Finding Replacement Player for Cristiano Ronaldo in Manchester United

Import The Libraries

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In [434]:
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import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import os
from sklearn.neighbors import NearestNeighbors
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Reading The Data

DataFrame #1

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In [435]:
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fifa = pd.read_csv('Fifa 23 Players Data.csv') #loading the dataset using read.csv()
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In [436]:

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fifa.head(10) #show the first 10 rows of the dataframe
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Out[436]:

	Known As	Full Name	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Positions Played	Best Position	Nationality	
0	L. Messi	Lionel Messi	91	91	54000000	RW	CAM	Argentina	https://cdn.sofifa.net/players/1
1	K. Benzema	Karim Benzema	91	91	64000000	CF,ST	CF	France	https://cdn.sofifa.net/players/1
2	R. Lewandowski	Robert Lewandowski	91	91	84000000	ST	ST	Poland	https://cdn.sofifa.net/players/1
3	K. De Bruyne	Kevin De Bruyne	91	91	107500000	CM,CAM	СМ	Belgium	https://cdn.sofifa.net/players/19
4	K. Mbappé	Kylian Mbappé	91	95	190500000	ST,LW	ST	France	https://cdn.sofifa.net/players/2
5	M. Salah	Mohamed Salah	90	90	115500000	RW	RW	Egypt	https://cdn.sofifa.net/players/2
6	T. Courtois	Thibaut Courtois	90	91	90000000	GK	GK	Belgium	https://cdn.sofifa.net/players/19
7	M. Neuer	Manuel Neuer	90	90	13500000	GК	GK	Germany	https://cdn.sofifa.net/players/1
8	Cristiano Ronaldo	C. Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro	90	90	41000000	ST	ST	Portugal	https://cdn.sofifa.net/players/0
9	V. van Dijk	Virgil van Dijk	90	90	98000000	СВ	СВ	Netherlands	https://cdn.sofifa.net/players/2

10 rows × 89 columns

In [437]:

#ant the aurent above of the dataframe

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#yet the current shape or the datarrame
fifa.shape
Out[437]:
(18539, 89)
In [438]:
#Checking the columns for na values
for column in fifa.columns:
    print(column)
    print(pd.isna(fifa[column]).sum())
Known As
Full Name
0
Overall
Potential
0
Value(in Euro)
Positions Played
Best Position
Nationality
Image Link
Age
Height (in cm)
Weight(in kg)
TotalStats
BaseStats
Club Name
Wage(in Euro)
Release Clause
Club Position
Contract Until
Club Jersey Number
Joined On
On Loan
Preferred Foot
Weak Foot Rating
Skill Moves
International Reputation
National Team Name
National Team Image Link
National Team Position
National Team Jersey Number
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Attacking Work Rate
Defensive Work Rate
Pace Total
Shooting Total
Passing Total
Dribbling Total
Defending Total
Physicality Total
Crossing
Finishing
Heading Accuracy
Short Passing
Volleys
Dribbling
Curve
Freekick Accuracy
LongPassing
BallControl
Acceleration
Sprint Speed
Agility
Reactions
Balance
Shot Power
Jumping
0
Stamina
Strength
Long Shots
Aggression
Interceptions
Positioning
Vision
Penalties
Composure
Marking
Standing Tackle
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Sliding Tackle
Goalkeeper Diving
Goalkeeper Handling
 GoalkeeperKicking
Goalkeeper Positioning
Goalkeeper Reflexes
ST Rating
0
LW Rating
0
LF Rating
CF Rating
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RF Rating
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RW Rating
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CAM Rating
LM Rating
CM Rating
0
RM Rating
LWB Rating
CDM Rating
RWB Rating
0
LB Rating
0
CB Rating
0
RB Rating
GK Rating
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In [439]:

#description of the data
fifa.describe()

Out[439]:

	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	TotalStats	BaseStats	Wa
count	18539.000000	18539.000000	1.853900e+04	18539.000000	18539.000000	18539.000000	18539.000000	18539.000000	18
mean	65.852042	71.016668	2.875461e+06	25.240412	181.550839	75.173904	1602.114569	357.946221	8
std	6.788353	6.192866	7.635129e+06	4.718163	6.858097	7.013593	273.160237	39.628259	19
min	47.000000	48.000000	0.000000e+00	16.000000	155.000000	49.000000	759.000000	224.000000	
25%	62.000000	67.000000	4.750000e+05	21.000000	177.000000	70.000000	1470.000000	331.000000	1
50%	66.000000	71.000000	1.000000e+06	25.000000	182.000000	75.000000	1640.000000	358.000000	3
75%	70.000000	75.000000	2.000000e+06	29.000000	186.000000	80.000000	1786.000000	385.000000	8
max	91.000000	95.000000	1.905000e+08	44.000000	206.000000	105.000000	2312.000000	502.000000	450

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In [440]:

#print information about the data frame fifa.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 18539 entries, 0 to 18538
Data columns (total 89 columns):

