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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library(rvest)
library(janitor)
Warning: package 'janitor' was built under R version 4.4.3
Attaching package: 'janitor'
The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
    chisq.test, fisher.test
library(dplyr)
Attaching package: 'dplyr'
The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
    filter, lag
The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
    intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
library(purrr)
library(stringr)
library(readr)
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Attaching package: 'readr'

The following object is masked from 'package:rvest':

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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# 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</pre>
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	Rk	Squad	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	`Pts/MP`	xG	
	<int></int>	<chr></chr>	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>								
1	1	${\tt Philade"}$	5	4	0	1	12	6	6	12	2.4	9.6	
2	2	${\tt Charlot} \texttt{``}$	5	3	1	1	10	4	6	10	2	7	
3	3	Inter M~	4	3	1	0	9	4	5	10	2.5	6.6	
4	4	${\tt Nashvil^{\sim}}$	5	3	1	1	8	3	5	10	2	7.8	
5	5	Chicago~	5	3	1	1	12	9	3	10	2	9	
6	6	${\tt Columbu~}\!$	5	2	3	0	6	3	3	9	1.8	5.9	
7	7	NY Red \sim	5	2	2	1	6	4	2	8	1.6	8.2	
8	8	NYCFC	5	2	2	1	6	5	1	8	1.6	5.3	
9	9	${\tt Orlando} {\tt \sim}$	5	2	1	2	13	11	2	7	1.4	10	
10	10	FC Cinc~	5	2	1	2	6	8	-2	7	1.4	6.1	
11	11	D.C. Un~	5	1	3	1	7	9	-2	6	1.2	8.3	
12	12	Atlanta~	5	1	2	2	6	8	-2	5	1	6.7	
13	13	NE Revo~	4	0	1	3	1	5	-4	1	0.25	1.7	

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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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	<chr></chr>												
1	Rk	Squad	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	"Pts~	xG	xGA
2	1	Phil~	3	2	0	1	6	4	+2	6	"2.0~	6.5	2.9
3	2	Char~	3	3	0	0	8	1	+7	9	"3.0~	5.8	4.3
4	3	Inte~	2	1	1	0	3	2	+1	4	"2.0~	3.2	1.7
5	4	Nash~	3	2	1	0	5	0	+5	7	"2.3~	5.3	1.4
6	5	Chic~	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	"1.0~	2.3	3.0
7	6	Colu~	3	1	2	0	4	2	+2	5	"1.6~	4.5	2.3
8	7	NY R~	3	2	1	0	6	3	+3	7	"2.3~	6.7	3.0
9	8	NYCFC	2	2	0	0	4	2	+2	6	"3.0~	3.7	1.9
10	9	Orla~	3	2	0	1	10	7	+3	6	"2.0~	7.0	3.5
11	10	FC C~	3	2	1	0	5	2	+3	7	"2.3~	4.2	3.3
12	11	D.C.~	3	1	2	0	4	3	+1	5	"1.6~	4.0	3.2
13	12	Atla~	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4	"1.3~	4.0	4.6
14	13	NE R~	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0	"0.0~	0.6	1.6
15	14	Toro~	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0	"0.0~	0.6	1.0
16	15	CF M~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11 11	0.0	0.0

- # 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>

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	Rk	Squad	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	`Pts/MP`	xG
	<int></int>	<chr></chr>	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>							
1	1	Vancouv~	5	4	0	1	10	5	5	12	2.4	8.4
2	2	Austin	5	3	0	2	4	3	1	9	1.8	6.3
3	3	LAFC	5	3	0	2	6	6	0	9	1.8	5.4
4	4	San Die~	5	2	2	1	7	4	3	8	1.6	8.6
5	5	St. Lou~	5	2	2	1	4	1	3	8	1.6	5.5
6	6	Minneso~	5	2	2	1	7	6	1	8	1.6	9.5
7	7	${\tt Colorad} {\tt \sim}$	5	2	2	1	6	7	-1	8	1.6	4.7
8	8	FC Dall~	5	2	1	2	7	8	-1	7	1.4	8.1
9	9	Portlan~	5	2	1	2	6	7	-1	7	1.4	4.5
10	10	SJ Eart~	5	2	0	3	8	8	0	6	1.2	10.1

