Has the Women's Super League (WSL) growth strategy been working? An analysis of the 2020/21 – 2023/24 seasons



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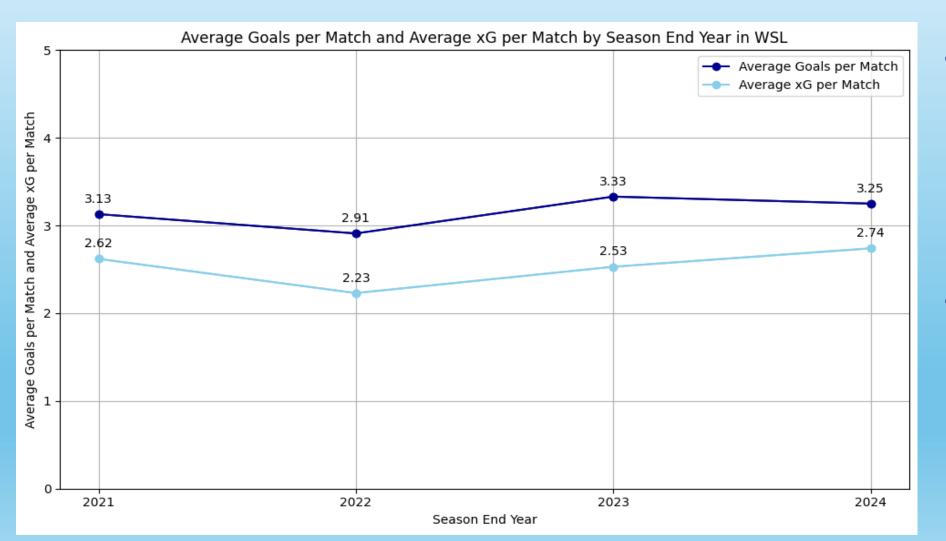
Executive Summary

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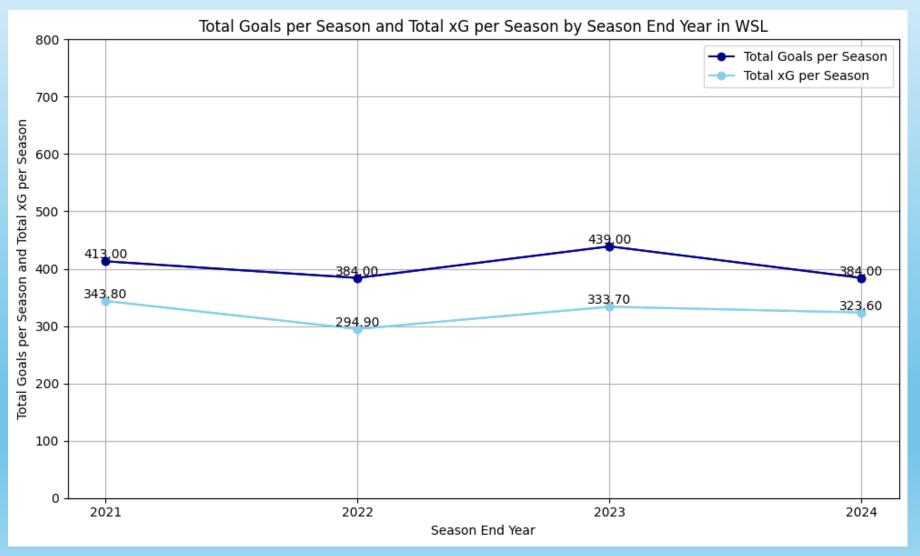
Minimal changes in average xG and average goals per match



 Range in average goals per match (0.42)

 Range in average xG per match (0.51)

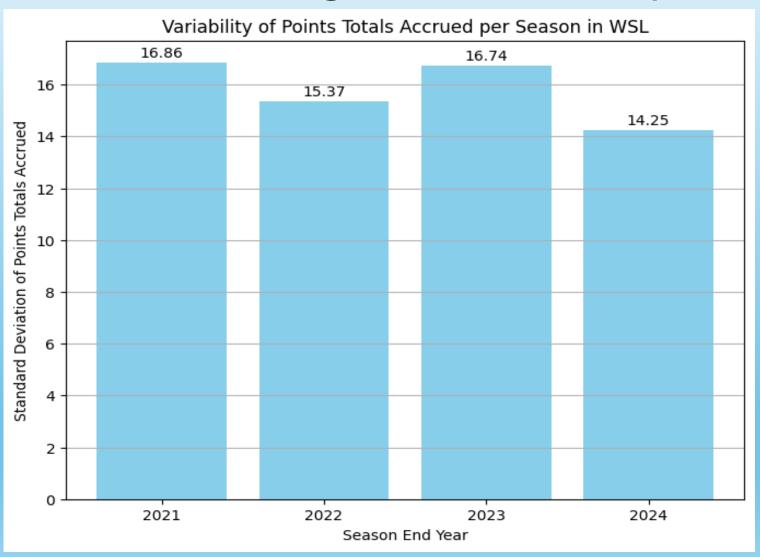
Noticeable variation in total goals and total xG



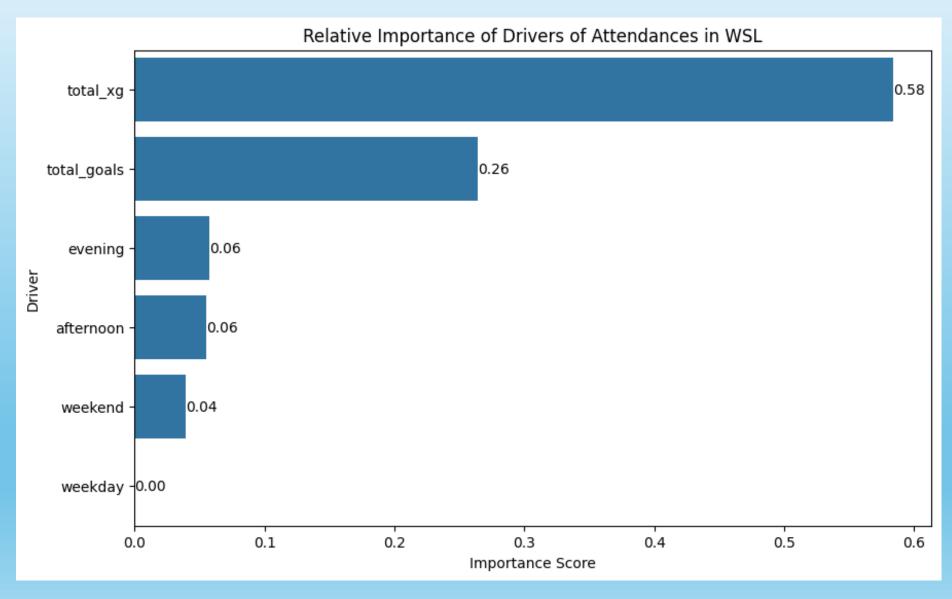
Range in total goals (55)

Range in total
xG (48.90)

Is the WSL establishing its level of competitive balance?



Key drivers of Attendance: Goals over everything?



Key findings

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