Data	columns (total 89 columns):			
#	Column	Non-Nu	ıll Count	Dtype
0	Known As	18539	non-null	object
1	Full Name	18539	non-null	object
2	Overall	18539	non-null	int64
3	Potential		non-null	
4	Value(in Euro)	18539	non-null	int64
5	Positions Played		non-null	
6	Best Position		non-null	_
7	Nationality		non-null	
8	Image Link		non-null	
9	Age	18539	non-null	int64
10	Height(in cm)			
11	Weight (in kg)	18539	non-null	in+6/
12	TotalStats	10535	non-null non-null non-null	in+61
13		10533	non-null	111CO4
	BaseStats	10533	non-null	111C04
	Club Name	10539	non-null	object
	Wage(in Euro)		non-null	
16	Release Clause		non-null	
17	Club Position		non-null	
18	Contract Until		non-null	_
19	Club Jersey Number		non-null	
20	Joined On		non-null	
21	On Loan		non-null	
22	Preferred Foot	18539	non-null	object
23	Weak Foot Rating		non-null	int64
24	Skill Moves	18539	non-null	
25	International Reputation		non-null	
26	National Team Name	18539	non-null	object
27	National Team Image Link	18539	non-null	object
28	National Team Position	18539	non-null	object
29	National Team Jersey Number	18539	non-null	object
30	Attacking Work Rate		non-null	
31	Defensive Work Rate		non-null	
32	Pace Total		non-null	
33	Shooting Total		non-null	
34	Passing Total		non-null	
35	Dribbling Total		non-null	int64
36	Defending Total		non-null	int64
37	Physicality Total		non-null	int64
38	Crossing		non-null	int64
39	Finishing		non-null	int64
40	Heading Accuracy		non-null	int64
41	Short Passing		non-null	int64
42	Volleys		non-null	int64
43	Dribbling		non-null	int64
44	Curve		non-null	
45	Freekick Accuracy		non-null	int64
46	LongPassing		non-null	int64
47	BallControl		non-null	int64
48	Acceleration		non-null	int64
49	Sprint Speed		non-null	int64
50	Agility		non-null	int64
51	Reactions		non-null	int64
52	Balance		non-null	int64
53	Shot Power		non-null	int64
54	Jumping		non-null	
55	Stamina		non-null	
56	Strength		non-null	
57	Long Shots		non-null	
58	Aggression		non-null	int64
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18539 non-null int64
 59 Interceptions
 60 Positioning
                                       18539 non-null int64
 61 Vision
                                       18539 non-null int64
 62 Penalties
                                       18539 non-null int64
 63 Composure
                                       18539 non-null int64
Marking 18539 non-null int64
65 Standing Tackle 18539 non-null int64
66 Sliding Tackle 18539 non-null int64
67 Goalkeeper Diving 18539 non-null int64
68 Goalkeeper Handling 18539 non-null int64
69 GoalkeeperKicking 18539 non-null int64
70 Goalkeeper Positioning 18539 non-null int64
71 Goalkeeper Reflexes 18539 non-null int64
72 ST Rating 18539 non-null int64
73 LW Rating 18539 non-null int64
 64 Marking
                                       18539 non-null int64
 73 LW Rating
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 74 LF Rating
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 75 CF Rating
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 76 RF Rating
 77 RW Rating
                                       18539 non-null int64
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 78 CAM Rating
 79 LM Rating
                                      18539 non-null int64
 80 CM Rating
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 81 RM Rating
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 82 LWB Rating
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 85 LB Rating
                                       18539 non-null int64
 86 CB Rating
                                       18539 non-null int64
 87 RB Rating
                                       18539 non-null int64
                                        18539 non-null int64
 88 GK Rating
dtypes: int64(71), object(18)
memory usage: 12.6+ MB
In [441]:
fifa['Contract Until'] = np.where(fifa['Contract Until'] =='-', '0', fifa['Contract Until']
fifa['Contract Until'] = fifa['Contract Until'].astype(str) # convert data type of the 'co
ntract until' column to string
In [442]:
#check for duplicate rows
fifa.duplicated().sum()
Out[442]:
119
In [443]:
#return the number of unique values in each column
fifa.nunique()
Out[443]:
Known As
                   17530
Full Name
                    18337
Overall
Potential
                        48
Value(in Euro)
                      257
RWB Rating
                        71
LB Rating
CB Rating
                         73
RB Rating
                         71
GK Rating
Length: 89, dtype: int64
```

Cleaning The Data

In [444]: #1 - Remove irrelevant data #2 - Remove duplicate data #3 - fix structural errors (not found within this database) #4 - deal with missing data (not applicable on this dataset as this dataset doesn't have missing data) #5 - filter out data outliers

In [445]:

#6 - Validate data

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#removing irrelevant data
fifa.drop(['Full Name', 'Image Link' , 'Club Position' , 'Club Jersey Number', 'Internat
ional Reputation', 'National Team Name', 'National Team Image Link', 'National Team Posit
ion', 'National Team Jersey Number' , 'Attacking Work Rate' , 'Defensive Work Rate' , 'Go
alkeeper Diving' , 'Goalkeeper Handling', 'GoalkeeperKicking' ,'Goalkeeper Positioning',
'Goalkeeper Reflexes', 'ST Rating', 'CF Rating', 'RW Rating', 'LW Rating', 'LF Rating', '
RF Rating', 'CAM Rating', 'LM Rating', 'CM Rating', 'RM Rating', 'LWB Rating', 'RWB Ratin
g', 'CDM Rating', 'LB Rating', 'RB Rating', 'CB Rating', 'GK Rating' ],axis=1,inplace=Tru
e)
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In [446]:

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fifa.shape
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Out[446]:

(18539, 56)

In [447]:

fifa.head(10)

Out[447]:

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Positions Played	Best Position	Nationality	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	 Long Shots	Aggres
0	L. Messi	91	91	54000000	RW	CAM	Argentina	35	169	67	 91	
1	K. Benzema	91	91	64000000	CF,ST	CF	France	34	185	81	 80	
2	R. Lewandowski	91	91	84000000	ST	ST	Poland	33	185	81	 84	
3	K. De Bruyne	91	91	107500000	CM,CAM	СМ	Belgium	31	181	70	 91	
4	K. Mbappé	91	95	190500000	ST,LW	ST	France	23	182	73	 82	
5	M. Salah	90	90	115500000	RW	RW	Egypt	30	175	71	 85	
6	T. Courtois	90	91	90000000	GK	GK	Belgium	30	199	96	 17	
7	M. Neuer	90	90	13500000	GK	GK	Germany	36	193	93	 16	
8	Cristiano Ronaldo	90	90	41000000	ST	ST	Portugal	37	187	83	 90	
9	V. van Dijk	90	90	98000000	СВ	СВ	Netherlands	30	193	92	 64	

10 rows × 56 columns

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In [448]:

fifa.columns

Out[448]:

'Dribbling Total', 'Defending Total', 'Physicality Total', 'Crossing', 'Finishing', 'Heading Accuracy', 'Short Passing', 'Volleys', 'Dribbling', 'Curve', 'Freekick Accuracy', 'LongPassing', 'BallControl', 'Acceleration', 'Sprint Speed', 'Agility', 'Reactions', 'Balance', 'Shot Power', 'Jumping', 'Stamina', 'Strength', 'Long Shots', 'Aggression', 'Interceptions', 'Positioning', 'Vision', 'Penalties', 'Composure', 'Marking', 'Standing Tackle', 'Sliding Tackle'], dtype='object')

In [449]:

#removing all 119 duplicates from the dataset
fifa.drop_duplicates()

Out[449]:

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Positions Played	Best Position	Nationality	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	•••	Long Shots	Aggı
0	L. Messi	91	91	54000000	RW	CAM	Argentina	35	169	67		91	
1	K. Benzema	91	91	64000000	CF,ST	CF	France	34	185	81		80	
2	R. Lewandowski	91	91	84000000	ST	ST	Poland	33	185	81		84	
3	K. De Bruyne	91	91	107500000	CM,CAM	СМ	Belgium	31	181	70		91	
4	K. Mbappé	91	95	190500000	ST,LW	ST	France	23	182	73		82	
18534	D. Collins	47	56	110000	ST,RM	CAM	Republic of Ireland	21	174	68		46	
18535	Yang Dejiang	47	57	90000	CDM	CDM	China PR	17	175	60		35	
18536	L. Mullan	47	67	130000	СМ	RM	Northern Ireland	18	170	65		36	
18537	D. McCallion	47	61	100000	СВ	СВ	Republic of Ireland	17	178	65		18	
18538	N. Rabha	47	50	60000	LB	LB	India	25	176	66		28	

18420 rows x 56 columns

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In [450]:

#drop the Goalkeeper positions because they're irrelevent to this analysis
fifa= fifa[fifa['Best Position'] != 'GK']

In [451]:

fifa.drop(['Positions Played'],axis=1,inplace=True)

In [452]:

fifa.shape

Out[452]:

(16478, 55)

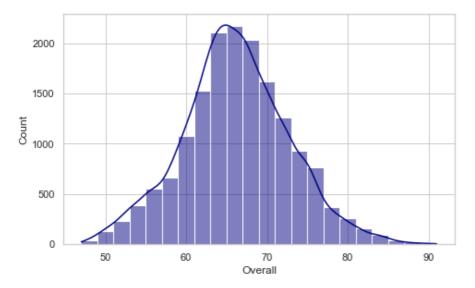
Exploratory Data Analysis

In [453]:

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#create a histogram to explore the general overall of all the players where most of the p layers lay on the spectrum sns.histplot(data = fifa['Overall'] , color = 'navy', binwidth = 2 , kde = True)
```