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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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	• •	• •	Home										
	<chr></chr>												
1	Rk	Squad	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Pts/~	xG	xGA
2	1	Vanc~	3	2	0	1	5	4	+1	6	2.00	4.6	4.1
3	2	Aust~	3	2	0	1	3	2	+1	6	2.00	4.4	2.3
4	3	LAFC	3	2	0	1	2	1	+1	6	2.00	2.5	2.2
5	4	San ~	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	1.00	3.0	1.1
6	5	St. ~	2	1	1	0	1	0	+1	4	2.00	3.3	1.0
7	6	Minn~	2	1	1	0	3	2	+1	4	2.00	4.6	0.9
8	7	Colo~	2	0	1	1	3	6	-3	1	0.50	2.1	3.9
9	8	FC D~	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0	0.00	1.9	2.6
10	9	Port~	3	1	1	1	3	5	-2	4	1.33	2.0	4.4
11	10	SJ E~	3	1	0	2	5	3	+2	3	1.00	5.9	5.6
12	11	Real~	3	1	0	2	3	4	-1	3	1.00	4.1	5.6
13	12	Seat~	3	1	2	0	7	4	+3	5	1.67	4.4	2.0
14	13	Hous~	3	0	0	3	3	8	-5	0	0.00	3.7	4.7
15	14	LA G~	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5	0	0.00	2.5	3.9
16	15	Spor~	3	0	1	2	4	7	-3	1	0.33	3.0	5.4

- # 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>

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	• •	• •	• •	• •	`Playing Time`	`Playing Time`	`Playing Time`
	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Squad	# Pl	Age	Poss	MP	Starts	Min
2	Atlanta Utd	23	29.3	48.2	5	55	450
3	Austin	19	28.3	43.4	5	55	450
4	CF Montréal	22	24.2	52.6	5	55	450
5	Charlotte	18	29.1	48.4	5	55	450
6	Chicago Fire	22	25.7	46.8	5	55	450
7	Colorado Rapi~	21	26.3	45.2	5	55	450

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8 Columbus Crew 18 26.8 57.6 5 55 450
9 D.C. United 20 26.1 52.6 5 55 450
10 FC Cincinnati 22 27.5 51.8 5 55 450
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- # 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>, 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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1	Squad	# Pl	Age	Poss	MP	Starts	Min
2	vs Atlanta Utd	23	27.5	51.8	5	55	450
3	vs Austin	19	26.6	56.6	5	55	450
4	vs CF Montréal	22	27.6	47.4	5	55	450
5	vs Charlotte	18	28.0	51.6	5	55	450
6	vs Chicago Fi~	22	26.6	53.2	5	55	450
7	vs Colorado R~	21	28.1	54.8	5	55	450
8	vs Columbus C~	18	26.5	42.4	5	55	450
9	vs D.C. United	20	26.6	47.4	5	55	450
10	vs FC Cincinn~	22	27.7	48.2	5	55	450

- # 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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1 Squad	# Pl	MP	Starts	Min	90s
2 Atlanta Utd	1	5	5	450	5.0
3 Austin	1	5	5	450	5.0
4 CF Montréal	1	5	5	450	5.0
5 Charlotte	1	5	5	450	5.0
6 Chicago Fi~	1	5	5	450	5.0

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7 Colorado R~ 2
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9 D.C. United 1
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10 FC Cincinn~ 1
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- # 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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	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Squad	# Pl	MP	Starts	Min	90s
2	vs Atlanta~	1	5	5	450	5.0
3	vs Austin	1	5	5	450	5.0
4	vs CF Mont~	1	5	5	450	5.0
5	vs Charlot~	1	5	5	447	5.0
6	vs Chicago~	1	5	5	450	5.0
7	vs Colorad~	2	5	5	450	5.0
8	vs Columbu~	2	5	5	450	5.0
9	vs D.C. Un~	1	5	5	450	5.0
10	vs FC Cinc~	1	5	5	450	5.0

- # 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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	<chr></chr>										
1	Squad	# Pl	90s	GA	PKA	FK	CK	OG	PSxG	PSxG/SoT	PSxG+/-
2	Atlanta~	1	5.0	8	0	1	2	0	7.5	0.31	-0.5
3	Austin	1	5.0	3	0	1	0	0	2.5	0.18	-0.5
4	CF Mont~	1	5.0	9	0	0	3	0	10.6	0.32	+1.6
5	Charlot~	1	5.0	4	1	0	0	0	6.4	0.22	+2.4
6	Chicago~	1	5.0	9	0	0	1	1	8.2	0.39	+0.2
7	Colorad~	2	5.0	7	0	0	1	1	8.9	0.32	+2.9

8	Columbu~	2	5.0	3	0	0	1	0	4.6	0.29	+1.6
9	D.C. Un~	1	5.0	9	1	0	2	0	10.0	0.44	+1.0
10	FC Cinc~	1	5.0	8	0	0	0	1	7.5	0.38	+0.5

