    GA    GD    Pts  Pts/~ xG    xGA
2 1     Vanc~ 4     3     0     1     7     4    +3     9    2.25 6.6   4.4
3 2     San ~ 4     2     2     0     7     3    +4     8    2.00 7.0   3.8
4 3     Minn~ 3     2     1     0     5     2    +3     7    2.33 6.9   2.4
5 4     Aust~ 4     2     1     1     3     2    +1     7    1.75 5.5   2.8
6 5     Port~ 4     2     1     1     6     6     0     7    1.75 4.5   5.0
7 6     FC D~ 3     1     0     2     3     5    -2     3    1.00 3.2   3.6
8 7     Colo~ 3     1     1     1     5     6    -1     4    1.33 4.9   4.5
9 8     SJ E~ 5     2     1     2    12     5    +7     7    1.40 10.3 10.1
10 9    LAFC  3     2     0     1     2     1    +1     6    2.00 2.5   2.2
11 10   Real~ 4     2     0     2     5     4    +1     6    1.50 5.5   5.9
12 11   St. ~ 3     1     1     1     1     1     0     4    1.33 4.1   1.7
13 12   Seat~ 3     1     2     0     7     4    +3     5    1.67 4.4   2.0
14 13   Hous~ 4     1     0     3     4     8    -4     3    0.75 4.3   5.4
15 14   Spor~ 4     1     1     2     6     7    -1     4    1.00 4.4   6.4
16 15   LA G~ 3     0     0     3     1     7    -6     0    0.00 3.7   5.7

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# i 15 more variables: Home <chr>, Home <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>,
# Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>,
# Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>, Away <chr>

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# A tibble: 31 x 32
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  ` `      ` `      ` `      ` `      `Playing Time` `Playing Time` `Playing Time`
  <chr>      <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>      <chr>      <chr>
1 Squad      # Pl Age  Poss  MP      Starts      Min
2 Atlanta Utd 23   29.2 49.1  7      77         630
3 Austin      19   28.2 42.4  7      77         630
4 CF Montréal 23   24.2 51.9  7      77         630
5 Charlotte   18   29.3 50.1  7      77         630
6 Chicago Fire 22   25.9 47.7  7      77         630
7 Colorado Rapi~ 24   26.5 45.7  7      77         630

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      8 Columbus Crew  20      26.6  56.6  7              77              630
      9 D.C. United    20      26.1  52.4  7              77              630
     10 FC Cincinnati  22      27.5  52.3  7              77              630
# i 21 more rows
# i 25 more variables: `Playing Time` <chr>, Performance <chr>,
#   Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
#   Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Expected <chr>,
#   Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>, Progression <chr>,
#   Progression <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>,
#   `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, ...

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# A tibble: 31 x 32
  ` `      ` `      ` `      ` `      `Playing Time` `Playing Time` `Playing Time`
  <chr>      <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>      <chr>      <chr>
1 Squad      # Pl Age Poss MP              Starts      Min
2 vs Atlanta Utd 23    27.3 50.9 7              77              630
3 vs Austin     19    26.7 57.6 7              77              630
4 vs CF Montréal 23    27.1 48.1 7              77              630
5 vs Charlotte  18    28.1 49.9 7              77              630
6 vs Chicago Fi~ 22    26.3 52.3 7              77              630
7 vs Colorado R~ 24    28.0 54.3 7              77              630
8 vs Columbus C~ 20    26.1 43.4 7              77              630
9 vs D.C. United 20    26.9 47.6 7              77              630
10 vs FC Cincinn~ 22    27.6 47.7 7              77              630
# i 21 more rows
# i 25 more variables: `Playing Time` <chr>, Performance <chr>,
#   Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
#   Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Expected <chr>,
#   Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>, Progression <chr>,
#   Progression <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>,
#   `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, ...

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# A tibble: 31 x 21
  ` `      ` `      `Playing Time` `Playing Time` `Playing Time` `Playing Time`
  <chr>      <chr> <chr>      <chr>      <chr>      <chr>
1 Squad      # Pl MP              Starts      Min      90s
2 Atlanta Utd 1      7              7              630      7.0
3 Austin      1      7              7              630      7.0
4 CF Montréal 1      7              7              630      7.0
5 Charlotte   1      7              7              630      7.0
6 Chicago Fi~ 1      7              7              630      7.0

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7 Colorado R~ 2      7      7      630      7.0
8 Columbus C~ 2      7      7      630      7.0
9 D.C. United 1      7      7      630      7.0
10 FC Cincinn~ 1      7      7      630      7.0
# i 21 more rows
# i 15 more variables: Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
#   Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
#   Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
#   `Penalty Kicks` <chr>, `Penalty Kicks` <chr>, `Penalty Kicks` <chr>,
#   `Penalty Kicks` <chr>, `Penalty Kicks` <chr>

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# A tibble: 31 x 21
  ` `      ` `      `Playing Time` `Playing Time` `Playing Time` `Playing Time`
  <chr>    <chr> <chr>    <chr>          <chr>          <chr>
1 Squad   # Pl  MP      Starts      Min      90s
2 vs Atlanta~ 1    7      7      630      7.0
3 vs Austin  1    7      7      630      7.0
4 vs CF Mont~ 1    7      7      630      7.0
5 vs Charlot~ 1    7      7      627      7.0
6 vs Chicago~ 1    7      7      630      7.0
7 vs Colorad~ 2    7      7      630      7.0
8 vs Columbu~ 2    7      7      630      7.0
9 vs D.C. Un~ 1    7      7      630      7.0
10 vs FC Cinc~ 1    7      7      630      7.0
# i 21 more rows
# i 15 more variables: Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
#   Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
#   Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
#   `Penalty Kicks` <chr>, `Penalty Kicks` <chr>, `Penalty Kicks` <chr>,
#   `Penalty Kicks` <chr>, `Penalty Kicks` <chr>

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# A tibble: 31 x 28
  ` `      ` `      ` `      Goals Goals Goals Goals Goals Expected Expected Expected
  <chr>    <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>    <chr>    <chr>
1 Squad   # Pl  90s  GA   PKA  FK   CK   OG   PSxG    PSxG/SoT PSxG+/-
2 Atlanta~ 1    7.0 12    1    1    2    0    10.6    0.29    -1.4
3 Austin  1    7.0  3    0    1    0    0     3.9    0.19     +0.9
4 CF Mont~ 1    7.0 12    0    0    3    0    13.2    0.33     +1.2
5 Charlot~ 1    7.0  7    2    0    0    0     9.5    0.21     +2.5
6 Chicago~ 1    7.0 12    1    0    1    1    12.4    0.33     +1.4
7 Colorad~ 2    7.0  9    0    0    1    1    11.6    0.33     +3.6

