EPL 2024/25 Analysis

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In [231... import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from mplsoccer import Radar, FontManager, add_image

In [232... df = pd.read_csv("/Users/ashan/Desktop/Projects/Football-Analysis/Footbal

In [233... df.shape

Out[233... (20, 148)

In [234... unique_teams = df['Squad'].unique()
    print(unique_teams)

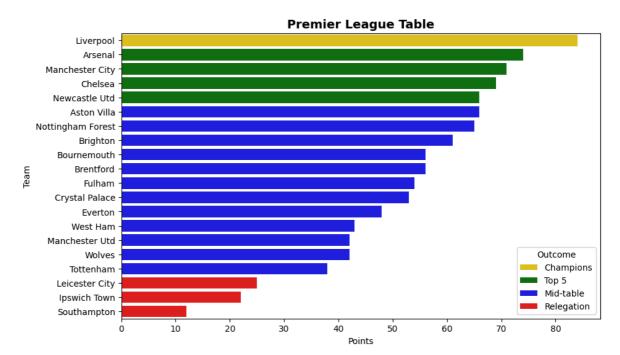
['Arsenal' 'Aston Villa' 'Bournemouth' 'Brentford' 'Brighton' 'Chelsea'
    'Crystal Palace' 'Everton' 'Fulham' 'Ipswich Town' 'Leicester City'
    'Liverpool' 'Manchester City' 'Manchester Utd' 'Newcastle Utd'
    'Nottingham Forest' 'Southampton' 'Tottenham' 'West Ham' 'Wolves']
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Data Preparation

Map teams and change the string values into numerical values with the numbers being based on their finishing league position

```
Team Pos
        1
                        [Liverpool]
        2
                          [Arsenal]
        3
                 [Manchester City]
        4
                         [Chelsea]
        5
                   [Newcastle Utd]
        6
                     [Aston Villa]
        7
               [Nottingham Forest]
        8
                        [Brighton]
        9
                     [Bournemouth]
        10
                       [Brentford]
        11
                           [Fulham]
        12
                  [Crystal Palace]
        13
                         [Everton]
        14
                        [West Ham]
        15
                  [Manchester Utd]
        16
                           [Wolves]
                       [Tottenham]
        17
        18
                  [Leicester City]
                    [Ipswich Town]
        19
        20
                     [Southampton]
        Name: Squad, dtype: object
In [238...
         Points_map = {
              'Liverpool': 84,
              'Arsenal': 74,
              'Manchester City': 71,
              'Chelsea': 69,
              'Newcastle Utd': 66,
              'Aston Villa': 66,
              'Nottingham Forest': 65,
              'Brighton': 61,
              'Bournemouth': 56,
              'Brentford': 56,
              'Fulham': 54,
              'Crystal Palace': 53,
              'Everton': 48,
              'West Ham': 43,
              'Manchester Utd': 42,
              'Wolves': 42,
              'Tottenham': 38,
              'Leicester City': 25,
              'Ipswich Town': 22,
              'Southampton': 12
In [239... | df['Points'] = df['Squad'].map(Points_map)
In [240...
         League_Table = df[['Team_Pos', 'Squad', 'Points']].sort_values(by='Team_P
          print(League_Table.set_index('Team_Pos'))
```

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Squad Points
        Team_Pos
        1
                           Liverpool
                                          84
        2
                                           74
                             Arsenal
                     Manchester City
        3
                                          71
        4
                                          69
                             Chelsea
        5
                       Newcastle Utd
                                          66
        6
                         Aston Villa
                                          66
        7
                  Nottingham Forest
                                          65
        8
                            Brighton
                                          61
        9
                         Bournemouth
                                          56
        10
                           Brentford
                                          56
        11
                              Fulham
                                          54
        12
                      Crystal Palace
                                          53
        13
                             Everton
                                          48
        14
                            West Ham
                                          43
        15
                      Manchester Utd
                                          42
        16
                              Wolves
                                          42
        17
                           Tottenham
                                          38
        18
                      Leicester City
                                          25
        19
                        Ipswich Town
                                          22
        20
                         Southampton
                                          12
In [241... import plotly.graph_objects as go
In [242... | plot_data = League_Table.sort_values(by="Points", ascending=False)
In [243... plot_data["Color"] = "Mid-table"
         plot_data.loc[plot_data["Team_Pos"] >= 18, "Color"] = "Relegation"
         plot_data.loc[plot_data["Team_Pos"] <= 5, "Color"] = "Top 5"</pre>
         plot_data.loc[plot_data["Team_Pos"] == 1, "Color"] = "Champions"
         plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
         sns.barplot(
             data=plot_data,
             x="Points",
             y="Squad",
             hue="Color",
             dodge=False,
             palette={"Champions": "gold", "Top 5": "green", "Mid-table": "blue",
          )
         plt.title("Premier League Table", fontsize=14, weight="bold")
         plt.xlabel("Points")
         plt.ylabel("Team")
         plt.legend(title="Outcome")
         plt.show()
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In [244... print(df.columns.tolist())

