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Five a Side Football



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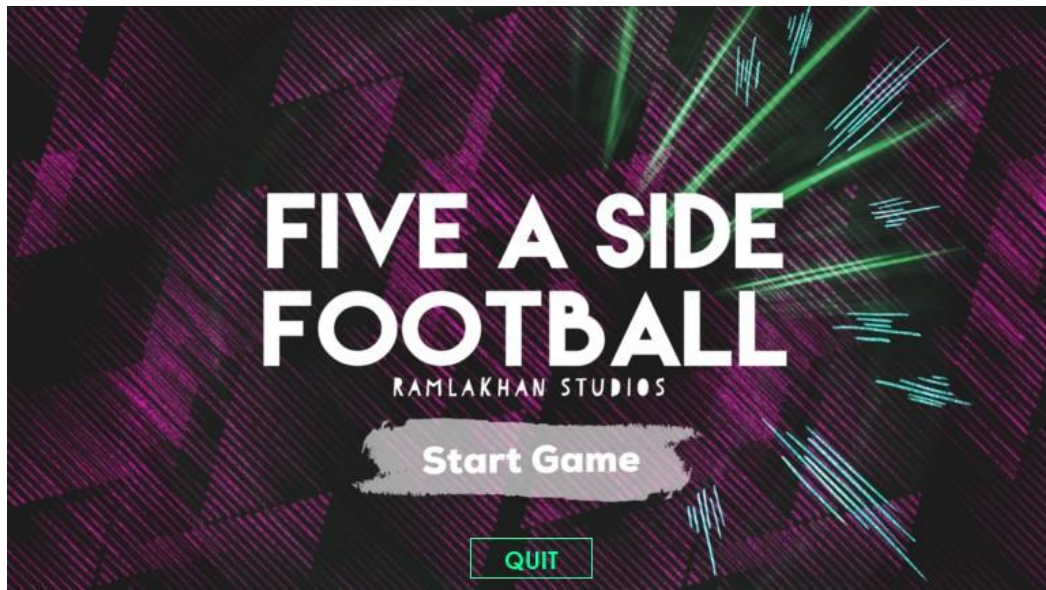
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UI Design

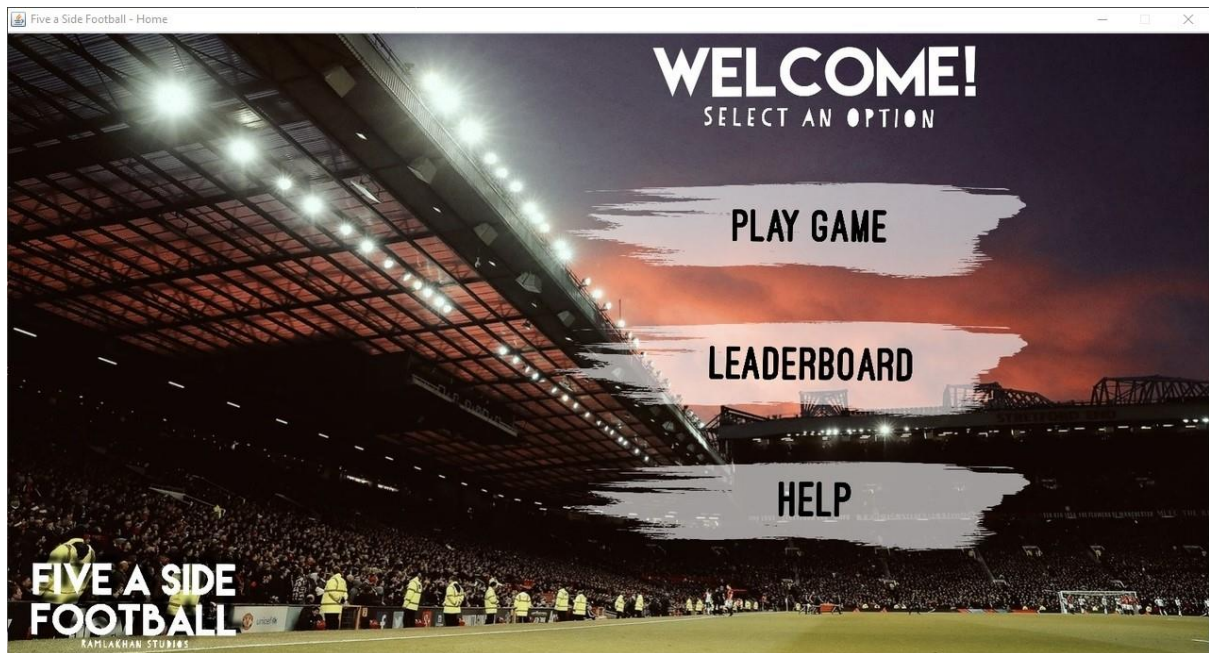
Start



This is the first screen of the program and the main class of the program that starts the program.

Component	Action Elements and Data Validation
'Start Game' Button	Clicked: Goes to the Home screen.
'QUIT' Button	Clicked: Exit the program.

Home



This is the home screen of the program where the user is able to start the game, view the leaderboard or access the help menu.

Component	Action Elements and Data Validation
'Play Game' <i>Button</i>	Clicked: Goes to the User Details screen.
'Leaderboard' <i>Button</i>	Clicked: Goes to the Leaderboard screen.
'Help' <i>Button</i>	Clicked: Opens the Help screen as an external screen.

