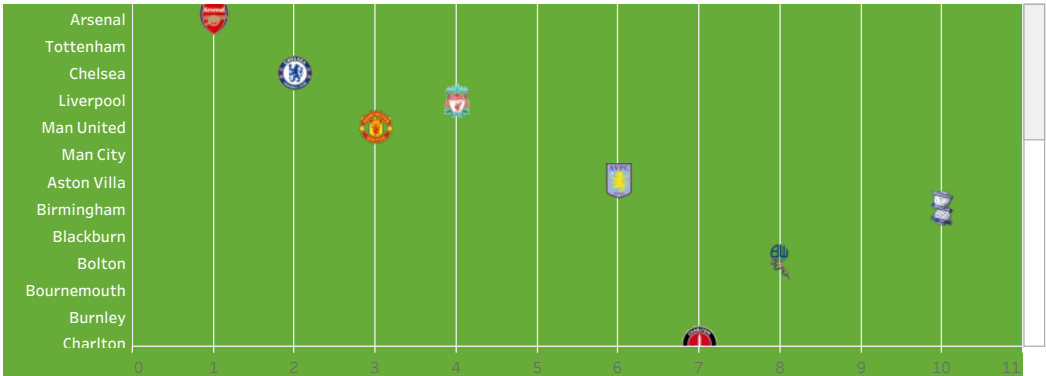


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EPL Rankings 2000-2020

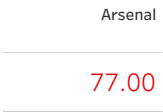


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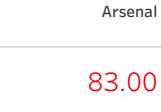


The animation of the charts above shows the position of various clubs in the English Premier League across the years. Each row is assigned to a ..

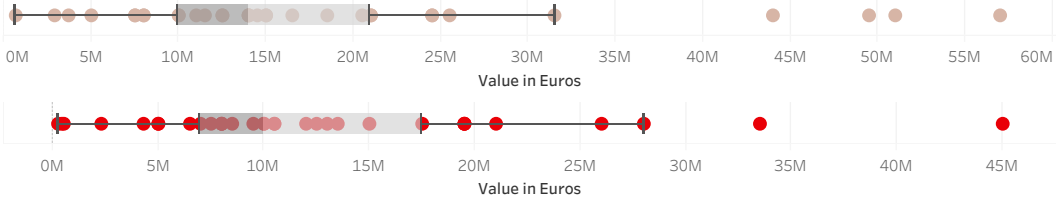
Median Overall Player Statistic Comparison



Median Overall Player Potential Comparison



Salary Comparison



Select a club to compare the Median Overall Player Statistic and the Median Overall Player Potential with Arsenal. The salary distribution is shown in the boxplot at the bottom.

Source:English Premier League, FIFA 2021

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This dashboard compares the players between Arsenal and it's biggest rival, Tottenham Hotspur.

Distribution of Players Across the Globe

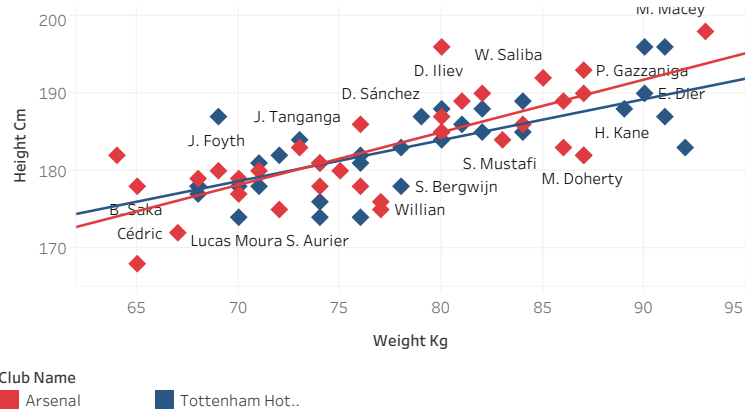
Hover over a country to view the number of players from each team



A lot of players of both teams come from the UK, which isn't surprising because London is home to both teams.

Comparing Height to Weight

The physical measurements comparison isn't as variant as Arsenal, but they are pretty much evenly matched.



