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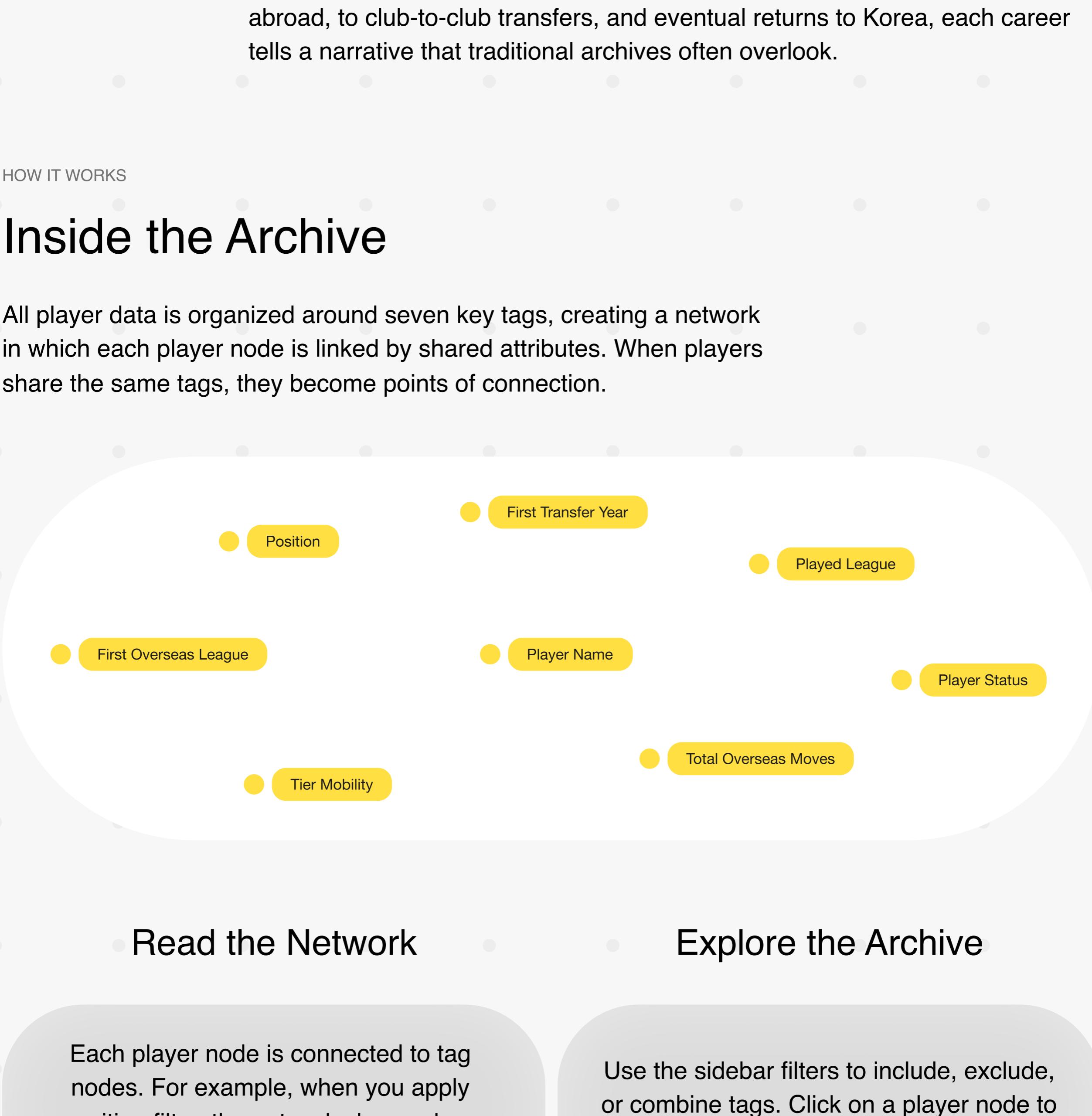
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ArchiveAtlas goes beyond transfer statistics, uncovering narrative patterns in the overseas journeys of Korean footballers.

