THREAD: A Statistical analysis of Bruno Fernandes.

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I’ll split the thread into a few parts:

1. General overview of player
2. Attacking Statistics
3. Passing Statistics
4. Interpretation of results.

Again, an extremely long read. Let’s get started!

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PART 1 – OVERVIEW

This part will cover some general stats about Fernandes.

- 1. Bruno Miguel Borges Fernandes (24) is a Portuguese footballer who plays for Sporting CP and the Portugal national team as a right-footed midfielder.

- 2. In the 2018/10 season, he scored 32 goals, with 12 Assists (all competitions).

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- 3. Fernandes's main position is as a creative outlet in a midfield 3, or playing just behind the striker. His contributions from various positions are as follows :

- AMF : 17G, 7A

- RW : 8G, 5A

- LW : 2G, 1A

- CM : 5G, 1A

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- 4. Even though he plays attacking midfield, he covers the full width of the pitch, and has a tendency

to drift to his right.

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- 5. Dots represents Shots on TARGET. 'G' for Goals. Chart for 2018/19 Season (Domestic competitions).

Fernandes has a tendency to shoot from outside the box, and with fairly good accuracy.

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- 6. Shooting habbits. Lot of shots are low and finessed, and goals tend to be scored more on the

left than right.

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PART 2 – ATTACKING STATISTICS.

For Part 2 and Part 3, contextual understanding of the statistics would lead to a better understanding. There are three parts to this

1. Understanding the basis of comparison.
2. Understanding the metric being compared.
3. Understanding the graph.

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1. BASIS OF COMPARISON

* Comparing the Attacking Midfield Players from Europe’s top 5 Leagues. The Portuguese league is 6th (more on why this is important later)
* Minimum 1000 minutes played.

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1. METRIC COMPARISON

* Bar plots are straightforward. Player, and the count/value of said metric.
* Scatter plots have an X and Y component. X is usually metric per 90 value. Y is the accuracy of the metric.

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1. GRAPH INTERPRETATION

* Scatter plots are fairly easy to understand! Consider Through passes per90 vs Through Pass accuracy. If a point is in the:
  + TOP RIGHT – More passes per 90, better accuracy (good ability, good quality)
  + TOP LEFT – Attempts less often, but good accuracy (lacks of ability)

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* + BOTTOM RIGHT – More passes per 90, but low accuracy (low quality)
  + BOTTOM LEFT – Few attempts, low accuracy (lack of ability, low quality)

TOP RIGHT is always good. Just because someone is able, doesn’t make them good at it.

Onto the statisitcs.

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A1

Goals comparisons. Lighter tones are Penalty goals. Darker tones are Non-Penalty goals. Obvious winner.

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A2

Assists Comparison. Tops the Assists charts too. Impressive.

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A3

Shot Quality – Measure of his shooting prowess (and how good it is)

Number of shots –

Bruno F : 178

A. Gómez : 106

N. Fekir : 90

J. Maddison : 84

K. Havertz : 83

Good % on target. Closer to Top Right.

Shooting definitely a strength.

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A4

Goal Conversion – Measure of shot placement. Sheer number of shots on target is impressive. Above average goal conversion rate. Reinforces his shooting ability.

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A5

Touches in Box p90 – Not as much as other, but this is not necessarily a bad thing. Just shows he’s still a midfielder (an attacking one).

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A6

Cross per 90 –

Has good grossing ability too. As he’s right footed, tends to cross more from the right.

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PART 3 – PASSING STATISTICS

B1.

(\*) Forward passing – Forward passes p90 vs accuracy.

Fernandes is BOTTOM RIGHT : ability is there, but the quality is low. K. Havertz is impressive.

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B2.

(\*) Long passing ability – Long passes p90 vs accuracy.

Fernandes is again BOTTOM RIGHT: more quantity, less quality. K. Havertz is impressive again.

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B3.

Average pass length –

Fernandes has highest pass length on average. Proves his attacking nature, but could also be due to the lower quality of the league.

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B4.

Average long pass length –

Same story. Proves he has good vision, but take it with a pinch of salt due to quality of the league.

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B5.

(\*) Final third passing ability – Final third passes p90 vs accuracy

The pattern repeats. BOTTOM RIGHT – good ability, less quality. K. Havertz impressive yet again.

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B6.

(\*) Passes to penalty box – Passes to penalty box p90 vs accuracy

BOTTOM RIGHT. There is a very clear pattern here.

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B7.

(\*) Through passing ability : Through passes p90 vs accuracy

I wonder where Fernandes could be…

On a more serious note, K. Havertz is impressive yet again.

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PART 4 – INTERPRETATION.

I’ll explain the (\*) uses in the tweets. To condense it all down:

* Is a goal scorer first before anything else. The number of goals, shots taken and on target, his shooting quality, is a testament to this.
* Has a good crossing ability.
* Does not get into the box that often.
* Excellent passing range.
* Fair number of shots from outside the box

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However, there are some points of concern:

The (\*) highlighted passing metrics:

* Forward passing
* Passes into Penalty box
* Long passing
* Through balls
* Final third passing

All have shown one thing. Fernandes definitely attempts a lot of said passes, but his accuracy in doing so is low. Good ability, Inconsistent quality.

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This is concerning because the Portuguese League (6th Ranked), has sub-par defending, passing and attacking in comparison to bigger leagues. This is not to say the player is bad, but the environment makes a difference.

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If Bruno F. is able to keep up the same statistics (Like Eriksen, who also has a similar passing characteristics) in the PL, he’ll definitely be worth the money.

He is definitely a gamble, but he might just be worth it.

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Reddit summary:

A brief summary.

Some of Bruno Fernandes’s standout characteristics:

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Some points of concern:

In a few passing metrics like:

* Forward passing
* Passes into Penalty box
* Long passing
* Through balls
* Final third passing

Although the quantity of passes was high, the accuracy was very low. Considering the quality of the league Fernandes plays in, whether he will be able to keep up in the PL is definitely something to be worried about. He’s shown glimpses in the Nations League (and even vs Liverpool friendly). Consistency remains to be seen, and there are only so many things statistics can tell.