Average Player International Reputation

Arsenal	Tottenham Hotspur
1.78788	1.84848

Tottenham has the edge when it comes to the average international reputation of its players.

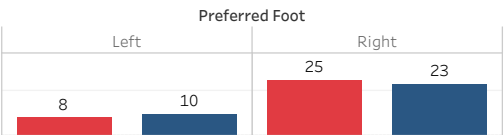
Player Tags

#Acrobat	#Playmaker
#Strength	#Speedster
#Dribbler	#Dribbler, #Acrobat
#Dribbler	#Speedster, #Dribbler, #Acrobat
#Distance Shooter, #Crosster, #FK Specialist	
#Dribbler, #Engine, #Distance Shooter, #Acrobat, #Clinical Finisher, #Complete Forward	
#Distance Shooter, #Clinical Finisher	
#Engine, #Strength	#Strength
	#Tackling
	#Engine

The skills of the Spurs are more diverse whereas more Arsenal players are known for their strength.

Distribution of Lefties and Righties

Arsenal has more Righties, whereas the Spurs have more lefties, in comparison to each other



Source: FIFA 21

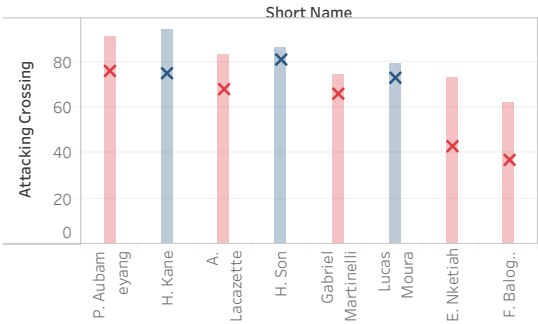
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Comparison on the Attack Front

Arsenal is nearly on par with the Spurs, but needs to focus on training the crossing skills of its offense



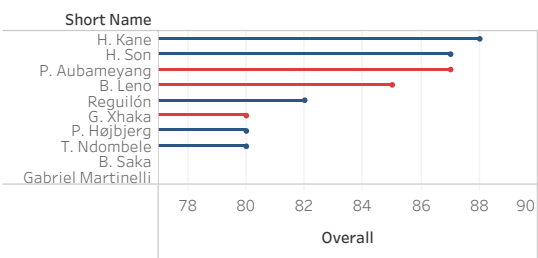
X - Finishing Bar - Crossing

Total Wages for Each Team

€ 2,046,000

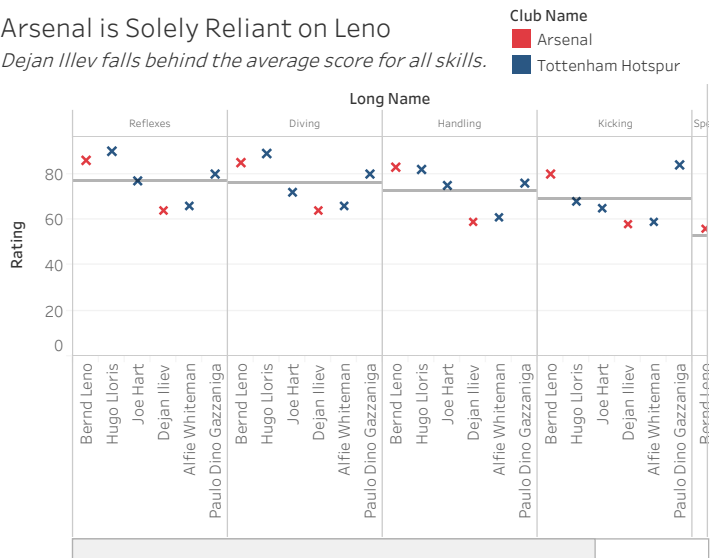
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Best 5 Players in 2020 In the Real World