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- # i 17 more variables: Expected <chr>, Launched <chr>, Launched <chr>,
- # Launched <chr>, Passes <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>

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1	Sqı	uad	# Pl	90s	GA	PKA	FK	CK	OG	PSxG	PSxG/SoT	PSxG+/-
2	٧s	Atla~	1	5.0	6	0	0	1	1	8.4	0.34	+3.4
3	vs	Aust~	1	5.0	4	0	0	2	0	5.0	0.28	+1.0
4	٧s	CF M~	1	5.0	2	0	0	1	0	3.8	0.36	+1.8
5	٧s	Char~	1	5.0	10	0	0	1	1	7.4	0.43	-1.6
6	٧s	Chic~	1	5.0	12	1	0	2	0	10.8	0.38	-1.2
7	٧s	Colo~	2	5.0	6	0	0	0	0	4.1	0.31	-1.9
8	٧s	Colu~	2	5.0	6	0	0	0	1	6.6	0.33	+1.6
9	٧s	D.C.~	1	5.0	7	1	0	1	0	8.9	0.34	+1.9
10	٧s	FC C~	1	5.0	6	1	1	0	0	6.4	0.23	+0.4

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- # 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>

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	• •	• •	• •	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
	<chr></chr>	<chr>></chr>	<chr></chr>						
1	Squad	# Pl	90s	Gls	Sh	SoT	SoT%	Sh/90	SoT/90
2	Atlanta Utd	23	5.0	5	63	25	39.7	12.60	5.00
3	Austin	19	5.0	4	66	18	27.3	13.20	3.60
4	CF Montréal	22	5.0	2	44	12	27.3	8.80	2.40
5	Charlotte	18	5.0	9	55	18	32.7	11.00	3.60
6	Chicago Fi~	22	5.0	12	56	25	44.6	11.20	5.00
7	Colorado R~ $$	21	5.0	6	41	13	31.7	8.20	2.60
8	${\tt Columbus}\ {\tt C-}$	18	5.0	5	64	20	31.3	12.80	4.00
9	D.C. United	20	5.0	7	63	24	38.1	12.60	4.80
10	FC Cincinn~	22	5.0	6	59	23	39.0	11.80	4.60

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- # 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>

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	1	Squad	l	# Pl	90s	Gls	Sh	SoT	SoT%	Sh/90	SoT/90
	2	vs At	:lanta~	23	5.0	8	56	25	44.6	11.20	5.00
	3	vs Au	ıstin	19	5.0	3	51	14	27.5	10.20	2.80
	4	vs CF	Mont~	22	5.0	9	73	34	46.6	14.60	6.80
	5	vs Ch	arlot~	18	5.0	4	79	24	30.4	15.80	4.80
	6	vs Ch	icago~	22	5.0	8	62	18	29.0	12.40	3.60
	7	vs Co	olorad~	21	5.0	6	87	30	34.5	17.40	6.00
	8	vs Co	lumbu~	18	5.0	3	42	16	38.1	8.40	3.20
	9	vs D.	C. Un~	20	5.0	9	59	21	35.6	11.80	4.20
1	0	vs FC	Cinc~	22	5.0	7	62	20	32.3	12.40	4.00

- # 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>, Expected <chr>

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7 Colorado ~ 21
                         1596 2175 73.4 27348 11105 764
                    5.0
                                                              883
                                                                    86.5
                                                                          645
8 Columbus ~ 18
                    5.0
                          2708 3126 86.6 40491 13993 1515
                                                              1617
                                                                    93.7
                                                                          947
9 D.C. Unit~ 20
                          1967 2511 78.3 35383 13666 918
                    5.0
                                                              1055
                                                                    87.0
                                                                          779
10 FC Cincin~ 22
                    5.0
                          2199 2732 80.5 38631 13462 893
                                                              1039
                                                                    85.9
                                                                          1091
# 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>

[[14]]

A tibble: 31 x 26

Total Total Total Total Short Short Short Medium <chr> <chr <chr> Cmp% TotD~ PrgD~ Cmp 1 Squad # Pl 90s CmpAtt Att Cmp% 2 vs Atlant~ 23 5.0 2355 2818 83.6 41341 13175 1029 1131 91.0 1109 3 vs Austin 19 5.0 2409 2858 84.3 44020 15519 1002 1124 89.1 1139 4 vs CF Mon~ 22 5.0 1810 2290 79.0 32990 13380 791 910 86.9 774 5 vs Charlo~ 18 5.0 2182 2648 82.4 38012 13762 981 1103 88.9 956 6 vs Chicag~ 22 5.0 2273 2758 82.4 39027 12708 1045 1157 90.3 957 5.0 2094 2622 79.9 37469 13997 915 7 vs Colora~ 21 1020 89.7 916 8 vs Columb~ 18 5.0 1869 2299 81.3 31145 11023 928 1042 89.1 694 9 vs D.C. U~ 20 1763 2238 78.8 30407 11757 827 90.1 5.0 715 918 10 vs FC Cin~ 22 5.0 2020 2557 79.0 34817 12926 926 1034 89.6 892 # 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