['Squad', '# Pl', 'Age', 'MP', 'Gls', 'Ast', 'G+A', 'G-PK', 'PK', 'PKatt', 'xG', 'npxG', 'xAG', 'npxG+xAG', 'PrgC', 'PrgP', 'Gls/90', 'Ast/90', 'G+A/90', 'G-PK/90', 'G+A-PK', 'xG/90', 'xAG/90', 'xG+xAG', 'npxG/90', 'npxG+xAG', 'pxG/90', 'npxG-xAG', 'pxG/90', 'GA', 'GA90', 'SoTA', 'Saves', 'Save*', 'W', 'D', 'L', 'CS', 'CS*', 'PKA', 'PKsv', 'PKm', 'Total_Shots', 'SoT', 'SoT*', 'Sh/90', 'SoT/90', 'G/Sh', 'G/SoT', 'Dist', 'FK_shots', 'npxG/Sh', 'G-xG', 'np:G-xG', 'Cmp', 'Cmp*', 'Tot_pass_Dist', 'PrgDist_Pass', 's_Cmp', 'Short_p_att', 's_Cmp*', 'm_Cmp', 'Med_p_att', 'm_Cmp*', 'L-Cmp', 'Long_p_att', 'L_Cmp*', 'xA', 'A-xAG', 'KP', 'Passes_to_final_3rd', 'PPA', 'CrsPA', 'passes_att', 'Live_ball_passes', 'Dead', 'FK_passes', 'TB', 'Sw', 'Crs', 'TI', 'CK', 'In', 'Out', 'Str', 'Off', 'SCA', 'SCA90', 'PassLive', 'PassDead', 'Take_ons', 'Sh_to_Sh', 'Fouls_drawn', 'Def_to_shot', 'GCA', 'GCA90', 'PassLive_to_goal', 'PassDead_to_goal', 'Take_on_to_goal', 'Sh_goal_shot', 'Fld_to_goal', 'Def_to_goal', 'Tkl_total_players', 'Def 3rd', 'Mid 3rd', 'Att 3rd', 'Tkl_dribble s', 'dribbles_challenged', 'Tkl*', 'Lost', 'Blocks', 'Sh', 'Pass', 'Tkl+Int', 'Clr', 'Err', 'Poss', 'Touches', 'Def-Pen', 'Def-3rd', 'Mid-3rd', 'Att-Pen', 'Take_ons_attempted', 'Succ', 'Succ*', 'Tkld', 'Tkld%', 'Carries', 'Tot_carrying_Dist', 'PrgDist_Carrying', 'Carries_to_final_3rd', 'CPA', 'Mis', 'Dis', 'Rec', 'PrgR', 'CrdY', 'CrdR', '2CrdY', 'Fls', 'Fld', 'Int', 'TklW', 'PKwon', 'PKcon', 'OG', 'Recov', 'ad_Won', 'ad_Lost', 'ad_Won*', 'Team_Pos', 'Points']

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In [245... duplicates = df.columns[df.columns.duplicated()]
    print(duplicates)
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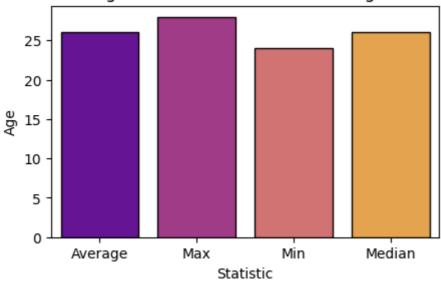
Index([], dtype='object')