Out[453]:

<AxesSubplot:xlabel='Overall', ylabel='Count'>



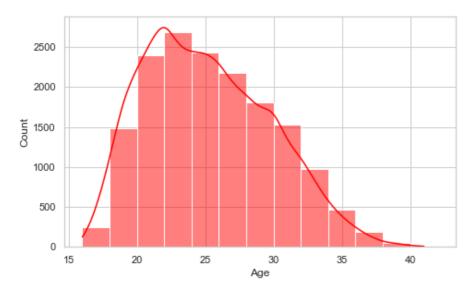
The histogram shows that players that are 75 overall or over are a very small number of all the players, which would narrow up the candidates that can replace ronaldo a bit

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In [454]:
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sns.histplot(data = fifa['Age'] , color = 'red' ,binwidth = 2 , kde = True)
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Out[454]:

<AxesSubplot:xlabel='Age', ylabel='Count'>



This histogram shows that most players average in the mid-20's range which means they would have alot of potential to grow and alot of time to get better.

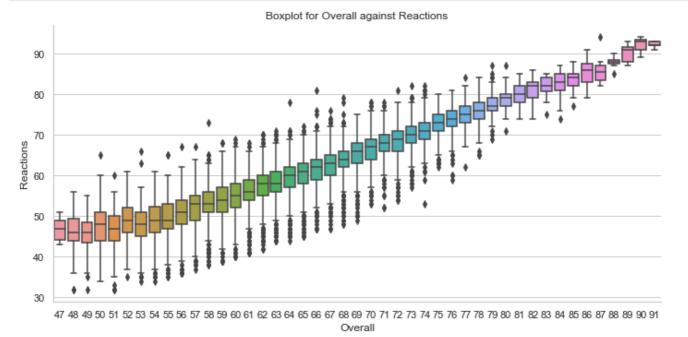
In [455]:

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this heatmap shows third interesting observation which are that there is a high correlation(0.84) between overall and Base stats which makes sense because when a player has high base stats he should have a high overall, the second observation is that there is a high correlation (0.87) between overall and reactions which means that usually players with high overalls have good reactions and know how to read other players which will help when looking for replacements for ronaldo which has 94 reactions. The final observation is that there is high correlation of 0.70 between composure and overall, which shows that good quality players know how to stay composed through out the 90 minutes of play time and not get affected by other factors. These observations will be kept in mind while looking for the player we are searching for.

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In [456]:
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sns.catplot(x='Overall', y='Reactions', data = fifa , kind = 'box' , aspect = 2)
plt.title('Boxplot for Overall against Reactions')
plt.show()
```

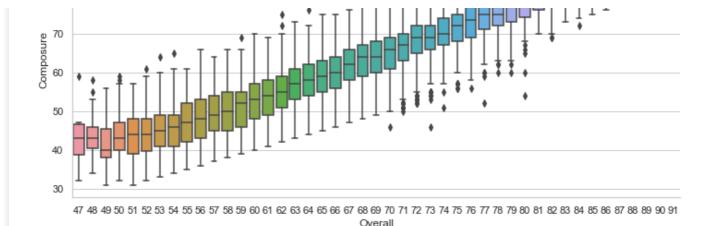


In [457]:

```
sns.catplot(x='Overall', y='Composure', data = fifa , kind = 'box' , aspect = 2)
plt.title('Boxplot for Overall against Composure')
plt.show()
```

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Boxplot for Overall against Composure

90
80
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Classifying positions into 3 different categories

This step is crucial to avoid confusion and will help simplify the analysis where positions are classified to forward, midfielder, or defender instead of the multiple positions that are in the table Right now

In [458]:

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fifa.replace(['ST','RW','LW','CF','RM','LM'], 3,inplace= True) # Forward positions will be known as 3 in the dataset to make things easier for analysis fifa.replace(['CM','CDM','CAM'], 2, inplace = True) # Midfielder positions will be known as 2 in the dataset fifa.replace(['CB','RB','LB','RWB','LWB'], 1, inplace = True) # Defender positions will be known as 1 in the dataset to make things easier
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In [459]:

fifa.head(7)

Out[459]:

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Best Position	Nationality	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	TotalStats	 Long Shots	Aggress
0	L. Messi	91	91	54000000	2	Argentina	35	169	67	2190	 91	
1	K. Benzema	91	91	64000000	3	France	34	185	81	2147	 80	
2	R. Lewandowski	91	91	84000000	3	Poland	33	185	81	2205	 84	
3	K. De Bruyne	91	91	107500000	2	Belgium	31	181	70	2303	 91	
4	K. Mbappé	91	95	190500000	3	France	23	182	73	2177	 82	
5	M. Salah	90	90	115500000	3	Egypt	30	175	71	2226	 85	
8	Cristiano Ronaldo	90	90	41000000	3	Portugal	37	187	83	2159	 90	

7 rows × 55 columns

In [460]:

Cristiano = fifa.loc[(fifa['Known As'] == 'Cristiano Ronaldo')] #saving ronaldo's row inca
se I lose him while further cleaning.

Exploring Cristiano's best attributes

In [461]:

print(fifa.iloc[6])

Known As

Cristiano Ronaldo

Overall	90
Potential	90
Value(in Euro)	4100000
Best Position	3
Nationality	Portugal
Age	37
Height(in cm)	187
Weight(in kg)	83
TotalStats	2159
BaseStats	445
Club Name	Manchester United
Wage(in Euro)	220000
Release Clause	7790000
Contract Until	2023
Joined On	2021
On Loan	-
Preferred Foot	Right
Weak Foot Rating	4
Skill Moves	5
Pace Total	81
Shooting Total	92
Passing Total	78
Dribbling Total	85
Defending Total	34
Physicality Total	75
Crossing	80
Finishing	93
Heading Accuracy	90
Short Passing	80
Volleys	86
Dribbling	85
Curve	81
Freekick Accuracy	79
LongPassing	75
BallControl	88
Acceleration	79
Sprint Speed	83
Agility	77
Reactions	94 67
Balance	
Shot Power	93
Jumping	95 76
Stamina	76 77
Strength	90
Long Shots Aggression	63
Interceptions	29
Positioning	95
Vision	76
Penalties	90
	95
Composure Marking	24
Standing Tackle	32
Sliding Tackle	24
Name: 8, dtype: object	
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This shows that the highest attributes (more than or equal 85) for Cristiano are : Finishing / Heading Accuracy / Volleys / Dribbling / Ball Control / Reactions / Shot Power / Jumping / Long Shots / Positioning / Penalties / Composure

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In [462]:
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In [463]:
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Out[463]:

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Best Position	Age	Finishing	Heading Accuracy	Volleys	Dribbling	BallControl	Reactions	Shot Power	Jumpin
8	Cristiano Ronaldo	90	90	3	37	93	90	86	85	88	94	93	9
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Forwards in Manchester United

Defens lacking in the whole would. I must look first in the club to see if the entire is already incide the club

Furthermore, I'm going to take a look at all the forwards available in Manchester United and compare them to Ronaldo.

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In [464]:
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manutdrep = fifa.loc[(fifa['Club Name'] == 'Manchester United') & (fifa['Best Position']
== 3)]
manutdrep
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Out[464]:

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Best Position	Nationality	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	TotalStats	•••	Long Shots	Aggressi
8	Cristiano Ronaldo	90	90	41000000	3	Portugal	37	187	83	2159		90	
226	Antony	82	88	49000000	3	Brazil	22	174	63	2010		76	
323	M. Rashford	81	85	37000000	3	England	24	186	70	2072		78	
501	A. Martial	80	83	28000000	3	France	26	184	76	1973		74	
2042	A. Elanga	74	85	9500000	3	Sweden	20	178	75	1829		63	
4790	F. Pellistri	70	82	3800000	3	Uruguay	20	175	65	1754		61	
10793	Alejandro Garnacho	64	85	1900000	3	Argentina	18	180	70	1586		56	

7 rows × 55 columns

The table above shows that there are only 6 other forwards other than Cristiano. He plays alongside 2 of them which are usually Antony and Rashford. Pellistri, Garnacho and Elanga are still young to take on a huge role like this, of ourse they all have a high potential but they will not affect the team immediately, so this leaves us with Martial.

In [465]:

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#the dataset wrote sancho as a midfielder but he plays for United as a forward
manutdrep2 = fifa.loc[(fifa['Known As'] == 'J. Sancho')]
manutdrep2
```

Out[465]:

Known As	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Best Position	Nationality	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	TotalStats	 Long Shots	Aggression
J. Sancho	84	88	61500000	2	England	22	180	76	1977	 65	44

1 rows × 55 columns

Now we have two players that could potentially take ronaldo's place but lets compare ronaldo's best attributes to theirs.

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In [466]:
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manutd = [manutdrep, manutdrep2]
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In [467]:

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replacements = pd.concat(manutd)
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In [468]:

Out[468]:

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Best Position	Nationality	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	TotalStats	 Long Shots	Aggressi
8	Cristiano Ronaldo	90	90	41000000	3	Portugal	37	187	83	2159	 90	
226	Antony	82	88	49000000	3	Brazil	22	174	63	2010	 76	
323	M. Rashford	81	85	37000000	3	England	24	186	70	2072	 78	
501	A. Martial	80	83	28000000	3	France	26	184	76	1973	 74	
2042	A. Elanga	74	85	9500000	3	Sweden	20	178	75	1829	 63	
4790	F. Pellistri	70	82	3800000	3	Uruguay	20	175	65	1754	 61	
10793	Alejandro Garnacho	64	85	1900000	3	Argentina	18	180	70	1586	 56	
144	J. Sancho	84	88	61500000	2	England	22	180	76	1977	 65	

8 rows × 55 columns

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In [469]:

In [470]:

replacements.drop([2042,4790,10793,323,226],axis=0,inplace=True)

/var/folders/_5/fk2q70ks6cv1r4lh88zxfj480000gn/T/ipykernel_1815/2888388914.py:1: SettingW ithCopyWarning:

A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_g uide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy

In [471]:

#create a replacements table for manchester united replacements
replacements

Out[471]:

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Best Position	Age	Finishing	Heading Accuracy	Volleys	Dribbling	BallControl	Reactions	Shot Power	Jump
8	Cristiano Ronaldo	90	90	3	37	93	90	86	85	88	94	93	
501	A. Martial	80	83	3	26	79	70	76	87	84	78	83	
144	J. Sancho	84	88	2	22	77	38	83	91	88	81	71	
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now that all the potential manchester united replacements are in one table, I'll display some data visualization to