	• •	• •	• •	• •	`Pass Types`	`Pass Types`	`Pass Types`	`Pass Types`
	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr>></chr>	<chr>></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Squad	# Pl	90s	Att	Live	Dead	FK	TB
2	Atlant~	23	5.0	2605	2380	215	61	2
3	Austin	19	5.0	2163	1945	208	60	7
4	CF Mon~	22	5.0	2549	2323	220	78	3
5	Charlo~	18	5.0	2431	2197	230	56	4
6	Chicag~	22	5.0	2430	2200	216	63	7
7	Colora~	21	5.0	2175	1943	224	52	8
8	Columb~	18	5.0	3126	2913	206	84	9
9	D.C. U~	20	5.0	2511	2253	249	59	5
10	FC Cin~	22	5.0	2732	2478	238	50	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>

[[16]]

A tibble: 31 x 18

`` `` `` `Pass Types` `Pass Types` `Pass Types` `Pass Types` <chr> <chr

```
1 Squad
          # Pl 90s
                       Att
                             Live
                                           Dead
                                                        FΚ
                                                                      TB
2 vs Atl~ 23
                 5.0
                       2818 2603
                                           205
                                                        74
                                                                      5
                                                        76
                                                                      2
3 vs Aus~ 19
                 5.0
                       2858 2618
                                           239
4 vs CF ~ 22
                 5.0
                       2290 2069
                                           216
                                                        58
                                                                      8
5 vs Cha~ 18
                 5.0
                                                                      8
                       2648 2416
                                           225
                                                        55
6 vs Chi~ 22
                 5.0
                       2758 2505
                                           238
                                                        74
                                                                      3
7 vs Col~ 21
                 5.0
                       2622 2374
                                           239
                                                        64
                                                                      9
8 vs Col~ 18
                 5.0
                       2299 2095
                                           188
                                                        52
                                                                      9
9 vs D.C~ 20
                 5.0
                       2238 1989
                                           238
                                                        98
                                                                      3
                       2557 2321
10 vs FC ~ 22
                                                        67
                                                                      5
                 5.0
                                           225
```

- # 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>

[[17]]

A tibble: 31 x 19

		• •		SCA	SCA	`SCA Types`	`SCA Types`	`SCA Types`	`SCA Types`
	<chr></chr>								
1	Squad	# Pl	90s	SCA	SCA90	PassLive	PassDead	TO	Sh
2	Atla~	23	5.0	116	23.20	91	10	5	5
3	Aust~	19	5.0	118	23.60	91	11	3	6
4	CF M~	22	5.0	79	15.80	59	6	4	5
5	Char~	18	5.0	91	18.20	69	5	5	6
6	Chic~	22	5.0	99	19.80	75	8	4	7
7	Colo~	21	5.0	71	14.20	59	7	1	1
8	Colu~	18	5.0	110	22.00	78	5	12	5
9	D.C.~	20	5.0	113	22.60	88	9	5	7
10	FC C~	22	5.0	109	21.80	81	7	7	6

- # 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>

[[18]]

		• •	• •	SCA	SCA	`SCA Types`	`SCA Types`	`SCA Types`	`SCA Types`
	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr>></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Squad	# Pl	90s	SCA	SCA90	PassLive	PassDead	TO	Sh
2	vs A~	23	5.0	95	19.00	64	7	7	8
3	vs A~	19	5.0	93	18.60	70	9	4	6
4	vs C~	22	5.0	122	24.40	89	11	5	11

```
5 vs C~ 18
                         30.00 121
             5.0
                   150
                                          9
                                                     5
                                                                6
6 vs C~ 22
             5.0
                  116 23.20 86
                                          8
                                                     6
                                                                6
7 vs C~ 21
                  153 30.60 112
                                          20
             5.0
                                                     2
                                                                14
8 vs C~ 18
           5.0
                   72
                        14.40 53
                                          10
                                                     1
                                                                4
9 vs D~ 20
                         21.80 90
             5.0
                                                     1
                                                                5
                   109
                                          5
10 vs F~ 22
             5.0
                   111
                         22.20 82
                                          9
                                                     7
                                                                6
```

