

-Introduction

'Kicker' magazine, Germany's most famous sports paper, was first published in 1920. In January 1956, 'Kicker' first published the so-called "Rangliste des deutschen Fussballs" (ranking list of German football). In these lists, the writers assess the performances of players in Germany semi-annually and then categorize them according to the following categories:

- World Class (Weltklasse)
- International Class (Internationale Klasse)
- Broad Circle (im weiteren Kreis)
- Considered (im Blickfeld)

In the first three categories, players are ranked according to their performances. In the last category, players are ranked alphabetically (except in 1956, 1957 and 1965 when they were also ranked by their performances).

Each year, two rankings are published, the first one covers the period January to July, the second one August to December.

The first ranking from January 1956 covers the whole of 1955.

From 1955 to July 1970, only German players were assessed. Since December 1970, non-German players who played for German clubs are assessed as well. Since December 1990 German players who play outside of Germany are covered as well. No rankings were issued in July 1958 and July 1960. Instead, the rankings issued in December of these years cover the whole year. There was also no ranking issued in July 1962, however the December 1962 ranking does not cover the whole year but just the period August to December 1962.

The categories in which players are ranked have changed considerably over the span of 60 years. From January 1956 to December 1965, the terms associated with the 'WM-system' were used (German term in brackets):

- Goalkeeper (Torhüter)
- Full Back (Verteidiger, literally 'defender')
- Center Half (Stopper, lit. 'stopper')
- Half Back (Aussenläufer, lit. 'outside runner')
- Inside Forward (Halbstürmer, lit. 'half striker')
- Outside Right (Rechtsaussen, lit. 'right outside')
- Outside Left (Linksaussen, lit. 'left outside')
- Center Forward (Mittelstürmer, lit. 'middle striker')

In July 1966, the change in tactics from 'WM' to 4-2-4 were mirrored as the following terms were introduced:

- Goalkeeper (same as above)
- Full Back (Aussenverteidiger, lit. 'outside defender')
- Central Defender (Innenverteidiger, lit. 'inside defender')
- Midfielder (Mittelfeldspieler, lit. 'middle field player')
- Outside Right (same)
- Outside Left (same)
- Central Forward (Innenstürmer, lit. 'inside striker')

'Central forwards' means the two inside forwards in the 4-2-4 system, not to be confused with 'center forward'. 'Kicker' used this term for the next 20 years (until July 1985), although the 4-2-4 system had already been superseded by the 4-3-3 system by the early-1970s. In my opinion it would have been better if 'kicker' had reintroduced the term 'center forward' ('Mittelstürmer') by the early 1970s as most teams played with two wingers and a center forward by that time.

In July 1971, 'kicker' made the next change in splitting the 'central defenders' category into 'libero' and 'stopper' (German term 'Vorstopper', lit. 'frontstopper'), reflecting the hierarchy which was established by all teams at that time. All other categories remained unchanged.

The next change in the naming of the categories came in December 1982, when 'midfielders' category was split into 'defensive midfielders' and 'offensive midfielders' and the two categories 'outside right' and 'outside left' were merged into a single category called 'wingers' ('Aussenstürmer, lit. 'outside strikers').

In December 1985, 'kicker' merged the categories 'full back' and 'defensive midfielder' and just called it 'defensive midfielder' – 'full backs' were gone. The reasoning being, that with the change from 4-4-2 to 3-5-2, those players that used to be called 'full backs' were now actually midfield players. While that was a reasonable explanation, in my opinion it would have been better if they had rebranded the 'full backs' category as 'wide midfielders' or 'wing backs' instead.

By throwing the wide midfielders/wing backs in the same category as the 'defensive midfielders', there were now two different types of players listed in the same category which was a less than perfect solution. For example, a full back like Andreas Brehme was now listed in the same category as a defensive midfielder like Wolfgang Rolff. Also gone was the term 'stopper', which was replaced by 'defender' (basically meaning the same as 'stopper' previously, a man-marking central defender, but now it was the two markers in the 3-5-2 who were cooperating with the sweeper, whereas the 'stopper' was a single man-marking central defender in the 4-4-2 or 4-3-3 system of previous years).

Also in December 1985, the 'central forwards' were abandoned in favour of just 'forwards' ('Stürmer', lit. 'striker'). A reasonable change as most teams played with only two forwards at that time, thus the term 'central forward' was badly outdated. Completely dropped was the 'wingers' category.

In December 1990, the 'defender' category was renamed 'markers', which was now the prevalent term used for the two man-markers in the 3-5-2 system. Also, the category 'Germans abroad' ('Deutsche im Ausland') was entirely new, reflecting the exodus of Germany's best players to foreign leagues.

The next notable change in terminology came in December 1992, when the wide midfielders finally were grouped together in their own separate category ('Mittelfeld aussen', lit. 'middle field outside'). Changed were also the defensive and offensive midfield categories, as they were now named 'central defensive midfielders' and 'central offensive midfielders'. With these changes, the 3-5-2 system was now more exactly mirrored than in the previous years.

In December 1997, the 'central' in the two midfielders categories was dropped again and the 'wide midfielders' were re-christened 'laterals' ('Aussenbahn', lit. 'outside lane') and a year later, December 1998, the term 'marker' was abandoned in favour of 'defender'.

The last and most notable change of terminology was made in December 2001, when – after exactly 30 years – the 'libero' was finally dropped and with it, also the term 'defender'. In their places, one new category was introduced called 'central defenders' ('Innenverteidiger'), which had already been used between 1966 and 1971. The old hierarchy in defense, the libero and the stopper/marker/defender was now a thing of the past as the 'modern' flat back four with two central defenders was finally also taking over German football tactics. That same December 2001, the 'laterals' category was divided into 'defensive laterals' ('Aussenbahn defensive, lit. 'outside lane defensive') and 'offensive laterals' ('Aussenbahn offensiv'). In my opinion 'kicker' could just as well have re-introduced the older term 'full backs' ('Aussenverteidiger', lit. 'outside defender') instead of 'defensive lateral' and 'winger' ('Aussenstürmer', lit. 'outside striker') instead of 'offensive lateral'.

Since December 2001, all categories have remained unchanged.

This thread includes every player that was at least once rated 'international class' but also every player between 1955 and the mid-1980s that was included in the 'broad circle' three times or more.

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Rüdiger ABRAMCZIK

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 13 times

Rüdiger Abramczik was one of the great crowd-pleasers of the late-70s Bundesliga. A classic right winger, extremely gifted at dribbling, very good technique, tricky, fast and sprightly but most of all a master at crossing the ball. At his debut he was the youngest player in Bundesliga history with 17 years and 3 months. Abramczik can be rated as one of the league's all-time best crossers. Many goals were scored by Klaus Fischer after a cross by Abramczik. What he lacked was the necessary ambition and consistency to succeed at the highest level. It appeared that to him, football was a bit of a laugh, not to be taken too seriously. Around 1980 his star started to fade as he found it hard to adapt to the tactical development of only two forwards instead of three and the abolishment of the classic winger.

1972 not considered [12/72]

1973 not considered

1974 considered [07/74] [Outside Right]

1974 considered [12/74] [Outside Right]

1975 not considered

1976 considered [07/76] [Outside Right]

1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#4 Outside Right]

1977 **Internat. Cl.** [07/77] [#1 Outside Right]

1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#2 Outside Right]

1978 considered [07/78] [Outside Right]

1978 **Internat. Cl.** [12/78] [#1 Outside Right]

1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#1 Outside Right]

1979 considered [12/79] [Outside Right]

1980 considered [07/80] [Outside Right]

1980 considered [12/80] [Outside Right]

1981 considered [07/81] [Outside Right]

1981 considered [12/81] [Outside Right]

1982 considered [07/82] [Outside Right]

1982 considered [12/82] [Winger]

1983 considered [07/83] [Winger]

1983 not considered [12/83]

1984 not considered

1985 played abroad

1986 considered [07/86] [Offensive Midfielder]

1986 not considered [12/86]

1987 not considered

1988 not considered

1989 no club

1990 not considered

1991 not considered [07/91]



René ADLER

International class: 9 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 2 times

2003 not considered [12/03]

2004 not considered

2005 not considered

2006 not considered
2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2007 Internat. Cl. [12/07] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2008 Internat. Cl. [07/08] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2008 broad circle [12/08] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2009 considered [07/09] [Goalkeeper]
2009 Internat. Cl. [12/09] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 Internat. Cl. [12/10] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2011 not considered
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#8 Goalkeeper]
2013 not considered [12/13]
2014 considered [07/14] [Goalkeeper]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2016 not considered [12/16]



AILTON Gonçalves da Silva

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 4 times

1998 played abroad [07/98]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#3 Forward]
2000 considered [07/00] [Forward]
2000 considered [12/00] [Forward]
2001 considered [07/01] [Forward]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#6 Forward]
2002 broad circle [07/02] [#9 Forward]
2002 Internat. Cl. [12/02] [#1 Forward]
2003 not considered [07/03]
2003 Internat. Cl. [12/03] [#1 Forward]
2004 Internat. Cl. [07/04] [#2 Forward]
2004 considered [12/04] [Forward]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#10 Forward]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 not considered [07/06]
2006 played abroad [12/06]
2007 played abroad [07/07]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered [07/08]



David ALABA

International class: 7 times

Broad circle: 3 times

2009 not considered [12/09]

2010 not considered

2011 not considered

2012 **Internat. Cl.** [07/12] [#3 Defensive Lateral]

2012 **broad circle** [12/12] [#6 Defensive Lateral]

2013 **Internat. Cl.** [07/13] [#2 Defensive Lateral]

2013 **Internat. Cl.** [12/13] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2014 **Internat. Cl.** [07/14] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2014 **Internat. Cl.** [12/14] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2015 **Internat. Cl.** [07/15] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#2 Central Defender]

2016 **broad circle** [07/16] [#4 Defensive Lateral]

2016 **broad circle** [12/16] [#4 Defensive Lateral]



Karl ALLGÖWER

International class: 5 times

Broad circle: 11 times

Considered: 10 times

An offensive midfielder who could play in the center as well as on the flanks. Fast, light-footed, dynamic with a sound technique, a good strategist. Feared were his freekicks, which he could hit hard and precise. As a peace activist during the 1980s, he was a very rare breed among footballers of the time. Outspoken and offensive about his political beliefs, he strangely lacked the necessary self-confidence as a footballer to reach a really high international level.

1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]

1978 not considered [07/78]

1978 considered [12/78] [Central Forward]

1979 considered [07/79] [Central Forward]

1979 considered [12/79] [Outside Left]

1980 considered [07/80] [Outside Left]

1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#7 Central Forward]

1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#1 Outside Left]

1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]

1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]

1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]

1983 **Internat. Cl.** [07/83] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]

1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]

1984 considered [12/84] [Offensive Midfielder]

1985 **broad circle** [07/85] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

1985 **broad circle** [12/85] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

1986 **broad circle** [07/86] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]

1986 considered [12/86] [Offensive Midfielder]

1987 **broad circle** [07/87] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]

1987 **Internat. Cl.** [12/87] [#6 Libero]

1988 **broad circle** [07/88] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]

1988 **Internat. Cl.** [12/88] [#2 Libero]

1989 **Internat. Cl.** [07/89] [#2 Libero]

1989 **Internat. Cl.** [12/89] [#2 Libero]

1990 considered [07/90] [Libero]

1990 not considered [12/90]

1991 **broad circle** [07/91] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]



Klaus ALLOFS

World class: 1 time
International class: 9 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 5 times

Klaus Allofs began his career as a classic outside left but quickly evolved into a withdrawn central forward. His left foot was blessed with an outstanding shooting technique, which allowed him to score many goals from outside the box. Notable for a very good technique and ball control, he was very adept at quick combinations and also at providing short through balls from a slightly withdrawn central position.

1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 not considered
1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#14 Midfielder]
1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#13 Midfielder]
1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#16 Midfielder]
1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#4 Midfielder]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#1 Central Forward]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [12/79] [#3 Central Forward]
1980 **Internat. Cl.** [07/80] [#3 Central Forward]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#4 Central Forward]
1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#6 Central Forward]
1981 **considered** [12/81] [Midfielder]
1982 **considered** [07/82] [Central Forward]
1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#4 Winger]
1983 **considered** [07/83] [Winger]
1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#1 Winger]
1984 **Internat. Cl.** [07/84] [#1 Winger]
1984 **Internat. Cl.** [12/84] [#1 Central Forward]
1985 **World Class** [07/85] [#2 Central Forward]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 **Internat. Cl.** [07/86] [#1 Forward]
1986 **Internat. Cl.** [12/86] [#4 Forward]
1987 **Internat. Cl.** [07/87] [#3 Forward]
1987 Played abroad [12/87]
1988 played abroad
1989 played abroad
1990 Played abroad [07/90]
1990 **Internat. Cl.** [12/90] [#2 Forward]
1991 **considered** [07/91] [Forward]
1991 **considered** [12/91] [Forward]
1992 not considered
1993 not considered [07/93]



Thomas ALLOFS

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 9 times

Although it was initially claimed by some that Thomas Allofs had greater talent than his older brother Klaus, he didn't manage a comparable international career. He didn't quite have the necessary physicality and also his aerial game was not the best. Like his brother he possessed a sound ball control and technique, was very agile in offensive actions and more two-footed than his brother. Similar to his brother he did feel well playing slightly withdrawn. Overall, a good but not outstanding forward.

1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 **considered** [07/79] [Outside Right]
1979 **considered** [12/79] [Outside Right]

1980 considered [07/80] [Outside Right]
1980 considered [12/80] [Outside Right]
1981 considered [07/81] [Outside Right]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#6 Central Forward]
1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#3 Central Forward]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [12/82] [#3 Winger]
1983 not considered
1984 considered [07/84] [Offensive Midfielder]
1984 **broad circle** [12/84] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1985 considered [07/85] [Central Forward]
1985 **broad circle** [12/85] [#6 Forward]
1986 considered [07/86] [Forward]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 **broad circle** [12/88] [#4 Forward]
1989 considered [07/89] [Forward]
1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 not considered [07/90]
1990 **broad circle** [12/90] [#8 Forward]
1991 **broad circle** [07/91] [#3 Forward]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered



Xabier ALONSO Olano

World class: 1 time
International class: 2 times
Considered: 1 time

2014 played abroad [07/14]
2014 **World Class** [12/14] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
2016 considered [12/16] [Defensive Midfielder]



Marcio AMOROSO

International class: 2 times

2001 played abroad [07/01]
2001 **Internat. Cl.** [12/01] [#5 Forward]
2002 **Internat. Cl.** [07/02] [#3 Forward]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 played abroad [12/04]



Hendrik ANDERSEN

International class: 1 time

A very good passer with a strong left foot who could be used in left midfield or as a left back. After breaking his patella in 1992 he was never the same player.

- 1990 not considered
- 1991 not considered
- 1992 **Internat. Cl.** [07/92] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
- 1992 not considered [12/92]
- 1993 not considered
- 1994 not considered
- 1995 not considered
- 1996 not considered
- 1997 not considered
- 1998 not considered



Jørn ANDERSEN

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

The Norwegian striker wrote Bundesliga history when he became the first foreigner to be top scorer of the league in 1990. Technically limited yet a staggering presence in the box with a great aerial game and a poacher's instinct.

- 1986 played abroad [07/86]
- 1986 not considered [12/86]
- 1987 **broad circle** [07/87] [#5 Foreign player]
- 1987 not considered [12/87]
- 1988 not considered
- 1989 not considered [07/89]
- 1989 **broad circle** [12/89] [#4 Forward]
- 1990 **Internat. Cl.** [07/90] [#4 Forward]
- 1990 not considered [12/90]
- 1991 not considered
- 1992 not considered
- 1993 not considered
- 1994 not considered
- 1995 not considered [07/95]
- 1995 played abroad [12/95]



Patrik ANDERSSON

International class: 6 times

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 3 times

The Swedish center back was at his best playing in a flat back four. Not the paciest player, he made up for that with his good reading of the game and positioning. Very good at heading and strong-willed.

1993 played abroad [07/93]
1993 not considered [12/93]
1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#3 Marker]
1994 Internat. Cl. [12/94] [#2 Marker]
1995 Internat. Cl. [07/95] [#1 Marker]
1995 Internat. Cl. [12/95] [#3 Marker]
1996 Internat. Cl. [07/96] [#3 Marker]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#4 Marker]
1997 broad circle [07/97] [#7 Marker]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 considered [07/98] [Marker]
1998 considered [12/98] [Liberò]
1999 considered [07/99] [Liberò]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#13 Defender]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#7 Defender]
2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#1 Liberò]
2001 played abroad [12/01]



Juan ARANGO

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 1 time

2009 play abroad [07/09]
2009 considered [12/09] [Offensive Lateral]
2010 not considered
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 broad circle [12/11] [#5 Offensive Lateral]
2012 broad circle [07/12] [#5 Offensive Lateral]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#6 Offensive Lateral]
2013 not considered [07/13]
2013 broad circle [12/13] [#11 Offensive Lateral]
2014 not considered [07/14]
2014 played abroad [12/14]



Charles ARÁNGUIZ

International class: 1 time

2015 played abroad [07/15]
2015 not considered [12/15]
2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Pierre-Emerick AUBAMEYANG

World class: 2 times
International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 1 time

- 2013 played abroad [07/13]
- 2013 **broad circle** [12/13] [#7 Offensive Lateral]
- 2014 not considered [07/14]
- 2014 **Internat. Cl.** [12/14] [#4 Forward]
- 2015 **Internat. Cl.** [07/15] [#4 Forward]
- 2015 **World Class** [12/15] [#2 Forward]
- 2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#2 Forward]
- 2016 **World Class** [12/16] [#1 Forward]



Klaus AUGENTHALER

International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 12 times
Considered: 7 times

As a junior player Augenthaler was quite a talent at playmaking however when he joined Bayern in 1975, he was initially only sporadically used as a defensive midfielder. After Franz Beckenbauer left Bayern in 1977, the long-time stopper Schwarzenbeck became the libero and Augenthaler gradually occupied the vacant role of the stopper. In this new role Augenthaler became an uncompromising man-marker with a quick temper which caused many a booking. By 1982 the libero position at Bayern was vacant again and Pal Csernai decided to give Augenthaler a chance in this important role. As a libero, Augenthaler became the decisive player at Bayern, very capable at buildup, spraying long, precise passes from a deep position, moving forward and often looking to complete a move with his very strong and hard shooting. Drawbacks were his lack of pace and sometimes a habit of losing concentration.

- 1977 not considered [12/77]
- 1978 **considered** [07/78] [Stopper]
- 1978 not considered [12/78]
- 1979 **considered** [07/79] [Stopper]
- 1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#4 Stopper]
- 1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#3 Stopper]
- 1980 **Internat. Cl.** [12/80] [#4 Stopper]
- 1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#2 Stopper]
- 1981 **considered** [12/81] [Stopper]
- 1982 **considered** [07/82] [Stopper]
- 1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#3 Libero]
- 1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#5 Libero]
- 1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#6 Libero]
- 1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#5 Libero]
- 1984 **considered** [12/84] [Libero]
- 1985 **Internat. Cl.** [07/85] [#2 Libero]
- 1985 **broad circle** [12/85] [#1 Libero]
- 1986 **broad circle** [07/86] [#2 Libero]
- 1986 **Internat. Cl.** [12/86] [#2 Libero]
- 1987 **Internat. Cl.** [07/87] [#2 Libero]
- 1987 not considered [12/87]
- 1988 **broad circle** [07/88] [#5 Libero]
- 1988 **broad circle** [12/88] [#3 Libero]
- 1989 **Internat. Cl.** [07/89] [#1 Libero]
- 1989 **broad circle** [12/89] [#5 Libero]
- 1990 **Internat. Cl.** [07/90] [#1 Libero]

1990 considered [12/90] [Libero]
1991 considered [07/91] [Libero]



Renato AUGUSTO

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times

2008 played abroad [07/08]
2008 Internat. Cl. [12/08] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2009 broad circle [07/09] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 broad circle [12/10] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2011 not considered
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 played abroad [12/12]



Raimond AUMANN

International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 2 times

A highly-talented yet not remarkably tall goalkeeper with very quick reflexes. Very strong on the goalline, not so much at leaving his goal. At Bayern, Aumann spent many years as the back-up of Jean-Marie Pfaff.

1983 not considered
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 Internat. Cl. [12/88] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1991 considered [07/91] [Goalkeeper]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered [07/92]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#10 Goalkeeper]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#11 Goalkeeper]
1993 considered [12/93] [Goalkeeper]
1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#3 German abroad]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#3 German abroad]



Horst ASSMY

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 3 times

A fast and rascal-like outside right, the East German fled his country in 1959. He couldn't quite meet the high expectations people had in the West.

1955 not considered [East G.]
1956 not considered [East G.]
1957 not considered [East G.]
1958 not considered [East G.]
1959 not considered [East G.]
1960 **broad circle** [1960] [#2 Outside Right]
1961 **Internat. Cl.** [07/61] [#2 Outside Right]
1961 **considered** [12/61] [Outside Right]
1962 not considered
1963 **considered** [07/63] [Outside Right]
1963 not considered [12/63]
1964 **considered** [07/64] [Inside Forward]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 not considered [07/65]



Markus BABBEL

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 10 times
Considered: 6 times

Babbel oscillated between right back and man-marker during most of his time in Germany, reliable in both roles. His strength was clearly the defense. Very good aerial game and a sound technique for a defender.

1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered
1993 **considered** [07/93] [Marker]
1993 **considered** [12/93] [Marker]
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 **considered** [12/94] [Marker]
1995 **broad circle** [07/95] [#3 Marker]
1995 **Internat. Cl.** [12/95] [#3 Marker]
1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#5 Marker]
1996 **considered** [12/96] [Marker]
1997 **considered** [07/97] [Marker]
1997 **broad circle** [12/97] [#8 Marker]
1998 **broad circle** [07/98] [#10 Marker]
1998 **Internat. Cl.** [12/98] [#2 Defender]
1999 **broad circle** [07/99] [#4 Defender]
1999 **broad circle** [12/99] [#3 Defender]
2000 **broad circle** [07/00] [#10 Defender]
2000 **broad circle** [12/00] [#3 German abroad]

2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#1 German abroad]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 not considered
2003 not considered [07/03]
2003 broad circle [12/03] [#3 German abroad]
2004 considered [07/04] [Central Defender]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#11 Central Defender]
2005 not considered
2006 not considered [07/06]



Holger BADSTUBER

International class: 2 times
Considered: 4 times

2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 considered [12/09] [Central Defender]
2010 considered [07/10] [Defensive Lateral]
2010 considered [12/10] [Central Defender]
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#1 Central Defender]
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#2 Central Defender]
2012 considered [12/12] [Defensive Lateral]
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 not considered
2016 not considered



Joachim BÄSE

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 11 times

Started out as a left back with good technique, then a defensive midfielder and by the mid-1960s he had evolved into a libero at Braunschweig, a team he captained to the German championship in 1967. At that time, he was considered by many as the second-best libero in Germany behind Beckenbauer. Similar to Beckenbauer, BÄse wasn't content with playing as a defensive sweeper, he saw his role more like that of a withdrawn playmaker initiating attacks from the center of defense.

1959 not considered [12/59]
1960 not considered
1961 not considered
1962 not considered
1963 not considered [07/63]
1963 considered [12/63] [Half Back]
1964 considered [07/64] [Half Back]
1964 considered [12/64] [Half Back]
1965 considered [07/65] [#14 Half Back]
1965 considered [12/65] [Half Back]
1966 considered [07/66] [Central Defender]

1966 considered [12/66] [Central Defender]
1967 broad circle [07/67] [#6 Central Defender]
1967 Internat. Cl. [12/67] [#5 Central Defender]
1968 broad circle [07/68] [#7 Central Defender]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#6 Central Defender]
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Defender]
1970 not considered
1971 considered [07/71] [Libero]
1971 considered [12/71] [Libero]
1972 considered [07/72] [Libero]
1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered [07/73]



Krassimir BALAKOV

World class: 1 time
International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 6 times

1995 played abroad [07/95]
1995 Internat. Cl. [12/95] [#2 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 broad circle [07/96] [#11 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#2 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#2 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 World Class [12/97] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 broad circle [07/99] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1999 considered [12/99] [Offensive Midfielder]
2000 considered [07/00] [Offensive Midfielder]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 considered [07/01] [Offensive Midfielder]
2001 considered [12/01] [Offensive Midfielder]
2002 considered [07/02] [Offensive Midfielder]
2002 considered [12/02] [Offensive Midfielder]
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]



Michael BALLACK

World class: 1 time
International class: 11 times
Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 1 time

1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 not considered
1997 not considered

1998 not considered [07/98]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1999 considered [07/99] [Defensive Midfielder]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2000 Internat. Cl. [12/00] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
2001 not considered [07/01]
2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2002 World Class [07/02] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2002 Internat. Cl. [12/02] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2003 Internat. Cl. [07/03] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2003 broad circle [12/03] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2004 Internat. Cl. [07/04] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2005 Internat. Cl. [07/05] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2005 Internat. Cl. [12/05] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2006 Internat. Cl. [07/06] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2006 broad circle [12/06] [#3 German abroad]
2007 broad circle [07/07] [#3 German abroad]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 Internat. Cl. [07/08] [#1 German abroad]
2008 broad circle [12/08] [#1 German abroad]
2009 broad circle [07/09] [#2 German abroad]
2009 Internat. Cl. [12/09] [#1 German abroad]
2010 broad circle [07/10] [#1 German abroad]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered
2012 not considered [07/12]



Sergej BARBAREZ

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 8 times
 Considered: 5 times

1992 played abroad [07/92]
1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 not considered [07/97]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2000 not considered [12/01]
2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 broad circle [07/02] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
2002 considered [12/02][Forward]
2003 considered [07/03] [Offensive Lateral]
2003 broad circle [12/03] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
2004 considered [07/04] [Offensive Midfielder]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 broad circle [12/05] [#4 Forward]
2006 considered [07/06] [Forward]
2006 considered [12/06] [Forward]
2007 not considered [07/07]
2007 broad circle [12/07] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2008 not considered [07/08]



Lucas BARRIOS

International class: 4 times

- 2009 played abroad [07/09]
- 2009 **Internat. Cl.** [12/09] [#6 Forward]
- 2010 **Internat. Cl.** [07/10] [#6 Forward]
- 2010 **Internat. Cl.** [12/10] [#4 Forward]
- 2011 **Internat. Cl.** [07/11] [#2 Forward]
- 2011 not considered [12/11]
- 2012 not considered [07/12]
- 2012 played abroad [12/12]



Mario BASLER

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 8 times

A brilliant individualist with a work ethic not up to par with his talent. This lack of sobriety may have cost him a truly great career. 30 caps for a player of his talent are not that much. His strength was his right foot which he utilised very well for his precise crosses and passes. Defensively he was less than average though.

