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Abstract

This project presents a comprehensive analysis of Arsenal FC's 2018-2020 seasons, focusing on player and team performance metrics using data analytics and visualization techniques. The main objective of this study is to identify key performance indicators (KPIs), compare player contributions, and analyze season-over-season trends. Data from the 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons were collected and visualized using Tableau, with additional statistical analysis performed through MySQL and Python-based linear regression models.

Literature survey conducted on football data analytics shows that significant research has been done in understanding player performance metrics, predicting match outcomes, and improving team strategies. The sports industry, particularly football, has seen a rise in the use of data analytics to enhance both individual and team performance. This growing field provides valuable insights into decision-making for team management and performance optimization.

In this report, an exhaustive study on Arsenal FC's performance over two seasons is presented. The analysis focuses on key metrics such as goals, assists, tackles, passes, and defensive contributions, both at the individual player level and across the team. Furthermore, predictive models were developed to forecast player performance based on historical data, helping to understand critical factors influencing success on the field. The findings offer a data-driven perspective on football performance analysis, contributing to the evolving field of sports analytics.

Key words: Football analytics, player performance, data visualization, Tableau, linear regression, KPIs, season analysis, Arsenal FC, predictive modeling, sports statistics.

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Nomenclature

Y i	Dependent variable
β0	Intercept
β 1	Slope
Xi	Independent variable.

εi	Residual or Random Error
MSE	Mean Squared Error