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></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Squad	# Pl	90s	Tkl	TklW	Def 3rd	${\tt Mid} \ {\tt 3rd}$	Att 3rd	Tkl
2	Atlanta Utd	23	5.0	76	49	34	36	6	27
3	Austin	19	5.0	79	44	53	21	5	31
4	CF Montréal	22	5.0	78	51	28	40	10	30
5	Charlotte	18	5.0	69	42	31	28	10	36
6	Chicago Fire	22	5.0	68	36	27	27	14	29
7	Colorado Rapi~	21	5.0	83	43	34	40	9	37
8	Columbus Crew	18	5.0	62	35	22	29	11	27
9	D.C. United	20	5.0	86	54	42	30	14	52
10	FC Cincinnati	22	5.0	82	54	37	35	10	41

i 21 more rows

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

[[20]]

	• •	• •	• •	Tackles	Tackles	Tackles	Tackles	Tackles	Challenges
	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Squad	# Pl	90s	Tkl	TklW	Def 3rd	${\tt Mid} \ {\tt 3rd}$	Att 3rd	Tkl
2	vs Atlanta Utd	23	5.0	68	41	23	39	6	37
3	vs Austin	19	5.0	68	45	28	22	18	33
4	vs CF Montréal	22	5.0	70	40	34	24	12	24
5	vs Charlotte	18	5.0	107	76	50	40	17	54
6	vs Chicago Fi~	22	5.0	99	58	42	37	20	48
7	vs Colorado R~	21	5.0	81	45	43	26	12	29
8	vs Columbus C~	18	5.0	87	44	49	31	7	39
9	vs D.C. United	20	5.0	103	59	53	31	19	36

```
10 vs FC Cincinn~ 22 5.0 104 60 45 42 17 48
```

- # 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>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Squad	# Pl	Poss	90s	Touches	Def Pen	Def 3rd	${\tt Mid} \ {\tt 3rd}$	Att 3rd	Att Pen
2	Atlanta Utd	23	48.2	5.0	3099	300	1016	1420	680	129
3	Austin	19	43.4	5.0	2729	317	971	1157	624	98
4	CF Montréal	22	52.6	5.0	3087	371	1152	1335	624	85
5	Charlotte	18	48.4	5.0	2971	352	1053	1231	715	103
6	Chicago Fi~	22	46.8	5.0	3040	415	1169	1321	573	97
7	Colorado R~ $$	21	45.2	5.0	2765	324	847	1167	774	97
8	${\tt Columbus}\ {\tt C-}$	18	57.6	5.0	3597	271	1013	1670	945	130
9	D.C. United	20	52.6	5.0	3044	270	922	1310	838	123
10	FC Cincinn~	22	51.8	5.0	3367	296	1112	1593	695	101

- # 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>, 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>						
1 Squad	# Pl	Poss	90s	Touches	Def Pen	Def 3rd	Mid 3rd	Att 3rd	Att Pen
2 vs Atlanta~	23	51.8	5.0	3317	304	1065	1585	694	109
3 vs Austin	19	56.6	5.0	3360	243	868	1569	946	123
4 vs CF Mont~	22	47.4	5.0	2872	299	960	1228	703	130
5 vs Charlot~	18	51.6	5.0	3214	307	1061	1401	779	122
6 vs Chicago~	22	53.2	5.0	3287	284	1001	1539	775	144
7 vs Colorad~	21	54.8	5.0	3282	298	1172	1430	703	145
8 vs Columbu~	18	42.4	5.0	2796	338	1095	1182	533	82
9 vs D.C. Un~	20	47.4	5.0	2901	382	1121	1217	590	96
10 vs FC Cinc~	22	48.2	5.0	3172	322	1094	1434	685	96

[#] 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>, Carries <chr>, Receiving <chr>, Receiving <chr>

[[23]]

A tibble: 31 x 23

	•			'Playing Time'	'Playing Time'	'Playing Time'	'Playing Time'
	<chr></chr>	<chr>></chr>	<chr>></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Squad	# Pl	Age	MP	Min	Mn/MP	Min%
2	Atla~	23	29.3	5	450	90	100
3	Aust~	19	28.3	5	450	90	100
4	CF M~	22	24.2	5	450	90	100
5	Char~	18	29.1	5	450	90	100
6	Chic~	22	25.7	5	450	90	100
7	Colo~	21	26.3	5	450	90	100
8	Colu~	18	26.8	5	450	90	100
9	D.C.~	20	26.1	5	450	90	100
10	FC C~	22	27.5	5	450	90	100