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In [246... Average_age = round(df['Age'].mean(), 0)
   Max_age = round(df['Age'].max(), 0)
   Min_age = round(df['Age'].min(), 0)
   Median_age = round(df['Age'].median(), 0)
   print("Average:", Average_age, "Max:", Max_age, "Min:", Min_age, "Median:
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Average: 26.0 Max: 28.0 Min: 24.0 Median: 26.0

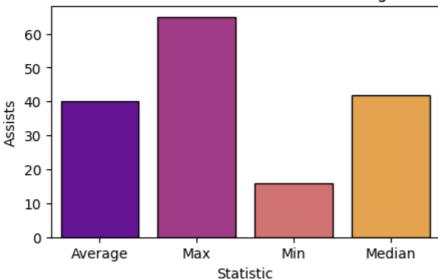
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In [247... age_fig = {
         'Average': Average_age,
         'Max': Max_age,
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Age statistics of the Premier League



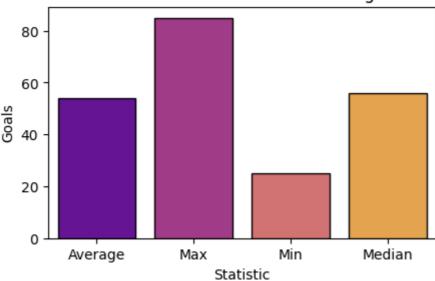
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In [250... | Average_Ast = round(df['Ast'].mean(), 0)
         Max_Ast = round(df['Ast'].max(), 0)
         Min Ast = round(df['Ast'].min(), 0)
         Median_Ast = round(df['Ast'].median(), 0)
         print("Average:", Average_Ast, "Max:", Max_Ast, "Min:", Min_Ast, "Median:
        Average: 40.0 Max: 65 Min: 16 Median: 42.0
In [251...
         age_fig = {
              'Average': Average_Ast,
              'Max': Max_Ast,
              'Min': Min Ast,
              'Median': Median_Ast }
In [252... Asist_df = pd.DataFrame(list(age_fig.items()), columns=['Statistic', 'Ass
In [253... plt.figure(figsize=(5,3))
         sns.barplot(x="Statistic", y="Assists", data=Asist_df, hue="Statistic", l
              linewidth=1, errorbar=None, edgecolor="0", palette="plasma")
         plt.title("Assists statistics of the Premier League")
         plt.ylabel("Assists")
         plt.xlabel("Statistic")
         plt.show()
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Assists statistics of the Premier League

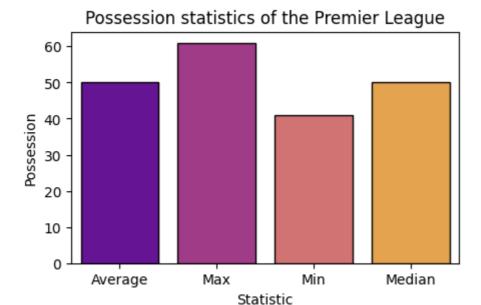


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In [254... Average_Gls = round(df['Gls'].mean(), 0)
         Max_Gls = round(df['Gls'].max(), 0)
         Min_Gls = round(df['Gls'].min(), 0)
         Median_Gls = round(df['Gls'].median(), 0)
         print("Average:", Average_Gls, "Max:", Max_Gls, "Min:", Min_Gls, "Median:
        Average: 54.0 Max: 85 Min: 25 Median: 56.0
In [255... Gls_fig = {
              'Average': Average_Gls,
              'Max': Max_Gls,
              'Min': Min_Gls,
              'Median': Median_Gls }
In [256... Gls_df = pd.DataFrame(list(Gls_fig.items()), columns=['Statistic', 'Goals
In [257... plt.figure(figsize=(5,3))
         sns.barplot(x="Statistic", y="Goals", data=Gls_df, hue="Statistic", legen
             linewidth=1, errorbar=None, edgecolor="0", palette="plasma")
         plt.title("Goal statistics of the Premier League")
         plt.ylabel("Goals")
         plt.xlabel("Statistic")
         plt.show()
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Goal statistics of the Premier League