UserDetails

This is the screen where the program will capture the user's details and team and tournaments name.

Component	Action Elements and Data Validation
'Help' Button	Clicked: Opens the Help screen as an external screen.
'Cancel' Button	Clicked: Goes back to the Home screen.
'Username' Text field	<p>User inputs their Username.</p> <p>Validation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presence Check (Data must be input) - Is Letter Check (No numbers or special characters allowed) - Length Check (Not more than 15 characters)
'Team Name' Text field	<p>User inputs their Team Name.</p> <p>Validation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presence Check (Data must be input) - Is Letter Check (No numbers or special characters allowed) - Length Check (Not more than 15 characters)
'Tournament Name' Text field	<p>User inputs their Tournament Name.</p> <p>Validation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presence Check (Data must be input)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is Letter Check (No numbers or special characters allowed) - Length Check (Not more than 15 characters)
'Start' Button	Clicked: Performs validation as described above and proceeds to the Team Selection screen if data is valid or displays an error message if data is invalid.

TeamSelection

This is the screen where the user will select their team.

Component	Action Elements and Data Validation
Select Players Combo Boxes	<p>5 Combo Boxes are used for each position. When an item in the combo box has been selected, the face image, offensive and defensive stat of the player must be updated.</p> <p>Validation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presence Check (a player selected in each position) <p>NOTE: The players are stored in the Players Table of the Database and are accessed through the PlayersArray class which is used in the TeamSelection class.</p>
'Refresh' Button	Clicked: Reopens the Team Selection screen and displays new possible players.
'Cancel' Button	Clicked: Goes back to the Home screen.
'Help' Button	Clicked: Opens the Help screen as an external screen.
'Confirm' Button	<p>Clicked: Performs the validation required by the combo boxes, adds the team to the Teams Table of the Database and proceeds to the Tournament screen if data is valid.</p> <p>If data is invalid, an error message appears.</p>

Tournament



This is the screen where the user will face off against the 5 other teams.

Component	Action Elements and Data Validation
'Set Tactics' Button	<p>This button is visible before a match takes place in the same location as the 'End Tournament' button.</p> <p>Clicked: Opens the Tactics screen and temporarily hides.</p>
'Play Match' Button	<p>This button is only visible after the user has confirmed their tactics.</p> <p>Clicked: Plays the match by calling the playMatchWeek method of the League class.</p>
'End Tournament' Button	<p>This button text will read 'End Tournament' after all 5 matches have been played.</p> <p>Clicked: Proceeds to the Results screen.</p>
'Help' Button	<p>Clicked: Opens the Help screen as an external screen.</p>

Tactics

TACTICS
your tactical choices will affect the way your team play

MENTALITY
the style of football you want your team to play

- ☒ Attacking: Your team will dominate the game when in possession of the ball but can be vulnerable to strong offensive opposition players.
- ☐ Defensive
- ☐ Balanced

IN POSSESSION
the teams approach when dominating the game

- ☐ Tiki-Taka: An all out attack system where players will dominate offensively but are extremely vulnerable when possession is lost.
- ☐ Short Passing
- ☒ Fast Build Up

OUT OF POSSESSION
the teams approach when the opposition is stronger

- ☒ Team Press: Players will press opposition with more intensity while being slightly less offensively minded.
- ☐ Counter Attack
- ☐ Park The Bus

Confirm Tactics

This is the screen where the user will select their tactics before each match. This displayed on top of the Tournament screen.

Component	Action Elements and Data Validation
Attacking <i>Radio Button</i>	Belongs to the button group: Mentality . Selected: Sets Mentality enum to 'Attacking'.
Defensive <i>Radio Button</i>	Belongs to the button group: Mentality . Selected: Sets Mentality enum to 'Defensive'.
Balanced <i>Radio Button</i>	Belongs to the button group: Mentality . Selected: Sets Mentality enum to 'Balanced'.
Tiki Taka <i>Radio Button</i>	Belongs to the button group: InPossession . Selected: Sets InPossession enum to 'TikiTaka'.
Short Passing <i>Radio Button</i>	Belongs to the button group: InPossession . Selected: Sets InPossession enum to 'ShortPassing'.
Fast Build Up <i>Radio Button</i>	Belongs to the button group: InPossession . Selected: Sets InPossession enum to 'FastBuildUp'.
Team Press <i>Radio Button</i>	Belongs to the button group: OutOfPossession . Selected: Sets OutOfPossession enum to 'TeamPress'.
Counter Attack <i>Radio Button</i>	Belongs to the button group: OutOfPossession . Selected: Sets OutOfPossession enum to 'CounterAttack'.
Park the Bus	Belongs to the button group: OutOfPossession .

<i>Radio Button</i>	Selected: Sets OutOfPossession enum to ' ParkTheBus '.
'Confirm Tactics' <i>Button</i>	Clicked: Validates that a radio button has been selected for each tactic (Presence Check) and sets the visibility of the PlayMatch button on the Tournament screen to true.