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In [472]:
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```
import plotly.graph objects as go
fig = go.Figure()
df= fifa[fifa["Known As"] == "Cristiano Ronaldo"]
fig.add trace(go.Scatterpolar(
        r = [df['Finishing'].values[0],df['Heading Accuracy'].values[0],
        df['Volleys'].values[0],df['Dribbling'].values[0],df['BallControl'].values[0], d
f['Reactions'].values[0],
        df['Shot Power'].values[0],df['Jumping'].values[0],df['Long Shots'].values[0],
        df['Positioning'].values[0],df['Penalties'].values[0],df['Composure'].values[0]]
        theta = ['Finishing', 'Heading', 'Volleys', 'Dribbling', 'Ball Control', 'Reactions',
'Shot Power',
                                               'Jumping', 'Long Shots', 'Positioning', 'Pena
lties','Composure'],
       mode = 'lines',
        name = 'Cristiano Ronaldo',
        fill='toself',
line_color = 'lightcoral'
    ) )
s=fifa[fifa["Known As"] == "J. Sancho"]
fig.add trace(go.Scatterpolar(
        r = [s['Finishing'].values[0],s['Heading Accuracy'].values[0],
        s['Volleys'].values[0],s['Dribbling'].values[0],s['BallControl'].values[0], s['R
eactions'].values[0],
        s['Shot Power'].values[0],s['Jumping'].values[0],s['Long Shots'].values[0],
        s['Positioning'].values[0],s['Penalties'].values[0],s['Composure'].values[0]],
        theta = ['Finishing','Heading','Volleys','Dribbling','Ball Control','Reactions',
'Shot Power',
                                               'Jumping', 'Long Shots', 'Positioning', 'Pena
lties','Composure'],
       mode = 'lines',
        name = 'Jadon Sancho',
        fill='toself',
        line color = 'darkred'))
m =fifa[fifa["Known As"] == "A. Martial"]
fig.add trace(go.Scatterpolar(
        r = [m['Finishing'].values[0],m['Heading Accuracy'].values[0],
        m['Volleys'].values[0],m['Dribbling'].values[0],m['BallControl'].values[0], m['R
eactions'].values[0],
        m['Shot Power'].values[0],m['Jumping'].values[0],m['Long Shots'].values[0],
        m['Positioning'].values[0],m['Penalties'].values[0],m['Composure'].values[0]],
        theta = ['Finishing', 'Heading', 'Volleys', 'Dribbling', 'Ball Control', 'Reactions',
'Shot Power',
                                               'Jumping', 'Long Shots', 'Positioning', 'Pena
lties','Composure'],
        mode = 'lines',
        name = 'Anthony Martial',
        fill='toself',
        line color = 'red'
    ) )
```

The graph above shows that those two players do not come close to where Cristiano's attributes are, sancho does exceed him in dribbling, but in other aspects of the game he is far off. On the other hand, Martial also exceeds cristiano in dribbling but is more of a complete forward than Sancho. He's an all around better striker, maybe not the best but he's not missing an attribute like sancho is. All in all, this graph show that they are not competent enough to take cristiano's place so now we will have to start our analysis on the rest of the players

Removing irrelevent attributes and players (Data cleaning #2)

In this part of the analysis, I will be ruling out some players that I know are unsignable by Manchester United for multiple reasons like: -

- age
- his contract / value
- the potential
- the position
- Current club

As well as, dropping all the manchester united players because we already searched in the club.

```
In [473]:
fifa=fifa[fifa['Club Name'] != 'Manchester United']
```

Generally in football, Clubs are always looking to sign young talents because they have potential to grow and their longevity, so because of this we will narrow down the players to 28 years or younger. a player being 28 years and signing a five year contract would mean he'll play five year at his peak/highest level.

```
In [474]:
fifa=fifa[fifa['Age']<=28]</pre>
```

Another factor that would affect the transfer is if the player plays for either Manchester City or Liverpool who are Manchester United's direct rivals and it's highly unlikely that a direct transfer would happen with any of those clubs.

```
In [475]:

fifa=fifa[fifa['Club Name'] != 'Manchester City']
fifa=fifa[fifa['Club Name'] != 'Liverpool']
```

In this analysis, we're looking for a replacement for Cristiano which is a forward so it doesn't make sense to have midfielders and defenders in this dataset.

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In [476]:
```

```
fifa=fifa[fifa['Best Position'] != 2]
fifa=fifa[fifa['Best Position'] != 1]
```

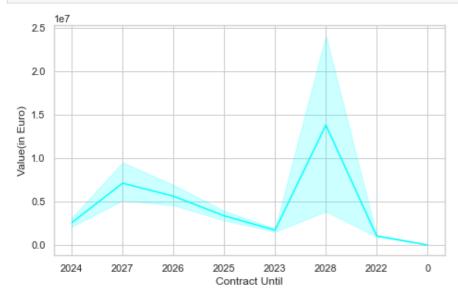
```
In [477]:
```

```
fifa.shape
Out[477]:
(4129, 55)
```

Players contract tend to have a relationship with the value. If a contract is still new or not terminating any time soon, the player tends to have a higher value. Especially in recent years, players are signing contracts with an unimaginably high release clause so the following graph will show the truth to this theory.

```
In [478]:
```

```
g = sns.lineplot(x="Contract Until", y="Value(in Euro)", data=fifa,color='cyan')
```



as this plot shows the prices spike at 2028 and 2027 which means the player that we would be lokking for would have a contract that ends within the next 4 years or by the end of 2026. In addition, recent news show that the transfer budget for manchester united next season would be around 100 million british pounds which should be around 116 million euros, so we will remove players with higher values.

```
In [479]:
```

```
fifa=fifa[fifa['Contract Until'] != '2028']
fifa=fifa[fifa['Contract Until'] != '2027']
fifa=fifa[fifa['Value(in Euro)'] <= 116000000]</pre>
```

```
In [480]:
```

```
fifa.shape
```

Out[480]:

(3963, 55)

Of course, cristiano fits into some of the exceptions that we dropped like being a manchester united player and being over 28, so I will add him again to the data frame with the exact same attributes.

```
In [481]:
```

```
fifa = fifa.append(Cristiano)
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ning:
The frame.append method is deprecated and will be removed from pandas in a future version
```

. Use pandas.concat instead.