- # i 21 more rows
- # i 16 more variables: `Playing Time` <chr>, Starts <chr>, Starts <chr>,
- # Starts <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]]

	• •	• •	• •	`Playing Time`	`Playing Time`	`Playing Time`	`Playing Time`
	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Squad	# Pl	Age	MP	Min	Mn/MP	Min%
2	vs A~	23	27.5	5	450	90	100
3	vs A~	19	26.6	5	450	90	100
4	vs C~	22	27.6	5	450	90	100
5	vs C~	18	28.0	5	450	90	100
6	vs C~	22	26.6	5	450	90	100
7	vs C~	21	28.1	5	450	90	100
8	vs C~	18	26.5	5	450	90	100
9	vs D~	20	26.6	5	450	90	100
10	vs F~	22	27.7	5	450	90	100

- # i 21 more rows
- # i 16 more variables: `Playing Time` <chr>, Starts <chr>, Starts <chr>,
- # Starts <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>

[[25]]

A tibble: 31 x 19

	• •	• •	• •	Performance	Performance	Performance	Performance	Performance
	<chr></chr>							
1	Squad	# Pl	90s	CrdY	CrdR	2CrdY	Fls	Fld
2	Atla~	23	5.0	13	0	0	68	52
3	Aust~	19	5.0	12	0	0	67	60
4	CF M~	22	5.0	12	0	0	59	72
5	Char~	18	5.0	6	1	0	56	50
6	Chic~	22	5.0	9	0	0	64	48
7	Colo~	21	5.0	6	0	0	58	44
8	Colu~	18	5.0	9	1	0	50	68
9	D.C.~	20	5.0	14	0	0	93	49
10	FC C~	22	5.0	11	1	1	53	43

[#] 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]]

	• •		• •	• •	Performance	Performance	Performance	Performance	Performance
	<ch< td=""><td>ır></td><td><chr>></chr></td><td><chr></chr></td><td><chr></chr></td><td><chr></chr></td><td><chr></chr></td><td><chr></chr></td><td><chr></chr></td></ch<>	ır>	<chr>></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Squ	ıad	# Pl	90s	CrdY	CrdR	2CrdY	Fls	Fld
2	٧s	A~	23	5.0	10	0	0	54	65
3	٧s	A~	19	5.0	15	0	0	62	65
4	٧s	C~	22	5.0	8	0	0	75	54
5	٧s	C~	18	5.0	10	2	1	51	54
6	٧s	C~	22	5.0	4	0	0	52	60
7	٧s	C~	21	5.0	5	0	0	46	55
8	٧s	C~	18	5.0	10	0	0	74	47
9	٧s	D~	20	5.0	15	0	0	52	90
10	٧s	F~	22	5.0	5	0	0	46	52

[#] 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</pre>
```

```
# 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
                       29.3 48.2
                                                  55
                                                                 450
3 Austin
                 19
                       28.3 43.4 5
                                                  55
                                                                 450
4 CF Montréal
                 22
                       24.2 52.6 5
                                                  55
                                                                 450
5 Charlotte
                 18
                       29.1 48.4 5
                                                  55
                                                                 450
6 Chicago Fire
                 22
                       25.7 46.8 5
                                                  55
                                                                 450
7 Colorado Rapi~ 21
                       26.3 45.2 5
                                                  55
                                                                 450
8 Columbus Crew
                 18
                       26.8 57.6 5
                                                  55
                                                                 450
9 D.C. United
                 20
                       26.1 52.6 5
                                                  55
                                                                 450
10 FC Cincinnati 22
                       27.5 51.8 5
                                                  55
                                                                 450
# 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>, Progression <chr>,
   Progression <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>,
   `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, `Per 90 Minutes` <chr>, ...
```

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> <dbl> <dbl> <
                  23
                      29.3 48.2
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1 Atlan~
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                      28.3 43.4
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2 Austin
                  19
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3 CF Mo~
                  22 24.2 52.6
                                       5
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                                             55
4 Charl~
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5 Chica~
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6 Color~
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7 Colum~
                  18 26.8 57.6
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                                                                  5
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8 D.C. ~
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9 FC Ci~
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10 FC Da~
                  18 28.1 46.4
                                       5
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# 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.")</pre>
```