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8 Columbu~ 2      7.0  5    0    0    1    0    6.5    0.35    +1.5
9 D.C. Un~ 1      7.0 17    2    0    3    0    15.6    0.38    -1.4
10 FC Cinc~ 1      7.0  9    0    0    0    1    9.0     0.29    +1.0
# i 21 more rows
# i 17 more variables: Expected <chr>, Launched <chr>, Launched <chr>,
#   Launched <chr>, Passes <chr>, Passes <chr>, Passes <chr>, Passes <chr>,
#   `Goal Kicks` <chr>, `Goal Kicks` <chr>, `Goal Kicks` <chr>, Crosses <chr>,
#   Crosses <chr>, Crosses <chr>, Sweeper <chr>, Sweeper <chr>, Sweeper <chr>

[[10]]
# A tibble: 31 x 28
  ` `      ` `      Goals Goals Goals Goals Goals Expected Expected Expected
  <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Squad # Pl 90s GA PKA FK CK OG PSxG PSxG/SoT PSxG+/-
2 vs Atla~ 1      7.0 11    1    0    1    2    11.2    0.32    +2.2
3 vs Aust~ 1      7.0  5    0    0    2    0     6.7     0.32    +1.7
4 vs CF M~ 1      7.0  4    0    0    1    0     6.9     0.37    +2.9
5 vs Char~ 1      7.0 12    1    0    1    1    10.4     0.40    -0.6
6 vs Chic~ 1      7.0 14    1    0    2    0    15.0     0.42    +1.0
7 vs Colo~ 2      7.0  8    1    0    0    0     5.9     0.27    -2.1
8 vs Colu~ 2      7.0 10    0    0    0    1     9.5     0.30    +0.5
9 vs D.C.~ 1      7.0  9    1    0    1    0    12.6     0.33    +3.6
10 vs FC C~ 1      7.0  9    2    2    0    0     9.2     0.24    +0.2
# i 21 more rows
# i 17 more variables: Expected <chr>, Launched <chr>, Launched <chr>,
#   Launched <chr>, Passes <chr>, Passes <chr>, Passes <chr>, Passes <chr>,
#   `Goal Kicks` <chr>, `Goal Kicks` <chr>, `Goal Kicks` <chr>, Crosses <chr>,
#   Crosses <chr>, Crosses <chr>, Sweeper <chr>, Sweeper <chr>, Sweeper <chr>

[[11]]
# A tibble: 31 x 20
  ` `      ` `      Standard Standard Standard Standard Standard Standard
  <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Squad # Pl 90s GlS Sh SoT SoT% Sh/90 SoT/90
2 Atlanta Utd 23 7.0 9 87 32 36.8 12.43 4.57
3 Austin 19 7.0 5 85 21 24.7 12.14 3.00
4 CF Montréal 23 7.0 4 65 20 30.8 9.29 2.86
5 Charlotte 18 7.0 11 69 24 34.8 9.86 3.43
6 Chicago Fi~ 22 7.0 14 75 33 44.0 10.71 4.71
7 Colorado R~ 24 7.0 8 68 18 26.5 9.71 2.57
8 Columbus C~ 20 7.0 9 84 32 38.1 12.00 4.57
9 D.C. United 20 7.0 9 87 36 41.4 12.43 5.14
10 FC Cincinn~ 22 7.0 9 94 32 34.0 13.43 4.57

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# i 21 more rows
# i 11 more variables: Standard <chr>, Standard <chr>, Standard <chr>,
#   Standard <chr>, Standard <chr>, Standard <chr>, Expected <chr>,
#   Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>

[[12]]
# A tibble: 31 x 20
  ` ` ` ` Standard Standard Standard Standard Standard Standard
  <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Squad # Pl 90s GlS Sh SoT SoT% Sh/90 SoT/90
2 vs Atlanta~ 23 7.0 12 73 33 45.2 10.43 4.71
3 vs Austin 19 7.0 3 79 21 26.6 11.29 3.00
4 vs CF Mont~ 23 7.0 12 90 41 45.6 12.86 5.86
5 vs Charlot~ 18 7.0 7 112 36 32.1 16.00 5.14
6 vs Chicago~ 22 7.0 11 85 30 35.3 12.14 4.29
7 vs Colorad~ 24 7.0 8 113 38 33.6 16.14 5.43
8 vs Columbu~ 20 7.0 5 54 19 35.2 7.71 2.71
9 vs D.C. Un~ 20 7.0 17 87 37 42.5 12.43 5.29
10 vs FC Cinc~ 22 7.0 8 90 27 30.0 12.86 3.86
# i 21 more rows
# i 11 more variables: Standard <chr>, Standard <chr>, Standard <chr>,
#   Standard <chr>, Standard <chr>, Standard <chr>, Expected <chr>,
#   Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>

[[13]]
# A tibble: 31 x 26
  ` ` ` ` Total Total Total Total Total Short Short Short Medium
  <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Squad # Pl 90s Cmp Att Cmp% TotD~ PrgD~ Cmp Att Cmp% Cmp
2 Atlanta U~ 23 7.0 2958 3627 81.6 53208 19100 1257 1441 87.2 1359
3 Austin 19 7.0 2390 2969 80.5 43653 16477 1069 1190 89.8 972
4 CF Montré~ 23 7.0 2848 3558 80.0 51391 18004 1204 1370 87.9 1268
5 Charlotte 18 7.0 2840 3457 82.2 50448 17196 1235 1354 91.2 1309
6 Chicago F~ 22 7.0 2826 3426 82.5 46504 17309 1383 1531 90.3 1110
7 Colorado ~ 24 7.0 2309 3063 75.4 39847 15706 1088 1246 87.3 947
8 Columbus ~ 20 7.0 3650 4246 86.0 56171 19991 1986 2142 92.7 1332
9 D.C. Unit~ 20 7.0 2718 3488 77.9 50305 19605 1210 1401 86.4 1135
10 FC Cincin~ 22 7.0 3109 3814 81.5 53759 18705 1318 1510 87.3 1473
# i 21 more rows
# i 14 more variables: Medium <chr>, Medium <chr>, Long <chr>, Long <chr>,
#   Long <chr>, ` <chr>, ` <chr>, Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>, ` <chr>,
#   ` <chr>, ` <chr>, ` <chr>, ` <chr>

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[[14]]

