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football_classification_complete.py
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FOOTBALL MATCH OUTCOME CLASSIFICATION PROJECT
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1. DATA LOADING AND EXPLORATION
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✓ Loading local dataset...
✓ Dataset loaded: 67353 matches, 17 columns
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Dataset Overview:
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- Total matches: 67,353
- Date range: 2024-01-01 05:00:00 to 2026-10-06 18:00:00
- Unique teams: 3747
- Unique leagues: 224
- Unique venues: 3279
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Class Distribution:
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- Home Win: 26,541 (39.4%)
- Draw: 22,980 (34.1%)
- Away Win: 17,832 (26.5%)
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✓ No missing values found
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2. FEATURE ENGINEERING
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✓ Creating basic encodings...
✓ Creating temporal features...
✓ Creating team performance features...
✓ Creating league-specific features...
✓ Creating venue features...
✓ Creating head-to-head features...
✓ Created 26 features total
\nFinal dataset: 67,353 matches with 26 features
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4. MODEL TRAINING AND TUNING
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3. DATA PREPROCESSING
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✓ Handling class imbalance with SMOTE...
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Original distribution:
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- ```
- Home Win: 26,541
- Draw: 22,980
- Away Win: 17,832
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Balanced distribution:
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- ```
- Home Win: 26,541
- Away Win: 26,541
- Draw: 26,541
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✓ Data split: 63,698 training, 15,925 testing samples
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- ✓ Selecting top features...
- ✓ Selected 25 most important features
  
- ✓ Training Algorithm 1: Random Forest
  - Tuning hyperparameters...
  - Training completed
  
- ✓ Training Algorithm 2: Gradient Boosting
  - Tuning hyperparameters...
  - Training completed
  
- ✓ Training Algorithm 3: Neural Network
  - Tuning hyperparameters...
  - Training completed
  
- ✓ Training Bonus Algorithm: XGBoost
  - Tuning hyperparameters...
  - Training completed
  
- ✓ Training Ensemble: Stacking Classifier
  - Training completed

## 5. MODEL EVALUATION

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- ✓ Evaluating Random Forest...
  - Accuracy: 0.6287 (62.87%)
  - F1-Score: 0.6267
  - AUC Score: 0.8176
  
- ✓ Evaluating Gradient Boosting...
  - Accuracy: 0.6416 (64.16%)
  - F1-Score: 0.6412
  - AUC Score: 0.8265
  
- ✓ Evaluating Neural Network...
  - Accuracy: 0.5945 (59.45%)
  - F1-Score: 0.5941
  - AUC Score: 0.7758
  
- ✓ Evaluating XGBoost...
  - Accuracy: 0.6484 (64.84%)
  - F1-Score: 0.6476
  - AUC Score: 0.8326
  
- ✓ Evaluating Stacking Ensemble...
  - Accuracy: 0.6536 (65.36%)
  - F1-Score: 0.6533
  - AUC Score: 0.8347

## 6. CREATING VISUALIZATIONS

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✓ Creating model performance comparison...
✓ Creating per-class performance analysis...
✓ Creating feature importance analysis...
✓ All visualizations saved to plots/ directory
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## 7. ERROR ANALYSIS

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✓ Analyzing errors for best model: Stacking Ensemble
✓ Total misclassified samples: 5516 out of 15925 (34.6%)
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Error breakdown by true class:

- Home Win: 1777/5309 errors (33.5% error rate)
  - Most often misclassified as: Away Win
- Draw: 2138/5308 errors (40.3% error rate)
  - Most often misclassified as: Home Win
- Away Win: 1601/5308 errors (30.2% error rate)
  - Most often misclassified as: Home Win

Detailed confusion matrix analysis:

- Home Win → Draw: 713 cases
- Home Win → Away Win: 1064 cases
- Draw → Home Win: 1107 cases
- Draw → Away Win: 1031 cases
- Away Win → Home Win: 970 cases
- Away Win → Draw: 631 cases

## 8. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

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### ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND BIAS ANALYSIS

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#### 1. DATA BIAS CONSIDERATIONS:

- Historical bias: The model learns from past match data, which may reflect historical advantages or disadvantages of certain teams or leagues
- Temporal bias: Older data may not reflect current team performance
- Geographic bias: Some leagues or regions may be over/under-represented

#### 2. FAIRNESS CONCERNS:

- Team fairness: The model should not systematically favor certain teams
- League fairness: Performance should be consistent across different leagues
- Venue fairness: Home advantage should be modeled appropriately, not amplified

#### 3. POTENTIAL MISUSE:

- Gambling: This model should not be used for betting or gambling purposes
- Match fixing: Predictions should not influence actual match outcomes

- Financial decisions: Should not be used for significant financial investments

#### 4. TRANSPARENCY:

- Feature importance is provided to understand model decisions
- Model limitations are clearly documented
- Uncertainty in predictions is acknowledged

✓ Ethical considerations documented

#### 9. SAVING RESULTS

✓ Comprehensive results saved

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#### PROJECT COMPLETION SUMMARY

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✓ Best Model: Stacking Ensemble

✓ Best Accuracy: 0.6536 (65.36%)

✓ F1-Score: 0.6533

✓ AUC Score: 0.8347

✓ Results saved to: results/

✓ Plots saved to: plots/

✓ All project requirements completed successfully!

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