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

About This Archive



DATA & METHOD

Building the Archive

This project is based on player data referenced from Transfermarkt but was restructured and enriched through manual compilation and tagging. The information on each player, including their profile, transfer history, and tier mobility, was collected and refined by the creator using spreadsheets.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
	Birth Year	Place of birth	Height	Position	First Transfer Year	Year First Overseas	Destination	First League/Country	Transfer Reason	Total Overseas Transfers	Played Leagues	
1	Park Ji-sung	1981	Seoul	178	CM	2000 (20)	Kyoto Purple Sangs	J1 League (Japan)	Scouted from Myongji University	4	J1 League (Japan)	Eredivisie (Netherlands)
2	Seol Ki-hyeon	1979	Jeongseon	187	RW	2000 (22)	Royal Antwerp	Belgian First Division (Belgium)	Scouted after Kwangju University graduation	6	Belgian First Division (Belgium)	Premier League (England)
3	Lee Dong-gook	1979	Pohang	187	ST	2000 (22)	Werder Bremen	Bundesliga (Germany)	Highly touted prospect	2	Bundesliga (Germany)	K League 1 (South Korea)
4	Ahn Jun-hwan	1981	Payang	177	CM	2000 (25)	Pergo	Serie A (Italy)	K-League MVP transfer	6	Serie A (Italy)	J1 League (Japan)
5	Yoo Jeong-min	1973	Daegu	173	CM	2000 (25)	Consadole Osaka	J1 League (Japan)	Established youth player	2	J1 League (Japan)	J2 League (Japan)
6	Shin Jae-won	1975	Seoul	178	RW	2000 (29)	Jubilo Iwata	J1 League (Japan)	K-League Standout	2	J1 League (Japan)	J2 League (Japan)
7	Song Chang-gug	1979	Danyang	178	RB	2002 (24)	Feyenoord	Eredivisie (Netherlands)	2002 World Cup standout	3	Eredivisie (Netherlands)	Saudi Pro League (Saudi Arab)
8	Choi Da-geun	1980	Freiburg	181	ST	2002 (23)	Bayern Munich	Bundesliga (Germany)	Son of Cha Bum-kun, strong youth career	8	Bundesliga (Germany)	2. Bundesliga (Germany)
9	Lee Sung-kyu	1977	Seoul	175	LB	2003 (27)	PSV Eindhoven	Eredivisie (Netherlands)	Outstanding defense in K League	4	Eredivisie (Netherlands)	Premier League (England)
10	Lee Chun-soo	1981	Incheon	174	RW	2003 (23)	Real Sociedad	La Liga (Spain)	2002 World Cup star	4	La Liga (Spain)	Eredivisie (Netherlands)
11	Kim Nam-il	1977	Incheo	182	CDM	2003 (27)	Feyenoord	Eredivisie (Netherlands)	Loan from Jeonnam Dragons after 2002 World C	5	Eredivisie (Netherlands)	J1 League (Japan)
12	Lee Chung-yong	1975	Chungju	175	CM	2002 (26)	Trabzonspor	Süper Lig (Turkey)	Transfer from Jeonnam Dragons to Trabzonspor	3	Süper Lig (Turkey)	K League 1 (South Korea)
13	Lee Chi-woo	1981	Incheon	175	CM	2003 (26)	Persepolis	Séderat-e Gholam (Iran)	Loan from Jeonnam Dragons to Persepolis	2	Séderat-e Gholam (Iran)	K League 1 (South Korea)
14	Lee Ho	1994	Seoul	183	CDM	2008 (23)	Zenit Saint Petersburg	Russian Premier League (Russia)	Transfer from Ulsan Hyundai following coach Dic	7	Russian Premier League (Russia)	K League 1 (South Korea)
15	Son Heung-min	1992	Chuncheon	184	LW	2010 (19)	Hamburg SV	Bundesliga (Germany)	Youth academy promotion and transfer to Europa	3	Bundesliga (Germany)	Premier League (England)
16	Park Chu-young	1985	Daegu	182	ST	2008 (24)	AS Monaco	Ligue 1 (France)	Scouted after K League breakaway	5	Ligue 1 (France)	Premier League (England)
17	Lee Kang-in	1981	Incheon	178	CM	2009 (20)	FC Seoul	K League 1 (South Korea)	Top goal scorer	3	J1 League (Japan)	K League 1 (South Korea)
18	Suk Hyun-jun	1991	Daegu	190	ST	2009 (19)	Ajax	Eredivisie (Netherlands)	Scouted after high school	12	Eredivisie (Netherlands)	Primeira Liga (Portugal)
19	Lee Sung-kyu	1989	Gwangju	189	CDM	2009 (21)	Celtic	Premier League (England)	Scouted from FC Seoul	4	Premier League (England)	Championship (England)
20	Lee Sung-kyu	1988	Seoul	180	RW	2009 (22)	FC Barcelona B	Segunda División B (Spain)	Youth academy promotion and senior debut	4	Segunda División B (Spain)	Segunda División B (Spain)
21	Park Ji-sung	1981	Seoul	182	CM	2011 (18)	FC Barcelona	Segunda División B (Spain)	Transfer to gain more playing time	3	Chinese Super League (China)	J1 League (Japan)
22	Kim Young-geon	1990	Jeonju	187	CB	2012 (23)	Guangzhou Evergrande	Chinese Super League (China)	Transfer from Bundesliga to Evergrande	6	Chinese Super League (China)	J1 League (Japan)
23	Kim Bo-kyung	1989	Gurye	177	CAM	2010 (22)	Cerezo Osaka	J1 League (Japan)	Loan for more playing time	3	J1 League (Japan)	K League 1 (South Korea)
24	Lee Seung-in	2001	Incheon	176	CM	2010 (21)	Valladolid	La Liga (Spain)	Youth academy promotion	3	La Liga (Spain)	J2 League (Japan)
25	Park Joo-ho	1981	Seoul	179	ST	2011 (20)	FC Basel	Swiss Super League (Switzerland)	Transfer to gain more football	4	Swiss Super League (Switzerland)	Segunda División B (Spain)
26	Lee Seung-woo	1998	Seoul	173	CM	2017 (20)	FC Barcelona B	Segunda División B (Spain)	Youth academy promotion and loan	5	Segunda División B (Spain)	Serie A (Italy)
27	Ji Dong-woon	1991	Jeju City	187	ST	2011 (20)	Sunderland	Premier League (England)	Multiple moves at Sunderland and Manz	7	Premier League (England)	Bundesliga (Germany)
28	Kim Kee-hee	1989	Gwangju	185	CM	2011 (22)	FC Augsburg	Bundesliga (Germany)	Multiple moves in Germany and Europe	6	Bundesliga (Germany)	K League 1 (South Korea)
29	Kim Kee-hee	1989	Jeonju	177	CM	2011 (20)	Almería	J1 League (Japan)	Loan move from Almería and Europe	5	J1 League (Japan)	K League 1 (South Korea)
30	Kim Kee-hee	1989	Busan	188	CB	2012 (24)	Al-Sailiya (Iran)	UAE Pro League (UAE)	Loan move from K League	6	K League 1 (South Korea)	MLS (USA)
31	Kim Kee-hee	1992	Seoul	177	CM	2012 (21)	Östersunds FK	Allsvenskan (Sweden)	Youth academy promotion and professional debt	3	Allsvenskan (Sweden)	División de Honor (Spain)