Model Building

K-means clustering

```
In [482]:
```

```
stats = ['Weak Foot Rating','Skill Moves','Crossing','Finishing','Heading Accuracy',
    'Short Passing','Volleys','Dribbling','Curve','Freekick Accuracy','LongPassing','BallCont
    rol','Acceleration',
    'Sprint Speed' ,'Agility','Reactions','Balance' ,'Shot Power','Jumping','Stamina' ,'Stre
    ngth' ,'Long Shots','Aggression' ,'Interceptions','Positioning','Vision','Penalties','Com
    posure' ,'Marking','Standing Tackle' ,'Sliding Tackle' ]
```

In [483]:

In [484]:

```
df.head()
```

Out[484]:

	Weak Foot Rating	Skill Moves	Crossing	Finishing	Heading Accuracy	Short Passing	Volleys	Dribbling	Curve	Freekick Accuracy	 Long Shots	Aggression	Interc
10	5	3	80	93	85	84	87	83	82	65	 86	80	
59	4	4	58	88	84	76	90	84	78	54	 76	90	
63	4	5	72	84	50	75	72	92	77	62	 76	58	
67	4	4	78	86	42	82	83	87	74	62	 82	63	
75	3	5	84	84	65	81	75	87	85	83	 83	72	

5 rows × 31 columns

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In [485]:

```
from sklearn import preprocessing
x = df.values
scaler = preprocessing.MinMaxScaler()
x_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(x)
X_norm = pd.DataFrame(x_scaled)
```

In [486]:

```
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
pca = PCA(n_components = 2)
r = pd.DataFrame(pca.fit_transform(X_norm))
```

In [487]:

```
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
# specify the number of clusters
```

```
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=8, init='random', random_state=0)
# fit the data
kmeans = kmeans.fit(r)
# get the cluster labels
name= fifa['Known As'].tolist()
labels = kmeans.predict(r)
# centroid values
centroid = kmeans.cluster_centers_
# cluster values
clusters = kmeans.labels_.tolist()
```

In [488]:

```
r['cluster'] = clusters
r['names'] = name
fifa['cluster'] = clusters
r.columns = ['x','y','cluster','names']
r.head()
```

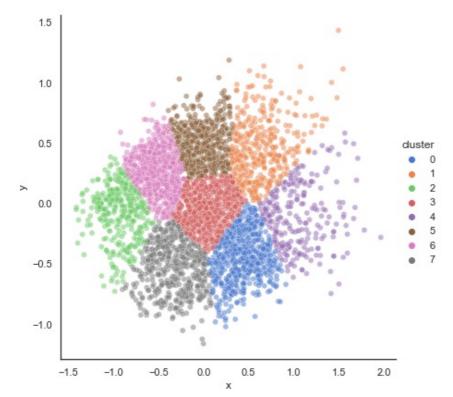
Out[488]:

	x	У	cluster	names
0	1.547070	1.112440	1	H. Kane
1	1.480716	0.873494	1	L. Martínez
2	1.254202	0.730178	1	Vinícius Jr.
3	1.420896	0.460077	4	S. Gnabry
4	1.420196	1.000743	1	M. Depay

In [489]:

Out[489]:

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In [495]:
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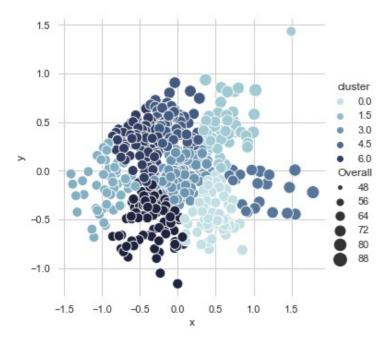
```
import seaborn as sns
sns.set_theme(style="whitegrid")

cmap = sns.cubehelix_palette(rot=-.2, as_cmap=True)
g = sns.relplot(
    data=r,
    x="x", y="y",
    hue="cluster", size=fifa['Overall'],
    palette=cmap, sizes=(10, 200),
)

g.ax.xaxis.grid(True, "minor", linewidth=.25)
g.ax.yaxis.grid(True, "minor", linewidth=.25)
g.despine(left=True, bottom=True)
```

Out[495]:

<seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x7fd1f2351040>



In [414]:

```
# Find Cristiano's Cluster
def Cluster(x):
    return fifa[fifa['Known As'] == x][['Known As', 'cluster']]
Cluster('Cristiano Ronaldo')
```

Out[414]:

Known As cluster

8 Cristiano Ronaldo

In [415]:

```
fifa[fifa['cluster'] == 1].head(12)
```

Out[415]:

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Best Position	Nationality	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	TotalStats	 Aggression	Int
10	H. Kane	89	89	105500000	3	England	28	188	89	2193	 80	
59	L. Martínez	86	90	98500000	3	Argentina	24	174	72	2163	 90	
	Vinícius											

63	Known As	86 Overall	92 Potential	109000000 Value(in Euro)	Best Position	Brazil Nationality	21 Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	1985 TotalStats		58 Aggression	
	ти. Берау			3300000		Neuronanus		170		2009	•••		
128	Rafael Leão	84	90	66500000	3	Portugal	23	188	81	1971		60	
135	L. Sané	84	85	49500000	3	Germany	26	183	80	2086		63	
147	Oyarzabal	84	86	53000000	3	Spain	25	181	79	2044		52	
152	D. Vlahović	84	91	86500000	3	Serbia	22	190	75	1912		60	
166	V. Osimhen	83	89	58000000	3	Nigeria	23	185	78	1999		69	
173	C. Gakpo	83	87	52000000	3	Netherlands	23	189	76	2057		60	
206	Gonçalo Guedes	82	85	41000000	3	Portugal	25	179	68	2034		64	
212	T. Werner	82	84	38000000	3	Germany	26	180	76	1994		63	

In [416]:

final_replacements = fifa[fifa['cluster'] == 1]

In [417]:

final_replacements.shape

Out[417]:

(396, 56)

In [418]:

final_replacements=final_replacements[final_replacements['Potential']>=85]

In [419]:

final_replacements.shape

Out[419]:

(27, 56)

In [420]:

final_replacements

Out[420]:

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Best Position	Nationality	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	TotalStats	 Aggression
10	H. Kane	89	89	105500000	3	England	28	188	89	2193	 80
59	L. Martínez	86	90	98500000	3	Argentina	24	174	72	2163	 90
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75	M. Depay	85	85	55000000	3	Netherlands	28	176	78	2089	 72
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135	L. Sané	84	85	49500000	3	Germany	26	183	80	2086	 63
147	Oyarzabal	84	86	53000000	3	Spain	25	181	79	2044	 52
152	D. Vlahović	84	91	86500000	3	Serbia	22	190	75	1912	 60
166	V. Osimhen	83	89	58000000	3	Nigeria	23	185	78	1999	 69