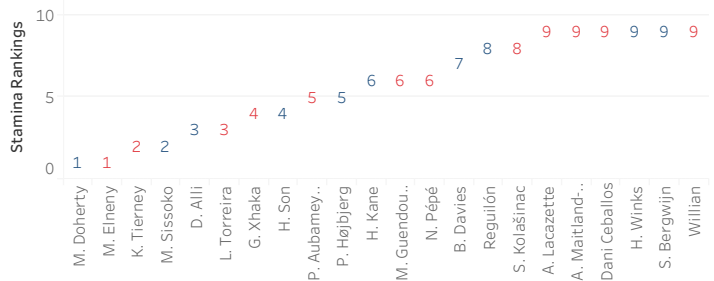
Arsenal is Solely Reliant on Leno

Dejan Iliev falls behind the average score for all skills.



Top 10 Stamina Rankings

Both teams are equally matched



Source: FIFA 2021, Metro.uk

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The Story Behind this Analysis

I decided to follow soccer last year and I had a tough time picking a team to support in the Premier League. I didn't want to follow the current champion as what I looked for a team was more to just wins. I picked Arsenal and was mocked greatly by my friends for picking a "loser" team. My biggest critic was a Tottenham Hotspur fan and he said "Arsenal has hit a low where it cannot be rescued". So Hisham, if you're watching this, this is for you!



The Invincibles (2003-2004)

Arsenal v/s the Rest

The first dashboard looks at EPL standings for the different teams from 2000-2020. The year early years were Arsenal's golden years. The 2003-2004 season earning them the title "The Invincibles", for having a 49-game undefeated streak. Clearly Arsenal had been the one to beat. They fell into stagnation in 2006, staying comfortable at 4th or 3rd. A 2nd place in 2016 was the best result after which they dropped to 5th. Their all-time low during this period was at 2020, with 8th place.

It can be seen that the Median Overall ranking for Arsenal players is slightly lower than it's rivals: Tottenham, Chelsea, Manchester United, Manchester City and Liverpool. However the Median Potential ranking is more or less the same. So Arsenal has a really good roster, but there is some polishing to be done. Arsenal also spent less money than its rivals in building its rivals, so there isn't urgent need to axe off any players.



Arsene Wenger
(1996-2018)



Unai Emery
(2018-2019)



Mikel Arteta
(2019-Present)



Jose Mourinho (2019-2020)
Tottenham

Conclusion

After my analysis, I can't say that an inadequate roster is the cause of Arsenal's poor form. It is worth mentioning that Arsene Wenger was the manager (gaffer) of Arsenal from 1996-2018 (Arsenal's golden years to the stagnation) and was followed by Unai Emery (2018-2019), which is now currently occupied by former player Mikel Arteta (2020-present). While he is just getting used to his new role, a finish of 8th is unacceptable. ..



Aubameyang



Harry Kane

Arsenal's Biggest Rival: Tottenham Hotspurs

Arsenal and Tottenham have a long standing rivalry, as both of them are based in North London. Matches between the two tend to be very heated and it is considered by many as the most famous and fiercest derbies in the world. Hence I chose Tottenham and their roster to compare with Arsenal. Being based of in London, it's no surprise that the vast majority of players are from the United Kingdom. Tottenham also has players from North America and Asia as well. Regarding Lefties and Righties, there is a smaller gap in the Tottenham roster compared to the Arsenal roster.

An interesting observation is that Tottenham players are diverse with their skillsets. The skill tags have a wide variety, but Arsenal is mostly focused on Strength, which three of its players are known for. Developing unique skillsets for its players can be..

Player Statistics Comparison

An important point to note was that Arsenal is solely reliant on Bernd Leno as their primary goalkeeper. They have Dejan Iliev, who is from the Arsenal Academy, but he is not an effective replacement if and when Leno cannot play. While it is good that Dejan will have the exposure to improve his goalkeeping skills, an interim goalkeeper would be helpful for matches Arsenal cannot afford to lose.

On the attack front, Arsenal needs to focus on the crossing skills of the forwards as they are behind the likes of Harry Kane, Son Heung-min and Lucas Moura.

Aubameyang is an important addition to the squad and Arsenal should focus on retaining him.

Overall there doesn't seem to be much difference in the player ratings between the ..