- 1987 not considered [12/87]
- 1988 not considered
- 1989 not considered
- 1990 **considered** [07/90] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 1990 **considered** [12/90] [Offensive Midfielder]
- 1991 not considered
- 1992 **considered** [07/92] [Offensive Midfielder]
- 1992 **considered** [12/92] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
- 1993 **considered** [07/93] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
- 1993 **considered** [12/93] [Wide Midfielder]
- 1994 **Internat. Cl.** [07/94] [#2 Wide Midfielder]
- 1994 **Internat. Cl.** [12/94] [#1 Wide Midfielder]
- 1995 **Internat. Cl.** [07/95] [#1 Wide Midfielder]
- 1995 **broad circle** [12/95] [#5 Wide Midfielder]
- 1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#2 Wide Midfielder]
- 1996 not considered [12/96]
- 1997 **broad circle** [07/97] [#5 Central Offensive Midfielder]
- 1997 **broad circle** [12/97] [#2 Lateral]
- 1998 not considered [07/98]
- 1998 **broad circle** [12/98] [#4 Lateral]
- 1999 **Internat. Cl.** [07/99] [#5 Forward]
- 1999 not considered [12/99]
- 2000 **broad circle** [07/00] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
- 2000 not considered [12/00]
- 2001 **considered** [07/01] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 2001 **considered** [12/01] [Offensive Lateral]
- 2002 not considered
- 2003 not considered [07/03]



Yıldray BAŞTÜRK

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 3 times

- 1997 not considered [12/97]
- 1998 not considered
- 1999 not considered [07/99]
- 1999 considered [12/99] [Offensive Midfielder]
- 2000 considered [07/00] [Offensive Midfielder]
- 2000 not considered [12/00]
- 2001 **broad circle** [07/01] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2001 **broad circle** [12/01] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2002 **Internat. Cl.** [07/02] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2002 **Internat. Cl.** [12/02] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2003 not considered
- 2004 not considered
- 2005 **Internat. Cl.** [Offensive Midfielder]
- 2005 considered [12/05] [Offensive Midfielder]
- 2006 **broad circle** [07/06] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2006 not considered [12/06]
- 2007 not considered
- 2008 not considered
- 2009 not considered
- 2010 not considered [07/10]



Dieter BAST

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 14 times

A commanding playmaker with a very good technique who was often on the cusp of the German national team but in the end there were always a number of players better than him standing in his way. His big drawback was a lack of pace, which caused him to move back from midfield to central defense where he became one of the Bundesliga's finest liberos. With Beckenbauer as his rolemodel, he was convincing as conductor and leader from the center of defense.

- 1970 not considered [12/70]
- 1971 not considered
- 1972 not considered
- 1973 considered [07/73] [Central Forward]
- 1973 not considered [12/73]
- 1974 not considered [07/74]
- 1974 considered [12/74] [Midfielder]
- 1975 considered [07/75] [Outside Right]
- 1975 considered [12/75] [Outside Right]
- 1976 **broad circle** [07/76] [#3 Outside Right]
- 1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#11 Midfielder]
- 1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#17 Midfielder]
- 1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]
- 1978 considered [07/78] [Midfielder]
- 1978 considered [12/78] [Midfielder]
- 1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#15 Libero]
- 1979 not considered [12/79]
- 1980 considered [07/80] [Libero]

1980 broad circle [12/80] [#4 Libero]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#3 Libero]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#4 Libero]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#7 Libero]
1982 Internat. Cl. [12/82] [#2 Libero]
1983 Internat. Cl. [07/83] [#2 Libero]
1983 Internat. Cl. [12/83] [#4 Libero]
1984 Internat. Cl. [07/84] [#4 Libero]
1984 considered [12/84] [Libero]
1985 considered [07/85] [Libero]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 not considered
1987 considered [07/87] [Libero]
1987 considered [12/87] [Libero]
1988 considered [07/88] [Libero]
1988 considered [12/88] [Libero]
1989 not considered [07/89]



Lars BASTRUP

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 1 time

1975 played abroad [07/75]
1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 not considered
1977 played abroad
1978 played abroad
1979 played abroad
1980 played abroad
1981 played abroad [07/81]
1981 Internat. Cl. [12/81] [#2 Foreign player]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#7 Foreign player]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#6 Foreign player]
1983 considered [07/83] [Foreign Player]
1983 played abroad [12/83]



José BASUALDO

International class: 2 times

An offensive midfielder who lived on his fine technique and lightfootedness, more of a provider than an executor. Basualdo was not an absolute top player, not a playmaker but an industrious, intelligent midfielder who was hard to contain.

1989 Played abroad [07/89]
1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 not considered [07/91]
1991 played abroad [12/91]



Frank BAUMANN

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 6 times

1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 **considered** [07/99] [Liberò]
1999 **broad circle** [12/99] [#1 Defender]
2000 **considered** [07/00] [Defender]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered [07/01]
2001 **broad circle** [12/01] [#10 Central Defender]
2002 **considered** [07/02] [Central Defender]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered [07/03]
2003 **broad circle** [12/03] [#4 Central Defender]
2004 **Internat. Cl.** [07/04] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2004 **broad circle** [12/04] [#14 Central Defender]
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 **considered** [12/05] [Defensive Midfielder]
2006 not considered [07/06]
2006 **broad circle** [12/06] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
2007 not considered
2008 **considered** [07/08] [Defensive Midfielder]
2008 **considered** [12/08] [Defensive Midfielder]
2009 not considered [07/09]



Oliver BAUMANN

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 4 times

2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 **broad circle** [12/10] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2011 **considered** [07/11] [Goalkeeper]
2011 not considered [12/11]
2012 **broad circle** [07/12] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2012 **broad circle** [12/12] [#8 Goalkeeper]
2013 **broad circle** [07/13] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2013 **broad circle** [12/13] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2014 **considered** [07/14] [Goalkeeper]
2014 **considered** [12/14] [Goalkeeper]
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 **considered** [12/15] [Goalkeeper]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2016 **broad circle** [12/16] [#11 Goalkeeper]



Julian BAUMGARTLINGER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

2007 not considered
2008 not considered
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 played abroad [12/09]
2010 played abroad
2011 played abroad [07/11]
2011 not considered [12/11]
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 **broad circle** [12/12] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 not considered
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Franz BECKENBAUER

World class: 27 times
 International class: 7 times
 Broad circle: 3 times
 Considered: 3 times

Germany's greatest ever player. Renown for inventing the attacking libero, Beckenbauer started his professional career as an outside left, then was withdrawn to the left side of defense where he didn't stay long as his value as a central player soon became obvious to his manager, the former Yugoslavian World Class player Zlatko Cajkovski. Inspired by the Italian attacking full back Giacinto Facchetti, Beckenbauer soon dropped back to the center of the Bayern defense from where he had the best overview of the pitch in order to initiate his thrusts deep into the opposing half of the pitch. The tactical development of the mid-1960s suited him very well, as the change from the WM-System to the 4-2-4 introduced a fourth, "free" defender who did not have to mark a forward but who was intended to sweep behind the three man-marking defenders. Using this new freedom to the maximum, Beckenbauer became a sensation in German football in the mid-1960s since such elegant and technical players were not known to be playing in defense. Franz Beckenbauer started to play for Bayern Munich in 1958 at the age of 12. Already at this early stage he possessed his later trademarks of lightfootedness, playful elements and creativity to such a degree that he was soon selected to play for the German Youth team. Due to his maturity his way from the youth team to the seniors went smoothly. In 1964-65, Beckenbauer had to play his first professional year with the senior team in the regional Southern German league, where he played in 31 of 36 matches and scored 16 goals. He soon moved back from an inside forward position to central midfield, and almost instantly became the crucial player in Bayern's aspiring team of hopefuls and seasoned players. During the next years, Beckenbauer perfected his interpretation of the "libero" role, the attacking sweeper, which was previously interpreted by players like Jonquet or Santamaria. Through Beckenbauer's interpretation, the sweeper position reached a whole new dimension, for his interpretation was genuine and near to perfection. Beckenbauer changed the picture most people had of German football, from fighting, ruthless, rigid physical style to a more playful, creative, finesse style by interjecting his own elegant way of play, coupled with superior technical skills. With his well-timed, incredibly accurate long and short range passes (usually played with the outside of his right foot), and his overall elegant, seemingly effortless way of playing, Beckenbauer was a new sort of defender, a number 10 playing in central defense.

1963 not considered
1964 **considered** [07/64] [Half Back]
1964 **considered** [12/64] [Center Half]
1965 **considered** [07/65] [#4 Center Half]
1965 **broad circle** [07/65] [#3 Half Back]
1965 **Internat. Cl.** [12/65] [#3 Center Half]
1965 **Internat. Cl.** [12/65] [#2 Half Back]
1966 **World Class** [07/66] [#1 Midfielder]
1966 **Internat. Cl.** [07/66] [#3 Central Defender]
1966 **World Class** [12/66] [#1 Midfielder]
1966 **Internat. Cl.** [12/66] [#3 Central Defender]
1967 **World Class** [07/67] [#1 Midfielder]
1967 **World Class** [07/67] [#1 Central Defender]
1967 **Internat. Cl.** [12/67] [#2 Midfielder]
1967 **Internat. Cl.** [12/67] [#3 Central Defender]
1968 **World Class** [07/68] [#1 Midfielder]
1968 **World Class** [07/68] [#1 Central Defender]
1968 **World Class** [12/68] [#1 Midfielder]
1968 **World Class** [12/68] [#1 Central Defender]
1969 **World Class** [07/69] [#1 Midfielder]
1969 **World Class** [07/69] [#1 Central Defender]
1969 **World Class** [12/69] [#1 Central Defender]
1970 **World Class** [07/70] [#1 Midfielder]
1970 **World Class** [07/70] [#1 Central Defender]
1970 **World Class** [12/70] [#1 Midfielder]
1970 **World Class** [12/70] [#1 Central Defender]
1971 **World Class** [07/71] [#1 Libero]

1971 World Class [12/71] [#1 Libero]
1972 World Class [07/72] [#1 Libero]
1972 World Class [12/72] [#1 Libero]
1973 World Class [07/73] [#1 Libero]
1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#1 Libero]
1974 World Class [07/74] [#1 Libero]
1974 World Class [12/74] [#1 Libero]
1975 World Class [07/75] [#1 Libero]
1975 World Class [12/75] [#1 Libero]
1976 World Class [07/76] [#1 Libero]
1976 World Class [12/76] [#1 Libero]
1977 World Class [07/77] [#1 Libero]
1977 Played abroad [12/77]
1978 played abroad
1979 played abroad
1980 played abroad [07/80]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#7 Libero]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#2 Libero]
1982 not considered [07/82]
1982 Played abroad [12/82]
1983 played abroad [07/83]



Erich BEER

International class: 6 times
 Broad circle: 6 times
 Considered: 9 times

A playmaker whose unusual attribute was his high work ethic, very industrious and a capable tackler who possessed a hard-hitting shooting technique which made him a frequent scorer of goals. What he lacked to become a great international player was pace and a really good technique. His peak years were between 1975 and 1978 when he was a starting player for the German national team.

1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 not considered
1968 not considered
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Forward]
1970 considered [07/70] [Central Forward]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#12 Midfielder]
1971 considered [07/71] [Midfielder]
1971 considered [12/71] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [07/72] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [12/72] [Midfielder]
1973 broad circle [07/73] [#10 Midfielder]
1973 considered [12/73] [Midfielder]
1974 considered [07/74] [Midfielder]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#8 Midfielder]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#4 Midfielder]
1975 Internat. Cl. [12/75] [#3 Midfielder]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#3 Midfielder]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#3 Midfielder]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#3 Midfielder]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#9 Midfielder]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#8 Midfielder]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#7 Midfielder]
1979 Internat. Cl. [07/79] [#3 Midfielder]
1979 Played abroad [12/79]
1980 played abroad
1981 played abroad [07/81]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered
1984 not considered [07/84]



Uwe BEIN

International class: 9 times

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 9 times

In German football, Uwe Bein's through balls are regarded as the culmination of this fine art of playmaking. His sense for the perfect and ideal lowpass into the gap of a defense was unrivalled in German football. What he lacked was consistency, a more commanding presence and pace. When he was feeling well, he was a playmaker who saw his main function as a provider, not as someone who would marshal his team. When he was entering the box he was also an able finisher. Of course a player like him also was a keen and able freekick-taker. As a player he was a bit dreamy and quite dependant on his mood.

1979 not considered [12/79]

1980 not considered [07/80]

1980 considered [12/80] [Midfielder]

1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]

1981 not considered [12/81]

1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]

1982 considered [12/82] [Offensive Midfielder]

1983 considered [07/83] [Offensive Midfielder]

1983 not considered [12/83]

1984 considered [07/84] [Offensive Midfielder]

1984 considered [12/84] [Offensive Midfielder]

1985 not considered

1986 considered [07/86] [Offensive Midfielder]

1986 not considered [12/86]

1987 not considered

1988 not considered [07/88]

1988 Internat. Cl. [12/88] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]

1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]

1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

1990 broad circle [12/90] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]

1991 Internat. Cl. [07/91] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

1991 Internat. Cl. [12/91] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#2 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#4 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1993 broad circle [12/93] [#6 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 broad circle [07/94] [#12 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 not considered [12/94]

1995 broad circle [07/95] [#5 German abroad]

1995 broad circle [12/95] [#4 German abroad]

1996 broad circle [07/96] [#3 German abroad]

1996 considered [12/96] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1997 not considered [07/97]



Stefan BEINLICH

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 9 times

1990 not considered [12/90]

1991 not considered

1992 not considered

1993 not considered
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 considered [12/94] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 considered [07/95] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 **broad circle** [12/95] [#6 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#8 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 considered [12/96] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 **broad circle** [07/97] [#13 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 **broad circle** [12/97] [#14 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 considered [07/98] [Offensive Midfielder]
1998 **broad circle** [12/98] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1999 considered [07/99] [Offensive Midfielder]
1999 **broad circle** [12/99] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2000 **Internat. Cl.** [07/00] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
2000 considered [12/00] [Defensive Midfielder]
2001 not considered
2002 **broad circle** [07/02] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 considered [07/03] [Defensive Midfielder]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 considered [12/04] [Offensive Midfielder]
2005 considered [07/05] [Offensive Midfielder]
2005 **broad circle** [12/05] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2006 not considered
2007 not considered
2008 not considered [07/08]



Karim BELLARABI

International class: 3 times
 Broad circle: 1 time
 Considered: 1 time

2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 not considered
2013 not considered [07/13]
2013 considered [12/13] [Offensive Lateral]
2014 not considered [07/14]
2014 **Internat. Cl.** [12/14] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2015 **Internat. Cl.** [07/15] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2015 **broad circle** [12/15] [#9 Offensive Lateral]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Michael BELLA

Broad circle: 11 times
 Considered: 7 times

A ruthless full back who relished the combative aspects of the game. A driving force of his club MSV Duisburg, he was a very consistent player that rarely missed a game in 13 years of professional football. In the early-1970s he was also knocking on the door of the German national team, earned four caps and was a member of the 1972 European Championship-winning side. His bad luck was that at his position, full backs like Berti Vogts, Paul Breitner and later his teammate Bernard Dietz were obstacles that he couldn't move out of his way.

1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 not considered
1966 considered [07/66] [Central Defender]
1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#6 Central Defender]
1967 not considered [07/67]
1967 considered [12/67] [Full Back]
1968 considered [07/68] [Central Defender]
1968 **broad circle** [12/68] [#5 Full Back]
1969 **broad circle** [07/69] [#4 Full Back]
1969 **broad circle** [12/69] [#4 Full Back]
1970 **broad circle** [07/70] [#4 Full Back]
1970 **broad circle** [12/70] [#8 Central Defender]
1970 **broad circle** [12/70] [#4 Full Back]
1971 **broad circle** [07/71] [#3 Full Back]
1971 **broad circle** [12/71] [#5 Full Back]
1972 **broad circle** [07/72] [#4 Full Back]
1972 **broad circle** [12/72] [#4 Full Back]
1973 considered [07/73] [Full Back]
1973 considered [12/73] [Full Back]
1974 considered [07/74] [Stopper]
1974 considered [12/74] [Stopper]
1975 not considered
1976 not considered
1977 not considered
1978 not considered
1979 not considered [07/79]



Diego BENAGLIO

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 5 times

2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered
2004 not considered
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 played abroad [12/05]
2006 played abroad
2007 played abroad
2008 **Internat. Cl.** [07/08] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2008 considered [12/08] [Goalkeeper]
2009 **broad circle** [07/09] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2009 **broad circle** [12/09] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2010 considered [07/10] [Goalkeeper]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 **broad circle** [12/11] [#10 Goalkeeper]
2012 **broad circle** [07/12] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2012 **Internat. Cl.** [12/12] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2013 **broad circle** [07/13] [#10 Goalkeeper]
2013 **broad circle** [12/13] [#8 Goalkeeper]
2014 considered [07/14] [Goalkeeper]
2014 **broad circle** [12/14] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2015 **Internat. Cl.** [07/15] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2015 considered [12/15] [Goalkeeper]
2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 considered [12/16] [Goalkeeper]



Lars BENDER

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 2 times

2009 not considered [12/09]

2010 not considered

2011 not considered [07/11]

2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

2012 broad circle [07/12] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

2012 broad circle [12/12] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]

2013 broad circle [07/13] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]

2013 considered [12/13] [Defensive Midfielder]

2014 not considered [07/14]

2014 broad circle [12/14] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]

2015 broad circle [07/15] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]

2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]

2016 not considered [07/16]

2016 considered [12/16] [Defensive Midfielder]



Sven BENDER

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 1 time

2009 broad circle [12/09] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]

2010 considered [07/10] [Defensive Midfielder]

2010 broad circle [12/10] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]

2011 broad circle [07/11] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

2012 not considered

2013 Internat. Cl. [07/13] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]

2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

2014 not considered [07/14]

2014 broad circle [12/14] [#13 Defensive Midfielder]

2015 not considered [07/15]

2015 broad circle [12/15] [#14 Central Defender]

2016 broad circle [07/16] [#9 Central Defender]

2016 not considered [12/16]



Helmut BENTHAUS

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 4 times

This defensive midfielder was renowned at his time for his good reading of the game, excellent diagonal and low passes. As an elegant half back he would also often be seen joining his team's attacks. Benthaus was an intellectual who was interested in arts and literature and later became a successful manager.

1955 not considered [12/55]
1956 not considered
1957 not considered
1958 Internat. Cl. [1958] [#4 Half Back]
1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#3 Half Back]
1959 Internat. Cl. [12/59] [#2 Half Back]
1960 Internat. Cl. [1960] [#3 Half Back]
1961 broad circle [07/61] [#6 Half Back]
1961 considered [12/61] [Half Back]
1962 not considered
1963 considered [07/63] [Half Back]
1963 considered [12/63] [Half Back]
1964 considered [07/64] [Half Back]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 not considered [07/65]



Dimitar BERBATOV

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 1 time

2001 played abroad [07/01]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 broad circle [07/02] [#15 Forward]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered [07/03]
2003 broad circle [12/03] [#16 Forward]
2004 Internat. Cl. [07/04] [#3 Forward]
2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#3 Forward]
2005 Internat. Cl. [07/05] [#3 Forward]
2005 considered [12/05] [Forward]
2006 Internat. Cl. [07/06] [#3 Forward]
2006 played abroad [12/06]



Günter BERNARD

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 12 times

A goalkeeper of relatively small stature who made this more than up with his great reflexes and his commanding presence.

1958 not considered
1959 not considered
1960 considered [1960] [Goalkeeper]

1961 broad circle [07/61] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1961 broad circle [12/61] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1963 broad circle [07/63] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1963 considered [12/63] [Goalkeeper]
1964 not considered [07/64]
1964 considered [12/64] [Goalkeeper]
1965 considered [07/65] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1965 broad circle [12/65] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1966 Internat. Cl. [07/66] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1966 broad circle [12/66] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1967 not considered [07/67]
1967 considered [12/67] [Goalkeeper]
1968 Internat. Cl. [07/68] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1968 considered [12/68] [Goalkeeper]
1969 considered [07/69] [Goalkeeper]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 considered [07/70] [Goalkeeper]
1970 considered [12/70] [Goalkeeper]
1971 considered [07/71] [Goalkeeper]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 considered [12/72] [Goalkeeper]
1973 considered [07/73] [Goalkeeper]



Thomas BERTHOLD

International class: 4 times
 Broad circle: 10 times
 Considered: 9 times

A quite talented defender who started out as a right back, then became a wing back and later settled as a man-marker. Berthold was already a starting player at Frankfurt aged 18. Many thought that he might be able to emulate Beckenbauer but these assumptions were premature. His strengths were high pace and an aerial and overall physical presence. He also had a certain elegance in his movements but he was not as technically sound as one might have expected. Unfortunately one of his traits was a certain arrogance which might also have hindered his rising to the very top of his profession.

1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 considered [12/83] [Liberò]
1984 considered [07/84] [Full Back]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#5 Liberò]
1985 Internat. Cl. [07/85] [#2 Full Back]
1985 considered [07/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
1985 considered [12/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
1986 Internat. Cl. [07/86] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#6 Liberò]
1987 not considered [07/87]
1987 played abroad [12/87]
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 played abroad [12/88]
1989 played abroad
1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#2 Defender]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#9 German abroad]
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#7 German abroad]
1991 considered [12/91] [Defensive Midfielder]
1992 not considered
1993 not considered [07/93]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#4 Marker]
1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#4 Marker]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#9 Marker]
1995 not considered
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#7 Marker]
1997 broad circle [07/97] [#6 Marker]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#6 Marker]

1998 broad circle [07/98] [#5 Marker]
1998 considered [12/98] [Marker]
1999 considered [07/99] [Defender]
1999 considered [12/99] [Liberio]
2000 considered [07/00] [Defender]



Oliver BIERHOFF

World class: 2 times
International class: 7 times
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 4 times

As a traditional center forward who was very dependant on being fed from the flanks Bierhoff was a towering, commanding presence in the box who could sidestep his technical limitations due to his powerful aerial abilities. Coming from a wealthy background he was well-read and very articulate, which meant that he was never a darling of the crowds.

1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered
1988 not considered
1989 not considered
1990 not considered [07/90]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#12 German abroad]
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#8 German abroad]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 Internat. Cl. [12/95] [#1 German abroad]
1996 Internat. Cl. [07/96] [#2 Forward]
1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#3 German abroad]
1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#3 German abroad]
1997 World Class [12/97] [#2 German abroad]
1998 World Class [07/98] [#1 Forward]
1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#2 German abroad]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#3 German abroad]
1999 Internat. Cl. [12/99] [#2 German abroad]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#7 Forward]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#11 German abroad]
2001 considered [07/01] [Forward]
2001 considered [12/01] [Forward]
2002 considered [07/02] [Forward]
2002 considered [12/02] [Forward]
2003 not considered [07/03]



Ulrich BIESINGER

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 10 times

Biesinger's claim to fame might have been that he became a World Champion without having played a full international game up to that point. As a center forward Biesinger distinguished himself with his pretty good ball control which he topped off with a powerful shooting technique.

1955 considered [12/55] [#6 Inside Forward]
1955 considered [12/55] [#4 Center Forward]

1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#1 Center Forward]
1956 broad circle [12/56] [#3 Center Forward]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#8 Inside Forward]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#2 Center Forward]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#2 Center Forward]
1959 considered [07/59] [Center Forward]
1959 considered [12/59] [Center Forward]
1960 not considered [1960]
1961 considered [07/61] [Center Forward]
1961 considered [12/61] [Center Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Center Forward]
1963 considered [07/63] [Center Forward]
1963 considered [12/63] [Center Forward]
1964 considered [07/64] [Center Forward]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 not considered
1966 not considered [07/66]



Manfred BINZ

International class: 2 times
 Broad circle: 10 times
 Considered: 4 times

A playmaker by trade, he became one of the best liberos of the Bundesliga in the late-1980s who possessed a very sound technique and strategic qualities but also a phlegmatic nature. He was the successor to Klaus Augenthaler as standard libero of the German national team in the early-1990s. After a poor 1992 Euro, where he was dropped in the middle of the tournament, he was never again capped, but continued to be a vital player for Eintracht Frankfurt.

1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered
1986 not considered
1987 not considered [07/87]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#5 Libero]
1988 broad circle [97/88] [#4 Libero]
1988 not considered [12/88]
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#3 Libero]
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#3 Libero]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#2 Libero]
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#3 Libero]
1991 Internat. Cl. [12/91] [#1 Libero]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#4 Libero]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#4 Libero]
1993 considered [07/93] [Libero]
1993 considered [12/93] [Libero]
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#4 Libero]
1995 considered [07/95] [Libero]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#6 Libero]
1996 not considered
1997 not considered [07/97]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#3 German abroad]
1998 not considered
1999 not considered
2000 considered [07/00] [Libero]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 not considered [07/03]



Ulrich BITTCHER

A dynamic wide midfielder with proper technique who was adept at crossing.

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 8 times

1975 not considered [12/75]

1976 not considered

1977 considered [07/77] [Midfielder]

1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]

1978 not considered [07/78]

1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#14 Midfielder]

1979 considered [07/79] [Midfielder]

1979 considered [12/79] [Midfielder]

1980 considered [07/80] [Midfielder]

1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#17 Midfielder]

1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#8 Midfielder]

1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]

1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]

1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]

1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]

1983 not considered [12/83]

1984 not considered

1985 not considered

1986 considered [07/86] [Offensive Midfielder]

1986 not considered [12/86]

1987 not considered [07/87]



Ole BJØRNMOSE

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 5 times

A rock solid midfielder with great stamina and endurance who also was a goalscoring threat with his shooting from outside the box. Hardly missing a game between 1967 and 1977 for Werder Bremen and Hamburg, he was the foreign player with the highest number of Bundesliga games between 1977 and 2008 when he was finally overtaken by Sergej Barbarez.

1966 played abroad [07/66]

1966 not assessed [12/66]

1967 not assessed

1968 not assessed

1969 not assessed

1970 not assessed [07/70]

1970 not considered [12/70]

1971 considered [07/71] [Foreign Player]

1971 **broad circle** [12/71] [#6 Foreign player]

1972 not considered

1973 **broad circle** [07/73] [#4 Foreign player]

1973 considered [12/73] [Foreign Player]

1974 considered [07/74] [Foreign Player]

1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#7 Foreign player]

1975 considered [07/75] [Foreign Player]

1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#6 Foreign player]

1976 **broad circle** [07/76] [#7 Foreign player]

1976 considered [12/76] [Foreign Player]

1977 not considered [07/77]

1977 played abroad [12/77]



Rolf BLAU

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 4 times

An untiring, relentlessly running midfield worker with a good technique and a capable scorer.

1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 considered [12/76] [Midfielder]
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]
1978 not considered
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#10 Midfielder]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#24 Midfielder]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#9 Midfielder]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#22 Midfielder]
1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered
1984 considered [07/84] [Offensive Midfielder]



Jakub BŁASZCZYKOWSKI

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 2 times

2007 played abroad [07/07]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 **broad circle** [12/08] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 considered [12/09] [Offensive Lateral]
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 considered [12/10] [Offensive Lateral]
2011 not considered
2012 **Internat. Cl.** [07/12] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2012 **Internat. Cl.** [12/12] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
2013 **Internat. Cl.** [07/13] [#5 Offensive Lateral]
2013 not considered [12/13]
2014 not considered
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 played abroad [12/15]
2016 played abroad [07/16]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Jérôme BOATENG

World class: 3 times
International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 4 times

2007 not considered [07/07]
2007 considered [12/07] [Defensive Lateral]
2008 not considered
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 considered [12/09] [Central Defender]
2010 considered [07/10] [Defensive Lateral]
2010 considered [12/10] [German aborad]
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 broad circle [12/11] [#7 Central Defender]
2012 broad circle [07/12] [#6 Central Defender]
2012 broad circle [12/12] [#10 Central Defender]
2013 Internat. Cl. [07/13] [#1 Central Defender]
2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#1 Central Defender]
2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#2 Central Defender]
2014 World Class [12/14] [#1 Central Defender]
2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#1 Central Defender]
2015 World Class [12/15] [#1 Central Defender]
2016 World Class [07/16] [#1 Central Defender]
2016 broad circle [12/16] [#5 Central Defender]



Fredi BOBIC

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 6 times

1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered [07/93]
1993 considered [12/93] [Forward]
1994 considered [07/94] [Forward]
1994 considered [12/94] [Forward]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#10 Forward]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#5 Forward]
1996 broad circle [07/96] [#9 Forward]
1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#4 Forward]
1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#4 Forward]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#4 Forward]
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#9 Forward]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 considered [12/99] [Forward]
2000 not considered
2001 considered [07/01] [Forward]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 considered [07/02][Forward]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#6 Forward]
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#9 Forward]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered
2005 not considered
2006 not considered [07/06]



Manfred BOCKENFELD

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 9 times

A tall and lean industrious player, began as right-sided midfielder then an offensive right back and later again a midfielder. A technically strong and elegant player who was known for his good crossing ability and a threat at set pieces due to his height. The competition in his positions was too strong for him to manage more than one international game for Germany.