# A tibble: 31 x 26

|    | <chr>      | <chr> | <chr> | Total<br><chr> | Total<br><chr> | Total<br><chr> | Total<br><chr> | Total<br><chr> | Short<br><chr> | Short<br><chr> | Short<br><chr> | Medium<br><chr> |
|----|------------|-------|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1  | Squad      | # Pl  | 90s   | Cmp            | Att            | Cmp%           | TotD~          | PrgD~          | Cmp            | Att            | Cmp%           | Cmp             |
| 2  | vs Atlant~ | 23    | 7.0   | 3153           | 3788           | 83.2           | 54639          | 18143          | 1406           | 1552           | 90.6           | 1425            |
| 3  | vs Austin  | 19    | 7.0   | 3403           | 4068           | 83.7           | 61991          | 21857          | 1419           | 1595           | 89.0           | 1620            |
| 4  | vs CF Mon~ | 23    | 7.0   | 2628           | 3295           | 79.8           | 46749          | 18752          | 1176           | 1342           | 87.6           | 1129            |
| 5  | vs Charlo~ | 18    | 7.0   | 2888           | 3509           | 82.3           | 49946          | 18592          | 1332           | 1482           | 89.9           | 1230            |
| 6  | vs Chicag~ | 22    | 7.0   | 3063           | 3745           | 81.8           | 53027          | 17421          | 1366           | 1522           | 89.8           | 1340            |
| 7  | vs Colora~ | 24    | 7.0   | 2920           | 3618           | 80.7           | 52084          | 19208          | 1295           | 1435           | 90.2           | 1261            |
| 8  | vs Columb~ | 20    | 7.0   | 2616           | 3254           | 80.4           | 44517          | 15942          | 1251           | 1418           | 88.2           | 1008            |
| 9  | vs D.C. U~ | 20    | 7.0   | 2512           | 3156           | 79.6           | 43818          | 17259          | 1169           | 1302           | 89.8           | 1026            |
| 10 | vs FC Cin~ | 22    | 7.0   | 2774           | 3489           | 79.5           | 49237          | 18218          | 1218           | 1373           | 88.7           | 1239            |

# i 21 more rows

# i 14 more variables: Medium <chr>, Medium <chr>, Long <chr>, Long <chr>,  
# Long <chr>, `` <chr>, `` <chr>, Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>, `` <chr>,  
# `` <chr>, `` <chr>, `` <chr>, `` <chr>

[[15]]

# A tibble: 31 x 18

|    | <chr>   | <chr> | <chr> | <chr> | `Pass Types`<br><chr> | `Pass Types`<br><chr> | `Pass Types`<br><chr> | `Pass Types`<br><chr> |
|----|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1  | Squad   | # Pl  | 90s   | Att   | Live                  | Dead                  | FK                    | TB                    |
| 2  | Atlant~ | 23    | 7.0   | 3627  | 3299                  | 316                   | 93                    | 3                     |
| 3  | Austin  | 19    | 7.0   | 2969  | 2676                  | 277                   | 81                    | 8                     |
| 4  | CF Mon~ | 23    | 7.0   | 3558  | 3230                  | 310                   | 110                   | 5                     |
| 5  | Charlo~ | 18    | 7.0   | 3457  | 3122                  | 326                   | 87                    | 5                     |
| 6  | Chicag~ | 22    | 7.0   | 3426  | 3090                  | 318                   | 89                    | 7                     |
| 7  | Colora~ | 24    | 7.0   | 3063  | 2738                  | 313                   | 70                    | 11                    |
| 8  | Columb~ | 20    | 7.0   | 4246  | 3937                  | 299                   | 118                   | 11                    |
| 9  | D.C. U~ | 20    | 7.0   | 3488  | 3127                  | 347                   | 80                    | 6                     |
| 10 | FC Cin~ | 22    | 7.0   | 3814  | 3465                  | 329                   | 75                    | 9                     |

# i 21 more rows

# i 10 more variables: `Pass Types` <chr>, `Pass Types` <chr>,  
# `Pass Types` <chr>, `Pass Types` <chr>, `Corner Kicks` <chr>,  
# `Corner Kicks` <chr>, `Corner Kicks` <chr>, Outcomes <chr>, Outcomes <chr>,  
# Outcomes <chr>

[[16]]

# A tibble: 31 x 18

|  | <chr> | <chr> | <chr> | <chr> | `Pass Types`<br><chr> | `Pass Types`<br><chr> | `Pass Types`<br><chr> | `Pass Types`<br><chr> |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|

```

1 Squad # Pl 90s Att Live Dead FK TB
2 vs Atl~ 23 7.0 3788 3494 282 98 5
3 vs Aus~ 19 7.0 4068 3722 343 106 2
4 vs CF ~ 23 7.0 3295 2968 320 96 9
5 vs Cha~ 18 7.0 3509 3184 312 79 11
6 vs Chi~ 22 7.0 3745 3384 338 110 7
7 vs Col~ 24 7.0 3618 3275 332 87 10
8 vs Col~ 20 7.0 3254 2960 269 75 10
9 vs D.C~ 20 7.0 3156 2819 322 127 10
10 vs FC ~ 22 7.0 3489 3171 306 86 5
# i 21 more rows
# i 10 more variables: `Pass Types` <chr>, `Pass Types` <chr>,
# `Pass Types` <chr>, `Pass Types` <chr>, `Corner Kicks` <chr>,
# `Corner Kicks` <chr>, `Corner Kicks` <chr>, Outcomes <chr>, Outcomes <chr>,
# Outcomes <chr>

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[[17]]

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# A tibble: 31 x 19
  ` ` ` ` SCA SCA `SCA Types` `SCA Types` `SCA Types` `SCA Types`
  <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Squad # Pl 90s SCA SCA90 PassLive PassDead T0 Sh
2 Atla~ 23 7.0 162 23.14 123 15 10 6
3 Aust~ 19 7.0 153 21.86 117 12 10 6
4 CF M~ 23 7.0 114 16.29 85 9 6 8
5 Char~ 18 7.0 120 17.14 90 7 7 6
6 Chic~ 22 7.0 136 19.43 105 10 6 9
7 Colo~ 24 7.0 122 17.43 94 10 4 5
8 Colu~ 20 7.0 142 20.29 104 6 13 6
9 D.C.~ 20 7.0 149 21.29 113 14 6 10
10 FC C~ 22 7.0 174 24.86 131 11 10 11
# i 21 more rows
# i 10 more variables: `SCA Types` <chr>, `SCA Types` <chr>, GCA <chr>,
# GCA <chr>, `GCA Types` <chr>, `GCA Types` <chr>, `GCA Types` <chr>,
# `GCA Types` <chr>, `GCA Types` <chr>, `GCA Types` <chr>

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[[18]]

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# A tibble: 31 x 19
  ` ` ` ` SCA SCA `SCA Types` `SCA Types` `SCA Types` `SCA Types`
  <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Squad # Pl 90s SCA SCA90 PassLive PassDead T0 Sh
2 vs A~ 23 7.0 123 17.57 87 7 7 10
3 vs A~ 19 7.0 145 20.71 109 14 5 11
4 vs C~ 23 7.0 151 21.57 111 12 8 11

