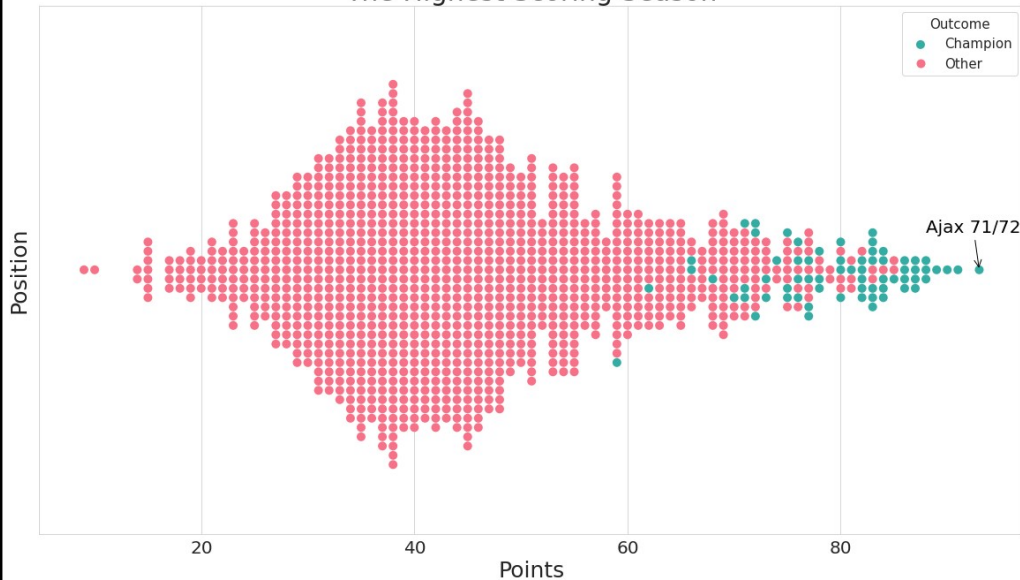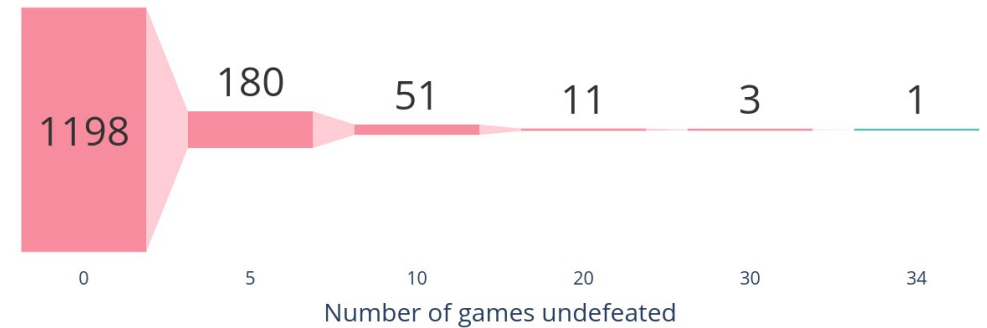# Simply the Best
The best teams of the Eredivisie

Over the years, the Eredivisie (the highest level of football in the Netherlands) has seen many amazing teams. We use three different metrics to find the best team of all. Since before the 95/96 season a win would only give 2 points instead of 3, we converted all old seasons to the new scoring format, to ease the comparison of different teams. Also, between 1962 and 1966 there were only 16 teams instead of 18. While these seasons will not be relevant to our discussion, this creates some anomalies in the data. We exclude the 2019/20 season, which was abandoned due to Covid-19. All data is collected from www.voetbalstats.nl.

The Undefeated Season

Another easy metric is number of losses. Of the 1198 teams that played during the 67 seasons, only 180 teams did not suffer a loss in the first 5 games of their season. Of those, only 51 were undefeated in their first 10 games. In the history of the Eredivisie, only one team has gone the whole season while being undefeated. This was the Ajax team from 94/95, which also won Ajax's last European titles.

The Highest Scoring Season

One metric for finding the best team is number of points scored. The team with the most points wins the season, so the team with the most points of all can be considered the best. If we look at all Eredivisie results, we see that most teams get between 30 and 50 points in a season, and the winners usually get around 80 points. Only three teams have managed to score at least 90 points. PSV in 23/24 with 91 and Ajax in 72/73 with 90 and in 71/72 with 93. These two Ajax teams also hold the record for the most wins in a season, with 30 wins each

Our last metric is dominance (although this actually has more to do with the competition). We selected the AZ team from the season 80/81 as the most dominant team ever, by adding the points they were ahead of second place during the entire season. You can clearly see the massive gap they have for almost the entire duration of the season, eventually finishing 17 points ahead of second place.

The Most Dominant Season