1980 not considered [07/80]
1980 considered [12/80] [Midfielder]
1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered [07/82]
1982 considered [12/82] [Full Back]
1983 considered [07/83] [Full Back]
1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#1 Full Back]
1984 considered [07/84] [Full Back]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defensive Midfielder]
1986 considered [07/86] [Defensive Midfielder]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered
1988 considered [07/88] [Offensive Midfielder]
1988 not considered [12/88]
1989 **Internat. Cl.** [07/89] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 not considered
1991 not considered
1992 considered [07/92] [Defensive Midfielder]
1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered [07/94]



Srećko BOGDAN

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 5 times

Renowned as chief of the Karlsruhe defense after he had been vital for Dinamo Zagreb for nine years, Bogdan was a firm header of the ball and captain of his team.

1985 played abroad [07/85]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 considered [07/86] [Foreign Player]
1986 not assessed [12/86]
1987 considered [07/87] [Foreign Player]
1987 **broad circle** [12/87] [#7 Foreign player]
1988 **broad circle** [07/88] [#7 Foreign player]
1988 **broad circle** [12/88] [#6 Libero]
1989 **broad circle** [07/89] [#5 Libero]
1989 **broad circle** [12/89] [#8 Libero]
1990 **broad circle** [07/90] [#7 Libero]
1990 considered [12/90] [Libero]
1991 considered [07/91] [Libero]
1991 considered [12/91] [Libero]
1992 not considered
1993 not considered [07/93]



Rudolf BOMMER

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 14 times

A tall, dynamic right-footed sprinter in midfield with great pace and good finishing skills in and around the box and a good aerial ability. Not a midfield strategist but an emotional “give me the ball let me do something” type of player. Was a bit unlucky that he never played for a top club, which limited his exploits and his standing.

1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered
1978 not considered
1979 **considered** [07/79] [Midfielder]
1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 **considered** [07/80] [Midfielder]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 **considered** [07/81] [Midfielder]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered
1983 **considered** [07/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1984 not considered [12/84] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 **considered** [12/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
1986 **broad circle** [07/86] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]
1986 **considered** [12/86] [Offensive Midfielder]
1987 not considered [07/87]
1987 **considered** [12/87] [Defensive Midfielder]
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 **considered** [12/88] [Offensive Midfielder]
1989 **considered** [07/89] [Offensive Midfielder]
1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 not considered
1991 not considered
1992 not considered [07/92]
1992 **considered** [12/92] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 **considered** [07/93] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 not considered [12/93]
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 **considered** [12/94] [Wide Midfielder]
1995 **considered** [07/95] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 **considered** [12/96] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1997 not considered [07/97]



Hans BONGARTZ

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 12 times

Considered: 7 times

Hannes Bongartz was one of the last classic playmakers of the Bundesliga. Throughout his career he was likened to Günter Netzer, or at least seen as the one player that could resemble Netzer the most. Ultimately though “Beanpole”, as he was nicknamed, was too frail to meet this expectation. Apart from that, Bongartz possessed all the required abilities of a playmaker: lightfootedness, well-balanced movement (which he attributed to his

time as a trick cyclist in his youth), a brilliant technique, a wonderful feeling for well-weighted long range passes and dangerous freekicking. In Kaiserslautern, he was considered to be the technically best midfield player since Fritz Walter 30 years before him.

1970 considered [12/70] [Midfielder]
1971 not considered
1972 not considered
1973 considered [07/73] [Midfielder]
1973 considered [12/73] [Midfielder]
1974 considered [07/74] [Midfielder]
1974 considered [12/74] [Midfielder]
1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#5 Midfielder]
1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#6 Midfielder]
1976 **Internat. Cl.** [07/76] [#7 Midfielder]
1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#7 Midfielder]
1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#7 Midfielder]
1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#10 Midfielder]
1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#13 Midfielder]
1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#5 Midfielder]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#5 Midfielder]
1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#17 Midfielder]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#10 Midfielder]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#13 Midfielder]
1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#10 Midfielder]
1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#18 Midfielder]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 considered [07/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered [07/84]



Rainer BONHOF

World class: 1 time
International class: 10 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 3 times

Bonhof was a very versatile defensive player who excelled as a defensive midfielder, full back and stopper but is most well-known as a right-sided midfielder, which was his standard role when playing for the German national team. Bonhof lived on his dynamism and his willpower which gave him a dominating position in the teams that he played for. His one standout ability was his freekicks and distant shots which he could unleash on his target with an hitherto almost unknown power and precision. For the kind of player he was, his technical ability in passing was above average, often using the outside of his right boot to deliver crosses and passes.

1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 not considered
1972 **broad circle** [07/72] [#4 Full Back]
1972 considered [12/72] [Full Back]
1973 **broad circle** [07/73] [#5 Full Back]
1973 **broad circle** [12/73] [#5 Full Back]
1974 **Internat. Cl.** [07/74] [#2 Midfielder]
1974 **Internat. Cl.** [07/74] [#2 Stopper]
1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#3 Full back]
1974 **Internat. Cl.** [12/74] [#2 Midfielder]
1975 **Internat. Cl.** [07/75] [#2 Full Back]
1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#4 Full Back]
1976 **World Class** [07/76] [#1 Midfielder]
1976 **Internat. Cl.** [07/76] [#3 Full Back]
1976 **Internat. Cl.** [12/76] [#1 Midfielder]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [07/77] [#2 Midfielder]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#2 Stopper]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#3 Midfielder]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [07/78] [#2 Midfielder]
1978 Played abroad [12/78]
1979 played abroad
1980 Played abroad [07/80]
1980 considered [12/80] [Midfielder]

1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#7 Midfielder]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]



Ronald BORCHERS

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 3 times

A talented inside forward with a tendency to drift to the right wing to initiate attacks, he looked destined to become an international player for Germany already at 18, 19 years. In the late-1970s he was a candidate to become “the next Uli Hoeness”. He had very good premises: great talent coupled with physicality, pace, above average ball control and technique and an eye for goal scoring opportunities. In the end he was capped six times and a member of the 1982 World Cup squad but for a greater career he probably lacked the necessary professionalism.

1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 not considered
1977 not considered
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 **considered** [12/78] [Outside Right]
1979 not considered
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#16 Midfielder]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#11 Midfielder]
1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#11 Midfielder]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#3 Outside Right]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 **considered** [12/84] [Offensive Midfielder]
1985 **considered** [07/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered
1989 not considered
1990 not considered
1991 not considered
1992 not considered [07/92]



Marcelo BORDON

International class: 9 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 2 times

1999 played abroad [07/99]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 **broad circle** [07/00] [#8 Defender]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 **broad circle** [07/01] [#6 Defender]
2001 **Internat. Cl.** [12/01] [#2 Central Defender]
2002 **considered** [07/02] [Central Defender]
2002 **broad circle** [12/02] [#7 Central Defender]
2003 **broad circle** [07/03] [#11 Central Defender]
2003 **Internat. Cl.** [12/03] [#1 Central Defender]
2004 **Internat. Cl.** [07/04] [#3 Central Defender]
2004 **Internat. Cl.** [12/04] [#1 Central Defender]
2005 **Internat. Cl.** [07/05] [#2 Central Defender]
2005 **broad circle** [12/05] [#4 Central Defender]
2006 **broad circle** [07/06] [#3 Central Defender]

2006 broad circle [12/06] [#3 Central Defender]
2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#1 Central Defender]
2007 Internat. Cl. [12/07] [#1 Central Defender]
2008 Internat. Cl. [07/08] [#2 Central Defender]
2008 broad circle [12/08] [#12 Central Defender]
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 Internat. Cl. [12/09] [#3 Central Defender]
2010 considered [07/10] [Central Defender]
2010 played abroad [12/10]



Aleksandr BORODYUK

International class: 1 time
 Considered: 3 times

Started out as a forward who later became a midfielder, equipped with great footballing talent, good touch. Lacking was perseverance, passion and competitive spirit. Twice Soviet top scorer, in Germany he was playing as a midfielder who impressed with his subtle short passes.

1989 played abroad [07/89]
1989 considered [12/89] [Forward]
1990 considered [07/90] [Forward]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 considered [07/91] [Offensive Midfielder]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered
1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#3 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1993 not considered [12/93]
1994 not considered
1995 not considered
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 played abroad [12/96]



Ulrich BOROWKA

International class: 2 times
 Broad circle: 4 times
 Considered: 11 times

Nicknamed 'the axe', Borowka had a reputation as one of the hardest men on the pitch. He mostly played as a full back on both sides, but preferred the left back position, and later was also often deployed as a man-marker. As a full back he was a dynamic player with a solid technique and a really hard shot who made a lot of use of his primitive, unspoilt power.

1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 considered [12/84] [Defensive Midfielder]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defender]
1986 considered [07/86] [Defender]
1986 considered [12/86] [Defender]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#5 Defender]
1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#2 Defender]

1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#4 Defender]
1988 considered [12/88] [Defender]
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 considered [12/89] [Defender]
1990 not considered [07/90]
1990 considered [12/90] [Marker]
1991 considered [07/91] [Marker]
1991 considered [12/91] [Marker]
1992 considered [07/92] [Marker]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#5 Marker]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#6 Marker]
1993 not considered [12/93]
1994 not considered
1995 considered [07/95] [Marker]
1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 not considered
1997 not considered [07/96]



Tim BOROWSKI

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 3 times
 Considered: 2 times

2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 considered [07/04] [Offensive Midfielder]
2004 considered [12/04] [Offensive Midfielder]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
2005 Internat. Cl. [12/05] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 not considered
2008 broad circle [07/08] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 not considered [07/12]



Rune BRATSETH

World class: 3 times
 International class: 7 times
 Broad circle: 5 times

The tall, athletic Norwegian defender came to Bremen in 1986 where Otto Rehhagel first used him as a man-marker, a position he soon made a name for himself due to his fairness and calm way of going on about his task. However he really started to blossom when he was freed of marking duties in late-1988 when Rehhagel looked for a new libero as the injury-prone Gunnar Sauer needed to be replaced permanently. Rehhagel realized pretty soon that a very intelligent player like Bratseth was somewhat wasted as a marker, and when Sauer missed more and more games the decision was easy. His interpretation of the free role was conservative, more in tradition of a Willi Schulz than a Franz Beckenbauer, owing to Rehhagel's conservative approach as well as Bratseth's upbringing as a Scandinavian central defender in a flat back four, where no nonsense mentalities were more common for defenders than in the continental game with its libero tradition. On the pitch Bratseth distinguished himself with his fast acceleration (for his type of player), excellent positioning, great overview, technique and his personality.

1986 not assessed [12/86]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#6 Foreign Player]
1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#1 Foreign Player]
1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#2 Foreign Player]
1988 World Class [12/88] [#1 Libero]
1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#3 Libero]
1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#2 Libero]
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#9 Libero]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#3 Marker]
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#5 Libero]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#6 Libero]
1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#1 Libero]
1992 World Class [12/92] [#1 Libero]
1993 World Class [07/93] [#1 Libero]
1994 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#2 Libero]
1994 broad circle [07/94] [#5 Libero]



Andreas BREHME

World class: 1 time
 International class: 13 times
 Broad circle: 5 times
 Considered: 9 times

One of the best and most complete full backs in German football history, gifted with a very good technique and a hard and precise shot, as a youth he was a midfielder, as a young professional he quickly made a name as a full back that would play equally well on both sides of the pitch, due to his absolute two-footedness, albeit with a slight preference of the left foot. One thing he did not have though was pace. He loved to swing in crosses from an inside and outside position, although he could have been better at crossing at high pace, hence he preferred to cross an inactive ball. His left-foot had a more subtle touch while his right had more power. Additionally to his full back duties, throughout his career he frequently was used as a wide midfielder as well as a defensive midfielder.

1980 considered [12/80] [Full Back]
1981 considered [07/81] [Full Back]
1981 considered [12/81] [Full Back]
1982 not considered
1983 considered [07/83] [Defensive Midfielder]
1983 broad circle [12/83] [#3 Full Back]
1984 Internat. Cl. [07/84] [#2 Full Back]
1984 Internat. Cl. [12/84] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1985 Internat. Cl. [07/85] [#1 Full Back]
1985 Internat. Cl. [07/85] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1985 Internat. Cl. [12/85] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1986 Internat. Cl. [07/86] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1986 considered [12/86] [Defensive Midfielder]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [12/87] [Defensive Midfielder]
1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1988 played abroad [12/88]
1989 played abroad
1990 World Class [07/90] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#4 German abroad]
1991 Internat. Cl. [07/91] [#3 German abroad]
1991 Internat. Cl. [12/91] [#4 German abroad]
1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#3 German abroad]
1993 not considered [07/93]
1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#1 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1994 broad circle [07/94] [#5 Wide Midfielder]
1994 considered [12/94] [Wide Midfielder]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#4 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#5 Libero]
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 considered [12/96] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1997 considered [07/97] [Central Defensive Midfielder]

1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 not considered [07/98]



Paul BREITNER

World class: 7 times
International class: 9 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 1 time

One of Germany's greatest ever players, he joined Bayern at the age of 18 in 1970 and quickly became a starter. In his first season, he was mostly used as a right back or as a midfielder player. In 1971 he filled the spot left vacant by Bayern's Austrian left back Peter Pumm, who had returned to his home country. Breitner, who in his mind and mentality always saw himself as a midfielder, immediately impressed in this position as a relentlessly attacking full back that possessed every prerequisite needed for that demanding role. Very capable at buildup and passing, when in possession, he often acted as a fourth midfielder in Bayern's 4-3-3 of the early-70s, who often broke through on the left flank either on his own or in neat 1-2s played with his teammate Gerd Müller. Although right-footed, he was very competent at crossing the ball with his left foot, even in high tempo. For a player of his talent, he had an unusually high work ethic and had created his own fitness program which he imposed on himself already in his teen years and adhered to faithfully in his spare time over the course of his career. Breitner was arguably one of the fittest players of the 1970s. When he joined Real Madrid in 1974 he left his full back position for good and settled as a midfielder player for the rest of his career. Next to the classic playmaker Netzer, Breitner became a vital player who committed himself as a dynamic, hard-running "workhorse", soon leaving the shadow of the ageing superstar Netzer. After three years in Madrid and one year in Braunschweig, Breitner returned to Bayern in 1978 where the successful team of the mid-1970s was slowly falling apart and which – after Beckenbauer had left the club – was desperately looking for a new leader on the pitch. In his last five years as a professional player, Breitner was at the peak of his powers, unanimously considered to be the Bundesliga's best midfielder player of that era. After an inauspicious 1982 World Cup, in his last year Breitner was plagued by injuries and decided to retire at the age of only 31 in 1983.

1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 considered [07/71] [Midfielder]
1971 **broad circle** [07/71] [#4 Full Back]
1971 **broad circle** [12/71] [#4 Full Back]
1972 **World Class** [07/72] [#1 Full Back]
1972 **Internat. Cl.** [12/72] [#1 Full Back]
1973 **Internat. Cl.** [07/73] [#1 Full Back]
1973 **Internat. Cl.** [12/73] [#2 Full Back]
1974 **World Class** [07/74] [#1 Full Back]
1974 played abroad [12/74]
1975 played abroad
1976 played abroad
1977 played abroad [07/77]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#4 Midfielder]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [07/78] [#9 Midfielder]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [12/78] [#3 Midfielder]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#2 Midfielder]
1979 **World Class** [12/79] [#1 Midfielder]
1980 **World Class** [07/80] [#1 Midfielder]
1980 **World Class** [12/80] [#1 Midfielder]
1981 **World Class** [07/81] [#1 Midfielder]
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [12/81] [#1 Midfielder]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [07/82] [#1 Midfielder]
1982 **World Class** [12/82] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1983 not considered [07/83]



Dieter BRENNINGER

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 11 times

A quick, dangerous outside left who was one of the star players of the newly-emerging Bayern side of the mid-1960s. When he left Bayern in 1971, the left wing was a vacant spot in the Bayern team for many years to come.

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 considered [12/62] [Inside Forward]

1963 considered [07/63] [Inside Forward]

1963 considered [12/63] [Inside Forward]

1964 considered [07/64] [Inside Forward]

1964 not considered [12/64]

1965 considered [07/65] [#9 Outside Left]

1965 considered [12/65] [Outside Left]

1966 **broad circle** [07/66] [#4 Outside Left]

1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#6 Outside Left]

1967 considered [07/67] [Outside Left]

1967 considered [12/67] [Outside Left]

1968 not considered

1969 **broad circle** [07/69] [#1 Outside Left]

1969 **broad circle** [12/69] [#4 Outside Left]

1970 **broad circle** [07/70] [#4 Outside Left]

1970 **broad circle** [12/70] [#6 Outside Left]

1971 considered [07/71] [Outside Left]

1971 played abroad [12/71]

1972 played abroad [07/72]

1972 not considered [12/72]

1973 not considered [07/73]

1973 considered [12/73] [Outside Left]

1974 considered [07/74] [Outside Left]

1974 not considered [12/74]

1975 not considered

1976 not considered

1977 not considered

1978 not considered [07/78]



Hans-Peter BRIEGEL

World class: 1 time

International class: 14 times

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 1 time

At the start of his professional career in 1975 Briegel was a bit of a controversial player for football connoisseurs because he had excelled as a decathlete in his youth and thus was not deemed a proper football player. His physical appearance was clearly that of a decathlete and it didn't help matters that his moves were looking clumsy to some observers. His true love had always been football though and he had played the sport from his youngest days and didn't have to learn how to stop and pass a ball at the age of 17 as some ill-natured writers had claimed. Undeservedly, Briegel until this day has a bit of a stigma attached to him as he is used as the prime example for the end of the "golden age" of German football (the 1970s), where technique and ball trickery were allegedly the highest virtues, while with the start of the 1980s power, pace and stamina became the new virtues in German football, of which Briegel was the textbook example. What people forget is that football always had a mixture of all kinds of different players and for a player of his size and upbringing, Briegel was actually quite a talented ball player, steadily working on his ball skills. By the early-1980s, he was an all-round complete athletic footballer with great physical presence coupled with sound technical passing and crossing

skills in his left foot and a very good aerial ability. In his career Briegel started out as a left winger in his very early Bundesliga days but was subsequently withdrawn to midfield until he settled as a stopper by the late-1970s playing for Kaiserslautern. For Germany he was either deployed in a central defensive midfield position or as a wide midfielder and from 1981 onwards, after left back Bernard Dietz had been dropped by Germany manager Jupp Derwall after opposing the return of Paul Breitner to the national team, the left back position became his permanent place when playing for Germany.

1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 not considered
1977 not considered
1978 considered [07/78] [Full Back]
1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#4 Stopper]
1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#3 Stopper]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [12/79] [#2 Stopper]
1980 **Internat. Cl.** [07/80] [#2 Stopper]
1980 **Internat. Cl.** [07/80] [#3 Midfielder]
1980 **World Class** [12/80] [#1 Stopper]
1980 **Internat. Cl.** [12/80] [#4 Midfielder]
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [07/81] [#1 Full Back]
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [12/81] [#2 Full Back]
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [12/81] [#2 Stopper]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [07/82] [#1 Full Back]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [07/82] [#2 Midfielder]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [12/82] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [07/83] [#2 Full Back]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [07/83] [#3 Stopper]
1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#4 Stopper]
1984 **Internat. Cl.** [07/84] [#1 Full Back]
1984 played abroad [12/84]
1985 played abroad
1986 **Internat. Cl.** [07/86] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1986 played abroad [12/86]
1987 played abroad
1988 played abroad [07/88]



Albert BRÜLLS

International class: 7 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 6 times

An inside left with a strong urge to attack centrally but also from the wing who played in Serie A in the 1960s but due to a phlegmatic character didn't manage a really great career.

1955 not considered [12/55]
1956 considered [07/56] [#26 Inside Forward]
1956 **broad circle** [12/56] [#9 Inside Forward]
1957 considered [07/57] [Inside Forward]
1957 considered [12/57] [Center Forward]
1958 considered [1958] [Center Forward]
1959 **broad circle** [07/59] [#12 Inside Forward]
1959 **Internat. Cl.** [12/59] [#1 Inside Forward]
1960 **Internat. Cl.** [1960] [#1 Inside Forward]
1961 **Internat. Cl.** [07/61] [#1 Inside Forward]
1961 **Internat. Cl.** [07/61] [#2 Outside Left]
1961 considered [07/61] [Outside Right]
1961 **Internat. Cl.** [12/61] [#1 Inside Forward]
1961 **Internat. Cl.** [12/61] [#1 Outside Left]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 played abroad [12/62]
1963 played abroad
1964 played abroad
1965 played abroad
1966 **Internat. Cl.** [07/66] [#1 Outside Right]
1966 played abroad [12/66]
1967 played abroad
1968 played abroad
1969 played abroad
1970 played abroad [07/70]
1970 considered [12/70] [Central Forward]
1971 not considered
1972 not considered [07/72]



Franz BRUNGS

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 12 times

A center forward whose biggest asset was his strong heading ability, hence his nickname “golden head”. His most famous game came in December 1963 when he scored three goals in a 5-0 rout of Dortmund against European giants Benfica, four years later he even scored five goals in a 7-3 rout of Nürnberg vs. Bayern. That season, he was vital in Nürnberg winning their last German championship under manager Max Merkel when he scored 25 goals in their 1967-68 campaign.

1955 not considered [12/55]
1956 not considered
1957 not considered
1958 not considered
1959 not considered
1960 not considered [1960]
1961 not considered [07/61]
1961 considered [12/61] [Outside Right]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Outside Right]
1963 considered [07/63] [Outside Right]
1963 considered [12/63] [Center Forward]
1964 considered [07/64] [Center Forward]
1964 considered [12/64] [Center Forward]
1965 considered [07/65] [#10 Center Forward]
1965 considered [12/65] [Center Forward]
1966 considered [07/66] [Central Forward]
1966 considered [12/66] [Central Forward]
1967 considered [07/67] [Central Forward]
1967 **Internat. Cl.** [12/67] [#3 Central Forward]
1968 **broad circle** [07/68] [#6 Central Forward]
1968 considered [12/68] [Central Forward]
1969 not considered
1970 considered [07/70] [Central Forward]
1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 not considered
1972 not considered [07/72]



Rudolf BRUNNENMEIER

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 5 times

A legendary center forward in the lore of TSV 1860 München, already in his first season as a 20 year old Brunnenmeier became top scorer of the Oberliga South in 1961 and two years later his goals assured that TSV 1860 would be a founding member of the newly-established Bundesliga. Brunnenmeier was a mobile forward who was also very good as a winger. On the outside he was a physical and tough looking player but inside he was a sensitive and unstable character who found it hard to cope with the fame football brought.

1960 considered [1960] [Center Forward]
1961 considered [07/61] [Center Forward]
1961 considered [12/61] [Center Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Center Forward]

1963 broad circle [07/63] [#5 Center Forward]
1963 broad circle [12/63] [#2 Center Forward]
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#3 Center Forward]
1964 broad circle [12/64] [#3 Center Forward]
1964 broad circle [12/64] [#1 Outside Right]
1965 broad circle [07/65] [#2 Center Forward]
1965 broad circle [07/65] [#1 Outside Right]
1965 Internat. Cl. [12/65] [#2 Center Forward]
1965 Internat. Cl. [12/65] [#1 Outside Right]
1966 broad circle [07/66] [#3 Central Forward]
1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 considered [07/67] [Central Forward]
1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 not considered
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 played abroad [12/69]
1970 played abroad
1971 played abroad
1972 played abroad
1973 played abroad [07/73]



Hans-Günter BRUNS

International class: 3 times
 Broad circle: 5 times
 Considered: 10 times

A technically superb left-footed player who originally was a dominant player in midfield, not quite in the vein of a playmaker though. Bruns received most fame for his displays as an attacking libero.

1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered
1977 considered [07/77] [Libero]
1977 considered [12/77] [Libero]
1978 considered [07/78] [Libero]
1978 considered [12/78] [Midfielder]
1979 not considered
1980 not considered
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]
1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 considered [07/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1983 broad circle [12/83] [#5 Libero]
1984 Internat. Cl. [07/84] [#2 Libero]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#2 Libero]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#3 Libero]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#4 Libero]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#7 Libero]
1986 considered [12/86] [Libero]
1987 Internat. Cl. [07/87] [#3 Libero]
1987 considered [12/87] [Libero]
1988 not considered
1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#6 Libero]
1989 considered [12/89] [Defensive Midfielder]
1990 not considered [07/90]



Delron BUCKLEY

International class: 1 time

Considered: 2 times

1995 played abroad [07/95]

1995 not considered [12/95]

1996 not considered

1997 not considered

1998 not considered

1999 considered [07/99] [Forward]

1999 not considered [12/99]

2000 not considered

2001 not considered

2002 not considered

2003 not considered

2004 not considered [07/04]

2004 **Internat. Cl.** [12/04] [#1 Offensive Lateral]

2005 considered [07/05] [Offensive Lateral]

2005 not considered [12/05]

2006 not considered

2007 not considered

2008 not considered

2009 not considered [07/09]

2009 played abroad [12/09]

2010 played abroad [07/10]

2010 no club [12/10]

2011 not considered

2012 not considered [07/12]

2012 played abroad [12/12]



Guido BUCHWALD

Word class: 1 time

International class: 12 times

Broad circle: 12 times

Considered: 10 times

A tall, powerful man-marker by nature with aerial prowess and hard-tackling ways, Buchwald was utilized by his club Stuttgart mainly as a defensive midfielder in the 1980s since the man-marking jobs were dealt with by Karlheinz Förster and Günther Schäfer. By the early-1990s Buchwald – now a player that was used in all defensive positions, even that of sweeper - had become the all-commanding presence in the Stuttgart team, forming a vital tandem with Matthias Sammer in the 1991-92 Bundesliga championship winning campaign.

1979 not considered [12/79]

1980 not considered

1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]

1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]

1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]

1982 considered [12/82] [Stopper]

1983 considered [07/83] [Stopper]

1983 considered [12/83] [Defensive Midfielder]

1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

1984 not considered [12/84]

1985 not considered [07/85]

1985 broad circle [12/85] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#1 Defender]
1987 Internat. Cl. [07/87] [#2 Defender]
1987 considered [12/87] [Defender]
1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#3 Defender]
1988 Internat. Cl. [12/88] [#2 Defender]
1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#2 Defender]
1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#1 Defender]
1990 World Class [07/90] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#2 Marker]
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#2 Marker]
1991 Internat. Cl. [12/91] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#1 Marker]
1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#3 Marker]
1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#3 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#2 Marker]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#4 German abroad]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#4 German abroad]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#3 German abroad]
1996 broad circle [07/96] [#2 German abroad]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#4 German abroad]
1997 broad circle [07/97] [#4 German abroad]
1997 considered [12/97] [Liberò]
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#9 Liberò]
1998 considered [12/98] [Liberò]
1999 considered [07/99] [Liberò]



Ivan BULJAN

International class: 2 times
 Broad circle: 1 time
 Considered: 3 times

The Yugoslavian international proved to be a technically superb stopper and full back who also was highly dangerous at set-pieces due to his aerial expertise. Buljan was a good reader of the game with lots of stamina, which allowed his managers to use him as a defensive midfielder as well.

1977 played abroad [07/77]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 considered [07/78] [Foreign Player]
1978 considered [12/78] [Foreign Player]
1979 Internat. Cl. [07/79] [#2 Foreign player]
1979 Internat. Cl. [12/79] [#3 Foreign player]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#7 Foreign player]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 considered [07/81] [Foreign Player]
1981 played abroad [12/81]



Dieter BURDENSKI

International class: 8 times
 Broad circle: 17 times
 Considered: 5 times

For roughly fifteen years, Dieter Burdenski's reputation was almost always that of one of German's absolute top goalkeepers. Similar to several other fine goalkeepers he was unlucky that at the same time two outstanding goalkeepers in Sepp Maier and Harald Schumacher stood in the way

of the German national team. When Sepp Maier had to retire due to a severe car crash in 1979, Burdenski was at first looking to become Maier's successor, yet after a strong first half of the 1979-80 season, Burdenski began to struggle when his club Werder Bremen was in terrible shape and relegated at the end of that season. For Burdenski, this came at the most unsuitable time, in his place Harald Schumacher seized the opportunity.