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In [258... Average_Poss = round(df['Poss'].mean(), 0)
         Max_Poss = round(df['Poss'].max(), 0)
         Min_Poss = round(df['Poss'].min(), 0)
         Median_Poss = round(df['Poss'].median(), 0)
         print("Average:", Average_Poss, "Max:", Max_Poss, "Min:", Min_Poss, "Medi
        Average: 50.0 Max: 61.0 Min: 41.0 Median: 50.0
In [259...
        Poss_fig = {
              'Average': Average_Poss,
              'Max': Max_Poss,
              'Min': Min_Poss,
              'Median': Median_Poss }
In [260... Poss_df = pd.DataFrame(list(Poss_fig.items()), columns=['Statistic', 'Pos
In [261... plt.figure(figsize=(5,3))
         sns.barplot(x="Statistic", y="Possession", data=Poss_df, hue="Statistic",
             linewidth=1, errorbar=None, edgecolor="0", palette="plasma")
         plt.title("Possession statistics of the Premier League")
         plt.ylabel("Possession")
         plt.xlabel("Statistic")
         plt.show()
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Data Analysis

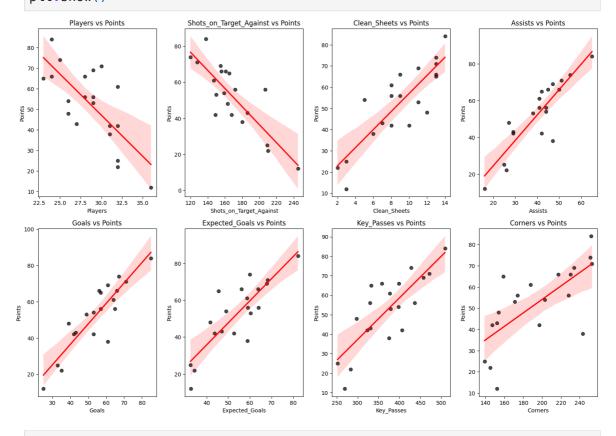
Looking for highest correlated features with the target variable points

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numeric_df = df.select_dtypes(include='number')
correlations = numeric_df.corr()['Points'].sort_values(ascending=False)
top_40 = correlations[1:41]
print(top_40)
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```
0.988196
        G+A/90
                                 0.890123
        G+A
                                 0.889989
        Gls
                                 0.887534
        Gls/90
                                 0.887174
        G+A-PK
                                 0.883837
        GCA
                                 0.881885
        GCA90
                                 0.881065
        G-PK
                                 0.878990
        Ast
                                 0.877461
        G-PK/90
                                 0.877403
        Ast/90
                                 0.876509
        CS%
                                 0.849027
        CS
                                 0.848721
        xΑ
                                 0.846766
        npxG/90
                                 0.846514
        npxG
                                 0.845722
        xG/90
                                 0.842607
                                 0.841235
        npxG+xAG/90
        хG
                                 0.840910
        npxG+xAG
                                 0.840784
        xG+xAG
                                 0.840737
        SoT
                                 0.837403
        SoT/90
                                 0.836830
        xAG/90
                                 0.831799
                                 0.830860
        xAG
        Sh/90
                                 0.825586
        Total_Shots
                                 0.825337
        SCA
                                 0.821143
        SCA90
                                 0.821046
        PassLive_to_goal
                                 0.820701
        Att-Pen
                                 0.813315
        PassLive
                                 0.804960
        ΚP
                                 0.800121
        PPA
                                 0.772174
        PrqP
                                 0.720424
        PrgR
                                 0.718415
        CK
                                 0.703121
        Passes_to_final_3rd
                                 0.679415
        CPA
                                 0.674255
        Name: Points, dtype: float64
In [263...
          bottom_10 = correlations.tail(10)
          print(bottom_10)
        Def-Pen
                    -0.650637
         # Pl
                    -0.728120
                    -0.748894
        Sh
        SoTA
                    -0.826534
        GA90
                    -0.908354
        GA
                    -0.908663
                    -0.964464
                    -0.970985
        Team_Pos
        MP
                          NaN
        PKm
                          NaN
        Name: Points, dtype: float64
         Features = df[['# Pl', 'SoTA', 'CS', 'Ast', 'Gls', 'xG', 'KP', 'CK']]
In [264...
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In [265...
Features = Features.rename(columns={
    '# Pl': 'Players',
    'SoTA': 'Shots_on_Target_Against',
    'CS': 'Clean_Sheets',
    'Ast': 'Assists',
    'Gls': 'Goals',
    'xG': 'Expected_Goals',
    'KP': 'Key_Passes',
    'CK': 'Corners'
})
```

for i, col in enumerate(Features, 1): # Loop through the features to give
 plt.subplot(n_rows, n_cols, i)
 sns.regplot(data=Features.join(df['Points']), x=col, y='Points', scat
 plt.title(f"{col} vs Points")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()



In [267... Corners_ = df[['CK', 'Squad', 'Team_Pos']]
 top_3 = Corners_.sort_values(by='CK', ascending=False).head(3).set_index(
 print(top_3)

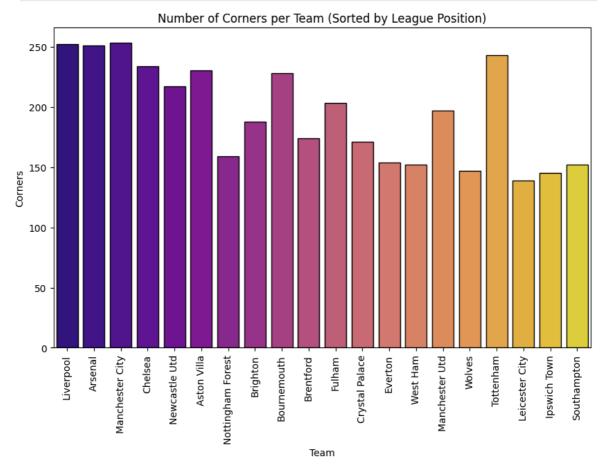
	CK	Squad
Team_Pos		
3	253	Manchester City
1	252	Liverpool
2	251	Arsenal

