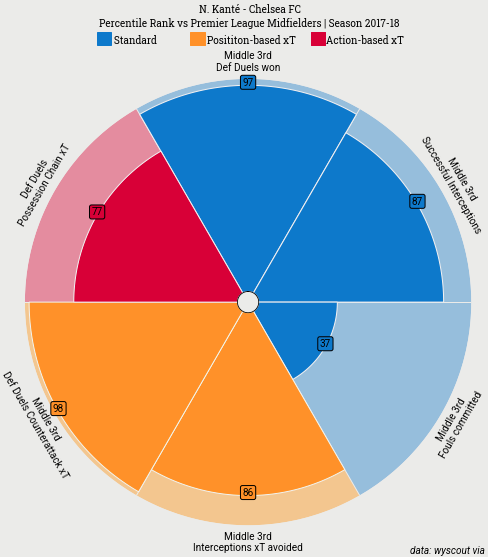
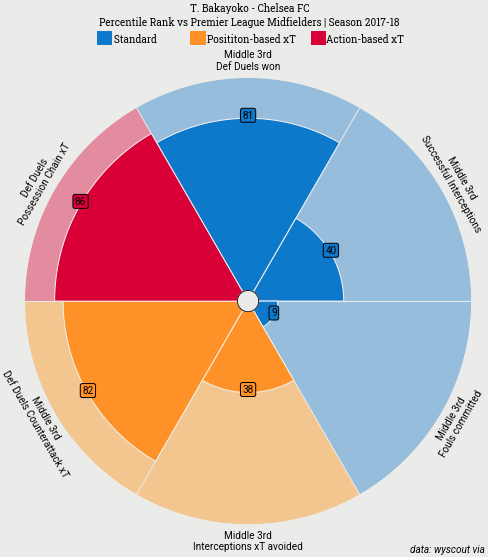
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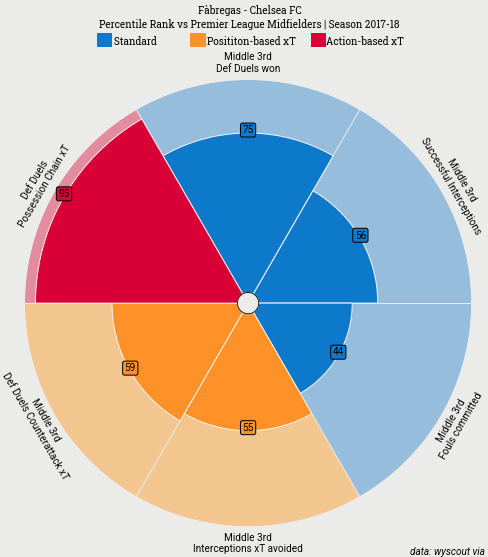
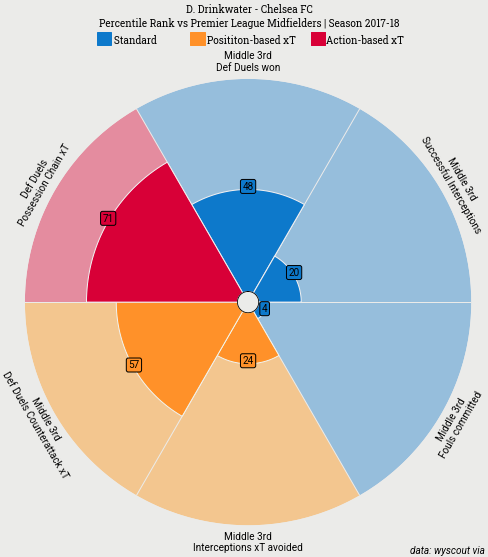
Summer 2018 scouting report to analyse defensive metrics for central midfielders

**Objective**

Part 1

* Implement 4 to 6 defensive metrics
  1. Middle 3rd Def Duels Won: volume of defensive duels won in the middle third
  2. Middle 3rd Fouls: volume of fouls committed in the middle third
  3. Middle 3rd Interceptions xT avoided: xT value avoided by interceptions in the middle third
  4. Middle 3rd Def Duels Counterattack xT: xT value associated with potential counterattacks initiated from defensive duels won in the middle third
  5. Def Duels Possession Chain xT: xT associated with defensive duel actions in isolated possession chains
* radar charts for comparison of current players