1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 not considered [06/71]
1971 **broad circle** [12/71] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1972 **broad circle** [07/72] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered [07/73]
1973 **broad circle** [12/73] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1974 **broad circle** [07/74] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1974 considered [12/74] [Goalkeeper]
1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1976 **broad circle** [07/76] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [12/78] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [12/79] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#9 Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [12/80] [Goalkeeper]
1981 considered [07/81] [Goalkeeper]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1982 considered [07/82] [Goalkeeper]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [12/82] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [07/83] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [12/83] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1984 **Internat. Cl.** [07/84] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1984 **broad circle** [12/84] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1985 **broad circle** [07/85] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1985 **broad circle** [12/85] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1986 **broad circle** [07/86] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1986 **broad circle** [12/86] [#9 Goalkeeper]
1987 considered [07/87] [Goalkeeper]
1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 not considered [07/88]



Roman BÜRKI

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 1 time

2014 played abroad [07/14]
2014 **broad circle** [12/14] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2015 **Internat. Cl.** [07/15] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2015 considered [12/05] [Goalkeeper]
2016 **broad circle** [07/16] [#12 Goalkeeper]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [12/16] [#3 Goalkeeper]



Manfred BURGSMÜLLER

International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 15 times

For his time, the streetwise Burgsmüller was a rare type of player in the Bundesliga, a hybrid between a striker and a midfielder who was difficult to

classify. Always a great goalscorer, he was often found playing in a deep midfield position, often right in front of his defense where he did like to pick up the ball. Burgsmüller cherished the time on the ball hence he preferred to drop deep into midfield as he wouldn't get too much time on the ball as a striker. On the ball, Burgsmüller demonstrated a high standard of ball control which allowed him to pass by defenders quite easily. In front of the goal he was a lethal finisher, great at volleying the ball and despite his small stature he was also a capable header of the ball. His specialty was sneaking into the box almost unnoticed, blessed with a real poacher's instinct. Additionally to his finishing ability he also was a good provider for other players. What might have hindered his career in the national team was his reputation of being a "troublemaker". Regardless, it is a bit of scandal that a player of this quality only made three international appearances.

1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 not considered
1971 not considered [07/71]
1971 considered [12/71] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [07/72] [Central Forward]
1972 considered [12/72] [Central Forward]
1973 considered [07/73] [Central Forward]
1973 considered [12/73] [Central Forward]
1974 considered [07/74] [Central Forward]
1974 considered [12/74] [Central Forward]
1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#7 Central Forward]
1975 considered [12/75] [Central Forward]
1976 considered [07/76] [Central Forward]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#10 Midfielder]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#5 Midfielder]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [07/78] [#10 Midfielder]
1978 considered [12/78] [Central Forward]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#3 Central Forward]
1980 considered [07/80] [Midfielder]
1980 **Internat. Cl.** [12/80] [#3 Central Forward]
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [07/81] [#2 Central Forward]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#6 Midfielder]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [07/82] [#4 Midfielder]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [12/82] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [07/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [12/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 considered [12/84] [Offensive Midfielder]
1985 not considered
1986 **broad circle** [07/86] [#5 Forward]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered [07/87]
1987 considered [12/87] [Offensive Midfielder]
1988 not considered
1989 not considered
1990 not considered [07/90]



Hansjörg BUTT

International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 9 times
Considered: 6 times

1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 not considered [07/97]
1997 considered [12/97] [Goalkeeper]
1998 **broad circle** [07/98] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1998 **broad circle** [12/98] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1999 **Internat. Cl.** [07/99] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1999 **Internat. Cl.** [12/99] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2000 **Internat. Cl.** [07/00] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 **broad circle** [07/01] [#9 Goalkeeper]
2001 **broad circle** [12/01] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2002 **broad circle** [07/02] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2002 considered [12/02] [Goalkeeper]
2003 not considered [07/03]

2003 broad circle [12/03] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2004 considered [07/04] [Goalkeeper]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#11 Goalkeeper]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#8 Goalkeeper]
2005 considered [12/05] [Goalkeeper]
2006 considered [07/06] [Goalkeeper]
2006 considered [12/06] [Goalkeeper]
2007 not considered
2008 not considered
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 Internat. Cl. [12/09] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2010 broad circle [07/10] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2010 Internat. Cl. [12/10] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2011 not considered
2012 not considered [07/12]



CACAU Claudemir Jerônimo Barreto

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 3 times

2000 played abroad [07/00]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#10 Forward]
2005 considered [07/05] [Offensive Lateral]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 not considered [07/06]
2006 considered [12/06] [Forward]
2007 broad circle [07/07] [#7 Forward]
2007 considered [12/07] [Forward]
2008 broad circle [07/08] [#8 Forward]
2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 broad circle [07/09] [#7 Forward]
2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 Internat. Cl. [07/10] [#2 Forward]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered
2012 not considered
2013 not considered
2014 not considered [07/14]
2014 played abroad [12/14]
2015 played abroad
2016 not considered [07/16]



Daniel CALIGIURI

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 1 time

2009 not considered [07/09]
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 broad circle [07/12] [#7 Offensive Lateral]
2012 considered [12/12] [Offensive Lateral]
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
2015 not considered [12/15]
2016 not considered



Rodolfo Esteban CARDOSO

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 7 times

1989 played abroad [07/89]
1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 not considered [07/90]
1990 considered [12/90] [Offensive Midfielder]
1991 considered [07/91] [Offensive Midfielder]
1991 considered [12/91] [Offensive Midfielder]
1992 considered [07/92] [Offensive Midfielder]
1992 considered [12/92] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1993 considered [07/93] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#9 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 broad circle [07/94] [#7 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 Internat. Cl. [12/94] [#3 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#9 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 not considered
1997 not considered
1998 not considered
1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 Internat. Cl. [12/99] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2000 considered [07/00] [Offensive Midfielder]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]



Gonzalo CASTRO

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 6 times

2004 not considered [12/04]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 not considered [07/06]
2006 considered [12/06] [Defensive Lateral]
2007 considered [07/07] [Defensive Lateral]
2007 broad circle [12/07] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

2008 considered [07/08] [Defensive Lateral]
2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 broad circle [12/09] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2010 considered [07/10] [Defensive Lateral]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 broad circle [07/11] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
2011 considered [12/11] [Defensive Lateral]
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#5 Offensive Lateral]
2013 considered [07/13] [Offensive Midfielder]
2013 broad circle [12/13] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
2014 not considered [07/14]
2014 broad circle [12/14] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2015 broad circle [12/15] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
2016 broad circle [12/16] [#13 Offensive Midfielder]



Bum Kun CHA

World class: 1 time
 International class: 4 times
 Broad circle: 9 times
 Considered: 4 times

The first Korean to play in the Bundesliga was an extremely quick and agile forward, sound technique, great finisher in the box who was difficult to contain. Cha was neither winger nor center forward but one of the first support strikers at a time when the tactical change from 4-3-3 to 4-4-2 brought about this new type of player.

1978 played abroad [07/78]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 World Class [12/79] [#1 Foreign player]
1980 Internat. Cl. [07/80] [#5 Foreign player]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#4 Foreign player]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#7 Foreign player]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#7 Foreign player]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#6 Foreign player]
1982 Internat. Cl. [12/82] [#2 Foreign player]
1983 broad circle [07/83] [#2 Foreign player]
1983 broad circle [12/83] [#3 Foreign player]
1984 broad circle [07/84] [#5 Foreign player]
1984 considered [12/84] [Foreign Player]
1985 considered [07/85] [Foreign Player]
1985 Internat. Cl. [12/85] [#2 Foreign player]
1986 Internat. Cl. [07/86] [#5 Foreign player]
1986 not assessed [12/86]
1987 considered [07/87] [Foreign Player]
1987 considered [12/87] [Foreign Player]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#12 Foreign player]
1988 not considered [12/88]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]



Eric-Maxim CHOUPOT-MOTING

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 1 time

2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 **considered** [07/12] [Offensive Lateral]
2012 not considered [12/12]
2013 not considered
2014 **broad circle** [07/14] [#11 Offensive Lateral]
2014 **Internat. Cl.** [12/14] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
2015 not considered
2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Julio CÉSAR

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 2 times

1994 played abroad [07/94]
1994 **Internat. Cl.** [12/94] [#1 Marker]
1995 **Internat. Cl.** [07/95] [#2 Marker]
1995 **broad circle** [12/95] [#11 Marker]
1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#6 Marker]
1996 **Internat. Cl.** [12/96] [#2 Marker]
1997 not considered
1998 **considered** [07/98] [Marker]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 **considered** [12/99] [Liberero]
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 played abroad [12/00]



Stéphane CHAPUISAT

World class: 2 times
International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 2 times

Counted among the greatest footballers ever coming from Switzerland, Chapuisat was one of the Bundesliga's biggest stars during most of the 1990s, becoming the first foreign player to score 100 goals. Chapuisat started out as a left winger but became a cross between a support striker and poacher during his stay in Dortmund. He either was seen bustling around and inside the penalty box or attacking the goal straight away with great determination and dynamism. He loved to prevail in tight spaces and preferred his left foot for finishing the job.

1991 **considered** [07/91] [Forward]
1991 **Internat. Cl.** [12/91] [#1 Forward]
1992 **World Class** [07/92] [#1 Forward]
1992 **World Class** [12/92] [#1 Forward]
1993 **broad circle** [07/93] [#6 Forward]
1993 **Internat. Cl.** [12/93] [#3 Forward]
1994 **Internat. Cl.** [07/94] [#8 Forward]
1994 **Internat. Cl.** [12/94] [#2 Forward]

1995 not considered
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 considered [12/96] [Forward]
1997 **broad circle** [07/97] [#10 Forward]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 **broad circle** [07/98] [#6 Forward]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 played abroad [12/99]



Stanislav CHERCHESOV

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 1 time

1993 played abroad [07/93]
1993 **broad circle** [12/93] [#9 Goalkeeper]
1994 **Internat. Cl.** [07/94] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1994 **broad circle** [12/94] [#13 Goalkeeper]
1995 considered [07/95] [Goalkeeper]
1995 not considered [12/95]



Andreas CHRISTENSEN

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 1 time

2015 played abroad [07/15]
2015 **broad circle** [12/15] [#10 Central Defender]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#3 Central Defender]
2016 considered [12/16] [Central Defender]



Hans CIESLARCZYK

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 2 times

A powerful shooter of the ball, Cieslarczyk also had a deft winger's touch, great pace and could attack from both sides of the flanks. Originally an inside forward he quickly moved wide and later in his career went back inside to attack centrally. Typically for many wingers of the time, he was sometimes a bit too wayward but this changed as his career progressed. In the second half of his career he evolved a prones for injuries and couldn't live up to his earlier successes.

1955 not considered [12/55]

1956 not considered [07/56]
1956 considered [12/56] [Inside Forward]
1957 considered [07/57] [Inside Forward]
1957 **broad circle** [12/57] [#5 Outside Right]
1957 **broad circle** [12/57] [#4 Outside Left]
1958 **broad circle** [1958] [#4 Outside Left]
1959 not considered
1960 not considered
1961 not considered
1962 not considered
1963 not considered
1964 not considered
1965 not considered
1966 not considered
1967 not considered
1968 not considered [07/68]



Papiss Demba CISSÉ

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 1 time

2007 played abroad [07/07]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 **broad circle** [12/08] [#12 Forward]
2009 not considered
2010 considered [07/10] [Forward]
2010 **Internat. Cl.** [12/10] [#3 Forward]
2011 **Internat. Cl.** [07/11] [#2 Forward]
2011 played abroad [12/11]



CHICHARITO Javier Hernandez Balcazar

International class: 2 times
Considered: 1 time

2015 played abroad [07/15]
2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#3 Forward]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#6 Forward]
2016 considered [12/16] [Forward]



Kingsley Coman

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time

- 2015 played abroad [07/15]
- 2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
- 2016 **broad circle** [07/16] [#7 Offensive Lateral]
- 2016 not considered [12/16]



Douglas Costa

World class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times

- 2015 played abroad [07/15]
- 2015 **World Class** [12/15] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
- 2016 **broad circle** [07/16] [#14 Offensive Lateral]
- 2016 **broad circle** [12/16] [#12 Offensive Lateral]



Hans-Jörg CRIENS

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 8 times

As a young striker Criens had a very promising start in professional football and was already a bit of spectacular player in his early 20s. He was a forward of similar enthusiasm as a few years later Jürgen Klinsmann, yet thankfully without the diving antics. Criens was a tall forward who could play as a left winger as well as a central striker who scored a lot of his goals due to his aerial prowess. He is still Mönchengladbach's best scorer since the retirement of Jupp Heynckes.

- 1978 not considered [12/78]
- 1979 not considered
- 1980 not considered
- 1981 not considered
- 1982 not considered
- 1983 not considered
- 1984 not considered [07/84]
- 1984 **considered** [12/84] [Central Forward]
- 1985 **considered** [07/85] [Central Forward]
- 1985 **considered** [12/85] [Forward]
- 1986 **considered** [07/86] [Forward]
- 1986 not considered [12/86]
- 1987 **considered** [07/87] [Forward]
- 1987 **considered** [12/87] [Forward]
- 1988 not considered [07/88]
- 1988 **considered** [12/88] [Forward]

1989 broad circle [07/89] [#5 Forward]
1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 considered [07/90] [Forward]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#12 Forward]
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#6 Forward]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#14 Forward]
1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]



Bernhard CULLMANN

International class: 7 times
Broad circle: 9 times
Considered: 2 times

In his 13 years playing for Köln he is most remembered for being a 'classic' attacking libero, albeit not so much in the Beckenbauer sense but more in the sense of a tall, commanding center half with good ball skills and a dangerous presence at set-pieces. He was also frequently used as a defensive midfielder and sometimes as a stopper. Together with Wolfgang Overath, Heinz Flohe, Dieter Müller and Wolfgang Weber, Bernd Cullmann was one of the defining figures of the fine Köln side of the 1970s.

1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 not considered
1971 not considered
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 broad circle [12/72] [#3 Libero]
1973 Internat. Cl. [07/73] [#2 Libero]
1973 Internat. Cl. [07/73] [#1 Stopper]
1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#2 Libero]
1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#5 Midfielder]
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#2 Libero]
1974 Internat. Cl. [07/74] [#4 Midfielder]
1974 Internat. Cl. [12/74] [#2 Libero]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#2 Libero]
1975 considered[12/75] [Libero]
1976 considered [07/76] [Libero]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#11 Midfielder]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#6 Midfielder]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#4 Libero]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#7 Midfielder]
1979 Internat. Cl. [12/79] [#1 Libero]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#3 Libero]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#19 Midfielder]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]



Martin DAHLIN

World class: 1 time
International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 4 times

1991 played abroad [07/91]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered
1993 **broad circle** [07/93] [#4 Forward]
1993 **Internat. Cl.** [12/93] [#4 Forward]
1994 **World Class** [07/94] [#1 Forward]
1994 **broad circle** [12/94] [#4 Forward]
1995 **broad circle** [07/95] [#10 Forward]
1995 **Internat. Cl.** [12/95] [#3 Forward]
1996 not considered
1997 **broad circle** [07/97] [#9 Forward]
1997 played abroad [12/97]
1998 played abroad [07/98]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered [07/99]



Dietmar DANNER

International class: 2 times
 Broad circle: 2 times
 Considered: 8 times

A technically very strong central midfielder, almost a playmaker, who – due to the great number of fine midfield players in Mönchengladbach's 1970s side - often had to play as a full back on both sides. A lightweight and lightfooted player with a subtle left foot who could read and control a game.

1969 considered [12/69] [Central Forward]
1970 considered [07/70] [Midfielder]
1970 considered [12/70] [Central Forward]
1971 considered [07/71] [Midfielder]
1971 considered [12/71] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [07/72] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [12/72] [Midfielder]
1973 **broad circle** [07/73] [#6 Midfielder]
1973 **Internat. Cl.** [12/73] [#4 Midfielder]
1974 not considered
1975 considered [07/75] [Midfielder]
1975 **Internat. Cl.** [12/75] [#5 Midfielder]
1976 **broad circle** [07/76] [#10 Midfielder]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered
1978 not considered
1979 not considered
1980 not considered
1981 not considered [07/81]



DANTE Bonfim Costa Santos

International class: 4 times
 Broad circle: 2 times
 Considered: 4 times

2009 played abroad [07/09]
2009 **broad circle** [12/09] [#8 Central Defender]
2010 considered [07/10] [Central Defender]

2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 considered [07/11] [Central Defender]
2011 **Internat. Cl.** [12/11] [#4 Central Defender]
2012 **broad circle** [07/12] [#11 Central Defender]
2012 **Internat. Cl.** [12/12] [#1 Central Defender]
2013 **Internat. Cl.** [07/13] [#2 Central Defender]
2013 **Internat. Cl.** [12/13] [#2 Central Defender]
2014 considered [07/14] [Central Defender]
2014 considered [12/14] [Central Defender]
2015 not considered
2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 played abroad [12/16]



Vladimir DARIDA

International class: 1 time
 Considered : 2 times

2013 played abroad [07/13]
2013 not considered [12/13]
2014 considered [07/14] [Defensive Midfielder]
2014 considered [12/14] [Defensive Midfielder]
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
2016 not considered



Wolfgang DE BEER

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 5 times
 Considered: 6 times

A tall and strong goalkeeper, brave inside the box but with weaknesses when he had to leave his goal.

1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered
1984 considered [07/84] [Goalkeeper]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 considered [12/85] [Goalkeeper]
1986 not considered [07/86]
1986 **broad circle** [12/86] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1987 **broad circle** [07/87] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1987 **broad circle** [12/87] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1988 considered [07/88] [Goalkeeper]
1988 considered [12/88] [Goalkeeper]
1989 **broad circle** [07/89] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1989 considered [12/89] [Goalkeeper]
1990 **broad circle** [07/90] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1990 **Internat. Cl.** [12/90] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1991 considered [07/91] [Goalkeeper]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered
1996 not considered

1997 not considered
1998 not considered
1999 not considered
2000 not considered
2001 not considered [07/01]



Kevin DE BRUYNE

World class: 2 time
Broad circle: 3 times

2012 played abroad [07/12]
2012 **broad circle** [12/12] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
2013 **broad circle** [07/13] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2013 played abroad [12/13]
2014 **broad circle** [07/14] [#6 Offensive Lateral]
2014 **World Class** [12/14] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2015 **World Class** [07/15] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2015 played abroad [12/15]



DÉDÉ Leonardo de Deus Santos

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 9 times
Considered: 7 times

1998 played abroad [07/98]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 **broad circle** [07/99] [#4 Lateral]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 **considered** [12/00] [Lateral]
2001 **broad circle** [07/01] [#8 Lateral]
2001 **considered** [12/01] [Defensive Lateral]
2002 **Internat. Cl.** [07/02] [#3 Defensive Lateral]
2002 **broad circle** [12/02] [#2 Defensive Lateral]
2003 **broad circle** [07/03] [#6 Defensive Lateral]
2003 **broad circle** [12/03] [#5 Defensive Lateral]
2004 **broad circle** [07/04] [#4 Defensive Lateral]
2004 not considered [12/04]
2005 **broad circle** [07/05] [#4 Defensive Lateral]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 **broad circle** [07/06] [#3 Defensive Lateral]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 **broad circle** [07/07] [#4 Defensive Lateral]
2007 **considered** [12/07] [Defensive Lateral]
2008 **considered** [07/08] [Defensive Lateral]
2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 **considered** [07/12] [Defensive Lateral]
2012 **considered** [12/12] [Defensive Lateral]
2013 **considered** [07/13] [Defensive Lateral]

2013 not considered [12/13]
2014 not considered [07/14]



Sebastian DEISLER

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 1 time

1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#3 Lateral]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#3 Lateral]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#6 Offensive Lateral]
2005 considered [12/05] [Offensive Lateral]
2006 not considered
2007 not considered [07/07]



Karl DEL'HAYE

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 5 times

In the late-1970s the lightweight 'Calle' Del'Haye was considered by many as the great new hope for the right wing, but the diminutive Mönchengladbach winger lacked the necessary punch and was almost a total non-threat in front of the goal. With years going by his style became less spectacular, more workman-like and hard-running as he became more of a wide midfielder. His biggest asset throughout his career was his great pace.

1973 considered [12/73] [Outside Right]
1974 considered [07/74] [Outside Right]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered
1976 not considered
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#5 Outside Right]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#3 Outside Right]
1978 considered [12/78] [Outside Right]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#2 Outside Right]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#1 Outside Right]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered
1982 not considered [07/82]
1982 considered [12/82] [Winger]
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 considered [12/83] [Winger]
1984 not considered
1985 not considered

1986 not considered
1987 not considered [07/87]



Mathieu DELPIERRE

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 4 times

2004 played abroad [07/04]
2004 not considered [12/04]
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 considered [12/05] [Central Defender]
2006 not considered [07/06]
2006 **broad circle** [12/06] [#4 Central Defender]
2007 **Internat. Cl.** [07/07] [#3 Central Defender]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 considered [12/08] [Central Defender]
2009 considered [07/09] [Central Defender]
2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 considered [07/10] [Central Defender]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered
2012 not considered
2013 not considered
2014 not considered [07/14]
2014 played abroad [12/14]



Ousman DEMBELE

International class: 1 time

2016 played abroad [07/04]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [12/16] [#3 Offensive Lateral]



Martín DEMICHELIS

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 2 times

2003 played abroad [07/03]

2003 not considered [12/03]

2004 not considered

2005 **broad circle** [07/05] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

2005 **Internat. Cl.** [12/05] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

2006 not considered

2007 not considered [07/07]

2007 **Internat. Cl.** [12/07] [#2 Central Defender]

2008 **Internat. Cl.** [07/08] [#1 Central Defender]

2008 **considered** [12/08] [Central Defender]

2009 not considered

2010 **considered** [07/10] [Central Defender]

2010 not considered [12/10]



Kerem DEMIRBAY

International class: 1 time

2012 not considered [12/12]

2013 not considered

2014 not considered

2015 not considered

2016 not considered [07/16]

2016 **Internat. Cl.** [12/16] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]



Lajos DETARI

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

A player with a wonderful technique, strategic playmaker with great overview and a supreme passer. In Hungary he was hailed as the best player since the 1960s. Spoke German fluently after only a few months in the country but left Frankfurt after only one season for a record transfer fee of 17 million marks when he joined Olympiakos in Greece.

1987 played abroad [07/87]

1987 **broad circle** [12/87] [#12 Foreign player]

1988 **Internat. Cl.** [07/88] [#1 Foreign player]

1988 played abroad [12/88]



Norbert DICKEL

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 2 times

A tall and powerful center forward whose main quality was his commanding aerial presence.

1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 not considered
1985 not considered
1986 not considered [07/86]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#5 Forward]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#5 Forward]
1987 considered [12/87] [Forward]
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 considered [12/88] [Forward]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#7 Forward]
1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 not considered [07/90]



DIEGO Ribas da Cunha

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 1 time

2006 played abroad [07/06]
2006 Internat. Cl. [12/06] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
2007 Internat. Cl. [12/07] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2008 broad circle [07/08] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2008 broad circle [12/08] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
2009 Internat. Cl. [07/09] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2009 played abroad [12/09]
2010 not considered
2011 considered [07/11] [Offensive Midfielder]
2011 played abroad [12/11]
2012 played abroad [07/12]
2012 broad circle [12/12] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
2013 broad circle [12/13] [#14 Offensive Midfielder]
2014 not considered [07/14]
2014 played abroad [12/14]



Peter DIETRICH

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 6 times

In Mönchengladbach, Dietrich was the adjutant of Günter Netzer in defensive midfield. In the second half of his career he was plagued by constant injuries.

1963 not considered [12/63]
1964 not considered
1965 not considered
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 considered [12/66] [Midfielder]
1967 considered [07/67] [Midfielder]
1967 considered [12/67] [Midfielder]
1968 considered [07/68] [Midfielder]
1968 considered [12/68] [Midfielder]
1969 not considered [07/69]

1969 broad circle [12/69] [#7 Midfielder]
1970 broad circle [07/70] [#8 Midfielder]
1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#7 Midfielder]
1971 considered [07/71] [Midfielder]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered [07/76]



Bernard DIETZ

World class: 1 time
International class: 10 times
Broad circle: 11 times
Considered: 5 times

Bernard 'Enatz' Dietz started out as a left winger in 1970 playing for MSV Duisburg. In the summer of 1972 he was withdrawn to the left back position where he established himself as a very good attacking full back. A player with a pretty good technique, he was notable for his high work ethic and was unrelenting yet fair in one-on-one situations. In 17 years as a professional he was booked only 11 times and never sent-off. He is the defensive player with the highest amount of goals scored in Bundesliga history (76 goals). With his never say die mentality, dynamism, willingness to run and fight at all costs and self-sacrificial mentality he became one of the best left backs of the 1970s. He also managed to keep a high level of consistency between 1970 and 1985 when he almost never missed a game in all those years (played in 494 of 510 possible games). When Paul Breitner left for Spain after the 1974 World Cup Dietz became his successor in the left back position. He became captain of the German national team in 1978. In 1981 he expressed his dissent towards Jupp Derwall's decision to bring Paul Breitner back to the national team. Derwall had decided to rely fully on Breitner and to build the team around his demands, something that Dietz was critical of. As a consequence, Derwall decided to drop Dietz, the captain of his team, and handed the captaincy to Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. An undeserving end to a great international career which had culminated in winning the European Championship in Italy just a year before. From 1982 onwards Bernard Dietz picked up the role of sweeper, as the full back position began to be too demanding for a player of 34 years at that time. As a sweeper for Schalke 04 he played until in 1987 and retired at the ripe age of 39 years.

1970 not considered [12/1970]
1971 not considered
1972 not considered
1973 considered [07/73] [Full Back]
1973 considered [12/73] [Full Back]
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#5 Full Back]
1974 Internat. Cl. [12/74] [#2 Full Back]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#5 Full Back]
1975 Internat. Cl. [12/75] [#2 Full Back]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#2 Full Back]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#3 Full Back]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#3 Full Back]
1977 World Class [12/77] [#1 Full Back]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#2 Full Back]
1978 Internat. Cl. [12/78] [#1 Full Back]
1979 Internat. Cl. [07/79] [#1 Full Back]
1979 Internat. Cl. [12/79] [#2 Full Back]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#4 Libero]
1980 Internat. Cl. [07/80] [#2 Full Back]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#3 Full Back]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#3 Full Back]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#6 Full Back]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#6 Libero]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#4 Libero]
1983 broad circle [07/83] [#9 Libero]
1983 considered [12/83] [Libero]
1984 considered [07/84] [Libero]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#3 Libero]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#4 Libero]
1985 considered [12/85] [Libero]
1986 not considered
1987 not considered [07/87]



Youri DJORKAEFF

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time

- 1999 played abroad [07/99]
- 1999 **Internat. Cl.** [12/99] [#1 Forward]
- 2000 **broad circle** [07/00] [#5 Forward]
- 2000 not considered [12/00]
- 2001 not considered
- 2002 not considered [07/02]
- 2002 played abroad [12/02]



Thomas DOLL

World class: 1 time
International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 2 time

Doll was an agile, fast and tricky winger at the start of his career in East Germany who later became an offensive midfielder. He could read a game quite well, was very dangerous in the box, tricky in one-on-one situations, yet quite prone to injury.