```
In [268... plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))

# Sort dataframe by team position
sorted_df = df.sort_values("Team_Pos")

sns.barplot(
    x="Squad", y="CK", data=sorted_df, hue="Squad", legend=False,
    linewidth=1, errorbar=None, edgecolor="0", palette="plasma",
    order=sorted_df["Squad"] # ensure x-axis follows sorted order
)

plt.title("Number of Corners per Team (Sorted by League Position)")
plt.ylabel("Corners")
plt.xlabel("Team")
plt.xticks(rotation=90)
plt.show()
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In [269... correlations_CK = numeric_df.corr()['CK'].sort_values(ascending=False)
    top_10CK = correlations_CK[1:11]
    print(top_10CK)
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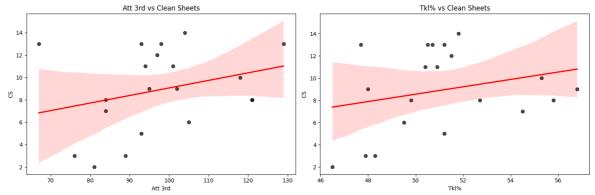
PrgP 0.910106 PrgR 0.908968 PPA 0.903125 Att-Pen 0.899957 0.875022 Passes_to_final_3rd 0.860166 0.859406 xΑ PassLive 0.856911 SCA90 0.856753 SCA 0.856741

Name: CK, dtype: float64

Defensive Stats

```
In [270... def_stats = df[['Tkl_total_players', 'Def 3rd', 'Mid 3rd', 'Att 3rd', 'Tk
                          'Sh', 'Pass', 'Tkl+Int', 'Clr', 'Err', 'CS']]
In [271... | correlations_CS = def_stats.corr()['CS'].sort_values(ascending=False)
         bottom_10CS = correlations_CS[1:]
         print(bottom_10CS)
        Att 3rd
                                0.290051
        Tkl%
                                0.254070
        Tkl dribbles
                                0.033264
        Mid 3rd
                               -0.089194
        dribbles_challenged
                               -0.098608
        Pass
                               -0.100989
        Tkl_total_players
                               -0.127297
        Tkl+Int
                               -0.189693
        Def 3rd
                               -0.193994
        Lost
                               -0.227874
        Clr
                               -0.326726
        Err
                               -0.353336
        Blocks
                               -0.509988
        Sh
                               -0.660730
        Name: CS, dtype: float64
```

The stats that are highest correlated with clean sheets are attacking 3rd tackles and tackle percentage