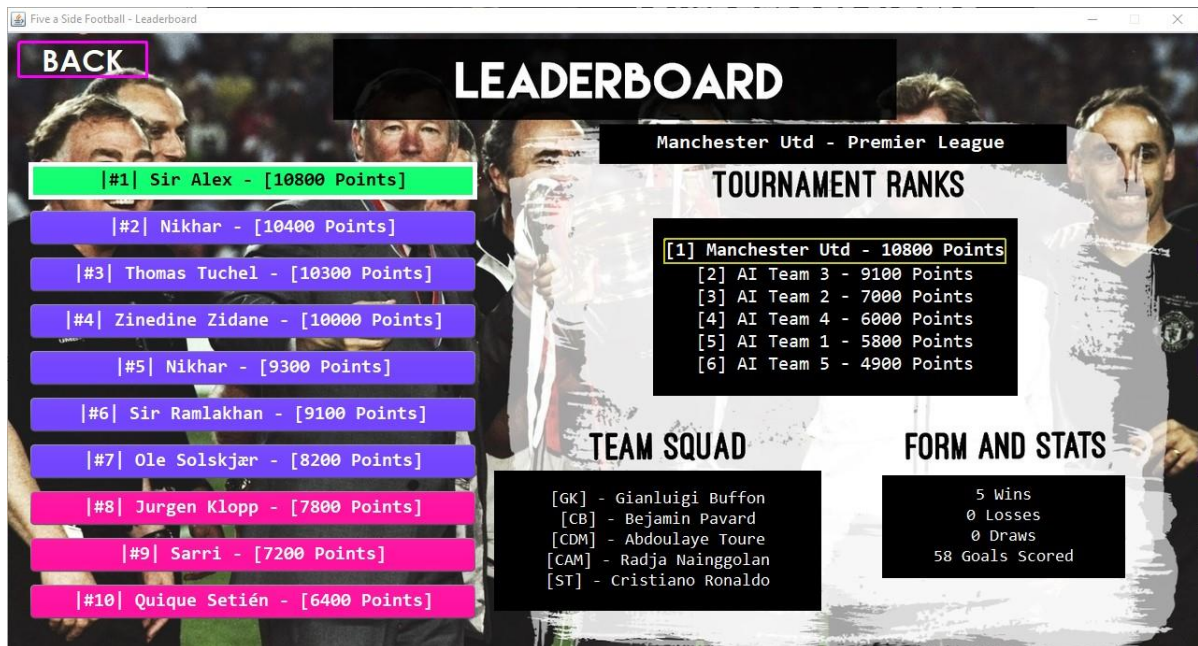
Results



This is the screen where the user will be showed a summary of their game such as their team squad, stats and tournament table.

Component	Action Elements and Data Validation
'Save and Proceed' Button	Clicked: Adds the tournament to the Opponents and Leaderboard Tables of the Database and proceeds to the Leaderboard screen. The user is prompted if saving to the database was successful or not.

Leaderboard

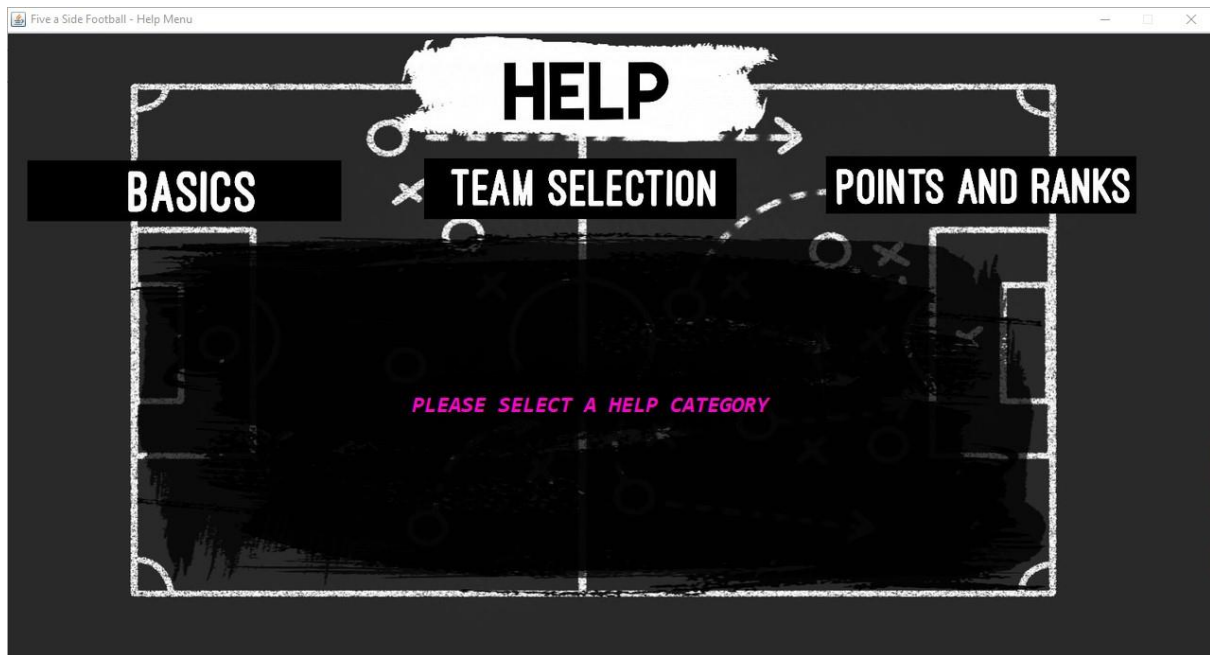


The Leaderboard lists the Top 10 User Teams sorted in descending order of their points acquired.