```

|          |    |     |     |       |     |    |    |    |
|----------|----|-----|-----|-------|-----|----|----|----|
| 5 vs C~  | 18 | 7.0 | 211 | 30.14 | 169 | 12 | 7  | 10 |
| 6 vs C~  | 22 | 7.0 | 159 | 22.71 | 116 | 13 | 10 | 8  |
| 7 vs C~  | 24 | 7.0 | 204 | 29.14 | 155 | 22 | 4  | 14 |
| 8 vs C~  | 20 | 7.0 | 88  | 12.57 | 64  | 12 | 2  | 5  |
| 9 vs D~  | 20 | 7.0 | 159 | 22.71 | 133 | 7  | 2  | 7  |
| 10 vs F~ | 22 | 7.0 | 159 | 22.71 | 120 | 12 | 7  | 11 |

# i 21 more rows

# i 10 more variables: `SCA Types` <chr>, `SCA Types` <chr>, GCA <chr>,  
 # GCA <chr>, `GCA Types` <chr>, `GCA Types` <chr>, `GCA Types` <chr>,  
 # `GCA Types` <chr>, `GCA Types` <chr>, `GCA Types` <chr>

[[19]]

# A tibble: 31 x 19

|                  |       |       | Tackles | Tackles | Tackles | Tackles | Tackles | Challenges  |
|------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|
| <chr>            | <chr> | <chr> | <chr>   | <chr>   | <chr>   | <chr>   | <chr>   | <chr>       |
| 1 Squad          | # Pl  | 90s   | Tkl     | TklW    | Def     | 3rd     | Mid 3rd | Att 3rd Tkl |
| 2 Atlanta Utd    | 23    | 7.0   | 101     | 62      | 47      | 47      | 7       | 40          |
| 3 Austin         | 19    | 7.0   | 107     | 53      | 68      | 31      | 8       | 48          |
| 4 CF Montréal    | 23    | 7.0   | 114     | 72      | 41      | 56      | 17      | 47          |
| 5 Charlotte      | 18    | 7.0   | 93      | 64      | 38      | 42      | 13      | 47          |
| 6 Chicago Fire   | 22    | 7.0   | 92      | 51      | 44      | 33      | 15      | 42          |
| 7 Colorado Rapi~ | 24    | 7.0   | 101     | 51      | 41      | 46      | 14      | 47          |
| 8 Columbus Crew  | 20    | 7.0   | 87      | 51      | 33      | 40      | 14      | 36          |
| 9 D.C. United    | 20    | 7.0   | 136     | 84      | 63      | 49      | 24      | 87          |
| 10 FC Cincinnati | 22    | 7.0   | 124     | 78      | 59      | 48      | 17      | 63          |

# i 21 more rows

# i 10 more variables: Challenges <chr>, Challenges <chr>, Challenges <chr>,  
 # Blocks <chr>, Blocks <chr>, Blocks <chr>, `` <chr>, `` <chr>, `` <chr>,  
 # `` <chr>

[[20]]

# A tibble: 31 x 19

|                  |       |       | Tackles | Tackles | Tackles | Tackles | Tackles | Challenges  |
|------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|
| <chr>            | <chr> | <chr> | <chr>   | <chr>   | <chr>   | <chr>   | <chr>   | <chr>       |
| 1 Squad          | # Pl  | 90s   | Tkl     | TklW    | Def     | 3rd     | Mid 3rd | Att 3rd Tkl |
| 2 vs Atlanta Utd | 23    | 7.0   | 92      | 54      | 30      | 54      | 8       | 50          |
| 3 vs Austin      | 19    | 7.0   | 90      | 57      | 38      | 30      | 22      | 46          |
| 4 vs CF Montréal | 23    | 7.0   | 95      | 55      | 46      | 33      | 16      | 33          |
| 5 vs Charlotte   | 18    | 7.0   | 133     | 85      | 59      | 52      | 22      | 70          |
| 6 vs Chicago Fi~ | 22    | 7.0   | 144     | 88      | 59      | 56      | 29      | 67          |
| 7 vs Colorado R~ | 24    | 7.0   | 112     | 66      | 56      | 40      | 16      | 39          |
| 8 vs Columbus C~ | 20    | 7.0   | 126     | 69      | 69      | 42      | 15      | 65          |
| 9 vs D.C. United | 20    | 7.0   | 129     | 74      | 68      | 40      | 21      | 52          |

```

10 vs FC Cincinn~ 22    7.0   146    82    69    55    22    67
# i 21 more rows
# i 10 more variables: Challenges <chr>, Challenges <chr>, Challenges <chr>,
#   Blocks <chr>, Blocks <chr>, Blocks <chr>, `` <chr>, `` <chr>, `` <chr>,
#   `` <chr>

[[21]]
# A tibble: 31 x 26
  ``      ``      ``      ``      Touches Touches Touches Touches Touches Touches
  <chr>    <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>    <chr>    <chr>    <chr>    <chr>    <chr>
1 Squad      # Pl Poss 90s Touches Def Pen Def 3rd Mid 3rd Att 3rd Att Pen
2 Atlanta Utd 23    49.1 7.0 4307 408    1401    1960    973    178
3 Austin     19    42.4 7.0 3803 507    1431    1575    832    135
4 CF Montréal 23    51.9 7.0 4322 501    1653    1841    860    122
5 Charlotte  18    50.1 7.0 4207 483    1485    1824    934    136
6 Chicago Fi~ 22    47.7 7.0 4241 574    1677    1788    806    126
7 Colorado R~ 24    45.7 7.0 3886 416    1158    1683    1084    160
8 Columbus C~ 20    56.6 7.0 4943 409    1507    2232    1241    167
9 D.C. United 20    52.4 7.0 4257 385    1308    1830    1158    174
10 FC Cincinn~ 22    52.3 7.0 4702 442    1534    2150    1060    167
# i 21 more rows
# i 16 more variables: Touches <chr>, `Take-Ons` <chr>, `Take-Ons` <chr>,
#   `Take-Ons` <chr>, `Take-Ons` <chr>, `Take-Ons` <chr>, Carries <chr>,
#   Carries <chr>, Carries <chr>, Carries <chr>, Carries <chr>,
#   Carries <chr>, Carries <chr>, Receiving <chr>, Receiving <chr>

[[22]]
# A tibble: 31 x 26
  ``      ``      ``      ``      Touches Touches Touches Touches Touches Touches
  <chr>    <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>    <chr>    <chr>    <chr>    <chr>    <chr>
1 Squad      # Pl Poss 90s Touches Def Pen Def 3rd Mid 3rd Att 3rd Att Pen
2 vs Atlanta~ 23    50.9 7.0 4488 445    1465    2125    938    147
3 vs Austin   19    57.6 7.0 4772 353    1258    2207    1341    173
4 vs CF Mont~ 23    48.1 7.0 4082 447    1440    1697    971    156
5 vs Charlot~ 18    49.9 7.0 4288 415    1419    1839    1071    187
6 vs Chicago~ 22    52.3 7.0 4498 393    1427    2062    1046    183
7 vs Colorad~ 24    54.3 7.0 4513 435    1588    1985    971    197
8 vs Columbu~ 20    43.4 7.0 3978 476    1541    1658    806    126
9 vs D.C. Un~ 20    47.6 7.0 4084 520    1589    1686    843    146
10 vs FC Cinc~ 22    47.7 7.0 4377 490    1608    1875    945    137
# i 21 more rows
# i 16 more variables: Touches <chr>, `Take-Ons` <chr>, `Take-Ons` <chr>,
#   `Take-Ons` <chr>, `Take-Ons` <chr>, `Take-Ons` <chr>, Carries <chr>,

