Column

A – Rank - ELO Rank for YEAR in Column B

B – Year – YEAR data pertains to

C – Country - Country Name

D – Elo - Elo Rating for End of Year (Column B)

E – CONF - Confederation country is part of

F – WCYEAR – Categorical – Was a world cup played that year. 1/yes 0/no

G – WCPREVYEAR – Categorical – Is this a year prior to world cup. 1/yes 0/no

Decided to create this because I was fairly certain that the elo rating would be very highly correlated to the country’s performance in the world cup, since it would have already taken it into account at end of year.

H – WCQualify – Did this country qualify for a world cup this year. 1/yes 0/no

I – GDP – GDP for country in that given year

J – Population – Population for country in that given year

K – GDPPER – GDP per Capita; Column I divided by Column J

L – FAVSPORT – Categorical – Is soccer this country’s favorite sport? 1/yes 0/no

M – GENPLAYERNUM – Numerical – How many “generational players” does the country have in the given year

N – GENPLAYERYN – Categorical – Does this country have a generational player in the given year? 1/yes 0/no

O-Q – AGE VARIABLES – Average, Median and Age Range for country’s team (only available in world cup years)

R-S – Height Variables – Average and Median Height for country’s team (only available in world cup years)

T-U – Counts – Count of Age and Count of Height samples that were used to calculate average and median. (only available in World Cup years)

V - Place in tournament; 0/Champion, 1/2ndPlace, 2/3rd or 4th place, 3/quarterfinals

W - Number of Round played in given year’s World Cup (only available in World Cup years)

X – Number of Rounds advance in given year’s world cup

Y – Percentage of rounds advance; 0 = No advancement, 1= Champion

These may get a bit confusing, but I created this to possibly help us deal with the fact that the World Cup we are trying to predict will feature an extra round that has never been played before.

Z-AI – Population over Time Variables – 1,4,5,8 and 10-year change in Population each followed by the rate of change for each measurement.

AJ-AS – GDP over Time Variables - 1,4,5,8 and 10-year change in GDP each followed by the rate of change for each measurement.

AT – BC – GDPPER capita over Time Variables - 1,4,5,8 and 10-year change in GDPPER capita each followed by the rate of change for each measurement.

BD – BM – ELO over time Variables - 1,4,5,8 and 10-year change in ELO each followed by the rate of change for each measurement.