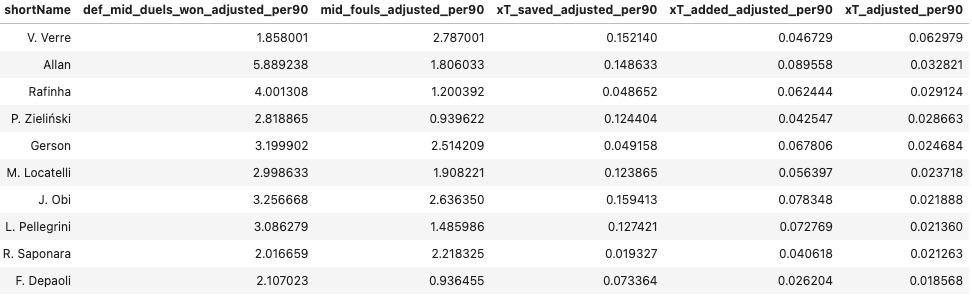
 

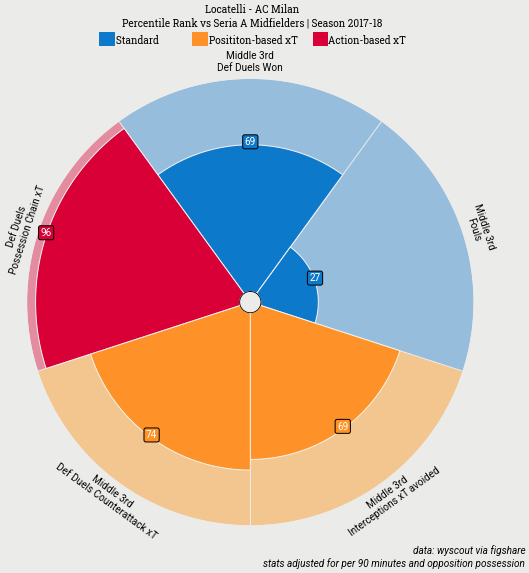
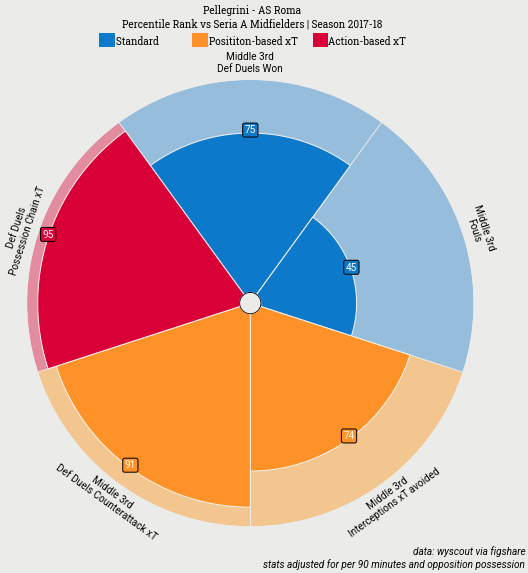
* text to explain the charts and assumptions

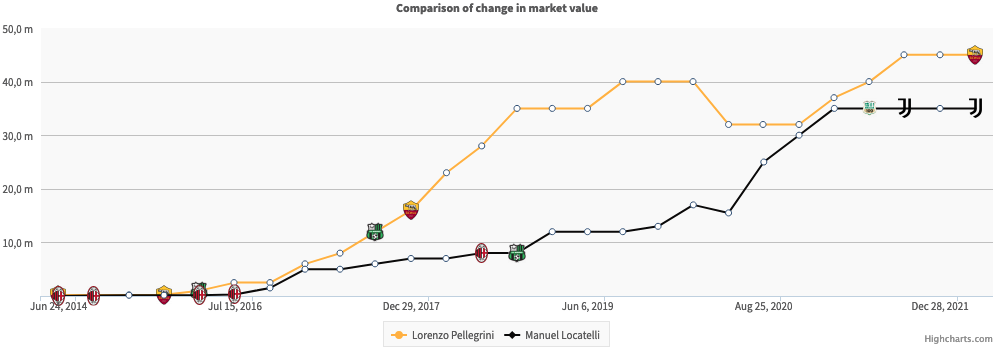
Part 2

* zero down on one metric to analyse players in Serie A: Def Duels Possession Chain xT
* present a top 10 list of players for this metric in this league



* recommend a single player for signing in the summer based on that metric



**Key observations:**

* age, manager and contract tenure left at the club at that time – market value context
* minutes played and opposition possession to add context for style of play

**Data assumptions:**

**References:**