```

```
# Carries <chr>, Carries <chr>, Carries <chr>, Carries <chr>, Carries <chr>,
# Carries <chr>, Carries <chr>, Receiving <chr>, Receiving <chr>
```

```
[[23]]
```

```
# A tibble: 31 x 23
```

```
  `Playing Time` `Playing Time` `Playing Time` `Playing Time`
  <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Squad # Pl Age MP Min Mn/MP Min%
2 Atla~ 23 29.2 7 630 90 100
3 Aust~ 19 28.2 7 630 90 100
4 CF M~ 23 24.2 7 630 90 100
5 Char~ 18 29.3 7 630 90 100
6 Chic~ 22 25.9 7 630 90 100
7 Colo~ 24 26.5 7 630 90 100
8 Colu~ 20 26.6 7 630 90 100
9 D.C.~ 20 26.1 7 630 90 100
10 FC C~ 22 27.5 7 630 90 100
```

```
# i 21 more rows
```

```
# i 16 more variables: `Playing Time` <chr>, Starts <chr>, Starts <chr>,
# Starts <chr>, Subs <chr>, Subs <chr>, Subs <chr>, `Team Success` <chr>,
# `Team Success` <chr>, `Team Success` <chr>, `Team Success` <chr>,
# `Team Success` <chr>, `Team Success (xG)` <chr>, `Team Success (xG)` <chr>,
# `Team Success (xG)` <chr>, `Team Success (xG)` <chr>
```

```
[[24]]
```

```
# A tibble: 31 x 23
```

```
  `Playing Time` `Playing Time` `Playing Time` `Playing Time`
  <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Squad # Pl Age MP Min Mn/MP Min%
2 vs A~ 23 27.3 7 630 90 100
3 vs A~ 19 26.7 7 630 90 100
4 vs C~ 23 27.1 7 630 90 100
5 vs C~ 18 28.1 7 630 90 100
6 vs C~ 22 26.3 7 630 90 100
7 vs C~ 24 28.0 7 630 90 100
8 vs C~ 20 26.1 7 630 90 100
9 vs D~ 20 26.9 7 630 90 100
10 vs F~ 22 27.6 7 630 90 100
```

```
# i 21 more rows
```

```
# i 16 more variables: `Playing Time` <chr>, Starts <chr>, Starts <chr>,
# Starts <chr>, Subs <chr>, Subs <chr>, Subs <chr>, `Team Success` <chr>,
# `Team Success` <chr>, `Team Success` <chr>, `Team Success` <chr>,
# `Team Success` <chr>, `Team Success (xG)` <chr>, `Team Success (xG)` <chr>,
# `Team Success (xG)` <chr>, `Team Success (xG)` <chr>
```

```
# `Team Success (xG)` <chr>, `Team Success (xG)` <chr>
```

```
[[25]]
```

```
# A tibble: 31 x 19
```

|   | <chr>   | <chr> | <chr> | Performance <chr> | Performance <chr> | Performance <chr> | Performance <chr> | Performance <chr> |
|---|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | Squad # | P1    | 90s   | CrdY              | CrdR              | 2CrdY             | Fls               | Fld               |
| 1 | Atla~   | 23    | 7.0   | 15                | 0                 | 0                 | 92                | 82                |
| 2 | Aust~   | 19    | 7.0   | 19                | 0                 | 0                 | 91                | 80                |
| 3 | CF M~   | 23    | 7.0   | 18                | 0                 | 0                 | 88                | 102               |
| 4 | Char~   | 18    | 7.0   | 11                | 1                 | 0                 | 78                | 74                |
| 5 | Chic~   | 22    | 7.0   | 11                | 0                 | 0                 | 99                | 68                |
| 6 | Colo~   | 24    | 7.0   | 11                | 0                 | 0                 | 78                | 61                |
| 7 | Colu~   | 20    | 7.0   | 11                | 1                 | 0                 | 72                | 95                |
| 8 | D.C.~   | 20    | 7.0   | 20                | 0                 | 0                 | 119               | 66                |
| 9 | FC C~   | 22    | 7.0   | 13                | 1                 | 1                 | 69                | 66                |

```
# i 21 more rows
```

```
# i 11 more variables: Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
# Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
# Performance <chr>, `Aerial Duels` <chr>, `Aerial Duels` <chr>,
# `Aerial Duels` <chr>
```

```
[[26]]
```

```
# A tibble: 31 x 19
```

