



Premier League
**Primary
Stars**

Career Mode Maths

Scout

Pre-Match Briefing

In this session, you will be taking over from your football club's Scout. You will learn more about their role and then use your Maths skills to make some key decisions. Think about what Premier League Values you'll be demonstrating to make decisions that will shape the future of which players join your club.



Warm up!

What do you think a Scout might do? Can you separate the job responsibilities into two piles. One for responsibilities you think a Scout **'might have'**, and the other for responsibilities you think are **'better suited to a different person'**.

Your task:

Discuss these questions as a class:

- What might a Scout be responsible for?
- Using the job responsibilities handout, which ones do you think do/don't link to the Scout?

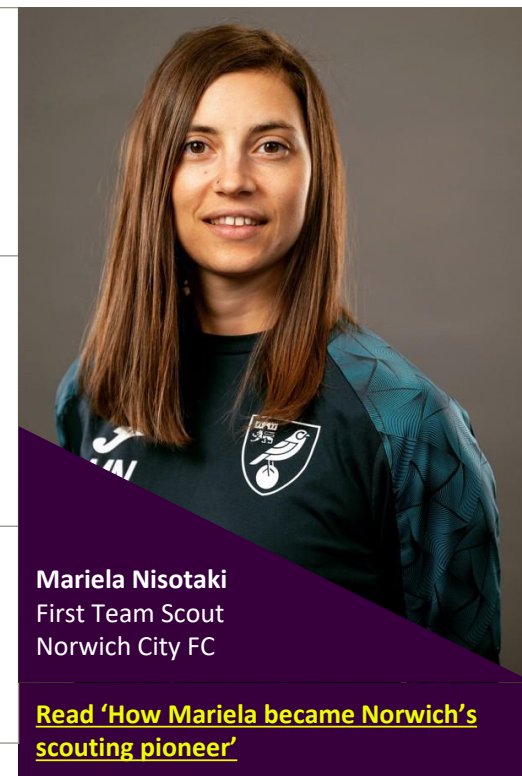


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Profile: Scout

Key responsibilities	• Attend football matches to watch specific players or teams play • To produce reports on players to identify their strengths and weaknesses • To produce reports on teams, their tactics, strengths and weaknesses • To research players, and analyse data for them • To make recommendations to club staff around transfers (players) or match preparation (team)
Key skills	• Excellent observation skills. • Good written communication skills. • Tactical awareness. • Analysis. • Flexibility. • Patience.
Example career pathway	Volunteer Regional Scout (Youth) > Paid Scout (Academy) > Part Time Scout (First Team) > Full Time Scout (First Team) > Chief Scout/Technical Director There are five levels of Talent Identification qualifications that can be earned throughout this pathway.



Which Premier League Values might a Scout demonstrate in their role and how?



Kick off – first half!

Today's Task

Recommend a striker that you think your football club should buy, based on a set of given number-based information.

You will be using your maths skills to compare information. This will help you decide who your club should buy and why.



You will be given scout reports for different players which will include different values related to different aspects of their game.



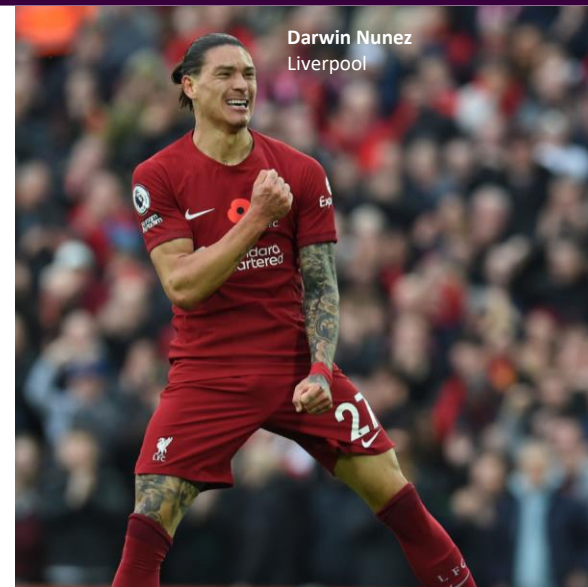
You will present your chosen striker to the group for approval. Remember, the maths must be right to prove why you've chosen that player.

What might a Scout look for in a striker?

Can you choose 5 or more things that a Scout may be looking for when watching a striker play.

Think about physical, technical and thinking skills. Also, think about how a striker might demonstrate the Premier League Values.