- 1987 not considered [East G.]
- 1988 not considered [East G.]
- 1989 not considered [East G.]
- 1990 not considered [East G.] [07/90]
- 1990 **broad circle** [12/90] [#7 Forward]
- 1991 **Internat. Cl.** [07/91] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
- 1991 **World Class** [12/91] [#2 German abroad]
- 1992 **Internat. Cl.** [07/92] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
- 1992 **Internat. Cl.** [12/92] [#6 German abroad]
- 1993 not considered
- 1994 not considered [07/94]
- 1994 **broad circle** [12/94] [#12 Central Offensive Midfielder]
- 1995 not considered
- 1996 not considered
- 1997 not considered
- 1998 not considered
- 1999 not considered
- 2000 not considered
- 2001 not considered [07/01]



Bernd DÖRFEL

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 3 times

Like his older brother Gert Bernd Dörfel was a winger but moved back to midfield as the 1960s progressed. Not quite as talented as his brother he still was more successful in getting capped 15 times compared to the 11 caps of his older brother.

1963 not considered
1964 not considered
1965 not considered [07/65]
1965 considered [12/65] [Outside Right]
1966 considered [07/66] [Central Forward]
1966 **Internat. Cl.** [12/66] [#1 Outside Right]
1967 **broad circle** [07/67] [#2 Outside Right]
1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 **Internat. Cl.** [07/68] [#1 Outside Right]
1968 **broad circle** [12/68] [#6 Midfielder]
1968 **Internat. Cl.** [12/68] [#1 Outside Right]
1969 **broad circle** [07/69] [#5 Midfielder]
1969 **broad circle** [07/69] [#1 Outside Right]
1969 **broad circle** [12/69] [#3 Outside Right]
1969 considered [12/69] [Midfielder]
1970 not considered [07/70]
1970 played abroad [12/70]
1971 played abroad
1972 played abroad
1973 played abroad
1974 played abroad [07/74]



Gert DÖRFEL

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 10 times
Considered: 10 times

Started his career in Hamburg in 1958 and remained their outside left for the next eleven years. Gert Dörfel was an extroverted maverick who loved to entertain the crowds with his dribbling tricks. In his peak years (early- to mid-1960s) the German press even compared him to Francisco Gento of Real Madrid. Unfortunate for his international career was Sepp Herberger's aversion to players with a flamboyant style like Gert Dörfel who also liked to express his opinion outspokenly. In 1965 'L'Equipe' picked him as Europe's best outside left but that didn't help his international career as Herberger's successor Helmut Schön too had not much love for his type of player. Uwe Seeler benefitted a lot from Dörfel's crosses from the left flank.

1958 considered [1958] [Center Forward]
1959 considered [07/59] [Outside Left]
1959 **broad circle** [12/59] [#2 Outside Left]
1960 **Internat. Cl.** [1960] [#1 Outside Left]
1961 **Internat. Cl.** [07/61] [#1 Outside Left]
1961 **broad circle** [12/61] [#2 Outside Left]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 **broad circle** [12/62] [#1 Outside Left]
1963 **broad circle** [07/63] [#3 Outside Left]
1963 **Internat. Cl.** [12/63] [#1 Outside Left]
1964 **Internat. Cl.** [07/64] [#1 Outside Left]
1964 **broad circle** [12/64] [#2 Outside Left]
1965 **broad circle** [07/65] [#2 Outside Left]
1965 **broad circle** [12/65] [#4 Outside Left]
1966 considered [07/66] [Outside Left]
1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#4 Outside Left]
1967 considered [07/67] [Outside Left]
1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 considered [07/68] [Outside Left]
1968 **broad circle** [12/68] [#4 Outside Left]
1969 **broad circle** [07/69] [#2 Outside Left]
1969 considered [12/69] [Outside Left]
1970 considered [07/70] [Outside Left]
1970 considered [12/70] [Outside Left]
1971 considered [07/71] [Outside Left]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 not considered [07/73]

1973 considered [12/73] [Outside Left]

1974 not considered [07/74]



Hans DORFNER

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 2 times

A highly talented offensive midfielder who didn't quite reach the top international level as was predicted in his younger days. His career was cut short due to proneness to injuries.

1983 not considered [12/83]

1984 not considered [07/84]

1984 considered [12/84] [Offensive Midfielder]

1985 considered [07/85] [Offensive Midfielder]

1985 broad circle [12/85] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]

1986 not considered

1987 broad circle [07/87] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]

1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

1988 broad circle [07/88] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]

1988 broad circle [12/88] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]

1989 broad circle [07/89] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

1990 broad circle [07/90] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]

1990 not considered [12/90]

1991 broad circle [07/91] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]

1991 not considered [12/91]

1992 not considered [07/92]

1992 broad circle [12/92] [#3 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1993 not considered

1994 not considered [07/94]



Herbert DÖRNER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 3 times

In his time he was considered a highly gifted player who didn't fully realize his talents. His performance level had many up and down turns which explains why he only was capped two times. His preferred position was as an inside left but he performed best as left-sided half back and as left back. He was a very fast player ideally suited to counter attacking teams equipped with a very good eye for precision passes and a hard shot.

1955 considered [12/55] [#5 Half Back]

1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#2 Half Back]

1956 broad circle [12/56] [#8 Half Back]

1957 considered [07/57] [Half Back]

1957 not considered [12/57]

1958 considered [1958] [Half Back]

1959 not considered

1960 not considered

1961 not considered

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 not considered [07/63]



Bas DOST

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 1 time

2012 considered [12/12] [Forward]
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 **Internat. Cl.** [07/15] [#2 Forward]
2015 **broad circle** [12/15] [#10 Forward]
2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 played abroad [12/16]



Julian DRAXLER

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 3 times

2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 considered [12/11] [Offensive Lateral]
2012 considered [07/12] [Offensive Lateral]
2012 **broad circle** [12/12] [#13 Offensive Lateral]
2013 **Internat. Cl.** [07/13] [#6 Offensive Lateral]
2013 **broad circle** [12/13] [#8 Offensive Lateral]
2014 considered [07/14] [Offensive Lateral]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 **broad circle** [12/15] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]
2016 **broad circle** [07/16] [#9 Offensive Lateral]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Wolfgang DREMMLER

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 6 times

A hard-running, hard-tackling, industrious and strong-willed defensive midfielder who very often was used as a right back. Dremmler had a pretty solid technique and good passing skills.

1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 **considered** [07/74] [Midfielder]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 **considered** [12/75] [Midfielder]
1976 **considered** [07/76] [Midfielder]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered
1978 not considered
1979 not considered
1980 **considered** [07/80] [Full Back]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#6 Midfielder]
1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#4 Full Back]
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [12/81] [#3 Full Back]
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [12/81] [#3 Midfielder]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [07/82] [#3 Midfielder]
1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#6 Full Back]
1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#8 Full Back]
1983 **considered** [12/83] [Full Back]
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 **considered** [12/84] [Defensive Midfielder]
1985 not considered [07/85]



Werner DRESSEL

Broad circle: 4 times

As a junior player and young professional Werner Dressel was hailed as a great talent, fast and tricky in his dribbling on the left wing, pretty good crosser of the ball and also quite a goal threat. He was however not able to maintain a high level which would have been necessary for a really great career as a winger.

1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#5 Outside Left]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#3 Outside Left]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#3 Outside Left]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#2 Outside Left]
1981 not considered
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 not considered
1985 not considered
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered

1989 not considered
1990 not considered
1991 not considered
1992 not considered [07/92]



Bernd DURNBERGER

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 10 times

Bernd Durnberger became a surprise starter in his first professional season at Bayern in 1972-73 when he initially was used as a left winger. Soon he dropped back to a midfield position and also often played as a full back. Despite being right-footed, he preferred to play on the left side. He was an agile, quick off the mark kind of player with great energy reserves. Unable to get out of the shadow of the many star players at Bayern, he never was called up to play for Germany although he was often pretty close to knocking at the door of the national team.

1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 considered [07/73] [Outside Left]
1973 considered [12/73] [Outside Left]
1974 not considered
1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#6 Full Back]
1975 considered [12/75] [Full Back]
1976 **Internat. Cl.** [07/76] [#8 Midfielder]
1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#9 Midfielder]
1977 not considered
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 considered [12/78] [Midfielder]
1979 considered [07/79] [Midfielder]
1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#15 Midfielder]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#14 Midfielder]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#12 Midfielder]
1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#12 Midfielder]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#15 Midfielder]
1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]
1982 considered [12/82] [Defensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [07/83] [Defensive Midfielder]
1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#4 Full Back]
1984 considered [07/84] [Full Back]
1984 considered [12/84] [Full Back]
1985 not considered [07/85]



Sean DUNDEE

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 1 time

1992 played abroad [07/92]
1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 **broad circle** [12/95] [#8 Forward]
1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#5 Forward]
1996 **Internat. Cl.** [12/96] [#1 Forward]
1997 not considered
1998 not considered [07/98]

1998 played abroad [12/98]
1999 played abroad [07/99]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 **considered** [12/00] [Forward]
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 not considered [07/03]



Carlos DUNGA

World class: 1 time
International class: 1 time

1993 played abroad [07/93]
1993 not considered [12/93]
1994 **World Class** [07/94] [#1 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 **Internat. Cl.** [12/94] [#5 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 not considered [07/95]



Edin DŽEKO

World class: 2 times
International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 1 time

2007 played abroad [07/07]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 **broad circle** [12/08] [#14 Forward]
2009 **World Class** [07/09] [#1 Forward]
2009 **Internat. Cl.** [12/09] [#4 Forward]
2010 **World Class** [07/10] [#1 Forward]
2010 **Internat. Cl.** [12/10] [#7 Forward]



Horst ECKEL

World class: 1 time
International class: 6 times

Considered: 1 time

As a junior Eckel's preferred role was that of center forward and indeed he scored many goals. He debuted in Kaiserslautern's first team in 1950 at the age of 18. Nicknamed 'greyhound' because of his lean, haggard stature, Eckel was the replacement of the injured center forward Ottmar Walter. With his eagerness in training, Eckel constantly worked on his lack of technique. Since the position of center forward was Ottmar Walter's, Eckel tried his luck as an outside right in the early 1950s. Approaching the 1954 World Cup Germany manager Sepp Herberger had already set an eye on Eckel as he was looking for a hard-running right half with lots of stamina. Herberger, who had good contacts to Kaiserslautern's manager Richard Schneider, suggested to Schneider to test Eckel as a half back in spring 1952. Eckel at first was not so delighted about his new role but after he performed well in these games the new role appealed to him because he was now finally a definite starter at Kaiserslautern. His sphere of action was immense and not as restricted as on the right wing, he could also make great use of his great stamina and debuted for Germany as a right half in October 1952. For the next 5-6 years Eckel was considered to be among the best half backs in German football. In the 1954 World Cup final his task was to man-mark Hungary's Nandor Hidegkuti - a task he accomplished well.

1955 World Class [12/55] [#1 Half Back]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#1 Half Back]
1956 Internat. Cl. [12/56] [#2 Half Back]
1957 Internat. Cl. [07/57] [#2 Half Back]
1957 Internat. Cl. [12/57] [#2 Half Back]
1958 Internat. Cl. [1958] [#3 Half Back]
1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#4 Half Back]
1959 considered [12/59] [Half Back]
1960 not considered
1961 not considered
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 not considered
1964 not considered
1965 not considered
1966 not considered [07/66]



Dieter ECKSTEIN

Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 6 times

Dieter Eckstein was one of the Bundesliga's most sorely afflicted players. As a teenager he lost both parents and in 1988 he lost his third son. In 1992 his house burnt down and some years later he beat cancer. In between these personal catastrophes the lightfooted left winger featured in 289 Bundesliga games scoring 84 times. To achieve a great career as a winger Eckstein was probably born 10-15 years too late as by the mid-1980s the outside forward was almost non-existent anymore.

1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 considered [12/84] [Winger]
1985 considered [07/85] [Winger]
1985 considered [12/85] [Forward]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#11 Forward]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#6 Forward]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#8 Forward]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#5 Forward]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#6 Forward]
1988 not considered [12/88]
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 considered [12/89] [Forward]
1990 not considered
1991 considered [07/91] [Forward]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#5 Forward]
1992 not considered [07/92]
1992 considered [12/92] [Forward]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 not considered
1998 not considered [07/98]



Norbert EDER

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 11 times

A late bloomer whose career really only took off after he joined Bayern at the age of 29 in 1984. Eder was primarily a man-marker after having started out as a defensive midfielder in the mid-1970s. In his first two years at Bayern he became one of the very best man-markers of the Bundesliga but found it difficult in 1987-88 to adapt to Bayern's new defensive zonal system introduced by new manager Jupp Heynckes.

1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 considered [12/76] [Midfielder]
1977 considered [07/77] [Midfielder]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 considered [07/78] [Midfielder]
1978 considered [12/78] [Midfielder]
1979 considered [07/79] [Stopper]
1979 considered [12/79] [Stopper]
1980 considered [07/80] [Stopper]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#9 Stopper]
1981 considered [07/81] [Stopper]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 **broad circle** [12/84] [#3 Stopper]
1985 **broad circle** [07/85] [#4 Stopper]
1985 **Internat. Cl.** [12/85] [#1 Defender]
1986 **Internat. Cl.** [07/86] [#2 Defender]
1986 considered [12/86] [Defender]
1987 **broad circle** [07/87] [#3 Defender]
1987 considered [12/87] [Defender]
1988 considered [07/88] [Defender]
1988 played abroad [12/88]
1989 played abroad
1990 played abroad [07/90]



Stefan EFFENBERG

World class: 1 time
International class: 12 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 4 times

By nature a defensive midfielder with great offensive capabilities. Because of his personality and strong will he became the leading figure in the club teams he played for yet was unable to achieve the same status when playing for Germany. As a midfielder with a sound technique and great skills at long balls, he dominated the midfield with his stamina and bossy mentality. Dangerous at long range shots and freekicks, Effenberg never had any inhibitions committing hard fouls, indeed often he used this as a means to wake up his teammates when things weren't going well. He was booked 111 times, more than any other Bundesliga player.

1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 considered [12/88] [Offensive Midfielder]
1989 considered [07/89] [Offensive Midfielder]
1989 considered [12/89] [Offensive Midfielder]
1990 **broad circle** [07/90] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 **broad circle** [12/90] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
1991 **Internat. Cl.** [07/91] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1991 **Internat. Cl.** [12/91] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1992 **Internat. Cl.** [07/92] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 **Internat. Cl.** [12/92] [#4 German abroad]
1993 **Internat. Cl.** [07/93] [#6 German abroad]
1993 **Internat. Cl.** [12/93] [#4 German abroad]
1994 **broad circle** [07/94] [#3 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1994 **Internat. Cl.** [12/94] [#4 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 **Internat. Cl.** [07/95] [#2 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 **Internat. Cl.** [12/95] [#4 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#7 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1996 **broad circle** [12/96] [#13 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1997 considered [07/97] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 **Internat. Cl.** [07/98] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 **broad circle** [12/98] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1999 **Internat. Cl.** [07/99] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1999 **broad circle** [12/99] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
2000 **World Class** [07/00] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 **Internat. Cl.** [07/01] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 not considered [07/02]
2002 **broad circle** [12/02] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]



Gerald EHRMANN

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 12 times
 Considered: 5 times

In his first seven seasons Gerry Ehrmann was the reserve goalkeeper behind Harald Schumacher at Köln. In 1984 he joined Kaiserslautern where he replaced Swedish legend Ronnie Hellström and remained K'lautern's keeper for the next ten years. An impulsive, highly emotional goalkeeper with an imposing physical presence (his hobby was bodybuilding) who guarded his goal without taking any prisoners.

1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered
1979 not considered
1980 not considered
1981 not considered
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 **broad circle** [12/84] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1985 considered [07/85] [Goalkeeper]
1985 **broad circle** [12/85] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1986 not considered [07/86]
1986 **broad circle** [12/86] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1987 considered [07/87] [Goalkeeper]
1987 considered [12/87] [Goalkeeper]
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 **broad circle** [12/88] [#9 Goalkeeper]
1989 **broad circle** [07/89] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 **broad circle** [07/90] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1990 **broad circle** [12/90] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1991 **broad circle** [07/91] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1991 **Internat. Cl.** [12/91] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1992 **broad circle** [07/92] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1992 considered [12/92] [Goalkeeper]

1993 broad circle [07/93] [#10 Goalkeeper]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1994 broad circle [07/94] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1994 considered [12/94] [Goalkeeper]
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 not considered [07/97]



Dieter EILTS

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 10 times

The prototype of the 1990s defensive midfielder, Dieter Eilts impressed with his hard-running and ball winning qualities but also was able to engage in buildup play due to his solid passing skills. Modest by nature, Eilts always committed himself to the team, never looking for a place in the limelight, going on about things in a calm and sober way, he was a regular starter for Bremen for 12 consecutive seasons.

1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered
1989 considered [07/89] [Defensive Midfielder]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 considered [07/90] [Offensive Midfielder]
1990 considered [12/90] [Defensive Midfielder]
1991 considered [07/91] [Defensive Midfielder]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 considered [07/92] [Defensive Midfielder]
1992 considered [12/92] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 not considered [07/93]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#6 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1994 considered [07/94] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#3 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 Internat. Cl. [07/95] [#1 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 Internat. Cl. [12/95] [#1 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1996 Internat. Cl. [07/96] [#1 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#9 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1997 considered [07/97] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]
1999 broad circle [07/99] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1999 considered [12/99] [Defensive Midfielder]
2000 considered [07/00] [Defensive Midfielder]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered
2002 not considered [07/02]



ÉLBER de Souza

International class: 8 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 3 times

1994 played abroad [07/94]

1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 Internat. Cl. [12/95] [#2 Forward]
1996 considered [07/96] [Forward]
1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#2 Forward]
1997 considered [07/97] [Forward]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#8 Forward]
1998 considered [07/98] [Forward]
1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#1 Forward]
1999 not considered
2000 Internat. Cl. [07/00] [#4 Forward]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#6 Forward]
2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#2 Forward]
2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#1 Forward]
2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#7 Forward]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#7 Forward]
2003 Internat. Cl. [07/03] [#1 Forward]
2003 played abroad [12/03]
2004 played abroad
2005 not considered



EMERSON Ferreira da Rosa

World class: 2 times
 International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 1 time
 Considered: 2 times

1997 played abroad [07/97]
1997 considered [12/97] [Offensive Midfielder]
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 considered [12/98] [Offensive Midfielder]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1999 World Class [12/99] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2000 World Class [07/00] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2000 played abroad [12/00]



Lothar EMMERICH

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 2 times
 Considered: 12 times

Lothar Emmerich started his career in 1960 when he joined Borussia Dortmund but struggled in his first three seasons to find a place in the team, he had his breakthrough in the first season of the Bundesliga in 1963-64. An outside left with a real poacher's instinct coupled with great firepower in his left foot, Emmerich's peak years were 1965 to 1967 when he became the best scoring forward in Germany for two consecutive seasons. In Dortmund's 1965-66 European campaign he scored 14 goals in 9 games. Germany manager Helmut Schön had not been impressed by Emmerich and originally did not intend to use him for the national team as Emmerich had grave technical limitations which is why Schön considered him unsuited to fit well into the national team, but because he was a favorite of the fans and the tabloids, Schön gave in and called him up to play in the 1966 World Cup. In the late-1960s his luck at goal scoring somewhat faded and in 1969 he left the Bundesliga for good to pursue a career in Belgium where he became top scorer in his first season for Beerschot.

1960 not considered [1960]
1961 not considered
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]

1963 not considered [07/63]
1963 considered [12/63] [Outside Left]
1964 considered [07/64] [Outside Left]
1964 considered [12/64] [Outside Left]
1965 considered [07/65] [#5 Outside Left]
1965 considered [12/65] [Outside Left]
1966 **Internat. Cl.** [07/66] [#2 Outside Left]
1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#3 Outside Left]
1967 **broad circle** [07/67] [#3 Outside Left]
1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 not considered [07/68]
1968 considered [12/68] [Outside Left]
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 played abroad [12/69]
1970 played abroad
1971 played abroad
1972 played abroad
1973 played abroad
1974 played abroad [07/74]
1974 considered [12/74] [Central Forward]
1975 considered [07/75] [Central Forward]
1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 considered [07/76] [Central Forward]
1976 considered [12/76] [Central Forward]
1977 considered [07/77] [Outside Left]
1977 considered [12/77] [Central Forward]
1978 considered [07/78] [Central Forward]



Stephan ENGELS

Broad circle: 3 times
 Considered: 4 times

A lanky, slim midfielder for Köln with a good touch in his left foot who was known for his passing skills and freekick-taking and for a short time in 1982-83 was a member of the national team.

1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered
1980 not considered
1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#7 Midfielder]
1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 considered [12/84] [Defensive Midfielder]
1985 not considered
1986 not considered
1987 considered [07/87] [Offensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [12/87] [Defensive Midfielder]
1988 not considered
1989 not considered
1990 not considered [07/90]



Robert ENKE

International class: 7 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 2 times

1995 not considered

1996 not considered

1997 not considered

1998 not considered [07/98]

1998 considered [12/98] [Goalkeeper]

1999 not considered [07/99]

1999 **broad circle** [12/99] [#3 German abroad]

2000 **broad circle** [07/00] [#2 German abroad]

2000 **broad circle** [12/00] [#2 German abroad]

2001 **broad circle** [07/01] [#3 German abroad]

2001 **broad circle** [12/01] [#4 German abroad]

2002 **broad circle** [07/02] [#2 German abroad]

2002 not considered [12/02]

2003 not considered

2004 not considered [07/04]

2004 **Internat. Cl.** [12/04] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2005 **Internat. Cl.** [07/05] [#4 Goalkeeper]

2005 **Internat. Cl.** [12/05] [#3 Goalkeeper]

2006 **broad circle** [07/06] [#7 Goalkeeper]

2006 considered [12/06] [Goalkeeper]

2007 **Internat. Cl.** [07/07] [#5 Goalkeeper]

2007 **Internat. Cl.** [12/07] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2008 **Internat. Cl.** [07/08] [#4 Goalkeeper]

2008 not considered [12/08]

2009 **Internat. Cl.** [07/09] [#2 Goalkeeper]



Herbert ERHARDT

International class: 13 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 2 times

Gave his debut in 1948 aged 18 as a right half for Fürth. An athletic defender with a good touch on the ball and impressive aerial presence, he first played as a full back before switching to center half by the late-1950s. In both positions he was counted among the very best in 1950s German football. Known for his hard tackling and doggedness, Erhardt captained Germany between 1959 and 1962 and was a member of the 1954 (did not play), 1958 and 1962 World Cup squads.

1955 considered [12/55] [#13 Full Back]

1956 **Internat. Cl.** [07/56] [#3 Full Back]

1956 **Internat. Cl.** [12/56] [#3 Full Back]

1957 **Internat. Cl.** [07/57] [#3 Full Back]

1957 **Internat. Cl.** [12/57] [#2 Full Back]

1958 **Internat. Cl.** [1958] [#1 Center Half]

1959 **Internat. Cl.** [07/59] [#1 Center Half]

1959 **Internat. Cl.** [12/59] [#1 Center Half]

1960 **Internat. Cl.** [1960] [#2 Full Back]

1960 **Internat. Cl.** [1960] [#1 Center Half]

1961 **Internat. Cl.** [07/61] [#2 Full Back]

1961 **Internat. Cl.** [07/61] [#1 Center Half]

1961 **Internat. Cl.** [12/61] [#2 Full Back]

1961 **Internat. Cl.** [12/61] [#2 Center Half]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 **broad circle** [12/62] [#6 Full Back]

1963 **broad circle** [07/63] [#3 Center Half]

1963 not considered [12/63]

1964 considered [07/64] [Half Back]



Fabian ERNST

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 10 times
Considered: 10 times

- 1996 not considered [12/96]
- 1997 not considered
- 1998 not considered [07/98]
- 1998 **considered** [12/98] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 1999 **considered** [07/99] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 1999 not considered [12/99]
- 2000 not considered [07/00]
- 2000 **considered** [12/00] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 2001 not considered [07/01]
- 2001 **broad circle** [12/01] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
- 2002 **considered** [07/02] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 2002 **broad circle** [12/02] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
- 2003 **broad circle** [07/03] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
- 2003 **Internat. Cl.** [12/03] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
- 2004 **broad circle** [07/04] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
- 2004 **broad circle** [12/04] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
- 2005 **broad circle** [07/05] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
- 2005 not considered [12/05]
- 2006 not considered
- 2007 not considered [07/07]
- 2007 **considered** [12/07] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 2008 **Internat. Cl.** [07/08] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
- 2008 **considered** [12/08] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 2009 **broad circle** [07/09] [#1 German abroad]
- 2009 **broad circle** [12/09] [#3 German abroad]
- 2010 **broad circle** [07/10] [#2 German abroad]
- 2010 **broad circle** [12/10] [#3 German abroad]
- 2011 **considered** [07/11] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 2011 **considered** [12/11] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 2012 **considered** [07/12] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 2012 **considered** [12/12] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 2013 not considered
- 2014 not considered
- 2014 not considered
- 2015 not considered [07/15]



Johann ETTMAYER

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 5 times

A legendary Austrian left-footed midfielder renown today mostly because of his overweight (that's why some dubbed him 'Fettmayer'), "Buffy" Ettmayer possessed a delicate touch in his left foot and also a very powerful shooting technique. A non-conformist flair player with a low work ethic and not too keen on running too much plus a touch of insanity and hence a clear favorite of the fans.

- 1971 played abroad [07/71]
- 1971 **Internat. Cl.** [12/71] [#2 Foreign player]
- 1972 not considered [07/72]
- 1972 **broad circle** [12/72] [#2 Foreign player]

1973 considered [07/73] [Foreign Player]
1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#1 Foreign player]
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#2 Foreign player]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Foreign Player]
1976 not considered
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 played abroad [12/77]
1978 played abroad [07/78]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 considered [12/79] [Midfielder]
1980 considered [07/80] [Foreign Player]
1980 considered [12/80] [Foreign Player]
1981 not considered [07/81]



Fritz EWERT

International class: 5 times
 Broad circle: 6 times

Renowned for his jumping power, excellent positional play and his long and precise kicks, around 1960 Fritz Ewert was rated as Germany's second best goalkeeper behind Hans Tilkowski.

1956 not considered [12/56]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1957 not considered [12/57]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1959 Internat. Cl. [12/59] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1960 Internat. Cl. [1960] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1961 Internat. Cl. [07/61] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1961 broad circle [12/61] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1963 broad circle [07/63] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1963 Internat. Cl. [12/63] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 not considered
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 played abroad [12/66]
1967 played abroad
1968 played abroad
1969 played abroad
1970 played abroad [07/70]



EWERTHON Henrique de Souza

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 2 times
 Considered: 1 time

2001 played abroad [07/01]
2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#4 Forward]
2002 considered [07/02][Forward]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#9 Forward]
2003 not considered
2004 broad circle [07/04] [#9 Forward]
2004 not considered [12/04]
2005 not considered
2005 played abroad [12/05]
2006 played abroad
2007 played abroad [07/07]
2007 not considered [12/07]



Marco FABIAN

International class: 1 time

2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]



Holger FACH

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 9 times

Considered: 12 times

A tall, gangly, technically sound sweeper with good finishing skills when advancing forward and a good header of the ball. With his good positional sense he was also frequently deployed as a defensive midfielder, he was known to go about things a bit grimly.

1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]
1982 considered [12/82] [Defensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [07/83] [Defensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [12/83] [Defensive Midfielder]
1984 not considered
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defensive Midfielder]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#6 Libero]
1986 considered [12/86] [Libero]
1987 not considered [07/87]
1987 considered [12/87] [Offensive Midfielder]
1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1988 broad circle [12/88] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
1989 considered [12/89] [Defensive Midfielder]
1990 not considered [07/90]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#4 Libero]
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#8 Libero]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#3 Libero]
1992 considered [12/92] [Libero]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#3 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 considered [12/93] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1994 considered [07/94] [Central Defensive Midfielder]

1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#3 Libero]
1996 not considered
1997 considered [07/97] [Libero]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 not considered [07/98]



Helmut FAEDER

Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 9 times

An inside forward with slight shortcomings in terms of fitness and pace yet gifted with an unusual ball control and an enormously powerful shot. A player goalkeepers feared when they had to face his freekicks or penalties. At Hertha BSC he was considered the genuine successor to the legendary Hanne Sobeck. Sepp Herberger attested that Faeder could have been a regular starter for Germany if he had played for a club which faced more competition than Hertha BSC faced in the small Berlin regional league. Thus Faeder only once played for Germany.