173	C. Gakpo Known As Goncalo		87 Potential	52000000 Value(in Euro)	Best Position	Netherlands Nationality	23 Age	Height(in cm)	kg)	2057 TotalStats		60 Aggression
-206	Guedes	82	85	41000000	3	Portugal	25	179	68	2034	•••	64
221	T. Abraham	82	85	42000000	3	England	24	195	86	1927		68
374	Y. En- Nesyri	80	85	31500000	3	Morocco	25	188	78	1881		76
415	N. González	80	85	32000000	3	Argentina	24	180	72	1971		67
512	J. David	79	85	28500000	3	Canada	22	180	77	1912		37
537	S. Chukwueze	79	85	27500000	3	Nigeria	23	172	70	1898		47
578	D. Malen	79	85	28000000	3	Netherlands	23	178	77	2018		62
690	Evanilson	78	86	32000000	3	Brazil	22	181	77	1796		45
763	M. Kean	78	86	32000000	3	Italy	22	182	72	1878		57
1483	B. Johnson	75	85	12500000	3	Wales	21	181	71	1830		48
1652	K. Sulemana	75	85	12500000	3	Ghana	20	175	70	1817		52
1661	Gonçalo Ramos	75	85	12500000	3	Portugal	21	185	82	1900		80
1759	Gonçalo Ramos	75	85	12500000	3	Portugal	21	185	82	1900		80
2073	Nico Williams	74	86	10000000	3	Spain	19	181	67	1800		36
3554	B. Šeško	72	85	5500000	3	Slovenia	19	193	77	1816		62
5658	Y. Moukoko	69	88	3500000	3	Germany	17	175	73	1733		43
8	Cristiano Ronaldo	90	90	41000000	3	Portugal	37	187	83	2159		63

There are 27 possible replacements that were found using the K-means clustering algorithm with potential 85 or higher which is good, but we need players that have high potential for the future as well as immediate effect that will help the team so players like Y. Moukoko who is 17 years old and potential of 88 is perfect for the future but his rating now is still 69 so he won't be able to help the team right away. to solve this,we will drop all players with overall less that 83.

```
In [421]:
```

```
final_replacements=final_replacements[final_replacements['Overall'] >= 83]
final_replacements=final_replacements[final_replacements['Known As']!= 'Cristiano Ronaldo
']
```

In [422]:

final_replacements

Out[422]:

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Best Position	Nationality	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	TotalStats	 Aggression In	1
10	H. Kane	89	89	105500000	3	England	28	188	89	2193	 80	
5	L. Martínez	86	90	98500000	3	Argentina	24	174	72	2163	 90	
6:	Vinícius Jr.	86	92	109000000	3	Brazil	21	176	73	1985	 58	
7	M. Denav	85	85	55000000	3	Netherlands	28	176	78	2089	 72	

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128	Knoppar Asi	Overall 84	Potential 90	Value(in 665 (5000)	Best Position	Nationality Portugal	Age 23	Height(in	Weight(in	TotalStats 1971		Aggression 60	Int
135	L. Sané	84	85	49500000	3	Germany	26	183	80	2086		63	
147	Oyarzabal	84	86	53000000	3	Spain	25	181	79	2044		52	
152	D. Vlahović	84	91	86500000	3	Serbia	22	190	75	1912		60	
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Now that we have the final 10 rows of players that can potentially replace ronaldo. let's eliminate a couple that might not be fit for the role like the following players: -

- 1 Harry Kane / He is the star of tottenham and they will not let him go to a rival team easily.
- 2 Vinicius junior / he is not the player that manchester united need as he is small and injury prone.
- 3 Memphis Depay / he was in Manchester United a long time ago but he left on bad terms so seems unlikely to join again.
- 4 Oyarzabal / Similar to Vinicius jr. he doesn't have a striker build as well as playing as a winger

In [423]:

```
final_replacements = final_replacements[final_replacements['Known As']!='H. Kane']
final_replacements = final_replacements[final_replacements['Known As']!='Vinícius Jr.']
final_replacements = final_replacements[final_replacements['Known As']!='M. Depay']
final_replacements = final_replacements[final_replacements['Known As']!='Oyarzabal']
```

In [424]:

final replacements

Out[424]:

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Best Position	Nationality	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	TotalStats	 Aggression	Inter
59	L. Martínez	86	90	98500000	3	Argentina	24	174	72	2163	 90	
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173	C. Gakpo	83	87	52000000	3	Netherlands	23	189	76	2057	 60	

6 rows × 56 columns

Who will replace Cristiano Ronaldo? (Final)

In [425]:

final_replacements

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Best Position	Nationality	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	TotalStats	 Aggression	Inter
59	L. Martínez	86	90	98500000	3	Argentina	24	174	72	2163	 90	
128	Rafael Leão	84	90	66500000	3	Portugal	23	188	81	1971	 60	
135	L. Sané	84	85	49500000	3	Germany	26	183	80	2086	 63	
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166	V. Osimhen	83	89	58000000	3	Nigeria	23	185	78	1999	 69	
173	C. Gakpo	83	87	52000000	3	Netherlands	23	189	76	2057	 60	

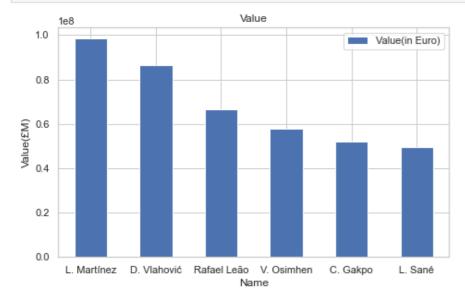
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The table above leaves us with 6 candidates to replace this icon of football. lets compare some of their factors and attributes to see who would be the best and final choice.