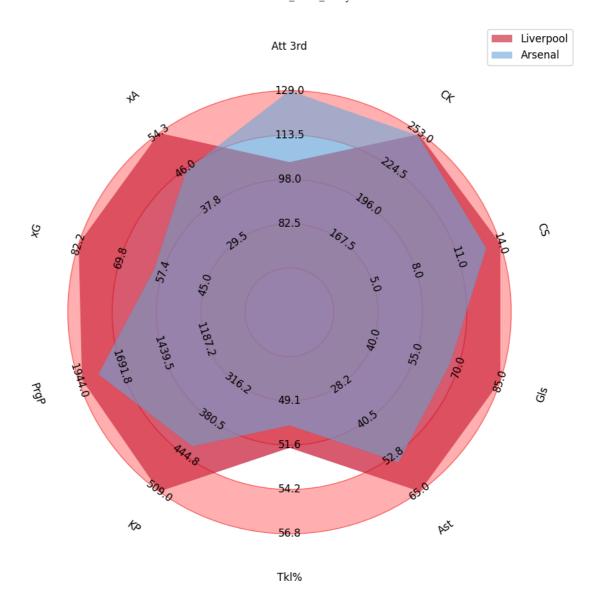


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In [274... Press_ = df[['Att 3rd', 'Squad', 'Team_Pos']]
top_3_press = Press_.sort_values(by='Att 3rd', ascending=False).head(3).s
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print(top_3_press)
                   Att 3rd
                                Squad
        Team Pos
        2
                       129
                              Arsenal
        10
                       121 Brentford
                             Brighton
        8
                       121
In [275... Liv_Press = df.loc[df['Squad'] == 'Liverpool', ['Squad', 'Att 3rd']].set_
         print(Liv Press)
                    Att 3rd
        Sauad
        Liverpool
                        104
```

Data Visualisation

```
In [276... params = ['Att 3rd', 'CK', 'CS', 'Gls', 'Ast', 'Tkl%', 'KP', 'PrgP', 'xG'
         low = df[params].min().tolist()
         high = df[params].max().tolist()
         Liv = "Liverpool"
         Ars = "Arsenal"
         team_values = df.loc[df['Squad'] == Liv, params].iloc[0].tolist()
         team2_values = df.loc[df['Squad'] == Ars, params].iloc[0].tolist()
         radar = Radar(params, low, high,
                        round_int=[False]*len(params),
                       num rings=4,
                        ring_width=1, center_circle_radius=1)
         # Setup Fig
         fig, ax = radar.setup_axis()
         rings_inner = radar.draw_circles(ax=ax, facecolor='#ffb2b2', edgecolor='#
         # Liverpool
         radar_output1 = radar.draw_radar(team_values, ax=ax,
                                           kwargs_radar={'facecolor': '#c8102e', 'a
                                           kwargs_rings={'facecolor': '#c8102e', 'a
         # Arsenal
         radar_output2 = radar.draw_radar(team2_values, ax=ax,
                                           kwargs_radar={'facecolor': '#6CABDD', 'a
                                           kwargs_rings={'facecolor': '#6CABDD', 'a
         range_labels = radar.draw_range_labels(ax=ax, fontsize=12)
         param_labels = radar.draw_param_labels(ax=ax, fontsize=12)
         ax.legend([Liv, Ars], loc='upper right', fontsize=12);
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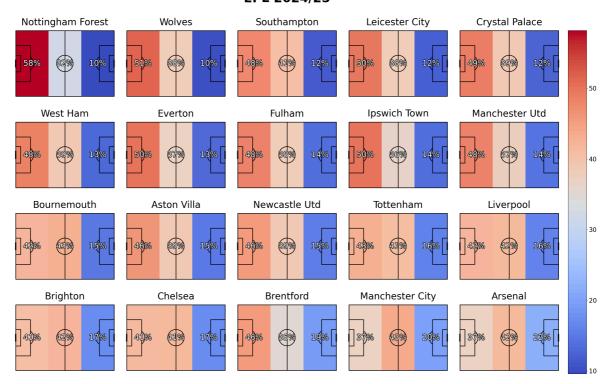