1955 not considered [12/55]
1956 broad circle [07/56] [#11 Inside Forward]
1956 considered [12/56] [Inside Forward]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#12 Inside Forward]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#12 Inside Forward]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#10 Inside Forward]
1959 broad circle [07/59] [#10 Inside Forward]
1959 broad circle [12/59] [#9 Inside Forward]
1960 broad circle [1960] [#10 Inside Forward]
1961 broad circle [07/61] [#6 Inside Forward]
1961 considered [12/61] [Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Inside Forward]
1963 considered [07/63] [Inside Forward]
1963 not considered [12/63]
1964 not considered
1965 not considered [07/65]
1965 considered [12/65] [Inside Forward]
1966 not considered
1967 not considered
1968 not considered [07/68]
1968 considered [12/68] [Central Forward]
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Midfielder]
1970 considered [07/70] [Central Forward]
1970 considered [12/70] [Midfielder]
1971 not considered
1972 not considered [07/72]



Ralf FÄHRMANN

International class: 5 times

2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered

2012 not considered

2013 not considered

2014 **Internat. Cl.** [07/14] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2014 **Internat. Cl.** [12/14] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2015 not considered [07/15]

2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#7 Goalkeeper]

2016 **Internat. Cl.** [12/16] [#7 Goalkeeper]



Wolfgang FAHRIAN

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 15 times

He rose as fast as lightning from an unknown to first keeper of the national team within 18 months. Originally he was a defender in his youth and only became a goalkeeper at the age of 18. He embraced his new task with an almost fanatical study of that role. Fahrian debuted as a goalkeeper for TSG Ulm in September 1960 after one year of constant training. Incredibly, he did so well that Sepp Herberger decided in April 1962 to drop his standard goalkeeper Hans Tilkowski – himself rated at that time as one of the very finest keepers Germany ever produced – and to replace him with the untried and untested Fahrian five weeks before the 1962 World Cup would commence. Fahrian guarded Germany's goal in all four World Cup games and was counted among the few positive aspects for Germany after the Chile adventure. As a goalkeeper Fahrian impressed with quick reflexes which prompted Fritz Walter to state that he rarely saw a goalkeeper with such bold parades. His career suffered a blow in 1965 when he joined Hertha BSC only after cashing in 80,000 Marks which was a violation of the contract player's statute. The German FA suspended him for 12 months and he had to pay a hefty fine. Needless to say that his international career was finished by that point.

1960 not considered [12/60]

1961 not considered [07/61]

1961 **broad circle** [12/61] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 **Internat. Cl.** [12/62] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1963 **Internat. Cl.** [07/63] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1963 **Internat. Cl.** [12/63] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1964 **Internat. Cl.** [07/64] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1964 **broad circle** [12/64] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1965 **broad circle** [07/65] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1965 not considered [12/65]

1966 considered [07/66] [Goalkeeper]

1966 considered [12/66] [Goalkeeper]

1967 not considered [07/67]

1967 considered [12/67] [Goalkeeper]

1968 considered [07/68] [Goalkeeper]

1968 considered [12/68] [Goalkeeper]

1969 considered [07/69] [Goalkeeper]

1969 considered [12/69] [Goalkeeper]

1970 considered [07/70] [Goalkeeper]

1970 considered [12/70] [Goalkeeper]

1971 considered [07/71] [Goalkeeper]

1971 considered [12/71] [Goalkeeper]

1972 considered [07/72] [Goalkeeper]

1972 considered [12/72] [Goalkeeper]

1973 considered [07/73] [Goalkeeper]

1973 **broad circle** [12/73] [#7 Goalkeeper]

1974 considered [07/74] [Goalkeeper]

1974 not considered [12/74]

1975 not considered

1976 not considered [07/76]



Ralf FALKENMAYER

International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 3 times

Ralf Falkenmayer was already regarded to be a very great playmaker talent in his juniors days and he subsequently found a regular place in the Eintracht Frankfurt side of the early-1980s at the age of 18. Despite some ups and downs he remained a starter until 1995. He was blessed with a delicate touch in his left foot which enabled him to deliver superbly weighted passes. As a player he was probably a bit too lightfooted and frail, never really fully unlocking his great potential. He was mostly playing either in defensive midfield or as an attacking left back.

- 1980 not considered [12/80]
- 1981 not considered [07/81]
- 1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#8 Midfielder]
- 1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#10 Midfielder]
- 1982 not considered [12/82]
- 1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#7 Full Back]
- 1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#7 Full Back]
- 1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
- 1984 **Internat. Cl.** [12/84] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
- 1985 not considered
- 1986 **broad circle** [07/86] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
- 1986 not considered [12/86]
- 1987 **considered** [07/87] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 1987 not considered [12/87]
- 1988 not considered
- 1989 not considered [07/89]
- 1989 **Internat. Cl.** [12/89] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
- 1990 **broad circle** [07/90] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]
- 1990 **Internat. Cl.** [12/90] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
- 1991 not considered [07/91]
- 1991 **Internat. Cl.** [12/91] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
- 1992 **Internat. Cl.** [07/92] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
- 1992 not considered [12/92]
- 1993 not considered [07/93]
- 1993 **broad circle** [12/93] [#4 Central Defensive Midfielder]
- 1994 **considered** [07/94] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
- 1994 not considered [12/94]
- 1995 **considered** [07/95] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
- 1995 not considered [12/95]
- 1996 not considered [07/96]



Jefferson FARFÁN

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 2 times

- 2008 played abroad [07/08]
- 2008 **considered** [12/08] [Forward]
- 2009 not considered [07/09]
- 2009 **broad circle** [12/09] [#8 Forward]
- 2010 **broad circle** [07/10] [#10 Forward]
- 2010 **Internat. Cl.** [12/10] [#2 Offensive Lateral]

2011 broad circle [07/11] [#9 Offensive Lateral]
2011 broad circle [12/11] [#6 Offensive Lateral]
2012 considered [07/12] [Offensive Lateral]
2012 broad circle [12/12] [#10 Offensive Lateral]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#9 Offensive Lateral]
2013 broad circle [12/13] [#9 Offensive Lateral]
2014 not considered
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 played abroad [12/15]



Wolfgang FEIERSINGER

International class: 1 time
Considered: 1 time

1996 played abroad [07/96]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 considered [07/97] [Libero]
1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#4 Libero]
1998 not considered
1999 not considered
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 played abroad [12/00]



Diethelm FERNER

Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 8 times

A midfield workhorse with an offensive orientation who was one of Werder's most vital players of the 1960s.

1960 not considered
1961 not considered
1962 not considered
1963 not considered [07/63]
1963 broad circle [12/63] [#6 Inside Forward]
1964 not considered [07/64]
1964 broad circle [12/64] [#9 Inside Forward]
1965 broad circle [07/65] [#9 Inside Forward]
1965 broad circle [12/65] [#8 Inside Forward]
1966 broad circle [07/66] [#7 Midfielder]
1966 broad circle [12/66] [#6 Midfielder]
1967 considered [07/67] [Midfielder]
1967 considered [12/67] [Midfielder]
1968 considered [07/68] [Midfielder]
1968 considered [12/68] [Midfielder]
1969 considered [07/69] [Midfielder]
1969 considered [12/69] [Midfielder]
1970 not considered
1971 not considered
1972 considered [07/72] [Midfielder]

1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 considered [07/73] [Midfielder]



Klaus FICHTEL

International class: 14 times
Broad circle: 11 times
Considered: 9 times

Klaus Fichtel started out as a central defensive midfielder but quickly evolved into one of the Bundesliga's all-time best sweepers. A very calm and sober presence in defense, Klaus 'Tanne' Fichtel was always the undisputed defensive anchorman of Schalke 04 and later Werder Bremen for roughly 18 successive seasons. Not only an outstanding defender but also a capable conductor from the back. Fichtel was still playing in top flight football at the age 43 years and 5 months, retiring after 552 Bundesliga games in the summer of 1988. His international career was promising but ended prematurely because of his involvement in the 1971 Bundesliga scandal. For Germany, he was either deployed as a stopper or as a defensive midfielder.

1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 not considered [07/65]
1965 considered [12/65] [Center Half]
1966 considered [07/66] [Central Defender]
1966 considered [12/66] [Central Defender]
1967 **Internat. Cl.** [07/67] [#4 Central Defender]
1967 **Internat. Cl.** [12/67] [#4 Central Defender]
1968 **Internat. Cl.** [07/68] [#4 Central Defender]
1968 **Internat. Cl.** [12/68] [#4 Central Defender]
1969 **Internat. Cl.** [07/69] [#5 Central Defender]
1969 **Internat. Cl.** [12/69] [#3 Central Defender]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [07/70] [#4 Central Defender]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [12/70] [#3 Central Defender]
1971 **Internat. Cl.** [07/71] [#3 Libero]
1971 **Internat. Cl.** [12/71] [#3 Libero]
1971 **Internat. Cl.** [12/71] [#4 Stopper]
1972 **Internat. Cl.** [07/72] [#2 Libero]
1972 **broad circle** [12/72] [#2 Libero]
1973 not considered
1974 **broad circle** [07/74] [#3 Libero]
1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#4 Libero]
1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#5 Libero]
1975 **Internat. Cl.** [12/75] [#2 Libero]
1976 **broad circle** [07/76] [#5 Libero]
1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#3 Libero]
1977 considered [07/77] [Libero]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 considered [07/78] [Libero]
1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#4 Libero]
1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#1 Libero]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [12/79] [#3 Libero]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#6 Libero]
1980 considered [12/80] [Libero]
1981 considered [07/81] [Libero]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#5 Libero]
1982 considered [07/82] [Libero]
1982 considered [12/82] [Libero]
1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#8 Libero]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered
1985 not considered
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered [07/88]



Roberto FIRMINO

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 2 time

Considered: 1 time

2011 played abroad [07/11]

2011 considered [12/11] [Offensive Midfielder]

2012 not considered

2013 not considered [07/13]

2013 **broad circle** [12/13] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]

2014 **Internat. Cl.** [07/14] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2014 **Internat. Cl.** [12/14] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

2015 **broad circle** [07/15] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]

2015 played abroad [12/15]



Klaus FISCHER

International class: 7 times

Broad circle: 16 times

Considered: 6 times

Without doubt one of the all-time best center forwards in German football history. His specialty was converting high-flying crosses with spectacular bicycle kicks or with his great aerial ability. He benefitted like no other forward from the service of three of the best wingers of 1970s German football in Reinhard Libuda, Erwin Kremers and later Rüdiger Abramczik. While he only was of average height, he possessed an exceptional aerial quality, not only with his head but also with his feet. He would have played more than 45 times for Germany if he didn't have to compete with Gerd Müller for the center forward spot and even after Müller had retired from international play in 1974, he still was not an option for the national team because of his involvement in the 1971 Bundesliga scandal. When the ban was finally lifted in 1977, he immediately established himself as the no. 1 forward of the national team, scoring 11 times in his first 9 games. Of all times, he lost his goal scoring form right before the 1978 World Cup and was thus one of the biggest disappointments from a German perspective. Suffered a terrible injury in March 1980 when he broke his shinbone in a very complicated way which put him out of action for over a year but then he had a remarkable comeback in 1981 when he was swiftly re-introduced into the national team, again enjoying a goal scoring rout of 11 goals in his first 9 games just like in 1977. His 1982 World Cup was a more successful affair for him personally than the previous one, at the start of the tournament he was benched in favour of Horst Hrubesch but after the disappointing first round he was again the starter as center forward supplying two vital goals against Spain and France. He retired in 1988 after 20 consecutive seasons in top flight, scoring 268 goals in 535 games for TSV 1860, FC Schalke 04, Köln and VfL Bochum.

1968 considered [12/68] [Central Forward]

1969 not considered [07/69]

1969 considered [12/69] [Central Forward]

1970 **broad circle** [07/70] [#7 Central Forward]

1970 considered [12/70] [Central Forward]

1971 considered [07/71] [Central Forward]

1971 **broad circle** [12/71] [#6 Central Forward]

1972 **broad circle** [07/72] [#3 Central Forward]

1972 not considered [12/72]

1973 not considered [07/73]

1973 **broad circle** [12/73] [#4 Central Forward]

1974 **broad circle** [07/74] [#4 Central Forward]

1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#6 Central Forward]

1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#6 Central Forward]

1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#1 Central Forward]

1976 **Internat. Cl.** [07/76] [#2 Central Forward]

1976 **Internat. Cl.** [12/76] [#2 Central Forward]

1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#1 Central Forward]
1977 Internat. Cl. [12/77] [#1 Central Forward]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#2 Central Forward]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#1 Central Forward]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#2 Central Forward]
1979 Internat. Cl. [12/79] [#2 Central Forward]
1980 not considered
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#4 Central Forward]
1981 Internat. Cl. [12/81] [#2 Central Forward]
1982 Internat. Cl. [07/82] [#2 Central Forward]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#5 Central Forward]
1983 broad circle [07/83] [#6 Central Forward]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#3 Central Forward]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#6 Central Forward]
1985 considered [12/85] [Forward]
1986 not considered
1987 considered [07/87] [Forward]
1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 not considered [07/88]



Heinz FLOHE

World class: 1 time
 International class: 7 times
 Broad circle: 8 times
 Considered: 3 times

One of the technically most gifted midfielders of German football, like his teammate Wolfgang Overath he possessed a very strong left foot but had to play second fiddle to Overath for roughly ten years. After Overath's retirement in 1977 he played his strongest season, now equipped with all liberties that Overath had enjoyed previously, he blossomed and led Köln to their very last German championship in 1977-78. Flohe was always a touch more offensively-minded than Overath, with good stamina and a strong and precise shot, great at freekicks and high quality passing game. What he lacked was ruggedness, something his counterpart Overath had in abundance. In the national team he usually was counted as an "also-ran" before he was chosen by Helmut Schön to become Germany's playmaker in the 1978 World Cup. He actually did quite well in that tournament, definitely better than most of his teammates, but an injury in the game vs. Italy meant that the tournament was over for him before the crucial game vs. Austria. Carlos Babington, the Argentine midfielder who played in Germany during the time, compared him with Roberto Rivelino (in 1977). He had retired in 1980 after a broken leg was irreparably damaged.

1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 not considered
1968 considered [07/68] [Midfielder]
1968 not considered [12/68]
1969 not considered
1970 broad circle [07/70] [#11 Midfielder]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#9 Midfielder]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#6 Midfielder]
1971 broad circle [12/71] [#5 Midfielder]
1972 broad circle [07/72] [#5 Midfielder]
1972 broad circle [12/72] [#6 Midfielder]
1973 Internat. Cl. [07/73] [#4 Midfielder]
1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#3 Midfielder]
1974 Internat. Cl. [07/74] [#3 Midfielder]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#5 Midfielder]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#6 Midfielder]
1975 considered [12/75] [Midfielder]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#4 Midfielder]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#2 Midfielder]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#4 Midfielder]
1977 World Class [12/77] [#2 Midfielder]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#1 Midfielder]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 considered [12/79] [Midfielder]
1980 not considered [07/80]



Franco FODA

Broad circle: 13 times

Considered: 9 times

Initially a man-marker then later a libero and defensive midfielder. Technically solid but his greatest assets were his stamina and brute force in one-on-one situations.

1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 **considered** [12/84] [Defensive Midfielder]
1985 not considered
1986 not considered
1987 not considered [07/87]
1987 **broad circle** [12/87] [#4 Libero]
1988 **broad circle** [07/88] [#6 Libero]
1988 **broad circle** [12/88] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1989 **considered** [07/89] [Defensive Midfielder]
1989 **broad circle** [12/89] [#11 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 **broad circle** [07/90] [#3 Defender]
1990 **broad circle** [12/90] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
1991 **broad circle** [07/91] [#7 Libero]
1991 **broad circle** [12/91] [#2 Libero]
1992 **broad circle** [07/92] [#5 Libero]
1992 **broad circle** [12/92] [#3 Libero]
1993 **considered** [07/93] [Libero]
1993 **considered** [12/93] [Libero]
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 **considered** [12/94] [Marker]
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 **considered** [12/95] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1996 not considered
1997 not considered [07/97]
1997 **broad circle** [12/97] [#4 German abroad]
1998 **broad circle** [07/98] [#2 German abroad]
1998 **broad circle** [12/98] [#4 German abroad]
1999 **considered** [07/99] [Libero]
1999 **considered** [12/99] [Libero]
2000 **considered** [07/00] [Libero]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered [07/01]



Emil FORSBERG

International class: 1 time

2015 not considered
2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [12/16] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]



Bernhard FÖRSTER

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 3 times

An industrious utility player who was used in all defensive positions (full back, sweeper, libero, stopper and defensive midfield). He spent most of his time as a right-footed left back and had a reputation as a very hard-playing defender with great tackling skills. Offensively he didn't offer much and his full back duties were generally almost exclusively man-marking jobs.

1974 considered [12/74] [Full Back]

1975 not considered

1976 not considered

1977 considered [07/77] [Full Back]

1977 not considered [12/77]

1978 not considered

1979 broad circle [07/79] [#5 Full Back]

1979 Internat. Cl. [12/79] [#3 Full Back]

1980 broad circle [07/80] [#6 Midfielder]

1980 broad circle [12/80] [#6 Full Back]

1981 broad circle [07/81] [#8 Full Back]

1981 broad circle [12/81] [#4 Full Back]

1982 Internat. Cl. [07/82] [#2 Full Back]

1982 broad circle [07/82] [#5 Libero]

1982 Internat. Cl. [12/82] [#1 Full Back]

1983 broad circle [07/83] [#5 Full Back]

1983 considered [12/83] [Full Back]

1984 broad circle [07/84] [#3 Full Back]

1984 not considered [12/84]

1985 not considered [07/85]



Karlheinz FÖRSTER

World class: 3 times

International class: 13 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 2 times

Arguably Germany's best pure defender, a very reliable and consistent stopper who like his older brother Bernd did not offer much in terms of offense. A rough edged man-marker with a decent touch, aerial prowess in spite of his average height. His great asset was that his performance level remained constantly high year after year, always reaching between 90-100% of his potential, which made him Germany's no. 1 stopper from 1978 until his premature retirement from international duties after the 1986 World Cup when he was just 27 years old. Despite his combative edge he avoided to get sent-off more than one time in his 272 Bundesliga games. His playing style was considered as hard as that of his older brother but his touch was definitely superior.

1976 considered [12/76] [Stopper]

1977 considered [07/77] [Stopper]

1977 broad circle [12/77] [#6 Stopper]

1978 broad circle [07/78] [#2 Stopper]

1978 Internat. Cl. [12/78] [#2 Stopper]

1979 Internat. Cl. [07/79] [#1 Stopper]

1979 Internat. Cl. [12/79] [#1 Stopper]

1980 Internat. Cl. [07/80] [#1 Stopper]

1980 Internat. Cl. [12/80] [#2 Stopper]
1981 Internat. Cl. [07/81] [#1 Stopper]
1981 Internat. Cl. [12/81] [#1 Stopper]
1982 World Class [07/82] [#1 Stopper]
1982 Internat. Cl. [12/82] [#1 Stopper]
1983 World Class [07/83] [#1 Stopper]
1983 Internat. Cl. [12/83] [#2 Stopper]
1984 Internat. Cl. [07/84] [#1 Stopper]
1984 Internat. Cl. [12/84] [#1 Stopper]
1985 Internat. Cl. [07/85] [#1 Stopper]
1985 Internat. Cl. [12/85] [#2 Defender]
1986 World Class [07/86] [#1 Defender]
1986 played abroad [12/86]
1987 played abroad
1988 played abroad
1989 played abroad
1990 played abroad [07/90]



FRANÇA Françoaldo Sena de Souza

International class: 1 time
 Considered: 1 time

2002 played abroad [07/02]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered [07/03]
2003 considered [12/03] [Forward]
2004 Internat. Cl. [07/04] [#4 Forward]
2004 not considered [12/04]
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 played abroad [12/05]



Wolfgang FRANK

Broad circle: 3 times
 Considered: 6 times

A similar player to Klaus Fischer albeit not able to reach his level and certainly not as consistent as Fischer. Like Fischer he was not a tall forward but had an expertise aerial ability. Inside the box an agile and tricky finisher who liked to work hard for his team.

1971 considered [12/71] [Central Forward]
1972 considered [07/72] [Central Forward]
1972 considered [12/72] [Central Forward]
1973 not considered
1974 not considered [07/74]
1974 considered [12/74] [Central Forward]
1975 considered [07/75] [Central Forward]
1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 considered [07/76] [Central Forward]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#3 Central Forward]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#4 Central Forward]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered
1979 not considered
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#5 Central Forward]
1980 not considered [12/80]

1981 not considered
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 not considered
1985 not considered
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered [07/88]



Bernd FRANKE

International class: 12 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 10 times

A very fine goalkeeper, arguably the best in Germany during the 1970s until the early-1980s right after Sepp Maier and then Harald Schumacher. Franke was a loyal reserve keeper who had no problems accepting his role as a second or third keeper of the national team. A very reliable player who radiated a sense of calmness, very strong on the goalline and also – despite only being of average height – very firm and composed when leaving his goal.

1968 not considered [12/68]
1969 considered [07/69] [Goalkeeper]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 not considered
1971 considered [07/71] [Goalkeeper]
1971 considered [12/71] [Goalkeeper]
1972 **broad circle** [07/72] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1972 **broad circle** [12/72] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1973 **Internat. Cl.** [07/73] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1973 **broad circle** [12/73] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1974 **broad circle** [07/74] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1974 **Internat. Cl.** [12/74] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1975 **Internat. Cl.** [07/75] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1975 **Internat. Cl.** [12/75] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1976 **broad circle** [07/76] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1976 **Internat. Cl.** [12/76] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [07/77] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [07/78] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1978 considered [12/78] [Goalkeeper]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 considered [12/79] [Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [07/80] [Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [12/80] [Goalkeeper]
1981 considered [07/81] [Goalkeeper]
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [12/81] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [07/82] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [12/82] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [07/83] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1984 considered [07/84] [Goalkeeper]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985c considered [07/85] [Goalkeeper]



Alexander FREI

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 2 times

2006 played abroad [07/06]
2006 considered [12/06] [Forward]
2007 **Internat. Cl.** [07/07] [#6 Forward]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 considered [07/08] [Forward]
2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 **broad circle** [07/09] [#2 Forward]
2009 played abroad [12/09]



Jürgen FRIEDRICH

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 11 times

Jürgen 'Atze' Friedrich was an excellent libero as well as midfielder whose career ended prematurely in 1973 due to a broken leg.

1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 considered [07/63] [Inside Forward]
1963 not considered [12/63]
1964 not considered
1965 not considered
1966 not considered
1967 considered [07/67] [Midfielder]
1967 considered [12/67] [Midfielder]
1968 considered [07/68] [Midfielder]
1968 **broad circle** [12/68] [#11 Midfielder]
1969 **broad circle** [07/69] [#9 Midfielder]
1969 **broad circle** [12/69] [#8 Midfielder]
1970 **broad circle** [07/70] [#12 Midfielder]
1970 considered [12/70] [Midfielder]
1971 considered [07/71] [Midfielder]
1971 considered [12/71] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [07/72] [Libero]
1972 considered [07/72] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [12/72] [Midfielder]
1973 considered [07/73] [Midfielder]
1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 not considered [07/74]



Torsten FRINGS

World Class: 1 time
International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 9 times
Considered: 3 times

1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 not considered
1998 not considered

1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 considered [12/99] [Lateral]
2000 considered [07/00] [Lateral]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 **broad circle** [07/01] [#5 Lateral]
2001 **Internat. Cl.** [12/01] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2002 **Internat. Cl.** [07/02] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2002 **Internat. Cl.** [12/02] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2003 considered [07/03] [Defensive Midfielder]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 **broad circle** [07/04] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2004 **broad circle** [12/04] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
2005 **broad circle** [07/05] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
2005 **Internat. Cl.** [12/05] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2006 **World Class** [07/06] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2006 **Internat. Cl.** [12/06] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2007 **Internat. Cl.** [07/07] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 **broad circle** [12/08] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
2009 **broad circle** [07/09] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
2009 **broad circle** [12/09] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
2010 **broad circle** [07/10] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 **broad circle** [07/11] [#10 Defensive Midfielder]
2011 not considered [12/11]
2012 not considered
2013 not considered [07/13]



Michael FRONTZECK

Broad circle: 7 times
 Considered: 11 times

A very offensive full back who would swing in excellent crosses from the left wing. Possessed a very good shooting technique, good ball control and aerial game, was sometimes used as a man-marker. Frontzeck was first capped in 1984 but it took eight years before he actually participated in a tournament. In 1992 he played in the defeat to the Netherlands as a left wing back because Andreas Brehme had moved centrally after Guido Buchwald's injury.

1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#6 Full Back]
1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#5 Full Back]
1984 considered [12/84] [Full Back]
1985 **broad circle** [07/85] [#3 Full Back]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defensive Midfielder]
1986 not considered [07/86]
1986 **broad circle** [12/86] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
1987 **broad circle** [07/87] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [12/87] [Defensive Midfielder]
1988 considered [07/88] [Defensive Midfielder]
1988 considered [12/88] [Defensive Midfielder]
1989 **broad circle** [07/89] [#11 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 not considered
1991 not considered [07/91]
1991 considered [12/91] [Defensive Midfielder]
1992 **broad circle** [07/92] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered
1996 considered [07/96] [Wide Midfielder]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 considered [07/97] [Wide Midfielder]
1997 considered [12/97] [Lateral]
1998 considered [07/98] [Lateral]
1998 not considered [12/98]

1999 considered [07/99] [Lateral]

1999 not considered [12/99]

2000 not considered [07/00]



Friedhelm FUNKEL

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 15 times

A very hard-running and hard-working offensive midfielder who could also be used as a central forward. Solid technique, excellent aerial ability, Funkel liked to roam in midfield and then looking for the lethal finish near or inside the box.

1973 not considered [12/73]

1974 not considered [07/74]

1974 considered [12/74] [Midfielder]

1975 considered [07/75] [Central Forward]

1975 not considered [12/75]

1976 considered [07/76] [Midfielder]

1976 considered [12/76] [Central Forward]

1977 considered [07/77] [Midfielder]

1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]

1978 considered [07/78] [Midfielder]

1978 considered [12/78] [Midfielder]

1979 considered [07/79] [Midfielder]

1979 considered [12/79] [Midfielder]

1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#13 Midfielder]

1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#7 Midfielder]

1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#9 Midfielder]

1981 not considered [12/81]

1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#6 Central Forward]

1982 not considered [12/82]

1983 not considered [07/83]

1983 considered [12/83] [Offensive Midfielder]

1984 considered [07/84] [Offensive Midfielder]

1984 **broad circle** [12/84] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

1985 considered [07/85] [Offensive Midfielder]

1985 **broad circle** [12/85] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

1986 not considered [07/86]

1986 considered [12/86] [Offensive Midfielder]

1987 not considered

1988 not considered [07/88]

1988 considered [12/88] [Liberero]

1989 not considered

1990 not considered [07/90]



Wolfgang FUNKEL

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 10 times

Younger brother of Friedhelm, Wolfgang Funkel was a very tall man-marker and defensive midfielder with excellent heading qualities who was very dangerous at set-pieces. Lacked a bit of pace but possessed above average ball skills for a defensive player of this height.