The Idea Behind ArchiveAtlas

Athletes' careers are more than just statistics—they hold unseen stories behind the numbers. Through shared tags, different players' paths intersect, uncovering hidden connections and shared contexts. From the first leap abroad, to club-to-club transfers, and eventual returns to Korea, each career tells a narrative that traditional archives often overlook.

HOW IT WORKS

Inside the Archive

All player data is organized around seven key tags, creating a network in which each player node is linked by shared attributes. When players share the same tags, they become points of connection.



Read the Network

Explore the Archive

Each player node is connected to tag nodes. For example, when you apply a position filter, the network shows players who share the same position tag.

Use the sidebar filters to include, exclude, or combine tags. Click on a player node to view its detailed profile on the right.

TIER SYSTEM

From Leagues to Patterns

Our tier system is based on the IFFHS league rankings. Global leagues are ranked from Tier 1 (highest) to Tier 4 (lowest) to trace the flow of players' career movements. Based on transfer history, each player is assigned one of four Tier Mobility Pattern Tags.

Tier 01: EPL, LaLiga, Serie A, Bundesliga, Ligue 1

Tier 02: Primeira Liga, Eredivisie, Süper Lig, MLS, J1 League

Tier 03: K League 1, Saudi Pro League, CSL

Tier 04: Southeast Asian & Eastern European leagues