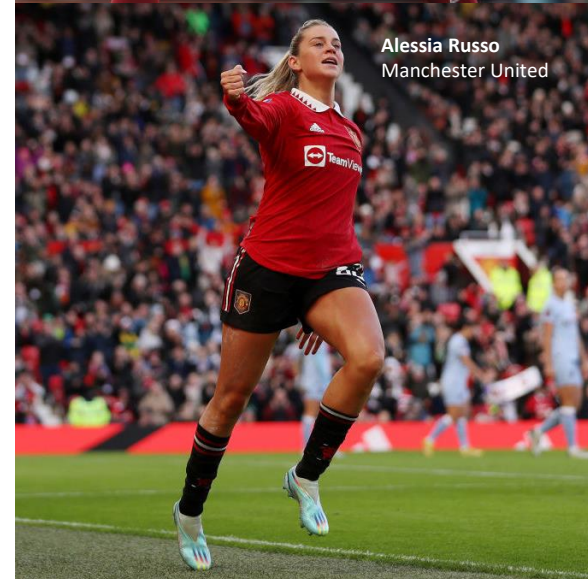
Use the [Season Stats Dashboard](#) to look at which Premier League strikers are topping the charts.



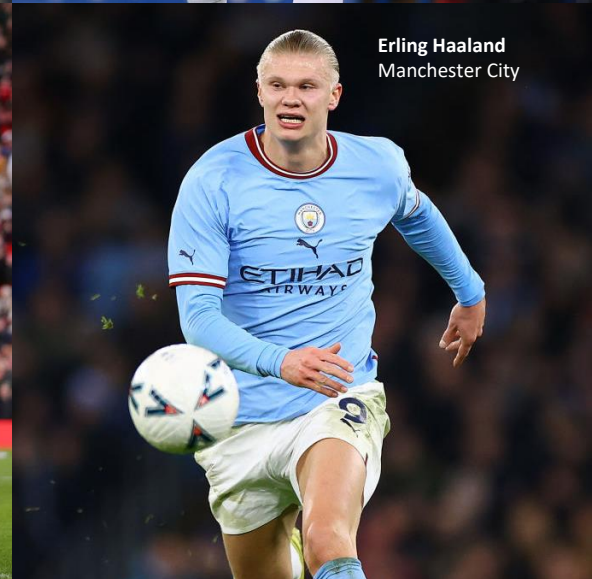
Darwin Nunez
Liverpool



Sam Kerr
Chelsea



Alessia Russo
Manchester United



Erling Haaland
Manchester City

Kick off – second half!

Choose your signing

Your task

Examine the scout reports given for three different strikers. Compare the information in the reports to determine which player is best. Use your maths skills to explain why your chosen striker should be bought.

Important information:

- The information on each scout report may be presented different. This means that you may need to convert values before comparing.
- One player may not be better at everything. It's up to you to decide which stats are most important before choosing who to sign.
- It may be the greater number or the lower number which suggests the best player for each category. Use your judgement to decide.
- If you cannot compare everything, do not worry. Do what you can and ask for help if you need it.



Compare the information to decide which striker is best. Use your maths skills to prove your point!



Striker Scout Report One

Information collected for the year

Successful dribbles	10
Successful passes	18
Assists this season	3
Shots on target	38
Goals this season	14
Headers won	60
Penalties scored	0
Tackles in attacking half	25
Time spent injured	1 month
Wages requested	£5,000 per week

PL Values
displayed in the
match:



Striker Scout Report Two

Information collected for the year

Successful dribbles	33
Successful passes	8
Assists this season	0
Shots on target	34
Goals this season	20
Headers won	3
Penalties scored	4
Tackles in attacking half	0
Time spent injured	3 weeks
Wages requested	£416,000 per year

PL Values
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match:



Striker Scout Report Three

Information collected for the year

Successful dribbles	20
Successful passes	83
Assists this season	16
Shots on target	30
Goals this season	12
Headers won	58
Penalties scored	2
Tackles in attacking half	63
Time spent injured	1 day
Wages requested	£4,000 per week

PL Values
displayed in the
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Compare the information to decide which striker is best. Use your maths skills to prove your point!



Striker Scout Report One

Information collected for the year	
Dribbling success	72%
Pass success rate	7/10
Assists this season	8
Shots on target	14
Goals this season	12
Header success	88%
Penalties scored	2/5
Distance travelled per game	10 kilometres
Time spent injured	51 days
Wages requested	£1,100 per day

PL Values displayed in the match:



Striker Scout Report Two

Information collected for the year	
Successful dribbles	Three quarters
Pass success rate	75/100
Assists this season	0
Shots on target	40
Goals this season	14
Header success	73%
Penalties scored	3/5
Distance travelled per game	9,500 metres
Time spent injured	Seven weeks
Wages requested	£8,000 per week

PL Values displayed in the match:



Striker Scout Report Three

Information collected for the year	
Successful dribbles	7/10
Pass success rate	720/1000
Assists this season	2
Shots on target	29
Goals this season	18
Header success	40%
Penalties scored	8/10
Distance travelled per game	9.8 kilometres
Time spent injured	Two months
Wages requested	£416,000 per year

PL Values displayed in the match:



Compare the information to decide which striker is best. Use your maths skills to prove your point!