1983 considered [12/83] [Stopper]

1984 considered [07/84] [Stopper]

1984 considered [12/84] [Stopper]
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1986 Internat. Cl. [07/86] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1986 considered [12/86] [Defensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [07/87] [Defensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [12/87] [Defender]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]
1988 considered [12/88] [Defensive Midfielder]
1989 considered [07/89] [Defender]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#6 Defender]
1990 not considered
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#6 Marker]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#4 Libero]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#7 Marker]
1992 considered [12/92] [Marker]
1993 not considered
1994 considered [07/94] [Marker]
1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered [07/95]



Jan FURTOK

International class: 2 time
 Considered: 5 times

A support striker who lacked consistency for a more permanent role among the Bundesliga's top scorers. His best season was the second half of 1990-91 when he scored 15 of his 20 goals that season.

1988 played abroad [07/88]
1988 not considered [12/88]
1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#2 Forward]
1989 considered [12/89] [Forward]
1990 considered [07/90] [Forward]
1990 considered [12/90] [Forward]
1991 Internat. Cl. [07/91] [#1 Forward]
1991 considered [12/91] [Forward]
1992 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered
1993 considered [07/93] [Forward]
1993 not considered [12/93]
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 played abroad [12/95]



Tomáš GALÁSEK

International class: 2 times
 Broad circle: 1 time
 Considered: 1 time

2006 played abroad [07/06]
2006 broad circle [12/06] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2007 Internat. Cl. [12/07] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

2008 not considered [07/08]

2008 played abroad [12/08]

2009 considered [07/09] [Defensive Midfielder]

2009 played abroad [12/09]



Maurizio GAUDINO

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 7 times

The son of Italian immigrants was a technically sound offensive midfielder with an lower than average work ethic who found it difficult to adapt to tactical restrictions. An elegant individualist who ended up as an “eternal talent”.

1983 not considered [12/83]

1984 not considered

1985 not considered

1986 not considered [07/86]

1986 **broad circle** [12/86] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]

1987 not considered

1988 not considered [07/88]

1988 considered [12/88] [Offensive Midfielder]

1989 **Internat. Cl.** [07/89] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]

1989 not considered [12/89]

1990 considered [07/90] [Offensive Midfielder]

1990 not considered [12/90]

1991 not considered [07/91]

1991 **broad circle** [12/91] [#4 Forward]

1992 **broad circle** [07/92] [#9 Forward]

1992 not considered [12/92]

1993 considered [07/93] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1993 **Internat. Cl.** [12/93] [#2 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 **broad circle** [07/94] [#11 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 not considered [12/94]

1995 considered [07/95] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1995 not considered [12/95]

1996 not considered

1997 considered [07/97] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1997 not considered [12/97]

1998 considered [07/98] [Offensive Midfielder]

1998 not considered [12/98]

1999 not considered

2000 not considered

2001 considered [07/01] [Offensive Midfielder]

2001 not considered [12/01]

2002 not considered [07/02]



Wolfgang GAYER

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 4 times

Wolfgang Gayer was a withdrawn inside forward with a nose for goals who started and finished his career in Austria. In between he spent seven seasons in Germany playing for Neunkirchen, Hertha BSC and TSV 1860 München. He joined Austria Wien in 1963 and became top scorer of the Austrian league in his second season there. By the late 1960s he had evolved into a central midfielder and was an established Bundesliga player for Hertha BSC but his career in Germany was cut short due to his involvement in the 1971 Bundesliga scandal.

1966 played abroad [07/66]

1966 considered [12/66] [Central Forward]
1967 considered [07/67] [Central Forward]
1967 considered [12/67] [Central Forward]
1968 considered [07/68] [Central Forward]
1968 not considered [12/68]
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 broad circle [12/69] [Midfielder]
1970 broad circle [07/70] [#5 Midfielder]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#13 Midfielder]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#8 Midfielder]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1974 played abroad [12/74]



Rolf GEIGER

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 4 times

Once described by a sports writer as a player who relied on his unerring instincts and who possessed a sixth sense, Geiger was an excellent technical player and a dangerous goalscorer. Not rarely did the bricklayer make headlines because he was involved in brawls.

1955 not considered [12/55]
1956 not considered [07/56]
1956 Internat. Cl. [12/56] [#3 Inside Forward]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#11 Inside Forward]
1957 not considered [12/57]
1958 Internat. Cl. [1958] [#5 Inside Forward]
1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#4 Inside Forward]
1959 broad circle [12/59] [#8 Inside Forward]
1960 considered [1960] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [07/61] [Inside Forward]
1961 broad circle [12/61] [#6 Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 played abroad [12/62]
1963 played abroad [07/63]
1963 considered [12/63] [Center Forward]
1964 Internat. Cl. [07/64] [#3 Inside Forward]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 considered [07/65] [#21 Inside Forward]
1965 not considered [12/65]
1966 not considered
1967 not considered [07/67]



Theofanis GEKAS

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 2 times

2006 played abroad [07/06]
2006 broad circle [12/06] [#7 Forward]
2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#1 Forward]

2007 broad circle [12/07] [#11 Forward]
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 Internat. Cl. [12/10] [#2 Forward]
2011 not considered
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 played abroad [12/12]



Karl-Heinz GEILS

Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 9 times

A rock-hard man-marker with great physicality who would play sometimes as a stopper but mainly as a full back on both sides, preferring the right side. Certainly not a great footballer, more a ruthless fighting machine.

1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 considered [12/76] [Full Back]
1977 considered [07/77] [Full Back]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 considered [07/78] [Full Back]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#7 Stopper]
1979 considered [12/79] [Stopper]
1980 considered [07/80] [Stopper]
1980 considered [12/80] [Stopper]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#7 Midfielder]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#7 Full Back]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#13 Midfielder]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#15 Midfielder]
1982 considered [12/82] [Full Back]
1983 broad circle [07/83] [#9 Full Back]
1983 considered [12/83] [Full Back]
1984 considered [07/84] [Full Back]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defensive Midfielder]
1986 considered [07/86] [Defensive Midfielder]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered
1988 not considered
1989 not considered
1990 not considered [07/90]



Roland GERBER

Broad circle: 5 times

A tough-tackling sweeper whose peak years were the late-1970s when he won the Bundesliga championship with Köln in 1977-78 but on the whole he didn't leave remarkable footprints in the league and faded relatively fast.

1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#4 Libero]
1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#4 Libero]
1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#3 Libero]
1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#3 Libero]
1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#2 Libero]
1979 not considered
1980 not considered
1981 not considered
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]



Pedro GEROMEL

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 1 time

2008 played abroad [07/08]
2008 **Internat. Cl.** [12/08] [#2 Central Defender]
2009 **considered** [07/09] [Central Defender]
2009 **broad circle** [12/09] [#11 Central Defender]
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 **broad circle** [12/10] [#5 Central Defender]
2011 **broad circle** [07/11] [#4 Central Defender]
2011 not considered [12/11]
2012 not considered
2013 not considered [07/13]
2013 played abroad [12/13]



Klaus GERWIEN

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 5 times

A vivacious winger in the successful Braunschweig side of the 1960s. His strength was service, not finishing. As a winger he was fast and tricky and would also be used as an inside forward or center forward, his best position however was as an outside right.

1959 not considered [12/59]
1960 not considered
1961 not considered
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 not considered [07/63]
1963 **broad circle** [12/63] [#2 Outside Right]
1964 not considered [07/64]
1964 **broad circle** [12/64] [#2 Outside Right]
1965 **considered** [07/65] [#9 Outside Right]
1965 **considered** [12/65] [Outside Right]
1966 **considered** [07/66] [Outside Right]
1966 **considered** [12/66] [Outside Right]

1967 Internat. Cl. [07/67] [#3 Outside Right]
1967 broad circle [12/67] [#5 Outside Right]
1968 broad circle [07/68] [#3 Outside Right]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#2 Outside Right]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#1 Outside Left]
1969 considered [07/69] [Outside Right]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 not considered [07/70]
1970 considered [12/70] [Outside Right]
1971 not considered
1972 not considered
1973 not considered [07/73]



Reiner GEYE

Broad circle: 14 times
 Considered: 15 times

Known for his good shooting technique and capable to swing in good crosses after high tempo outbursts on the wing, Reiner Geye was a defining figure in Fortuna Düsseldorf's rise as a respected force in German football in the 1970s.

1968 considered [12/68] [Central Forward]
1969 considered [07/69] [Central Forward]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Forward]
1970 considered [07/70] [Central Forward]
1970 considered [12/70] [Central Forward]
1971 considered [07/71] [Central Forward]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 considered [07/72] [OutsideRight]
1972 broad circle [12/72] [#3 Outside Right]
1973 broad circle [07/73] [#3 Outside Right]
1973 broad circle [12/73] [#2 Outside Right]
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#2 Outside Right]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#1 Outside Right]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#2 Outside Right]
1975 broad circle [12/75] [#5 Outside Right]
1976 considered [07/76] [Outside Right]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#6 Outside Right]
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 considered [12/78] [Outside Right]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#11 Midfielder]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#2 Outside Right]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#1 Outside Right]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#3 Outside Right]
1981 considered [12/81] [Outside Right]
1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [07/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [12/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1984 broad circle [07/84] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]
1984 considered [12/84] [Offensive Midfielder]
1985 not considered
1986 not considered [07/86]



Fabian GIEFER

International class: 1 time

2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 not considered
2016 not considered



Willi GIESEMANN

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 10 times

Giesemann impressed as an athletic defender at the start of his career, but continued to work on his ball control so that Sepp Herberger was convinced that the fast and committed allround-defender's footballing level was good enough for a call up to the national side. His strength clearly remained one-on-one situations. His preferred assignment was that of a left back, he was mostly used as a central defender or defensive midfielder though.

1956 not considered [12/56]
1957 not considered
1958 considered [1958] [Center Half]
1959 broad circle [07/59] [#5 Full Back]
1959 broad circle [12/59] [#5 Full Back]
1960 Internat. Cl. [1960] [#2 Half Back]
1961 broad circle [07/61] [#7 Center Half]
1961 broad circle [07/61] [#5 Half Back]
1961 broad circle [12/61] [#3 Half Back]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 considered [07/63] [Half Back]
1963 considered [12/63] [Half Back]
1964 considered [07/64] [Half Back]
1964 Internat. Cl. [07/64] [#1 Center Half]
1964 Internat. Cl. [12/64] [#1 Center Half]
1965 broad circle [07/65] [#2 Center Half]
1965 not considered [12/65]
1966 considered [07/66] [Central Defender]
1966 considered [12/66] [Midfielder]
1967 not considered
1968 not considered
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Defender]
1970 considered [07/70] [Midfielder]
1970 considered [12/70] [Central Defender]
1971 considered [07/71] [Libero]



Matthias GINTER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 5 times

2012 considered [12/12] [Central Defender]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#10 Central Defender]
2013 considered [12/13] [Central Defender]
2014 considered [07/14] [Central Defender]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#2 Defensive Lateral]
2016 considered [07/16] [Defensive Lateral]
2016 considered [12/16] [Central Defender]



Anders GISKE

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 3 times

A sober-minded Norwegian man-marker who was good at heading and in one-on-one duels. In 1985 he became captain of the Norway national team as well as Nürnberg in the Bundesliga. In Köln he was a decent replacement of Jürgen Kohler when he joined Bayern in 1989.

1983 played abroad [07/83]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 considered [07/84] [Foreign Player]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#7 Foreign player]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#7 Foreign player]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#8 Foreign player]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#9 Foreign player]
1988 considered [12/88] [Defender]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#9 Defender]
1989 considered [12/89] [Defender]
1990 not considered [07/90]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#4 Marker]
1991 not considered
1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#2 Marker]
1992 played abroad [12/92]



Bjarne GOLDBAEK

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 3 times

A small, bustling, fast offensive midfielder who could excel on the wing however not a great goal threat.

1987 played abroad [07/87]
1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#6 Foreign player]
1988 not considered
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 considered [12/89] [Offensive Midfielder]

1990 not considered [07/90]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1991 considered [07/91] [Offensive Midfielder]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 not considered [07/92]
1992 considered [12/92] [Wide Midfielder]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 played abroad [12/96]



Richard GOLZ

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 10 times
Considered: 9 times

A very tall goalkeeper whose drawback were comparably slow reflexes on the goalline and hence he never really was sure of his starting place in Hamburg despite his 273 Bundesliga games. He joined little SC Freiburg in 1999 where he benefitted from the calm atmosphere compared to Hamburg. A player who was liked by the fans due to his sympathetic nature and high intelligence.

1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 not considered
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1990 considered [07/90] [Goalkeeper]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1991 considered [07/91] [Goalkeeper]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#9 Goalkeeper]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#9 Goalkeeper]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#9 Goalkeeper]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1993 considered [12/93] [Goalkeeper]
1994 considered [07/94] [Goalkeeper]
1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1996 considered [07/96] [Goalkeeper]
1996 considered [12/96] [Goalkeeper]
1997 not considered
1998 not considered [07/98]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1999 considered [07/99] [Goalkeeper]
1999 considered [12/99] [Goalkeeper]
2000 considered [07/00] [Goalkeeper]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered
2005 not considered
2006 not considered
2007 not considered
2008 not considered [07/08]



Mario GOMEZ

World class: 2 times
International class: 5 times

Broad circle: 7 times

2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered
2005 not considered
2006 not considered [07/06]
2006 broad circle [12/06] [#4 Forward]
2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#5 Forward]
2007 broad circle [12/07] [#5 Forward]
2008 broad circle [07/08] [#2 Forward]
2008 broad circle [12/08] [#13 Forward]
2009 Internat. Cl. [07/09] [#3 Forward]
2009 broad circle [12/09] [#7 Forward]
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 Internat. Cl. [12/10] [#1 Forward]
2011 World Class [07/11] [#1 Forward]
2011 World Class [12/11] [#1 Forward]
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#2 Forward]
2012 not considered [12/12]
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 broad circle [07/15] [#7 German abroad]
2015 broad circle [12/15] [#11 German abroad]
2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#6 German abroad]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Werner GÖRTS

Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 20 times

A small, agile, bustling winger with a bag of tricks, good goalscorer as well who often knocked on the door of the national team but unfortunately never made the final step. His competition (Reinhard Libuda, Jürgen Grabowski, Hannes Löhr, Sigfried Held....) proved to be a tad too strong.

1962 broad circle [1962] [#3 Outside Left]
1963 considered [07/63] [Outside Left]
1963 broad circle [12/63] [#4 Outside Left]
1964 considered [07/64] [Outside Left]
1964 considered [12/64] [Outside Left]
1965 considered [07/65] [#8 Outside Left]
1965 considered [12/65] [Outside Left]
1966 considered [07/66] [Outside Left]
1966 considered [12/66] [Outside Left]
1967 considered [07/67] [Outside Left]
1967 considered [12/67] [Central Forward]
1967 broad circle [12/67] [#7 Outside Right]
1968 broad circle [07/68] [#4 Outside Right]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#4 Outside Right]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#5 Outside Right]
1969 considered [12/69] [Outside Right]
1970 considered [07/70] [Outside Right]
1970 considered [12/70] [Outside Left]
1971 considered [07/71] [Outside Right]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 considered [07/72] [OutsideRight]
1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 considered [07/73] [Outside Left]
1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 considered [07/74] [Outside Left]
1974 considered [12/74] [Outside Right]
1975 considered [07/75] [Outside Left]
1975 considered [12/75] [Outside Left]
1976 broad circle [07/76] [#3 Outside Left]
1976 considered [12/76] [Outside Left]
1977 considered [07/77] [Outside Left]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered [07/78]



Armin GÖRTZ

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 3 times

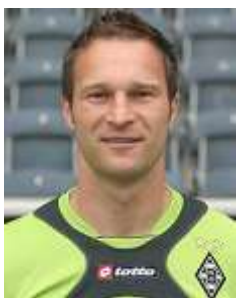
- 1982 not considered [12/82]
- 1983 not considered
- 1984 played abroad
- 1985 played abroad
- 1986 played abroad
- 1987 not considered [07/87]
- 1987 **broad circle** [12/87] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
- 1988 **Internat. Cl.** [07/88] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
- 1988 **considered** [12/88] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 1989 **considered** [07/89] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 1989 **considered** [12/89] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 1990 not considered
- 1991 not considered
- 1992 not considered
- 1993 not considered



Mario GÖTZE

World class: 1 time
International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 2 times

- 2009 not considered [12/09]
- 2010 not considered [07/10]
- 2010 **Internat. Cl.** [12/10] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
- 2011 **Internat. Cl.** [07/11] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
- 2011 **Internat. Cl.** [12/11] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
- 2012 not considered [07/12]
- 2012 **World Class** [12/12] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2013 **Internat. Cl.** [07/13] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2013 **broad circle** [12/03] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2014 **Internat. Cl.** [07/14] [#5 Offensive Lateral]
- 2014 **Internat. Cl.** [12/14] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
- 2015 **broad circle** [07/15] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2015 not considered [12/15]
- 2016 **considered** [07/16] [Offensive Midfielder]
- 2016 **considered** [12/16] [Offensive Midfielder]



Uwe GOSPODAREK

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 2 times

1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 considered [12/95] [Goalkeeper]
1996 considered [07/96] [Goalkeeper]
1996 **broad circle** [12/96] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1997 **Internat. Cl.** [07/97] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 not considered
1999 not considered
2000 not considered
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered
2005 not considered
2006 not considered
2007 not considered
2008 not considered [07/08]



Jürgen GRABOWSKI

World class: 1 time
International class: 19 times
Broad circle: 12 times

One of the best football players Germany ever produced, definitely the best who ever played for Eintracht Frankfurt in the long history of that club. An outside right by trade who became a withdrawn “false 9” playmaker in the Di Stéfano vein in the second half of his career. A superb technician with delicate ball control, lightfooted dribbler, two-footed, fast, very down-home type of player. With his specialty as a winger, first sidestepping and then delivering well-timed crosses, he assisted a number of important goals for the German national team. His most noteworthy performances came in the 1970 World Cup when he was considered to be the best substitute of the tournament. While he was a defining player in the Bundesliga, he strangely did not have that many great games for the national team. Considering his great talent he is not that renown in international football.

1960 not considered
1961 not considered
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 not considered
1964 not considered
1965 not considered [07/65]
1965 **broad circle** [12/65] [#4 Outside Right]
1966 **broad circle** [07/66] [#3 Outside Right]
1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#2 Outside Right]
1967 **broad circle** [07/67] [#1 Outside Right]
1967 **broad circle** [12/67] [#4 Outside Right]
1968 not considered [07/68]
1968 **broad circle** [12/68] [#5 Outside Right]
1969 **broad circle** [07/69] [#4 Outside Right]
1969 **broad circle** [12/69] [#2 Outside Right]
1969 **broad circle** [12/69] [#3 Outside Left]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [07/70] [#1 Outside Right]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [07/70] [#2 Outside Left]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [12/70] [#8 Midfielder]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [12/70] [#1 Outside Right]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [12/70] [#3 Outside Left]
1971 **Internat. Cl.** [07/71] [#1 Outside Right]
1971 **Internat. Cl.** [07/71] [#3 Midfielder]
1971 **Internat. Cl.** [12/71] [#1 Outside Right]
1972 **Internat. Cl.** [07/72] [#1 Outside Right]
1972 **Internat. Cl.** [12/72] [#1 Outside Right]
1973 **broad circle** [07/73] [#1 Outside Right]
1973 **Internat. Cl.** [12/73] [#1 Outside Right]

1974 Internat. Cl. [07/74] [#1 Outside Right]
1974 Internat. Cl. [12/74] [#1 Midfielder]
1975 Internat. Cl. [07/75] [#1 Central Forward]
1975 Internat. Cl. [12/75] [#2 Midfielder]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#2 Midfielder]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#6 Midfielder]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#1 Midfielder]
1977 World Class [12/77] [#1 Midfielder]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#3 Midfielder]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#8 Midfielder]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 Internat. Cl. [12/79] [#2 Midfielder]
1980 not considered [07/80]



GRAFITE Edinaldo Batista Libânio

World class: 1 time
 International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 2 times
 Considered: 1 time

2007 played abroad [07/07]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 broad circle [07/08] [#6 Forward]
2008 Internat. Cl. [12/08] [#3 Forward]
2009 World Class [07/09] [#2 Forward]
2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 considered [07/10] [Forward]
2010 broad circle [12/10] [#12 Forward]
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 played abroad [12/11]



Roland GRAHAMMER

Broad circle: 3 times
 Considered: 10 times

For a man-marker, Roland Grahammer was quite talented on the ball and possessed an above average technique. Good positioning and reading of the game which meant that he didn't have to tackle all that much. It was predicted early in his career that he would once play as a decent libero but when he joined Bayern after the 1988 Olympics he stalled in his progression. Klaus Augenthaler was the libero so Grahammer had to continue as a man-marker, which he did sufficiently but he never reached the next level. A grave injury in August 1992 ended his career premature.

1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 considered [12/83] [Full Back]
1984 not considered
1985 considered [07/85] [Stopper]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defender]
1986 considered [07/86] [Defender]
1986 considered [12/86] [Defender]
1987 considered [07/87] [Defender]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#3 Defender]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#10 Defender]
1988 considered [12/88] [Defender]
1989 considered [07/89] [Defender]
1989 considered [12/89] [Defender]
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#8 Defender]
1990 not considered [12/90]

1991 considered [07/91] [Marker]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered
1992 not considered [12/92]



Holger GREILICH

International class: 1 time
Considered: 4 times

A physical man-marker with good pace, strong at heading and good distribution. As a junior he was a midfielder and thus felt at home when in possession. After the international retirement of Jürgen Kohler after the 1998 World Cup, Greilich was discussed as a replacement of Kohler in the national team but a cartilage damage meant the premature end of his career as a professional.

1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered
1993 not considered [07/93]
1993 considered [12/93] [Marker]
1994 considered [07/94] [Marker]
1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 considered [07/95] [Marker]
1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 not considered
1997 not considered
1998 considered [07/98] [Marker]
1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#3 Marker]
1999 not considered
2000 not considered
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]



Gilbert GRESS

International class: 1 time

An outside right with the qualities of a playmaker, Frenchman Gilbert Gress was the undisputed star player of VfB Stuttgart in the late-1960s. Apparently Gress had a hard time getting into the French national side because his long hair was not tolerated.

1966 played abroad [07/66]
1966 not assessed [12/66]
1967 not assessed
1968 not assessed
1969 not assessed
1970 not assessed [07/70]
1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#3 Foreign player]



Wolfgang GROBE

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 7 times

A tall, withy defensive midfielder and stopper with a knack for goal scoring. Mostly a midfielder during his time in Braunschweig, when he joined Bayern in 1982, Grobe was mainly used as a stopper, taking up the role Klaus Augenthaler had vacated since he became Bayern's libero that year. A player with good ball control and distribution skills from the back, Grobe's years at Bayern were troubled by recurring injury problems which finally led to his retirement at the age of 28 in 1985.

1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered
1978 considered [07/78] [Midfielder]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 considered [07/79] [Stopper]
1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#18 Midfielder]
1980 not considered [07/80]
1980 considered [12/80] [Libero]
1981 considered [07/81] [Libero]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#11 Midfielder]
1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#14 Midfielder]
1982 considered [12/82] [Stopper]
1983 considered [07/83] [Stopper]
1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#5 Stopper]
1984 considered [07/84] [Defensive Midfielder]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered [07/85]



Jürgen GROH

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 9 times

A lightfooted defensive midfielder and full back who mainly lived on his stamina, but still had a solid technique for a player of his position and good passing skills. Joined Hamburg in 1981 and immediately became vital in Ernst Happel's tactical plans. Groh was used as a retainer in front of the defense during his time in Hamburg but also as a marker. When playing in midfield, Groh was an important assistant to playmaker Felix Magath.

1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 considered [12/77] [Full Back]
1978 considered [07/78] [Midfielder]
1978 considered [12/78] [Full Back]
1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#10 Midfielder]
1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#4 Full Back]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#6 Full Back]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#4 Full Back]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]
1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#11 Midfielder]
1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [07/83] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1984 considered [12/84] [Defensive Midfielder]
1985 not considered
1986 not considered [07/86]
1986 considered [12/86] [Defensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [07/87] [Libero]
1987 considered [12/87] [Defensive Midfielder]
1988 considered [07/88] [Defensive Midfielder]
1988 not considered [12/88]
1989 not considered [07/89]



Volkmar GROSS

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 2 times

A very tall and present, quite charismatic goalkeeper who excelled at mastering high balls and during his time playing for Hertha BSC (1967-72) was rated as one of the very best keepers in the Bundesliga. Due to his involvement in the 1971 Bundesliga scandal, his international career was over after only one international game. During his suspension he played in South Africa, which was not part of FIFA, and then for Twente Enschede in the Eredivisie. Gross had a comeback in the Bundesliga in 1977 doing very well for lowly Tennis Borussia Berlin, then he joined Schalke 04 in 1977 where he was in constant rotation with Yugoslavian international keeper Enver Maric and then spent six years in the NASL before retiring in 1983.

1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 considered [07/68] [Goalkeeper]
1968 not considered [12/68]
1969 considered [07/69] [Goalkeeper]
1969 **broad circle** [12/69] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [07/70] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [12/70] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1971 **broad circle** [07/71] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1971 **broad circle** [12/71] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 played abroad [12/72]
1973 played abroad
1974 played abroad
1975 played abroad
1976 played abroad [07/76]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [07/77] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1978 not considered
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 played abroad [12/79]



Peter GROSSER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 10 times

Playmaker of Bayern München who caused a bit of an uproar when he joined local rivals TSV 1860 in 1963, where he immediately became the dominating presence in midfield and together with Petar Radenkovic and Rudolf Brunnenmeier formed the backbone of the successful TSV 1860 team of the mid-1960s.

1957 considered [12/57] [Inside Forward]
1958 considered [1958] [Outside Right]
1958 considered [1958] [Inside Forward]
1959 considered [07/59] [Inside Forward]
1959 not considered [12/59]
1960 not considered
1961 not considered
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Outside Right]
1963 considered [07/63] [Inside Forward]

1963 considered [12/63] [Inside Forward]
1964 considered [07/64] [Inside Forward]
1964 considered [12/64] [Inside Forward]
1965 **broad circle** [07/65] [#10 Inside Forward]
1965 **Internat. Cl.** [12/65] [#4 Inside Forward]
1966 **broad circle** [07/66] [#4 Midfielder]
1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#4 Midfielder]
1967 considered [07/67] [Midfielder]
1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 not considered
1969 not considered
1970 not considered [07/70]
1970 played abroad [12/70]
1971 played abroad [07/71]



Kevin GROSSKREUTZ

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 4 times

2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 not considered
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 **broad circle** [07/10] [#9 Offensive Lateral]
2010 **broad circle** [12/10] [#8 Offensive Lateral]
2011 **broad circle** [07/11] [#6 Offensive Lateral]
2011 not considered [12/11]
2012 considered [07/12] [Offensive Lateral]
2012 considered [12/12] [Offensive Lateral]
2013 considered [07/13] [Offensive Lateral]
2013 **Internat. Cl.** [12/13] [#2 Defensive Lateral]
2014 considered [07/14] [Offensive Lateral]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 not considered
2016 not considered



Heinz GRÜNDEL

Broad circle: 4 times

A fleet-footed, nimble right winger with a very fine technique, Heinz Gründel was a full-blooded dribbler who spent the first half of his career successfully in the Belgian league playing for THOR Waterschei and Standard Liège before joining Hamburg in 1985 where he immediately became a star player and also became an international. In the second part of his career he played more centrally in midfield and was part of the very fluent and technical Eintracht Frankfurt team of the early-1990s which also featured Uwe Bein, Andreas Möller, Ralf Falkenmayer and Anthony Yeboah.