Comparison of different stats between Arsenal and Liverpool

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In [277...
        from urllib.request import urlopen
         import matplotlib.patheffects as path_effects
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         import pandas as pd
         from PIL import Image
         from mplsoccer import Pitch, FontManager, add_image
In [278... touches_cols = ['Def 3rd', 'Mid 3rd', 'Att 3rd']
         df_total = pd.DataFrame(df[touches_cols].sum())
         df_total.columns = ['total']
         df_total = df_total.T
         df_total = df_total.divide(df_total.sum(axis=1), axis=0) * 100
In [279... path_eff = [path_effects.Stroke(linewidth=3, foreground='black'),
                      path_effects.Normal()]
In [280... touches_cols = ['Def 3rd', 'Mid 3rd', 'Att 3rd']
         path_eff = [path_effects.Stroke(linewidth=3, foreground='black'),
                      path_effects.Normal()]
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df[touches_cols] = df[touches_cols].divide(df[touches_cols].sum(axis=1),
# Optional: sort teams by attacking/defensive touches
df.sort_values(['Att 3rd', 'Def 3rd'], ascending=[True, False], inplace=T
# Setup pitch and grid
pitch = Pitch(line_zorder=2, line_color='black', pad_top=20)
GRID_HEIGHT = 0.8
CBAR WIDTH = 0.03
fig, axs = pitch.grid(nrows=4, ncols=5, figheight=20,
                      grid_width=0.88, left=0.025,
                      endnote_height=0.03, endnote_space=0,
                      axis=False,
                      title_space=0.02, title_height=0.06, grid_height=GR
fig.set_facecolor('white')
# Prepare bin statistic (3x1 grid per team)
bin_statistic = pitch.bin_statistic([0], [0], statistic='count', bins=(3,
# Colour normalisation
vmin = df[touches cols].min().min()
vmax = df[touches cols].max().max()
# Loop over teams and axes
teams = df['Squad'].values
for i, ax in enumerate(axs['pitch'].flat[:len(teams)]):
    # Plot team name above pitch
    ax.text(60, -10, teams[i], ha='center', va='center', fontsize=30)
    # Extract team values and reshape to bin statistic shape
    team_values = df.loc[df['Squad'] == teams[i], touches_cols].values.fl
    bin_statistic['statistic'] = team_values.reshape(bin_statistic['stati
    # Draw heatmap and labels
    heatmap = pitch.heatmap(bin_statistic, ax=ax, cmap='coolwarm', vmin=v
    pitch.label_heatmap(bin_statistic, color='white', path_effects=path_e
                        fontsize=25, ax=ax, str_format='{0:.0f}%', ha='ce
# Colorbar
cbar_bottom = axs['pitch'][-1, 0].get_position().y0
cbar_left = axs['pitch'][0, -1].get_position().x1 + 0.01
ax_cbar = fig.add_axes((cbar_left, cbar_bottom, CBAR_WIDTH, GRID_HEIGHT -
cbar = plt.colorbar(heatmap, cax=ax_cbar)
for label in cbar.ax.get_yticklabels():
    label.set_fontsize(20)
# Title
axs['title'].text(0.5, 0.5, 'Team Ball Recuperation in Different 3rds\nEP
                  ha='center', va='center', fontsize=40, weight='bold')
plt.show()
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Team Ball Recuperation in Different 3rds EPL 2024/25



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In [281... df[touches_cols] = df[touches_cols].values - df_total.values
         pitch = Pitch(line zorder=2, line color='black', pad top=20)
In [282...
         GRID_HEIGHT = 0.8
         CBAR WIDTH = 0.03
         fig, axs = pitch.grid(nrows=4, ncols=5, figheight=20,
                               grid_width=0.88, left=0.025,
                               endnote_height=0.03, endnote_space=0,
                               axis=False,
                                title_space=0.02, title_height=0.06, grid_height=GR
         fig.set_facecolor('white')
         # Prepare bin statistic (3x1 grid per team)
         bin_statistic = pitch.bin_statistic([0], [0], statistic='count', bins=(3,
         # Color normalization
         vmin = df[touches cols].min().min()
         vmax = df[touches_cols].max().max()
         # Loop over teams and axes
         teams = df['Squad'].values
         for i, ax in enumerate(axs['pitch'].flat[:len(teams)]):
             # Plot team name above pitch
             ax.text(60, -10, teams[i], ha='center', va='center', fontsize=30)
             # Extract team values and reshape to bin_statistic shape
             team_values = df.loc[df['Squad'] == teams[i], touches_cols].values.fl
             bin_statistic['statistic'] = team_values.reshape(bin_statistic['stati
             # Draw heatmap and labels
             heatmap = pitch.heatmap(bin_statistic, ax=ax, cmap='coolwarm', vmin=v
             pitch.label_heatmap(bin_statistic, color='white', path_effects=path_e
                                  fontsize=25, ax=ax, str_format='{0:.0f}%', ha='ce
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