|   | <chr>   | <chr> | <chr> | Performance <chr> | Performance <chr> | Performance <chr> | Performance <chr> | Performance <chr> |
|---|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | Squad # | P1    | 90s   | CrdY              | CrdR              | 2CrdY             | Fls               | Fld               |
| 1 | vs A~   | 23    | 7.0   | 10                | 0                 | 0                 | 86                | 87                |
| 2 | vs A~   | 19    | 7.0   | 19                | 0                 | 0                 | 84                | 87                |
| 3 | vs C~   | 23    | 7.0   | 11                | 0                 | 0                 | 107               | 82                |
| 4 | vs C~   | 18    | 7.0   | 13                | 2                 | 1                 | 79                | 74                |
| 5 | vs C~   | 22    | 7.0   | 5                 | 0                 | 0                 | 72                | 94                |
| 6 | vs C~   | 24    | 7.0   | 9                 | 0                 | 0                 | 66                | 74                |
| 7 | vs C~   | 20    | 7.0   | 19                | 0                 | 0                 | 102               | 67                |
| 8 | vs D~   | 20    | 7.0   | 18                | 0                 | 0                 | 70                | 116               |
| 9 | vs F~   | 22    | 7.0   | 8                 | 0                 | 0                 | 74                | 66                |

```
# i 21 more rows
```

```
# i 11 more variables: Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
# Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
# Performance <chr>, `Aerial Duels` <chr>, `Aerial Duels` <chr>,
# `Aerial Duels` <chr>
```

```
# Step 3: Extract the correct table (the fifth table on the page)
Squad2 <- html_table(Squad, header = TRUE, fill = TRUE)[[5]]
Squad2
```

```
# A tibble: 31 x 32
  ` `      ` `      ` `      ` `      `Playing Time` `Playing Time` `Playing Time`
  <chr>      <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>      <chr>      <chr>
1 Squad      # Pl Age Poss MP Starts Min
2 Atlanta Utd 23 29.2 49.1 7 77 630
3 Austin      19 28.2 42.4 7 77 630
4 CF Montréal 23 24.2 51.9 7 77 630
5 Charlotte   18 29.3 50.1 7 77 630
6 Chicago Fire 22 25.9 47.7 7 77 630
7 Colorado Rapi~ 24 26.5 45.7 7 77 630
8 Columbus Crew 20 26.6 56.6 7 77 630
9 D.C. United 20 26.1 52.4 7 77 630
10 FC Cincinnati 22 27.5 52.3 7 77 630
# i 21 more rows
# i 25 more variables: `Playing Time` <chr>, Performance <chr>,
# Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>,
# Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Performance <chr>, Expected <chr>,
# Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>, Expected <chr>, Progression <chr>,
# Progression <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>,
# `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, ...
```

```
# Step 4: Keep only relevant columns and clean the data
Squad2_cleaned <- Squad2 |>
  row_to_names(row_number = 1) |> # promotes row 1 to column names
  clean_names() |>                # make the column names snake_case
  select(1:16) |>                 # keep only the first 16 columns
  filter(squad != "Squad") |>     # remove header repeats if any
  mutate(across(2:16, parse_number)) # apply parse_number to cols 2-16
```

Warning: Row 1 does not provide unique names. Consider running clean\_names() after row\_to\_names().

```
Squad2_cleaned
```

```
# A tibble: 30 x 16
  squad number_pl age poss mp starts min x90s gls ast g_a g_pk
```



|    | <chr>  | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> |    |
|----|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|
| 1  | Atlan~ | 23    | 29.2  | 49.1  | 7     | 77    | 630   | 7     | 9     | 6     | 15    | 8  |
| 2  | Austin | 19    | 28.2  | 42.4  | 7     | 77    | 630   | 7     | 5     | 5     | 10    | 5  |
| 3  | CF Mo~ | 23    | 24.2  | 51.9  | 7     | 77    | 630   | 7     | 4     | 3     | 7     | 4  |
| 4  | Charl~ | 18    | 29.3  | 50.1  | 7     | 77    | 630   | 7     | 11    | 6     | 17    | 10 |
| 5  | Chica~ | 22    | 25.9  | 47.7  | 7     | 77    | 630   | 7     | 14    | 9     | 23    | 13 |
| 6  | Color~ | 24    | 26.5  | 45.7  | 7     | 77    | 630   | 7     | 8     | 5     | 13    | 7  |
| 7  | Colum~ | 20    | 26.6  | 56.6  | 7     | 77    | 630   | 7     | 9     | 8     | 17    | 9  |
| 8  | D.C. ~ | 20    | 26.1  | 52.4  | 7     | 77    | 630   | 7     | 9     | 7     | 16    | 8  |
| 9  | FC Ci~ | 22    | 27.5  | 52.3  | 7     | 77    | 630   | 7     | 9     | 4     | 13    | 7  |
| 10 | FC Da~ | 20    | 27.9  | 44.4  | 7     | 77    | 630   | 7     | 10    | 6     | 16    | 10 |

# i 20 more rows  
# i 4 more variables: pk <dbl>, p\_katt <dbl>, crd\_y <dbl>, crd\_r <dbl>

## Creating a Custom Web Scraping Function:

Next, we generalize this scraping process by writing a custom function called `scrape_fbref_table()`. This function takes in a URL and table number and performs all the cleaning steps automatically. We use it to easily scrape multiple pages later on.

```
# Custom Function
scrape_fbref_table <- function(url, table_number = 5, n_cols = 16) {
  page <- read_html(url)
  tables <- html_nodes(page, "table")
  raw_table <- html_table(tables, fill = TRUE)[[table_number]]

  cleaned_table <- raw_table |>
    row_to_names(row_number = 1) |>
    clean_names() |>
    select(1:n_cols) |>
    filter(squad != "Squad") |>
    mutate(across(all_of(2:n_cols), parse_number))

  return(cleaned_table)
}

Squad2_cleaned <- scrape_fbref_table("https://fbref.com/en/comps/22/Major-League-Soccer-Stat")
```

Warning: Row 1 does not provide unique names. Consider running `clean_names()` after `row_to_names()`.

Warning: Using an external vector in selections was deprecated in tidyselect 1.1.0.  
i Please use `all\_of()` or `any\_of()` instead.

# Was:

```
data %>% select(n_cols)
```

# Now:

```
data %>% select(all_of(n_cols))
```

See <https://tidyselect.r-lib.org/reference/faq-external-vector.html>.