Data is accessed from the Teams, Opponents and Leaderboard Tables from the Database which is done using the Rankings class.

Component	Action Elements and Data Validation
#1 Button	Clicked: Displays the tournament information for the team that ranks first .
#2 Button	Clicked: Displays the tournament information for the team that ranks second .
#3 Button	Clicked: Displays the tournament information for the team that ranks third .
#4 Button	Clicked: Displays the tournament information for the team that ranks fourth .
#5 Button	Clicked: Displays the tournament information for the team that ranks fifth .
#6 Button	Clicked: Displays the tournament information for the team that ranks sixth .
#7 Button	Clicked: Displays the tournament information for the team that ranks seventh .
#8 Button	Clicked: Displays the tournament information for the team that ranks eighth .
#9 Button	Clicked: Displays the tournament information for the team that ranks ninth .
#10 Button	Clicked: Displays the tournament information for the team that ranks tenth .
'Back' Button	Clicked: Goes back to the Home screen.

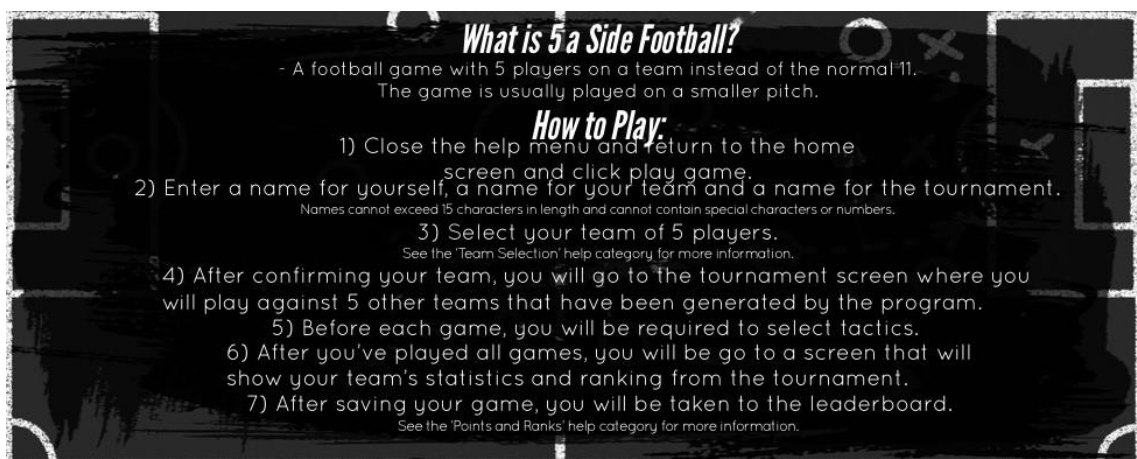
Help



The Help screen is always a secondary screen that appears over any current class. There are 3 categories for the help menu.

Component	Action Elements and Data Validation
'Basics' Button	Clicked: Displays the Basics Help Image stored in the project folder.
'Team Selection' Button	Clicked: Displays the Team Selection Help Image stored in the project folder.
'Points and Ranks' Button	Clicked: Displays the Points and Ranks Help Image stored in the project folder.

Basics Help:



Team Selection Help

How do Team Selections Work?

The teams are selected using a 'level of quality' number that is automatically assigned by the program to each position. A player will get a rating between 1 and 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest.

Statistics:

Each player has an overall rating as well as an offensive and defensive rating. A complex algorithm is used to compare these stats using a player vs player method.

Positions:

Each player position is listed indicating their strongest stat:

GK - Goalkeeper
Defensive

CDM - Central Defensive Midfielder
Defensive

CB - Centre Back
Defensive

CAM - Central Attacking Midfielder
Offensive

ST - Striker
Offensive

Points and Ranks Help:

How Do Points Work:

Points are awarded and assigned based on the outcome of the game and the amount of goals scored by each team.

All teams in a tournament start with 0 points and are given points accordingly:

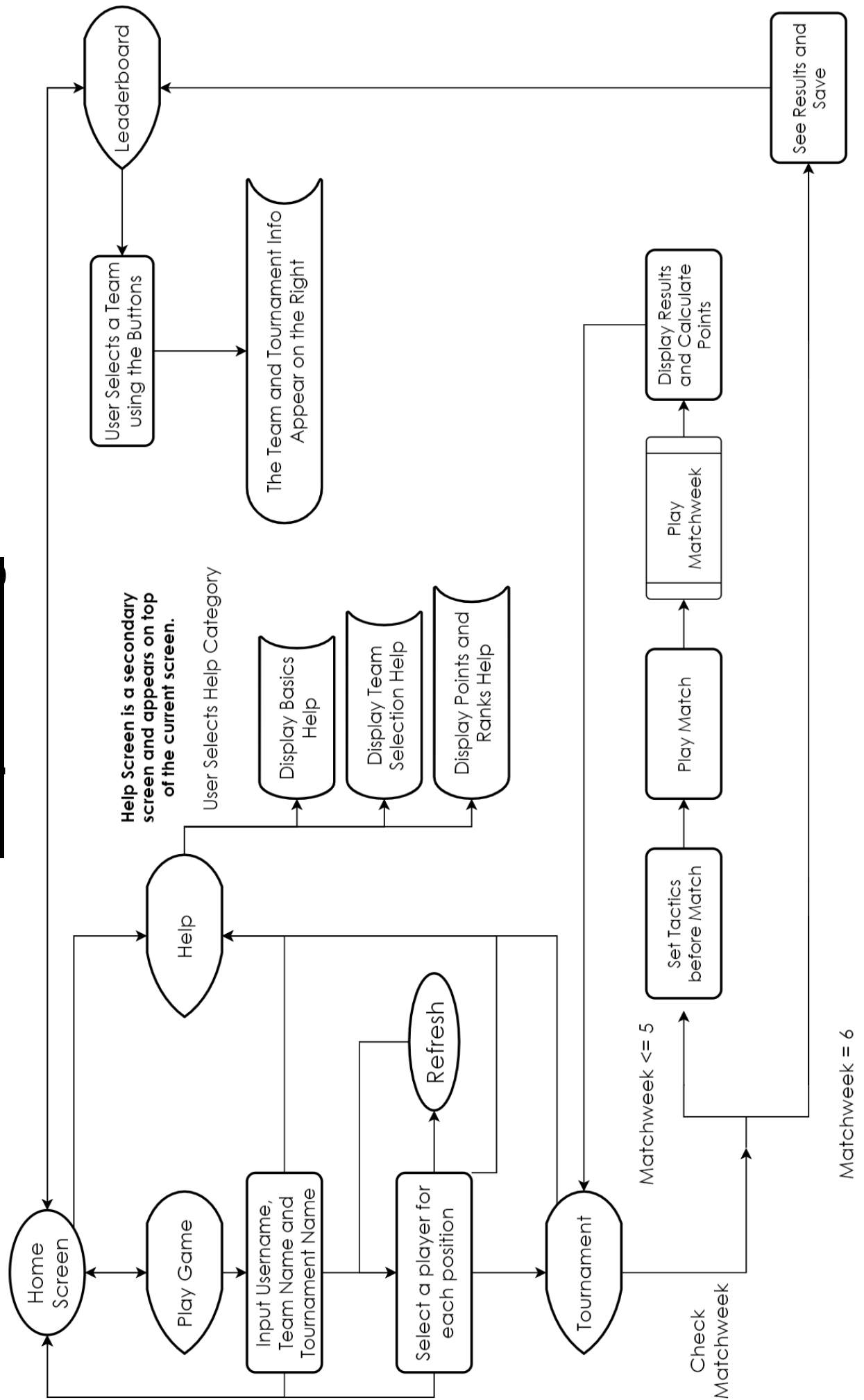
Winning a match: +1000 points
Drawing a match: +500 points
Losing a match: +200 points
Scoring a goal: +100 points (per goal)

How Does Rankings Work?

The leaderboard consists of the Top 10 user made teams sorted by their points acquired in their tournament.

In a tournament, teams are ranked based on their amount of points acquired.

Sequencing



Class Diagrams

***All Class Diagrams are working classes and do not have any GUI Properties.**

Database	
- connection: Connection	The connection with the Database.
+ Constructor ()	Connects to the database to allow read and write access.
+ getConnection ()	Return the connection with the Database.
+ runTeamInsertQuery (user: Team)	Adds the user team to the Team Table in the Database.
+ getTop1StringRecord (field: String, table: String, where: String, order: String)	Accesses a single string value from the Database based on parameters.
+ addOpponentsToDatabase (tournament: Rank)	Adds the points acquired by the 5 opposition teams to the Opponents Table in the Database.
+ addTeamResultsToDatabase (tournament: Rank)	Adds the team's results to the Leaderboard Table to the Database.

Player	
- playerId: String	The Player ID of a Player.
- position: String	The Position of a Player.
- firstName: String	The First Name of a Player.
- surname: String	The Surname of a Player.
- loq: String	The Level of Quality Number of a Player.
- overall: Integer	The Overall of a Player.
- offStat: Integer	The Offensive Stat of a Player.
- defStat: Integer	The Defensive Stat of a Player.
- filePath: String	The Image File Path of a Player.
+ Constructor (id: String, pos: String, fN: String, sN: String, lvl: String, ove: Integer, off: Integer, def: Integer, fP: String)	Creates a Player object using the fields from the Database Table "Players".
+ getPlayerID (): String	Player's Player ID Accessor.
+ getPosition (): String	Player's Position Accessor.
+ getLOQ (): String	Player's Level of Quality Number Accessor.
+ getOverall (): Integer	Player's Overall Accessor.

+ getOffStat (): Integer	Player's Offensive Stat Accessor.
+ getDefStat (): Integer	Player's Defensive Stat Accessor.
+ getFilePath (): String	Player's Image File Path Accessor.

PlayersArray	
- playerArray: Player [125]	An array of 125 Players.
- db: Database	Database communication.
- connection: Connection	Database connection.
+ Constructor ()	Creates an array of Player objects from the Players Table in the Database.
+ findPlayer (searchID: String): Integer	Returns a Player's index in the array.
+ getPlayer (index: Integer): Player	Returns a Player object.
+ formatSelectablePlayer (index: Integer): String	Returns a Player's details in a format that can be used to extract their details and file path.
+ _pullPlayerDetails_ (playerDetails: String): String	Returns a Player's details formatted to be presented in the Combo Boxes.
+ _pullPlayerFilePath_ (playerDetails: String): String	Returns a Player's Image File Path from the formatted String.
+ _getPlayerFilePath_ (filepath: String): Player	Returns a Player object using the Player's file path.