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
                                                        x90s
                        age poss
                                      mp starts
                                                   min
                                                                 gls
                                                                       ast
                                                                              g_a g_pk
   <chr>
                                           <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
               <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
 1 Atlan~
                  23
                      29.3 48.2
                                       5
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 2 Austin
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                      28.3 43.4
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                                              55
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                                                                                       4
                      24.2 52.6
 3 CF Mo~
                  22
                                       5
                                              55
                                                   450
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                                                                         2
                                                                                4
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 4 Charl~
                  18 29.1 48.4
                                       5
                                                   450
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                                                                   9
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                                                                               14
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                                              55
                  22 25.7 46.8
                                       5
                                                                         7
5 Chica~
                                              55
                                                   450
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                                                                  12
                                                                               19
                                                                                      11
 6 Color~
                  21 26.3 45.2
                                       5
                                              55
                                                   450
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                                                                                9
7 Colum~
                  18 26.8 57.6
                                       5
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8 D.C. ~
                      26.1 52.6
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10 FC Da~
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# 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(</pre>
```

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

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

# Now each league table is separate and named:
league_tables$MLS</pre>
```

A tibble: 30 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 Atlan~ 23 29.3 48.2 19 28.3 43.4 2 Austin 3 CF Mo~ 22 24.2 52.6 4 Charl~ 18 29.1 48.4 5 Chica~ 22 25.7 46.8 6 Color~ 21 26.3 45.2 7 Colum~ 18 26.8 57.6 8 D.C. ~ 20 26.1 52.6

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9 FC Ci~
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10 FC Da~
               18 28.1 46.4
                                5
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```

league_tables\$Premier_League

# /	A tibble	e: 20 x 17										
	squad	number_pl	age	poss	σm	starts	min	x90s	gls	ast	g_a	g_pk
	<chr></chr>	-	<dbl></dbl>	-	_		<dbl></dbl>		_		U -	
1	Arsen~	24	26.5	55.8	29	319	2610	29	51	40	91	49
	Aston~	28	27.7	51.4	29	319	2610	29	40	31	71	38
	Bourn~	28	25.8	47	29	319	2610	29	47	36	83	41
		27	26.6	48.2	29	319	2610	29	50	32	82	46
	Brent~											
	Brigh~	30	25.6	51.8	29	319	2610	29	46	30	76	43
6	Chels~	29	24.3	58.1	29	319	2610	29	52	40	92	49
7	Cryst~	27	26.9	43.9	28	308	2520	28	34	26	60	32
8	Evert~	26	28.9	40.8	29	319	2610	29	29	19	48	28
9	Fulham	26	28.7	52.7	29	319	2610	29	42	37	79	39
10	Ipswi~	32	26.4	41.4	29	319	2610	29	27	19	46	25
	Leice~	28	27.3	45.9	29	319	2610	29	25	20	45	23
12	Liver~	24	27.9	57.1	29	319	2610	29	69	51	120	60
13	Manch~	27	27.5	60.7	29	319	2610	29	54	40	94	52
14	Manch~	29	26.4	52.7	29	319	2610	29	35	23	58	32
15	Newca~	24	27.8	50.3	28	308	2520	28	46	35	81	43
16	Nott'~	23	26.9	40	29	319	2610	29	48	34	82	45
17	South~	34	26	50.4	29	319	2610	29	20	12	32	20
18	Totte~	31	25.8	56.8	29	319	2610	29	52	41	93	51
	West ~	27	28.9	47	29	319	2610	29	31	18	49	28
	Wolves	28	27.6	47.8	29	319	2610	29	40	34	74	40
20	MOTAGE	20	21.0	Ŧ1.0	29	319	2010	29	40	34	14	40

[#] i 5 more variables: pk <dbl>, p_katt <dbl>, crd_y <dbl>, crd_r <dbl>,

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> 1 Alavés 29 27.2 45.3 308 2520 28 28 32 17 49 26 2 Athle~ 30 27.6 48.9 28 308 2520 28 46 36 82 44