## Squad2\_cleaned

# A tibble: 30 x 16

|    | squad  | number_pl | age   | poss  | mp    | starts | min   | x90s  | gl    | ast   | g_a   | g_pk  |
|----|--------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|    | <chr>  | <dbl>     | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl>  | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> |
| 1  | Atlan~ | 23        | 29.2  | 49.1  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 9     | 6     | 15    | 8     |
| 2  | Austin | 19        | 28.2  | 42.4  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 5     | 5     | 10    | 5     |
| 3  | CF Mo~ | 23        | 24.2  | 51.9  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 4     | 3     | 7     | 4     |
| 4  | Charl~ | 18        | 29.3  | 50.1  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 11    | 6     | 17    | 10    |
| 5  | Chica~ | 22        | 25.9  | 47.7  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 14    | 9     | 23    | 13    |
| 6  | Color~ | 24        | 26.5  | 45.7  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 8     | 5     | 13    | 7     |
| 7  | Colum~ | 20        | 26.6  | 56.6  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 9     | 8     | 17    | 9     |
| 8  | D.C. ~ | 20        | 26.1  | 52.4  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 9     | 7     | 16    | 8     |
| 9  | FC Ci~ | 22        | 27.5  | 52.3  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 9     | 4     | 13    | 7     |
| 10 | FC Da~ | 20        | 27.9  | 44.4  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 10    | 6     | 16    | 10    |

# i 20 more rows

# i 4 more variables: pk <dbl>, p\_katt <dbl>, crd\_y <dbl>, crd\_r <dbl>

## Iterating Over Multiple Competitions

We used `purrr::pmap()` to iterate over multiple variables — specifically, league URLs, the table numbers containing the “Squad Standard Stats” table for each competition, and the league names. This allowed us to apply our custom scraping function across multiple soccer leagues, each with its own unique webpage and table structure. This approach demonstrates how iteration over multiple inputs can automate the data collection process across structured but inconsistent sources.

```
# Step 1: Define league names, URLs, and their specific table numbers
leagues <- tibble::tibble(
  league = c("MLS", "Premier_League", "La_Liga", "Bundesliga", "Serie_A"),
  url = c(
```

```

    "https://fbref.com/en/comps/22/Major-League-Soccer-Stats",
    "https://fbref.com/en/comps/9/Premier-League-Stats",
    "https://fbref.com/en/comps/12/La-Liga-Stats",
    "https://fbref.com/en/comps/20/Bundesliga-Stats",
    "https://fbref.com/en/comps/11/Serie-A-Stats"
  ),
  table_number = c(5, 3, 3, 3, 3) # Specify table index for each league
)

# Step 2: Scrape each league using map3 to pass 3 arguments
league_tables <- pmap(
  list(leagues$url, leagues$table_number, leagues$league),
  function(url, table_num, league_name) {
    scrape_fbref_table(url, table_number = table_num) |>
      mutate(league = league_name) # Optionally tag league in each table
  }
)

```

Warning: Row 1 does not provide unique names. Consider running clean\_names() after row\_to\_names().  
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```

# Step 3: Name each list entry by league
names(league_tables) <- leagues$league

# Now each league table is separate and named:
league_tables$MLS

```

# A tibble: 30 x 17

|   | squad  | number_pl | age   | poss  | mp    | starts | min   | x90s  | gl    | ast   | g_a   | g_pk  |
|---|--------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|   | <chr>  | <dbl>     | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl>  | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> |
| 1 | Atlan~ | 23        | 29.2  | 49.1  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 9     | 6     | 15    | 8     |
| 2 | Austin | 19        | 28.2  | 42.4  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 5     | 5     | 10    | 5     |
| 3 | CF Mo~ | 23        | 24.2  | 51.9  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 4     | 3     | 7     | 4     |
| 4 | Charl~ | 18        | 29.3  | 50.1  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 11    | 6     | 17    | 10    |
| 5 | Chica~ | 22        | 25.9  | 47.7  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 14    | 9     | 23    | 13    |
| 6 | Color~ | 24        | 26.5  | 45.7  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 8     | 5     | 13    | 7     |
| 7 | Colum~ | 20        | 26.6  | 56.6  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 9     | 8     | 17    | 9     |
| 8 | D.C. ~ | 20        | 26.1  | 52.4  | 7     | 77     | 630   | 7     | 9     | 7     | 16    | 8     |

```

  9 FC Ci~      22 27.5 52.3    7    77  630    7    9    4   13    7
10 FC Da~      20 27.9 44.4    7    77  630    7   10    6   16   10
# i 20 more rows
# i 5 more variables: pk <dbl>, p_katt <dbl>, crd_y <dbl>, crd_r <dbl>,
#   league <chr>

```

```
league_tables$Premier_League
```

```

# A tibble: 20 x 17
  squad number_pl age poss mp starts min x90s gls ast g_a g_pk
  <chr>      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 Arsen~    24 26.5 56.1   31   341 2790   31   54  43  97  52
2 Aston~    28 27.8 51.2   31   341 2790   31   45  36  81  43
3 Bourn~    28 25.8 47.5   31   341 2790   31   50  37  87  44
4 Brent~    27 26.6 48.1   31   341 2790   31   51  32  83  46
5 Brigh~    31 25.6 52.3   31   341 2790   31   47  31  78  44
6 Chels~    29 24.4 57.9   31   341 2790   31   53  41  94  50
7 Cryst~    29 26.9 44.2   30   330 2700   30   37  29  66  35
8 Evert~    26 28.8 40     31   341 2790   31   30  19  49  28
9 Fulham    26 28.7 52     31   341 2790   31   46  39  85  43
10 Ipswi~   32 26.5 41.4   31   341 2790   31   30  22  52  28
11 Leice~   29 27.3 45.7   31   341 2790   31   25  20  45  23
12 Liver~   24 27.9 57.8   31   341 2790   31   72  54 126  63
13 Manch~   29 27.5 61     31   341 2790   31   56  41  97  54
14 Manch~   29 26.3 52.8   31   341 2790   31   35  23  58  32
15 Newca~   24 27.9 50     30   330 2700   30   51  38  89  48
16 Nott'~   23 26.9 40     31   341 2790   31   50  36  86  47
17 South~   34 26   50.1   31   341 2790   31   22  14  36  22
18 Totte~   31 25.9 56.4   31   341 2790   31   55  43  98  53
19 West ~    27 28.8 47.6   31   341 2790   31   33  20  53  30
20 Wolves   29 27.6 47.8   31   341 2790   31   43  35  78  43
# i 5 more variables: pk <dbl>, p_katt <dbl>, crd_y <dbl>, crd_r <dbl>,
#   league <chr>

```