Team	
- tournamentID: String	The Tournament ID of a Team.
- teamName: String	The Team Name.
- gkID: String	The Player ID for the Team's GK.
- cbID: String	The Player ID for the Team's CB.
- cdmID: String	The Player ID for the Team's CDM.
- camID: String	The Player ID for the Team's CAM.
- stID: String	The Player ID for the Team's ST.
- username: String	The Username of the User.
- tournamentName: String	The Tournament Name of the Team.
- points: Integer	The Points acquired by the Team.
- wins: Integer	The number of Wins of a Team.
- draws: Integer	The number of Draws of a Team.
- losses: Integer	The number of losses of a Team.
- goalsScored: Integer	The number of Goals Scored of a Team.
- db: Database	Access to the Database for inserting.
- _playerArr_: PlayersArray	The PlayersArray object.

<p>+ Constructor (un: String, tN: String, toN: String, gk: String, cb: String, cdm: String, cam: String, st: String)</p> <p>+ Constructor (tID: String, tN: String)</p> <p>+ updatePoints ()</p> <p>+ updateForm (wns: Integer, drws: Integer, los: Integer, gs: Integer)</p> <p>+ getTournamentID (): String</p> <p>+ getUsername (): String</p> <p>+ getTeamName (): String</p> <p>+ getTournamentName (): String</p> <p>+ getWins (): String</p> <p>+ getDraws (): String</p> <p>+ getLosses (): String</p> <p>+ getPoints (): Integer</p> <p>+ getGoalsScored (): String</p> <p>+ getGK (): Player</p> <p>+ getCB (): Player</p> <p>+ getCDM (): Player</p> <p>+ getCAM (): Player</p> <p>+ getST (): Player</p> <p>+ getTeamPlayers (): String []</p> <p>+ generateLOQ (): Integer []</p> <p>+ getPossiblePlayers (position: String, loq: String, format: Boolean): String []</p> <p>+ getOpponentPlayers (position: String, loq: String): String</p> <p>+ addTeamToDatabase ()</p>	<p>Creates a Team for the User by receiving the properties.</p> <p>Creates an Opponent Team that links with User Team Tournament ID.</p> <p>Updates the Points acquired by a Team.</p> <p>Updates the number of wins, draws, losses and goals scored by a Team.</p> <p>Tournament ID Accessor.</p> <p>Username Accessor.</p> <p>Team Name Accessor.</p> <p>Tournament Name Accessor.</p> <p>Number of Wins Accessor.</p> <p>Number of Draws Accessor.</p> <p>Number of Losses Accessor.</p> <p>Points acquired Accessor.</p> <p>Number of Goals Scored Accessor.</p> <p>Goalkeeper Accessor.</p> <p>Centre Back Accessor.</p> <p>Central Defensive Midfielder Accessor.</p> <p>Central Attacking Midfielder Accessor.</p> <p>Striker Accessor.</p> <p>Returns an array of the Team Players formatted to show their name and position.</p> <p>Returns numbers 1 to 5 in a random order.</p> <p>Returns a formatted list of players that are selectable based on their position and level of quality.</p> <p>Randomly selects and returns the Player ID of a Player based on the parsed position and loq.</p> <p>Adds the Team to the Database.</p>
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League	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - teamsLeagueArr: Team [6] - rankingsTable: String [6] - sortedPoints: Integer [6] - rankTeamNames: String [6] <p>enum Mentality</p> <p>enum InPossession</p> <p>enum OutOfPossession</p> <p>enum GameOutcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - aiMentality: Mentality - userMentality: Mentality - aiInPossession: InPossession - userInPossession: InPossession - aiOutOfPossession: OutOfPossession - userOutOfPossession: OutOfPossession - userResult: String - game2Result: String - game3Result: String - t1Goals: Integer - t2Goals: Integer - t1RunGoals: Double - t2RunGoals: Double - t1OffBoost: Double - t2DefBoost: Double - team1Tactics: Integer [6] - team2Tactics: Integer [6] 	<p>An array of 6 Teams.</p> <p>Used to store the rankings table.</p> <p>Used to store teams' points.</p> <p>Used to store teams' names.</p> <p>Contains all possible Mentality tactic selections.</p> <p>Contains all possible In Possession tactic selections.</p> <p>Contains all possible Out of Possession tactic selections.</p> <p>Contains all possible Game Outcomes.</p> <p>AI Team's Mentality.</p> <p>User Team's Mentality.</p> <p>AI Team's In Possession Tactic.</p> <p>User Team's In Possession Tactic.</p> <p>AI Team's Out of Possession Tactic.</p> <p>User Team's Out of Possession Tactic.</p> <p>The User Team's Result.</p> <p>The 2nd Game Result.</p> <p>The 3rd Game Result.</p> <p>Rounded off Team 1 Goals.</p> <p>Rounded off Team 2 Goals.</p> <p>Team 1 Running Total Goals.</p> <p>Team 2 Running Total Goals.</p> <p>The Offensive Boost of Team 1.</p> <p>The Defensive Boost of Team 2.</p> <p>The tactic boosts of Team 1.</p> <p>The tactic boosts of Team 2.</p>
<p>+ Constructor (uT: Team, t1: Team, t2: Team, t3: Team, t4: Team, t5: Team)</p> <p>+ updateTable ()</p> <p>+ getRankTable (): String []</p> <p>+ getTeam (index: Integer): Team</p> <p>+ playMatchWeek (matchweek: Integer, selMentality: Mentality, selInPossession InPossession, selOutOfPossession: selOutOfPossession)</p> <p>+ matchWeek1 (): String</p> <p>+ matchWeek2 (): String</p> <p>+ matchWeek3 (): String</p> <p>+ matchWeek4 (): String</p>	<p>Creates a League object by receiving all 6 teams.</p> <p>Updates the Rankings Table.</p> <p>Returns the Rankings Table.</p> <p>Returns a specific team in the League.</p> <p>Runs all the methods required to simulate 3 matches of a matchweek.</p> <p>Simulates Matchweek 1.</p> <p>Simulates Matchweek 2.</p> <p>Simulates Matchweek 3.</p> <p>Simulates Matchweek 4.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + matchWeek5 (): String + playMatch (t1: Team, t2: Team, user: Boolean): String + teamVSTeam (offTeam: Team, defTeam: Team, offTeamTactics: Integer [], defTeamTactics: Integer [], offTeamNumber: Integer, defTeamNumber: Number) + playerVSplayer (p1Off: Integer, p2Def: Integer, t1Tac: Integer [], t2Tac: Integer [], offTeam: Integer, defTeam: Integer) + displayMatchOutcome (outcome: GameOutcomes) + determineBoosts (mentality: Mentality, inPossession: InPossession, outOfPossession: OutOfPossession, tactics: Integer []) 	<p>Simulates Matchweek 5.</p> <p>Runs all the methods required to simulate a match between 2 Teams.</p> <p>Runs the methods required for the player vs player.</p> <p>Compares an offensive player to a defensive player.</p> <p>Displays the match result.</p> <p>Determines the boosts of a Team's Tactics.</p>
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Rank	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - userPlayers: String [5] - userName: String - tournamentName: String - tournamentID: String - points: Integer - wins: String - draws: String - losses: String - goalsScored: String - leagueTableRankings: String [6] - teamPoints: Integer [6] - db: Database 	<p>The User Team's Players.</p> <p>The User's Username.</p> <p>The Tournament Name.</p> <p>The Tournament ID.</p> <p>The User Team's Points.</p> <p>The User Team's Wins.</p> <p>The User Team's Draws.</p> <p>The User Team's Losses.</p> <p>The User Team's Goals Scored.</p> <p>The League Rankings Table.</p> <p>The Points of all Teams.</p> <p>Database communication.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Constructor (rankedLeague: League) + Constructor (uN: String, tN: String, toN: String, gkID: String, cbID: String, cdmlID: String, camID: String, stID: String, pts: Integer, wns: String, ls: String, gS: String, t1Pts: Integer, t2Pts: Integer, t3Pts: Integer, t4Pts: Integer, t5Pts: Integer) 	<p>Creates a Rank using a League.</p> <p>Creates a Rank from the Database.</p>

