

Player Combination Graphs

2012 Columbus Crew

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Introduction

How often did Jairo Arrieta play alongside Federico Higuain in 2012? Nemanja Vukovic and Chad Marshall?

This type of information is difficult to find in the statistics published by MLS; yet when debating how effective a given player is, it is important to remember that no player appears alone.

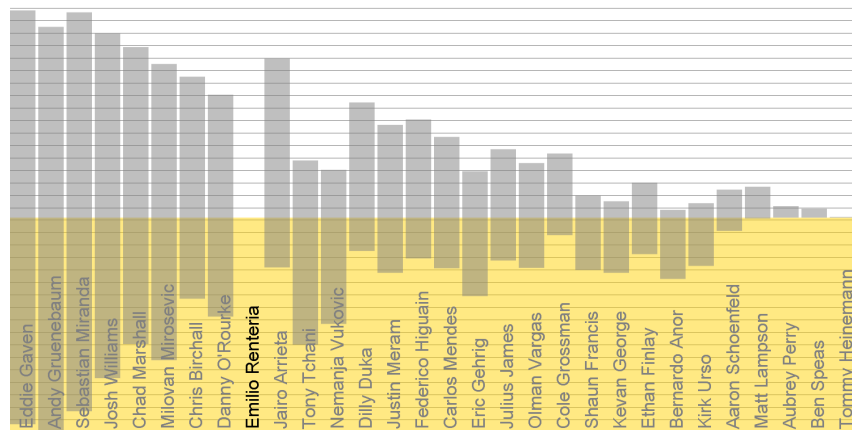
The charts in this booklet attempt to explore this question by illustrating how often a given player appeared with each of his teammates.

Consider the sample chart on this

page, which focuses on Emilio Renteria. The yellow background shows that he appeared in roughly half the season – a player like Eddie Gaven who barely misses any time will have a nearly solid yellow background.

Atop this background, every other player's playing time is positioned to indicate how often the two players appeared together. For example, Renteria and Jairo Arrieta rarely played together, while Renteria and Tchani were more often on the field at the same time.

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