```
league_tables$La_Liga
```

```

# A tibble: 20 x 17
  squad number_pl age poss mp starts min x90s gls ast g_a g_pk
  <chr>      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 Alavés    29 27.2 45.3   30   330 2700   30   33  18  51  27
2 Athle~    30 27.6 49.2   30   330 2700   30   46  36  82  44

```

|    |        |    |      |      |    |     |      |    |    |    |     |    |
|----|--------|----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|----|----|-----|----|
| 3  | Atlét~ | 24 | 29.1 | 51.8 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 49 | 38 | 87  | 45 |
| 4  | Barce~ | 27 | 25.4 | 67.3 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 81 | 59 | 140 | 76 |
| 5  | Betis  | 35 | 28.1 | 51.5 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 39 | 24 | 63  | 33 |
| 6  | Celta~ | 30 | 27.7 | 54.1 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 43 | 30 | 73  | 37 |
| 7  | Espan~ | 26 | 26   | 38.5 | 29 | 319 | 2610 | 29 | 29 | 21 | 50  | 25 |
| 8  | Getafe | 30 | 28.4 | 43   | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 30 | 17 | 47  | 25 |
| 9  | Girona | 29 | 28   | 56.6 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 36 | 27 | 63  | 32 |
| 10 | Las P~ | 30 | 27.7 | 50.1 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 32 | 23 | 55  | 30 |
| 11 | Legan~ | 26 | 28.6 | 42.3 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 29 | 21 | 50  | 24 |
| 12 | Mallo~ | 28 | 29.4 | 46.9 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 28 | 19 | 47  | 24 |
| 13 | Osasu~ | 24 | 28.2 | 46   | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 32 | 17 | 49  | 25 |
| 14 | Rayo ~ | 26 | 29.8 | 51.3 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 31 | 24 | 55  | 31 |
| 15 | Real ~ | 27 | 27.6 | 60.9 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 63 | 44 | 107 | 54 |
| 16 | Real ~ | 31 | 26   | 54.1 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 29 | 20 | 49  | 27 |
| 17 | Sevil~ | 34 | 26.8 | 51.5 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 31 | 26 | 57  | 30 |
| 18 | Valen~ | 32 | 25.3 | 46.9 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 34 | 23 | 57  | 31 |
| 19 | Valla~ | 35 | 26.2 | 43.3 | 30 | 330 | 2700 | 30 | 19 | 12 | 31  | 16 |
| 20 | Villa~ | 28 | 27.6 | 49.2 | 29 | 319 | 2610 | 29 | 49 | 32 | 81  | 44 |

# i 5 more variables: pk <dbl>, p\_katt <dbl>, crd\_y <dbl>, crd\_r <dbl>,  
# league <chr>

```
league_tables$Bundesliga
```

# A tibble: 18 x 17

|    | squad  | number_pl | age   | poss  | mp    | starts | min   | x90s  | gl    | ast   | g_a   | g_pk  |
|----|--------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|    | <chr>  | <dbl>     | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl>  | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <dbl> |
| 1  | Augsb~ | 29        | 27.5  | 43    | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 31    | 23    | 54    | 30    |
| 2  | Bayer~ | 28        | 28.4  | 68.9  | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 78    | 50    | 128   | 69    |
| 3  | Bochum | 26        | 28.8  | 44    | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 27    | 20    | 47    | 26    |
| 4  | Dortm~ | 28        | 27.3  | 59.9  | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 50    | 39    | 89    | 46    |
| 5  | Eint ~ | 26        | 25.7  | 49.9  | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 55    | 35    | 90    | 52    |
| 6  | Freib~ | 26        | 28    | 49    | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 36    | 27    | 63    | 36    |
| 7  | Gladb~ | 26        | 27.2  | 50    | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 44    | 33    | 77    | 41    |
| 8  | Heide~ | 26        | 27.6  | 43.3  | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 32    | 21    | 53    | 27    |
| 9  | Hoffe~ | 34        | 27.1  | 49.5  | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 34    | 20    | 54    | 31    |
| 10 | Holst~ | 27        | 26.3  | 44.3  | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 39    | 23    | 62    | 36    |
| 11 | Lever~ | 23        | 27.8  | 58.8  | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 61    | 46    | 107   | 59    |
| 12 | Mainz~ | 24        | 28.2  | 49.5  | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 44    | 32    | 76    | 41    |
| 13 | RB Le~ | 29        | 26.3  | 52.7  | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 42    | 29    | 71    | 40    |
| 14 | St. P~ | 27        | 27.7  | 44.5  | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 22    | 20    | 42    | 21    |
| 15 | Stutt~ | 28        | 25.5  | 55.7  | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 48    | 35    | 83    | 46    |
| 16 | Union~ | 27        | 27.9  | 41    | 28    | 308    | 2520  | 28    | 27    | 18    | 45    | 24    |

```

17 Werde~      23 28.3 49.5    28   308 2520    28   44   32   76   42
18 Wolfs~      26 25.9 45.9    28   308 2520    28   47   32   79   43
# i 5 more variables: pk <dbl>, p_katt <dbl>, crd_y <dbl>, crd_r <dbl>,
#   league <chr>

```

```
league_tables$Serie_A
```

```

# A tibble: 20 x 17
  squad number_pl age poss mp starts min x90s gls ast g_a g_pk
  <chr>      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 Atala~      32 27.8 55.8    31   341 2790    31   61   42  103   57
2 Bolog~      30 27    58.1    31   341 2790    31   50   38   88   44
3 Cagli~      26 27.4 45.6    31   341 2790    31   29   23   52   26
4 Como       38 27    54.2    31   341 2790    31   34   29   63   34
5 Empoli      34 26.2 40.9    31   341 2790    31   23   14   37   21
6 Fiore~      34 26.9 49.3    31   341 2790    31   47   31   78   41
7 Genoa       34 27.1 45.8    31   341 2790    31   28   21   49   28
8 Hella~      32 25.8 38      31   341 2790    31   27   17   44   25
9 Inter       25 30.1 59.5    31   341 2790    31   66   50  116   60
10 Juven~      29 25.4 58.4    31   341 2790    31   45   30   75   40
11 Lazio       27 27.9 54.2    31   341 2790    31   51   37   88   46
12 Lecce       30 26.8 44.9    31   341 2790    31   22   17   39   20
13 Milan       34 26.4 54.6    31   341 2790    31   46   32   78   42
14 Monza       35 27.6 47.7    31   341 2790    31   24   16   40   21
15 Napoli      27 29.3 53      31   341 2790    31   45   32   77   41
16 Parma       32 24.6 45.2    31   341 2790    31   36   26   62   30
17 Roma        28 27.3 55.4    31   341 2790    31   45   27   72   38
18 Torino      28 27.4 47.6    31   341 2790    31   33   21   54   32
19 Udine~      29 27.1 47.2    31   341 2790    31   36   24   60   34
20 Venez~      36 26.1 44.6    31   341 2790    31   23   12   35   19
# i 5 more variables: pk <dbl>, p_katt <dbl>, crd_y <dbl>, crd_r <dbl>,
#   league <chr>

```