<p>+ generateLeagueTable (t1Pts: Integer, t2Pts: Integer, t3Pts: Integer, t4Pts: Integer, t5Pts: Integer): String []</p> <p>+ getUserPlayer (index: Integer): String</p> <p>+ getUserTeamName (): String</p> <p>+ getTournamentName (): String</p> <p>+ getWins (): String</p> <p>+ getDraws (): String</p> <p>+ getLosses (): String</p> <p>+ getGoalsScored (): String</p> <p>+ getLeagueTableRankings (position: Integer): String</p> <p>+ getTeamPoints (team: Integer): Integer</p> <p>+ getRankTitle (): String</p> <p>+ addTournamentToDatabase ()</p>	<p>Creates the Rankings Table of a Rank.</p> <p>Returns a Player's details based on the index.</p> <p>User Team Name Accessor.</p> <p>Tournament Name Accessor.</p> <p>Number of User Team Wins Accessor.</p> <p>Number of User Team Draws Accessor.</p> <p>Number of User Team Losses Accessor.</p> <p>Number of User Team Goals Scored Accessor.</p> <p>Returns the formatted Rankings Table.</p> <p>Return the points of any Team.</p> <p>Return a formatted Rank Title that will be displayed on the Leaderboard buttons.</p> <p>Add the Tournament to the Opponents and Leaderboard Table in the Database.</p>
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Rankings	
<p>- db: Database</p> <p>- connection: Database</p> <p>- leaderboard: Rank [10]</p>	<p>Database communication.</p> <p>Database connection.</p> <p>An array of 10 Ranks.</p>
<p>+ Constructor ()</p> <p>+ getRank (position: Integer): Rank</p>	<p>Creates an array of the top 10 user teams from the Database.</p> <p>Returns a Rank based on the array index.</p>

Persistent Storage Design

Players Table

Players: Has fields related to a Football Player as well as a level of quality and an index number for generating a random team. (Linked to Player class)