[#] i 20 more rows

[#] i 5 more variables: pk <dbl>, p_katt <dbl>, crd_y <dbl>, crd_r <dbl>,

[#] league <chr>

[#] league <chr>

3	Atlét~	24	29.1	51.3	28	308	2520	28	46	37	83	43
4	Barce~	27	25.3	67.1	28	308	2520	28	77	55	132	72
5	Betis	35	28	52.3	28	308	2520	28	36	21	57	30
6	Celta~	30	27.7	53.8	28	308	2520	28	40	27	67	34
7	Espan~	26	26	38.7	27	297	2430	27	24	18	42	22
8	Getafe	30	28.3	42.4	28	308	2520	28	25	13	38	20
9	Girona	29	28	57.3	28	308	2520	28	35	26	61	31
10	Las P~	30	27.8	50.4	28	308	2520	28	30	21	51	28
11	Legan~	25	28.6	42.2	28	308	2520	28	26	20	46	22
12	Mallo~	27	29.4	46.7	28	308	2520	28	27	18	45	23
13	Osasu~	23	28.2	46.3	28	308	2520	28	31	16	47	24
14	Rayo ~	24	29.8	50.9	28	308	2520	28	29	23	52	29
15	Real ~	26	27.6	60.4	28	308	2520	28	59	42	101	51
16	Real ~	30	25.9	54.3	28	308	2520	28	24	18	42	22
17	Sevil~	34	26.8	52	28	308	2520	28	29	25	54	28
18	Valen~	32	25.3	47.4	28	308	2520	28	31	20	51	28
19	Valla~	32	26.2	43	28	308	2520	28	18	11	29	15
20	Villa~	28	27.6	49.1	27	297	2430	27	47	30	77	42
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i 5 more variables: pk <dbl>, p_katt <dbl>, crd_y <dbl>, crd_r <dbl>,

league <chr>

league_tables\$Bundesliga

# .	A tibble	e: 18 x 17										
	squad	number_pl	age	poss	mp	starts	min	x90s	gls	ast	g_a	g_pk
	<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>										
1	Augsb~	28	27.5	43.4	26	286	2340	26	29	21	50	28
2	Bayer~	27	28.5	69	26	286	2340	26	73	46	119	64
3	Bochum	26	28.8	44	26	286	2340	26	26	19	45	25
4	Dortm~	28	27.3	61.1	26	286	2340	26	43	32	75	39
5	Eint ~	26	25.7	49.6	26	286	2340	26	54	35	89	51
6	Freib~	26	27.9	47.9	26	286	2340	26	34	25	59	34
7	Gladb~	26	27.3	50.9	26	286	2340	26	42	32	74	39
8	Heide~	26	27.6	43.2	26	286	2340	26	31	21	52	27
9	Hoffe~	34	27.1	49.8	26	286	2340	26	32	19	51	30
10	Holst~	27	26.2	44	26	286	2340	26	38	22	60	35
11	Lever~	23	27.7	58.8	26	286	2340	26	57	42	99	55
12	Mainz~	24	28.2	49	26	286	2340	26	42	30	72	39
13	RB Le~	29	26.4	51.9	26	286	2340	26	39	27	66	37
14	St. P~	27	27.7	44.2	26	286	2340	26	19	17	36	18
15	Stutt~	27	25.5	56.2	26	286	2340	26	44	31	75	42
16	Union~	27	27.8	41.4	26	286	2340	26	24	16	40	21

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17 Werde~
             23 28.3 50.1
                            26
                                 286 2340
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                                                      29
                                                          68
                                                               37
18 Wolfs~
             25 25.9 45
                            26
                                 286 2340
                                            26
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                                                      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	e: 20 x 17										
	squad	${\tt number_pl}$	age	poss	mp	starts	min	x90s	gls	ast	g_a	g_pk
	<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>
1	Atala~	32	27.7	55.8	29	319	2610	29	61	42	103	57
2	Bolog~	29	27	58	29	319	2610	29	48	36	84	42
3	Cagli~	26	27.3	45.4	29	319	2610	29	26	21	47	23
4	Como	38	27	53.4	29	319	2610	29	30	26	56	30
5	Empoli	33	26.2	41.2	29	319	2610	29	22	13	35	20
6	Fiore~	34	26.8	49.5	29	319	2610	29	45	30	75	39
7	Genoa	34	27.1	45.3	29	319	2610	29	27	21	48	27
8	Hella~	32	25.8	37.8	29	319	2610	29	26	17	43	24
9	Inter	25	30.1	59.3	29	319	2610	29	62	47	109	56
10	Juven~	29	25.4	58.7	29	319	2610	29	43	29	72	38
11	Lazio	26	27.9	54.4	29	319	2610	29	49	35	84	44
12	Lecce	30	26.7	44.8	29	319	2610	29	21	16	37	19
13	Milan	34	26.3	54.9	29	319	2610	29	43	29	72	39
14	Monza	35	27.4	47.6	29	319	2610	29	23	15	38	20
15	Napoli	26	29.3	53.6	29	319	2610	29	42	30	72	38
16	Parma	32	24.5	45	29	319	2610	29	34	24	58	28
17	Roma	28	27.2	55.9	29	319	2610	29	43	26	69	36
18	Torino	28	27.4	47.4	29	319	2610	29	31	20	51	30
19	Udine~	29	27.2	47.4	29	319	2610	29	35	24	59	33
20	Venez~	36	26.1	44.6	29	319	2610	29	23	12	35	19
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[#] league <chr>