Values

In [426]:

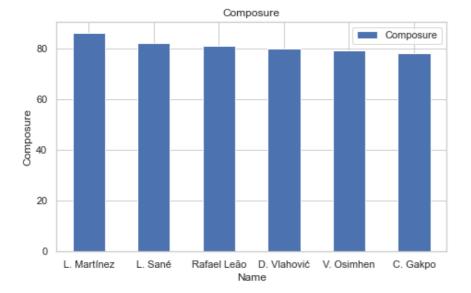
```
final_replacements_sorted= final_replacements.sort_values('Value(in Euro)', ascending=Fals
e)
ax = final_replacements_sorted.plot.bar(x='Known As', y='Value(in Euro)', rot=0)
plt.title('Value')
plt.xlabel('Name')
plt.ylabel('Value(£M)')
plt.show()
```



Composure

In [496]:

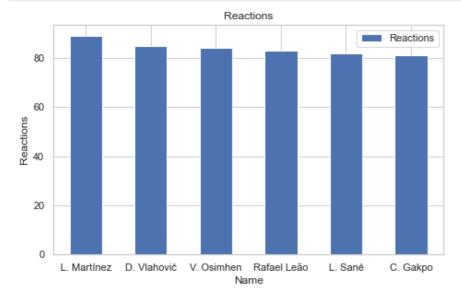
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final_replacements_sorted= final_replacements.sort_values('Composure', ascending=False)
ax = final_replacements_sorted.plot.bar(x='Known As', y='Composure', rot=0)
plt.title('Composure')
plt.xlabel('Name')
plt.ylabel('Composure')
plt.show()
```



Reactions

In [428]:

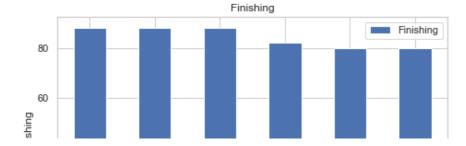
```
final_replacements_sorted= final_replacements.sort_values('Reactions', ascending=False)
ax = final_replacements_sorted.plot.bar(x='Known As', y='Reactions', rot=0)
plt.title('Reactions')
plt.xlabel('Name')
plt.ylabel('Reactions')
plt.show()
```

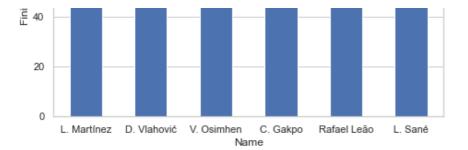


Finishing

In [429]:

```
final_replacements_sorted= final_replacements.sort_values('Finishing', ascending=False)
ax = final_replacements_sorted.plot.bar(x='Known As', y='Finishing', rot=0)
plt.title('Finishing')
plt.xlabel('Name')
plt.ylabel('Finishing')
plt.show()
```

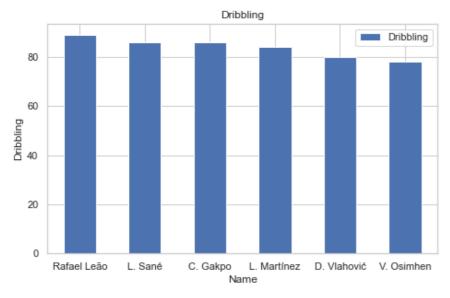




Dribbling

In [430]:

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final_replacements_sorted= final_replacements.sort_values('Dribbling', ascending=False)
ax = final_replacements_sorted.plot.bar(x='Known As', y='Dribbling', rot=0)
plt.title('Dribbling')
plt.xlabel('Name')
plt.ylabel('Dribbling')
plt.show()
```



In [431]:

final replacements

Out[431]:

	Known As	Overall	Potential	Value(in Euro)	Best Position	Nationality	Age	Height(in cm)	Weight(in kg)	TotalStats	 Aggression	Inter
59	L. Martínez	86	90	98500000	3	Argentina	24	174	72	2163	 90	
128	Rafael Leão	84	90	66500000	3	Portugal	23	188	81	1971	 60	
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so in the past graphs I compared all of the players' values, composure, reactions, finishing and dribbling. They were all really similar as they came from the same clsuter but some players exceeded the others like lautaro

martinez. Which would be my first choice if he was not very expensive and his body type was taller (he is 174 cm and Cristiano was 187cm)

The final choice of replacement for me was Dusan Vlahovic where he has the highest potential of 91 which exceeds Cristiano, has a tall body type, he is only 22 years old, and exceeds in the needed attributes like reactions and finishing. Although his price might be a bit high, but the club is getting what it is paying for.

On the other hand if the club is looking for a cheaper alternative, I would recommend Cody Gakpo. He is still young as well, has high growth potential, has a tall body type, and has TotalStats more than most of the other players. His attributes are on par with the other players and surely will get better in the future.

In [432]:

```
no_name=final_replacements[['Weak Foot Rating','Skill Moves','Crossing','Finishing','Head
ing Accuracy',
'Short Passing','Volleys','Dribbling','Curve','Freekick Accuracy','LongPassing','BallCont
rol','Acceleration',
'Sprint Speed' ,'Agility','Reactions','Balance' ,'Shot Power','Jumping','Stamina' ,'Stre
ngth' ,'Long Shots','Aggression' ,'Interceptions','Positioning','Vision','Penalties','Com
posure' ,'Marking','Standing Tackle' ,'Sliding Tackle' ]]
```

In [271]:

```
import plotly.graph objects as go
def Convert(lst):
   return [ -i for i in lst ]
sr3 = Convert(no name.iloc[6])
fig = go.Figure()
fig.add trace(go.Bar(x=no name.iloc[3], y=stats,orientation='h',
                base=0.
                marker color='rgb(158,202,225)',
                name='Dusan Vlahovic',
                marker line color='rgb(8,48,107)',
                marker line width=1.5,
                opacity= 0.7,
                text = no name.iloc[3],
                textposition='outside'
                ) )
fig.add trace(go.Bar(x=no name.iloc[6], y=stats,orientation='h',
                base=sr3,
                marker color='crimson',
                name='Cristiano Ronaldo',
                marker line color='red',
                marker line width=1.5,
                opacity= 0.7,
                text = sr3,
                textposition='auto'
fig.update layout(
    height=500,
    title text='Cristiano vs Vlahovic',
   barmode='overlay', xaxis tickangle=-45, bargap=0.30
fig.show()
```

In [270]:

```
import plotly.graph objects as go
def Convert(lst):
   return [ -i for i in lst ]
sr3 = Convert(no_name.iloc[6])
fig = go.Figure()
fig.add trace(go.Bar(x=no name.iloc[5], y=stats,orientation='h',
                base=0,
                marker color='rgb(158,202,225)',
                name='Cody Gakpo',
                marker line color='rgb(8,48,107)',
                marker line width=1.5,
                opacity= 0.7,
                text = no_name.iloc[5],
                textposition='outside'
fig.add_trace(go.Bar(x=no_name.iloc[6], y=stats,orientation='h',
                base=sr3,
                marker_color='crimson',
                name='Cristiano Ronaldo',
                marker_line_color='red',
                marker_line_width=1.5,
                opacity= 0.7,
                text = sr3,
                textposition='auto'
                ) )
fig.update layout(
   height=500,
    title text='Cristiano vs Gakpo',
   barmode='overlay', xaxis tickangle=-45, bargap=0.30
fig.show()
```

In []:			