<u>Field Name</u>	<u>Data Type</u>	<u>Field Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Player ID</u>	Short Text	3	The unique field used to identify each player
Position	Short Text	3	The position of the player
First Name	Short Text	15	The first name of the player
Surname	Short Text	20	The surname of the player
LOQ	Short Text	1	The level of quality of the player
LOQN	Short Text	1	The LOQ index number of the player
Overall	Number	Byte	The overall of the player
Off Stat	Number	Byte	The player's offensive stat
Def Stat	Number	Byte	The player's defensive stat
Face Image	Short Text	255	The pathway of the player image

Teams Table

Teams: Has fields related to a user made team. (Linked to Team class and Rank class)

<u>Field Name</u>	<u>Data Type</u>	<u>Field Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Tournament ID</u>	AutoNumber	Long Integer (Format 000)	The unique field to identify each tournament
Username	Short Text	15	The name of the user
Team Name	Short Text	15	The name of the user's team
Tournament Name	Short Text	15	The name of the user's league
GK ID	Short Text	3	The Player ID of the goalkeeper
CB ID	Short Text	3	The Player ID of the centre back
CDM ID	Short Text	3	The Player ID of the defensive midfielder
CAM ID	Short Text	3	The Player ID of the attacking midfielder
ST ID	Short Text	3	The Player ID of the striker

Opponent Table

Opponents: Stores the points acquired by the 5 opponent teams in order to rank the teams. (Linked to Rank class and Rankings class)

<u>Field Name</u>	<u>Data Type</u>	<u>Field Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Tournament ID</u>	Number	Long Integer (Format 000)	The unique field that links the opponents to the leaderboard
Team1 Points	Number	Integer	The points acquired by "AI Team 1"
Team2 Points	Number	Integer	The points acquired by "AI Team 2"
Team3 Points	Number	Integer	The points acquired by "AI Team 3"
Team4 Points	Number	Integer	The points acquired by "AI Team 4"
Team5 Points	Number	Integer	The points acquired by "AI Team 5"

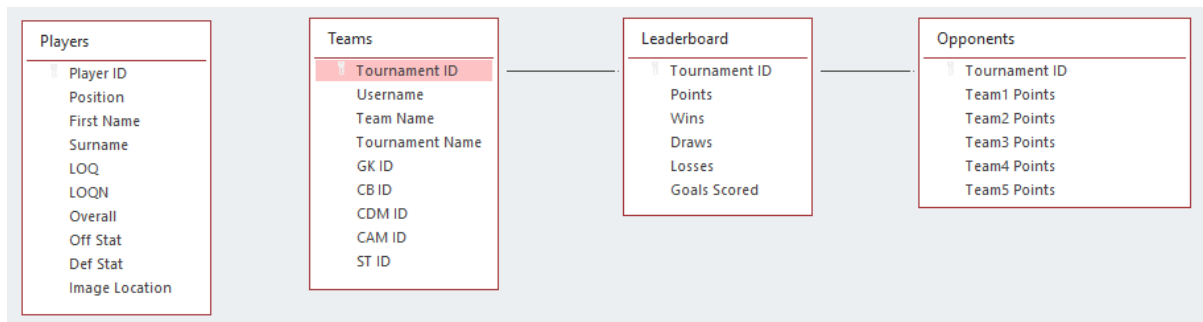
Leaderboard Table

Leaderboard: Has fields that link to the Team but would only be added after the game has finished. (Linked to Rank class and Rankings class)

<u>Field Name</u>	<u>Data Type</u>	<u>Field Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Tournament ID</u>	Number	Long Integer (Format 000)	The unique field that links the opponents' team to the user's team.
Points	Number	Integer	The amount of points obtained by the user's team.
Wins	Short Text	1	The number of wins recorded for the user's team.
Losses	Short Text	1	The number of losses recorded for the user's team.
Draws	Short Text	1	The number of draws recorded for the user's team.
Goals Scored	Short Text	2	The number of goals scored for the user's team.

***Primary Keys are bolded and underlined.**

Database Relationships:



Tournament ID is a common primary key for the tables Teams, Leaderboard and Opponents. This is because different data in a tournament is received at different times. The Teams table gets a record before the matches start where the Tournament ID is an AutoNumber. The program then gets the Tournament ID and stores it to be used as the Tournament ID for the Leaderboard and Opponents table when data is added after all the games have finished.

The object Rank from the program is a combination of fields from the Teams, Leaderboard and Opponents table making it essential that all of these tables are linked with the same Tournament ID.

Explanation of Storage Design

Five a Side Football integrates heavily with a Database to make storing and accessing data efficient. A database has been chosen primarily for its effectiveness in managing and organising data as there is a lot of data to store in the database tables. With a database, fields can be stored in specific tables to keep data organised and easy to find. It also makes editing, removing and adding records easier and safer. Using queries also allows data to be combined to get specific fields from specific tables. Queries are also able to sort and limit the data that is displayed making it easier to generate a leaderboard of only the top 10 teams.

A text file would have complicated this process and required more code to gather specific parts of a record and sort items accordingly. The database connection in Java is done with ease and can get any field from a table without having to use a delimiter and store every single value. A text field would have required that every field is stored in the program and then the program would require to have more code to find specific fields or limit the records based on their values. Multiple text fields would have also had to be used with no easy way to link the data together.