Striker Scout Report One

Information collected for the year	
Dribbling success	0.76
Pass success rate	0.91
Assists this season	12
Shots on target	0.6
Goals this season	10
Header success	0.55
Penalties scored	0.9
Distance travelled per game	10.32 kilometres
Time spent injured	1 month
Wages requested	£20,000 per week

PL Values
displayed in the
match:



Striker Scout Report Two

Information collected for the year	
Successful dribbles	4/5
Pass success rate	6/8
Assists this season	2
Shots on target	2/3
Goals this season	20
Header success	1/10
Penalties scored	4/5
Distance travelled per game	10003 metres
Time spent injured	33 days
Wages requested	£4,286 per day

PL Values
displayed in the
match:



Striker Scout Report Three

Information collected for the year	
Successful dribbles	86%
Pass success rate	82%
Assists this season	6
Shots on target	63%
Goals this season	15
Header success	91%
Penalties scored	100%
Distance travelled per game	10.09 kilometres
Time spent injured	5 weeks
Wages requested	£1,200,000 per year

PL Values
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Team Talk



You're halfway through the task, so it's time to take a breather and reflect on how you're getting on. In your pairs/groups, discuss the following:

- How have you made sure that everyone is included?
- What Premier League values have you demonstrated and how?
- What is working well?
- What could be improved? What do you need to change now for the second half of the task?



Post Match Interview

What decisions did you make?

Discuss

- Which striker did you select?
- Why did you select them?
- Did everyone in your group agree?
- What Premier League values do you think you or a team member used to be successful?
- What would you do next time to be even better?



Training Session

Now you have chosen your player/s, its time to start thinking about your next signing.

Your task

Complete a Scout Report for a classmate or a Premier League player:

- Your Scout Report can be of a football match you watch in person or on TV, but it does not have to be. It could be any game, activity, lesson or even in the playground.
- Write down examples of how the person you're scouting has demonstrated the Premier League Values.
- Add a positive sentence at the bottom, giving your main reason why they should be signed by your club.

Scout Report

Player Name:

Position:

Premier League Value	Example of how the player demonstrated this value in the game/activity/lesson/playground
	
	
	
	
Why would you recommend that this player is signed by your club?	

Goal celebration!

The Premier League wants to hear about the great work you've been doing.

Make a film? keep a journal? write an article for a matchday programme? Be creative!

Make sure to tell us:

- What did you do?
- What challenges did you face?
- What did you learn?



Answers: **Green** = best, **Yellow** = second best, **Orange** = third best



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Dribbling success	72% or 72/100
Pass success rate	7/10 or 70/100
Assists this season	8
Shots on target	14
Goals this season	12
Header success	88%
Penalties scored	3/5 or 6/10
Distance travelled per game	10 kilometres
Time spent injured	47 days
Wages requested	£1,100 per day or £7,700 per week



Striker Scout Report Two

Information collected for the year	
Successful dribbles	Three quarters or 75/100
Pass success rate	75/100
Assists this season	0
Shots on target	40
Goals this season	14
Header success	73%
Penalties scored	2/5 or 4/10
Distance travelled per game	9,500 metres or 9.5 kilometres
Time spent injured	Seven weeks
Wages requested	£8,000 per week



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Dribbling success	0.76, 76/100, 76%
Pass success rate	0.91, 91/100, 91%
Assists this season	12
Shots on target	0.6, 6/10, 60%
Goals this season	10
Header success	0.55, 55/100, 55%
Penalties scored	0.9, 9/10, 90%
Distance travelled per game	10.32 kilometres
Time spent injured	1 month
Wages requested	£20,000 per week



Striker Scout Report Two

Information collected for the year	
Successful dribbles	0.8, 4/5, 80%
Pass success rate	0.75, 6/8, 75%
Assists this season	2
Shots on target	0.66, 2/3, 66%
Goals this season	20
Header success	0.1, 1/10, 10%
Penalties scored	0.8, 4/5, 80%
Distance travelled per game	10003 metres or 10.003 kilometres
Time spent injured	33 days
Wages requested	£4,286 per day or £30,002 per week



Striker Scout Report Three

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Successful dribbles	0.86, 86/100, 86%
Pass success rate	0.82, 82/100, 82%
Assists this season	6
Shots on target	0.63, 63/100, 63%
Goals this season	15
Header success	0.91, 91/100, 91%
Penalties scored	1, 1/1, 100%
Distance travelled per game	10.09 kilometres
Time spent injured	5 weeks
Wages requested	£1,200,000 per year or £23,077 per week