1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 played abroad [12/78]
1979 played abroad
1980 played abroad
1981 played abroad
1982 played abroad
1983 played abroad

1984 played abroad
1985 played abroad [07/85]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#7 Forward]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#12 Forward]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered
1988 not considered
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#12 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 not considered
1992 not considered
1993 not considered [07/93]



Ilkay GÜNDOĞAN

World class: 1 time
International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 1 time

2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 considered [12/10] [Offensive Midfielder]
2011 not considered
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2012 broad circle [12/12] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
2013 World Class [07/13] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2013 not considered [12/13]
2014 not considered
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#3 German abroad]



Luiz GUSTAVO Dias

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 5 times

2008 broad circle [12/08] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 considered [12/09] [Defensive Midfielder]
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 broad circle [12/10] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
2011 considered [07/11] [Central Defender]
2011 broad circle [12/11] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
2012 considered [07/12] [Defensive Midfielder]
2012 not considered [12/12]
2013 not considered [07/13]
2013 considered [12/13] [Defensive Midfielder]
2014 broad circle [07/14] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
2014 not considered [12/14]

2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2015 broad circle [12/15] [#10 Defensive Midfielder]
2016 considered [07/16] [Defensive Midfielder]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Helmut HALLER

World class: 1 time
International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 5 times

The temperamental and also a bit plaintive inside right already impressed at young age with his subtle ball control. Haller quickly gained a reputation as a cunning provider and an able finisher and became a celebrated star player in Serie A playing for Bologna and later Juventus before returning to his native Augsburg in 1973 where he continued to play until 1979, aged 39.

1957 considered [12/57] [Inside Forward]
1958 Internat. Cl. [1958] [#3 Inside Forward]
1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#3 Inside Forward]
1959 considered [12/59] [Inside Forward]
1960 Internat. Cl. [1960] [#2 Inside Forward]
1961 Internat. Cl. [07/61] [#2 Inside Forward]
1961 Internat. Cl. [12/61] [#2 Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 played abroad [12/62]
1963 played abroad
1964 played abroad
1965 played abroad
1966 World Class [07/66] [#3 Midfielder]
1966 played abroad [12/66]
1967 played abroad
1968 played abroad
1969 played abroad
1970 broad circle [07/70] [#6 Midfielder]
1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#5 Midfielder]
1971 played abroad
1972 played abroad
1973 played abroad [07/73]
1973 considered [12/73] [Midfielder]
1974 considered [07/74] [Midfielder]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered
1976 considered [07/76] [Midfielder]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered
1978 not considered
1979 not considered [07/79]



Dietmar HAMANN

International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 2 times

1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 not considered [07/97]
1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#2 German abroad]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#6 German abroad]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#6 German abroad]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#5 German abroad]
2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#1 German abroad]
2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#2 German abroad]
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#2 German abroad]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 considered [07/04] [Defensive Midfielder]
2004 considered [12/04] [Defensive Midfielder]
2005 not considered
2006 not considered
2007 not considered [07/07]
2007 broad circle [12/07] [#1 German abroad]
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered [07/11]



Karl-Heinz HANDSCHUH

Broad circle: 5 times
 Considered: 16 times

A classic playmaker that channelled all of his team's offensive actions, had good ball control and passing skills and was a dangerous goalscorer. His bad luck was that the national team didn't need him as they had Overath and Netzer.

1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 not considered [07/67]
1967 considered [12/67] [Central Forward]
1968 considered [07/68] [Central Forward]
1968 considered [12/68] [Central Forward]
1969 considered [07/69] [Outside Right]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 considered [07/70] [Central Forward]
1970 considered [12/70] [Central Forward]
1971 considered [07/71] [Central Forward]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 broad circle [12/72] [#11 Midfielder]
1973 considered [07/73] [Midfielder]
1973 considered [12/73] [Midfielder]
1974 considered [07/74] [Midfielder]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#6 Midfielder]
1975 considered [07/75] [Midfielder]
1975 broad circle [12/75] [#7 Midfielder]
1976 broad circle [07/76] [#11 Midfielder]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#12 Midfielder]
1977 considered [07/77] [Midfielder]
1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]
1978 considered [07/78] [Midfielder]
1978 considered [12/78] [Midfielder]
1979 considered [07/79] [Midfielder]

1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 not considered [07/80]



Wilfried HANNES

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 6 times

The one-eyed Libero Wilfried Hannes started out as a center forward aged 18 in 1975 playing for Borussia Mönchengladbach, however his skillset wasn't sufficient for that position thus he was retreated to a defensive position soon, first as a stopper, then as a libero. As a player he was extremely good at heading and thus quite a goal threat at set-pieces, once even managing 16 goals in a single season. His ball control was above average but not as good as that of other liberos at that time.

1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 not considered
1977 not considered
1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#3 Stopper]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#7 Libero]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#1 Libero]
1980 **Internat. Cl.** [12/80] [#2 Libero]
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [07/81] [#1 Libero]
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [12/81] [#1 Libero]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [07/82] [#2 Libero]
1982 **considered** [12/82] [Libero]
1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#6 Libero]
1983 **considered** [12/83] [Stopper]
1984 **considered** [07/84] [Stopper]
1984 **broad circle** [12/84] [#2 Stopper]
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 **broad circle** [12/85] [#3 Defender]
1986 **considered** [07/86] [Defender]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 **considered** [07/87] [Libero]
1987 **considered** [12/87] [Libero]
1988 not considered [07/88]



Johnny HANSEN

Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 2 times

A Danish right back with a rock solid defensive mentality, not an offensive full back. When in possession, he moved forward to get involved in the build up but he wasn't seen often bombing down the wing to deliver crosses like Paul Breitner did on the left side.

1968 played abroad [07/68]
1968 not assessed [12/68]
1969 not assessed
1970 not assessed [07/70]
1970 **broad circle** [12/70] [#5 Foreign player]
1971 **broad circle** [07/71] [#6 Foreign player]
1971 **broad circle** [12/71] [#4 Foreign player]

1972 broad circle [07/72] [#4 Foreign player]
1972 broad circle [12/72] [#3 Foreign player]
1973 broad circle [07/73] [#2 Foreign player]
1973 considered [12/73] [Foreign Player]
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#3 Foreign player]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered
1976 considered [07/76] [Foreign Player]
1976 played abroad [12/76]



Michael HARFORTH

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 6 times

Initially a right winger who later became a central midfield player. His assets were his long diagonal passes and his precise shot. Michael Harforth was a regular at Karlsruhe for more than 13 consecutive seasons. He was also notable for his mane which made him resemble Günter Netzer in appearance.

1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered
1979 not considered
1980 not considered
1981 not considered
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 not considered
1985 considered [07/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
1985 considered [12/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
1986 not considered [07/86]
1986 considered [12/86] [Offensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [07/87] [Offensive Midfielder]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 broad circle [12/88] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 considered [12/89] [Offensive Midfielder]
1990 considered [07/90] [Offensive Midfielder]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 not considered
1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 not considered
1998 not considered [07/98]



Martin HARNIK

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 3 times

2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 broad circle [07/10] [#5 Offensive Lateral]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 broad circle [12/11] [#7 Offensive Lateral]
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2012 considered [12/12] [Offensive Lateral]
2013 not considered
2014 not considered [07/14]
2014 considered [12/14] [Offensive Lateral]
2015 considered [07/15] [Offensive Lateral]
2015 not considered [12/15]
2016 not considered



Gerhard HARPERS

International class: 2 times
 Broad circle: 1 time
 Considered: 3 times

A left half who only just missed making the 1954 World Cup squad. The fun-loving player didn't care a lot for virtues like discipline and it is said that he annoyed Sepp Herberger with his cheekiness and unconventional actions that Herberger gladly eschewed Harpers' services. Herberger already had a player like Harpers in Helmut Rahn and apparently was not keen on having to deal with a second character like that.

1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#3 Half Back]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#4 Half Back]
1956 considered [12/56][Half Back]
1957 not considered [07/57]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#10 Half Back]
1958 not considered [1958]
1959 not considered [07/59]



William HARTWIG

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 7 times
 Considered: 7 times

Son of an American soldier and a German woman, he started out as an offensive right back with a great urge towards the goal., then settled as a defensive midfielder by the late-1970s. William 'Jimmy' Hartwig was a great fighter who loved the physical aspects of the game more than the finesse. That being said, he had a good control of the ball, and his aerial ability made him always a threat in front of the opposing goal. After his retirement he survived cancer in the mid-1990s and then became an accomplished part-time stage actor. He was always an outspoken player and made headlines ahead of the 1982 World Cup when he stated that he "was probably not blond enough to play in the national team" after Jupp Derwall did not include him in 1982 World Cup squad.

1973 considered [12/73] [Full Back]

1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 considered [07/76] [Full Back]
1976 considered [12/76] [Full Back]
1977 considered [07/77] [Full Back]
1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]
1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#18 Midfielder]
1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#11 Midfielder]
1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#14 Midfielder]
1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#19 Midfielder]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#21 Midfielder]
1980 considered [12/80] [Midfielder]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]
1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#8 Midfielder]
1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [07/83] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [12/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1984 not considered
1985 not considered
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered [07/88]



Thomas HÄSSLER

World class: 4 times
 International class: 13 times
 Broad circle: 8 times
 Considered: 3 times

Thomas 'Icke' Hässler was one of the most prominent and beloved midfielders of German football in the 1990s. A diminutive, stocky player with a low center of gravity who possessed a brilliant technique and was very adept at quick turns in close space with the ball tied to his right foot. A great short passer and very fine tempo dribbler. Another specialty was bending the ball viciously at freekicks. A successful blend of a tireless midfield worker, a playmaker and a tricky winger. A rare breed in that he was an individualist who was committed to teamplay.

1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered
1986 not considered
1987 not considered [07/87]
1987 **broad circle** [12/87] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 **Internat. Cl.** [07/88] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 **World Class** [12/88] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 **Internat. Cl.** [07/89] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 **Internat. Cl.** [12/89] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 **Internat. Cl.** [07/90] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 **World Class** [12/90] [#1 German abroad]
1991 **Internat. Cl.** [07/91] [#4 German abroad]
1991 **broad circle** [12/91] [#9 German abroad]
1992 **World Class** [07/92] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 **Internat. Cl.** [12/92] [#2 German abroad]
1993 **Internat. Cl.** [07/93] [#4 German abroad]
1993 **Internat. Cl.** [12/93] [#3 German abroad]
1994 **Internat. Cl.** [07/94] [#2 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 **Internat. Cl.** [12/94] [#7 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 **Internat. Cl.** [07/95] [#3 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 **Internat. Cl.** [12/95] [#3 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#4 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 **World Class** [12/96] [#1 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 not considered [07/97]
1997 **Internat. Cl.** [12/97] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 **broad circle** [07/98] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 **broad circle** [12/99] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
2000 **broad circle** [07/00] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]

2000 considered [12/00] [Offensive Midfielder]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
2002 considered [07/02][Offensive Midfielder]
2002 considered [12/02][Offensive Midfielder]
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/14]



Roland HATTENBERGER

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 6 times

A Tyrolian defensive midfielder and central defender with a tough never say die mentality. Excelled in one-on-one situations, a tireless midfield workhorse. He participated in two World Cups with Austria, but didn't play a single minute in the 1978 World Cup due to an injury.

1974 played abroad [07/74]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Foreign Player]
1976 considered [07/76] [Foreign Player]
1976 considered [12/76] [Foreign Player]
1977 considered [07/77] [Foreign Player]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#9 Foreign player]
1978 not considered
1979 considered [07/79] [Foreign Player]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#10 Foreign player]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#11 Foreign player]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#6 Foreign player]
1981 considered [07/81] [Foreign Player]
1981 played abroad [12/81]



Jonas HECTOR

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 2 times

2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered
2012 not considered
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 considered [07/15] [Defensive Lateral]
2015 considered [12/15] [Defensive Lateral]
2016 broad circle [07/16] [#3 Defensive Lateral]
2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#3 Defensive Lateral]



Hartmut HEIDEMANN

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 8 times

A combative right back for MSV Duisburg who started out as an outside left in the late-1950s. In the mid- to late-1960s he was counted among the Bundesliga's best full backs, often engaged in offensive actions. Due to the emergence of the young Berti Vogts, Heidemann only collected a couple of caps. By the early 1970s, Heidemann had moved from right back to sweeper. He had to retire in 1973 after two meniscus surgeries.

1959 not considered [12/59]
1960 not considered
1961 not considered
1962 not considered
1963 not considered
1964 not considered
1965 considered [07/65] [#14 Full Back]
1965 considered [12/65] [Full Back]
1966 considered [07/66] [Full Back]
1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#3 Full Back]
1967 **broad circle** [07/67] [#4 Full Back]
1967 **broad circle** [12/67] [#4 Full Back]
1968 **broad circle** [07/68] [#3 Full Back]
1968 considered [12/68] [Full Back]
1969 considered [07/69] [Full Back]
1969 considered [12/69] [Full Back]
1970 **broad circle** [07/70] [#5 Full Back]
1970 considered [12/70] [Full Back]
1971 considered [07/71] [Libero]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 considered [07/72] [Libero]



Jörg HEINRICH

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 9 times

Considered: 2 times

1988 not assessed [East G.]
1989 not assessed [East G.]
1990 not assessed [East G.] [07/90]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 not considered
1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 considered [12/94] [Wide Midfielder]
1995 **broad circle** [07/95] [#4 Wide Midfielder]
1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 **broad circle** [12/96] [#1 Wide Midfielder]
1997 **Internat. Cl.** [07/97] [#1 Wide Midfielder]
1997 **broad circle** [12/97] [#1 Lateral]
1998 **broad circle** [07/98] [#7 Lateral]
1998 **broad circle** [12/98] [#7 German abroad]
1999 **broad circle** [07/99] [#7 German abroad]
1999 **broad circle** [12/99] [#5 German abroad]
2000 **broad circle** [07/00] [#4 German abroad]
2000 **broad circle** [12/00] [#5 Libero]
2001 considered [07/01] [Defensive Midfielder]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 not considered

2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]



Gerhard HEINZE

Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 14 times

One of the smallest goalkeepers of the Bundesliga, Heinze was a classic example of a goalkeeper who excelled with his reflexes on the goalline but struggled a little bit when he had to leave his goal. In spite of very good performances as a goalkeeper he was never fully undisputed due to his lack of height. Despite these shortcomings, he was a regular starter in goal over the course of 15 consecutive professional seasons.

1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 not considered [07/68]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1969 considered [07/69] [Goalkeeper]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 not considered
1971 considered [07/71] [Goalkeeper]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 considered [12/72] [Goalkeeper]
1973 considered [07/73] [Goalkeeper]
1973 broad circle [12/73] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1974 considered [07/74] [Goalkeeper]
1974 considered [12/74] [Goalkeeper]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Goalkeeper]
1976 considered [07/76] [Goalkeeper]
1976 considered [12/76] [Goalkeeper]
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 considered [12/77] [Goalkeeper]
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 considered [07/80] [Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [12/80] [Goalkeeper]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 considered [07/82] [Goalkeeper]
1982 considered [12/82] [Goalkeeper]
1983 not considered [07/83]



Alfred HEISS

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 15 times
Considered: 2 times

A temperamental outside forward for TSV 1860 München with great stamina who felt at home on both flanks.

1959 not considered [12/59]
1960 considered [1960] [Outside Right]
1961 not considered
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#4 Outside Right]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#2 Outside Left]
1963 broad circle [07/63] [#2 Outside Right]
1963 broad circle [07/63] [#1 Outside Left]
1963 broad circle [12/63] [#4 Outside Right]
1963 broad circle [12/63] [#2 Outside Left]
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#3 Outside Right]
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#2 Outside Left]
1964 broad circle [12/64] [#3 Outside Right]
1964 broad circle [12/64] [#3 Outside Left]
1965 broad circle [07/65] [#2 Outside Right]
1965 broad circle [07/65] [#4 Outside Left]
1965 Internat. Cl. [12/65] [#2 Outside Right]
1965 broad circle [12/65] [#2 Outside Left]
1966 broad circle [07/66] [#4 Outside Right]
1966 broad circle [12/66] [#3 Outside Right]
1967 not considered [07/67]
1967 considered [12/67] [Outside Right]
1968 not considered
1969 not considered
1970 not considered
1971 not considered
1972 not considered [07/72]



Sigfried HELD

International class: 12 times
 Broad circle: 13 times
 Considered: 11 times

A fantastic outside and central forward, one of the few players who could use both feet equally well. A very fast player who preferred providing goal chances to scoring himself. Held was still active at the ripe age of 38 years when a played as a sweeper for Bayer 05 Uerdingen in the last few years of his careers.

1963 not considered [12/63]
1964 considered [07/64] [Center Forward]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 considered [07/65] [#7 Center Forward]
1965 broad circle [12/65] [#3 Center Forward]
1966 Internat. Cl. [07/66] [#2 Central Forward]
1966 Internat. Cl. [12/66] [#1 Outside Left]
1966 Internat. Cl. [12/66] [#2 Central Forward]
1967 broad circle [07/67] [#6 Central Forward]
1967 broad circle [12/67] [#6 Central Forward]
1968 Internat. Cl. [07/68] [#1 Central Forward]
1968 Internat. Cl. [12/68] [#2 Central Forward]
1969 Internat. Cl. [07/69] [#3 Central Forward]
1969 broad circle [12/69] [#2 Outside Left]
1969 Internat. Cl. [12/69] [#3 Central Forward]
1970 Internat. Cl. [07/70] [#3 Outside Left]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#5 Outside Left]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#9 Central Forward]
1971 Internat. Cl. [07/71] [#2 Outside Left]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#5 Central Forward]
1971 considered [12/71] [Outside Left]
1972 Internat. Cl. [07/72] [#2 Outside Left]
1972 Internat. Cl. [12/72] [#2 Outside Left]
1973 broad circle [07/73] [#3 Outside Left]
1973 broad circle [12/73] [#3 Outside Left]
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#6 Outside Left]
1974 Internat. Cl. [12/74] [#1 Outside Left]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#3 Outside Left]
1975 considered [12/75] [Outside Left]
1976 broad circle [07/76] [#6 Outside Left]

1976 considered [12/76] [Outside Left]
1977 considered [07/77] [Outside Left]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 considered [12/78] [Midfielder]
1979 considered [07/79] [Liberi]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#14 Midfielder]
1980 considered [07/80] [Midfielder]
1980 considered [12/80] [Midfielder]
1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]



Ronnie HELLSTRÖM

World class: 1 time
 International class: 11 times
 Broad circle: 3 times
 Considered: 1 time

Legendary goalkeeper who played ten seasons for Kaiserslautern and is rated among the all-time greatest Swedish players. Excellent on the goalline but like many keepers of the 1970s not faultless when he had to leave his goal. A very tall player, Hellström privately enjoyed listening to the music of Tchaikovsky.

1974 played abroad [07/74]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#5 Foreign player]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#5 Foreign player]
1975 Internat. Cl. [12/75] [#5 Foreign player]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#6 Foreign player]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#3 Foreign player]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#3 Foreign player]
1977 Internat. Cl. [12/77] [#3 Foreign player]
1978 World Class [07/78] [#1 Foreign player]
1978 Internat. Cl. [12/78] [#2 Foreign player]
1979 Internat. Cl. [07/79] [#3 Foreign player]
1979 Internat. Cl. [12/79] [#4 Foreign player]
1980 Internat. Cl. [07/80] [#6 Foreign player]
1980 Internat. Cl. [12/80] [#2 Foreign player]
1981 Internat. Cl. [07/81] [#2 Foreign player]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 considered [07/82] [Foreign Player]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered
1984 broad circle [07/84] [#6 Foreign player]



Thomas HELMER

International class: 8 times
 Broad circle: 9 times
 Considered: 7 times

Originally a left-footed man-marker and also a left back when he started out in the mid-1980s, the intelligent Helmer became noted as a libero with a very good touch around 1990 playing for Dortmund. At that time, he made his first international steps when Germany was looking for a successor to Klaus Augenthaler at the libero position after the 1990 World Cup. When he joined Bayern in 1992 he reversed back to playing as man-marker for the rest of his career, since at Bayern, Olaf Thon, Lothar Matthäus and Thomas Strunz were all preferred playing as Libero. In all these roles Helmer played very convincingly, always interpreting them in an offensive way. Good distribution and dangerous at set pieces due to his height.

1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered
1986 considered [07/86] [Defensive Midfielder]
1986 not considered [12/86]

1987 considered [07/87] [Defensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [12/87] [Defender]
1988 considered [07/88] [Defensive Midfielder]
1988 considered [12/88] [Defender]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#6 Defender]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#5 Defender]
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#5 Libero]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#1 Libero]
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#2 Libero]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#7 Libero]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#2 Libero]
1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#2 Marker]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#4 Marker]
1993 considered [12/93] [Marker]
1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#5 Marker]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#6 Marker]
1995 Internat. Cl. [07/95] [#2 Libero]
1995 Internat. Cl. [12/95] [#1 Marker]
1996 Internat. Cl. [07/96] [#1 Marker]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#2 Marker]
1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#1 Marker]
1998 considered [07/98] [Marker]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 broad circle [07/99] [#11 Defender]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 not considered
2001 not considered [07/01]



Patrick HELMES

International class: 2 times
 Broad circle: 1 time

2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered
2005 not considered
2006 not considered
2007 not considered
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 Internat. Cl. [12/08] [#2 Forward]
2009 broad circle [07/09] [#11 Forward]
2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#6 Forward]
2012 not considered [12/12]
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 not considered [07/15]



Stéphane HENCHOZ

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 1 time
 Considered: 1 time

1995 played abroad [07/95]

1995 considered [12/95] [Marker]
1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#7 Marker]
1996 **Internat. Cl.** [12/96] [#3 Marker]
1997 not considered [07/97]
1998 played abroad [12/97]



Matthias HERGET

International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 7 times

A classic libero who in possession immediately acted as a forward-moving midfielder, Herget was gifted with a superb technique and a love for adventure on the pitch. From 1983 to 1988 Herget was regarded as one of the very best Bundesliga players. Not at all a tackler, the lightfooted Herget was a libero in the vein of Beckenbauer who wanted to solve every defensive situation in a playful way. Very good at short and long passes and a good reader of the game. A downside was his habit to sometimes lose concentration which could lead to severe blunders, hence his reputation as a happy-go-lucky chap. Herget is still the only player in German professional football who managed to score a hattrick with three penalties.

1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered
1978 not considered
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 considered [12/79] [Midfielder]
1980 considered [07/80] [Midfielder]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 considered [12/81] [Libero]
1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]
1982 considered [12/82] [Libero]
1983 considered [07/83] [Libero]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [12/83] [#1 Libero]
1984 **Internat. Cl.** [07/84] [#3 Libero]
1984 **Internat. Cl.** [12/84] [#1 Libero]
1985 **Internat. Cl.** [07/85] [#1 Libero]
1985 **broad circle** [12/85] [#2 Libero]
1986 **broad circle** [07/86] [#3 Libero]
1986 **broad circle** [12/86] [#5 Libero]
1987 **broad circle** [07/87] [#5 Libero]
1987 **Internat. Cl.** [12/87] [#2 Libero]
1988 **Internat. Cl.** [07/88] [#1 Libero]
1988 considered [12/88] [Offensive Midfielder]
1989 not considered
1990 not considered [07/90]



Friedrich HERKENRATH

World class: 1 time
International class: 8 times
Considered: 2 times

A very likeable goalkeeper who stood out for his quick reflexes, his audacity inside the box and good catching. Herkenrath liked to parry the ball in a spectacular way but despite this love for showboating was a staunch and reliable keeper.

1955 **World Class** [12/55] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1956 **Internat. Cl.** [07/56] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1956 **Internat. Cl.** [12/56] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1957 **Internat. Cl.** [07/57] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1957 Internat. Cl. [12/57] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1958 Internat. Cl. [1958] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1959 Internat. Cl. [12/56] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1960 Internat. Cl. [1960] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1961 considered [07/61] [Goalkeeper]
1961 considered [12/61] [Goalkeeper]



Kai Erik HERLOVSEN

Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 2 times

A hard-running defensive midfielder whose task was primarily man-marking, the Norwegian was an uncompromising defensive player and workhorse.

1982 played abroad [07/82]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered
1984 considered [07/84] [Foreign Player]
1984 considered [12/84] [Foreign Player]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#7 Foreign player]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#8 Foreign player]
1986 not considered
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#4 Foreign player]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#13 Foreign player]
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 broad circle [12/88] [#9 Libero]
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 played abroad [12/89]



Heiko HERRLICH

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 3 times

A promising talent who needed many years to realize his potential in the Bundesliga. In his first four years as a professional the very tall Herrlich was never more than a complementary player at Leverkusen to Ulf Kirsten and Andreas Thom, scoring only six goals altogether. When he joined Mönchengladbach in 1993, he finally became a star player, even winning the top scorers' award in 1995. Herrlich was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2001 which eventually ended his career.

1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 not considered
1991 considered [07/91] [Forward]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 considered [07/94] [Forward]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#3 Forward]
1995 Internat. Cl. [07/95] [#2 Forward]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#9 Forward]
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#7 Forward]
1997 not considered [07/97]
1997 considered [12/97] [Forward]
1998 not considered
1999 not considered
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#5 Forward]

2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]



Günther HERRMANN

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 7 times

Considered a great offensive talent in his youth, Herrmann was blessed with a supreme technique, which prompted Fritz Walter to assert that Herrmann “has outstanding technical attributes”. Herrmann was a playmaker and goalscorer at the same time, however he did not manage to have a career as great as his talent had promised.

1957 considered [07/57] [Inside Forward]
1957 **broad circle** [12/57] [#11 Inside Forward]
1958 **broad circle** [1958] [#13 Inside Forward]
1959 **broad circle** [07/59] [#6 Inside Forward]
1959 **broad circle** [12/59] [#6 Inside Forward]
1960 **Internat. Cl.** [1960] [#3 Inside Forward]
1961 **Internat. Cl.** [07/61] [#3 Inside Forward]
1961 **broad circle** [12/61] [#3 Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Inside Forward]
1963 not considered [07/63]
1963 considered [12/63] [Inside Forward]
1964 not considered
1965 not considered [07/65]
1965 considered [12/65] [Inside Forward]
1966 considered [07/66] [Midfielder]
1966 considered [12/66] [Midfielder]
1967 **broad circle** [07/67] [#8 Midfielder]
1967 considered [12/67] [Midfielder]
1968 not considered
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 played abroad [12/69]
1970 played abroad
1971 played abroad
1972 played abroad
1973 played abroad
1974 played abroad [07/74]



Patrick HERRMANN

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 4 times

2010 not considered
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 **broad circle** [12/11] [#8 Offensive Lateral]
2012 considered [07/12] [Offensive Lateral]
2012 considered [12/12] [Forward]
2013 considered [07/13] [Offensive Lateral]

2013 broad circle [12/13] [#10 Offensive Lateral]
2014 considered [07/14] [Offensive Lateral]
2014 broad circle [12/14] [#10 Offensive Lateral]
2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2015 not considered [12/15]
2016 not considered



Richard HERRMANN

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 1 time

As a prisoner of war he was almost signed by Derby County in the late-1940s, yet the English FA denied him a licence. An outside left with great stamina and energy, very good touch and a hard shot and good goal scoring record, he was regarded as the fastest outside forward in German football during his time. A modest character who throughout his career used a bike to travel to training sessions. Internationally, Richard Herrmann stood always in the shadow of Köln's Hans Schäfer. His only World Cup game was in the 3-8 debacle against Hungary in 1954. He died early of a liver cirrhosis in 1962 aged 39.

1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#2 Outside Left]
1956 broad circle [07/56] [#5 Outside Left]
1956 not considered [12/56]
1957 not considered
1958 considered [1958] [Outside Left]
1959 not considered
1960 not considered



Andreas HERZOG

International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 4 times

One of Austria's all-time best players, Andreas Herzog was a classic representative of the old Viennese school of football, fast and lightfooted with a very subtle yet powerful left foot who was known for subtle chips as well as hard shots. Very adept freekick-taker. A master of the "deadly" through ball he could also be used as a left winger with good crossing ability. What this intelligent footballer, who was always playing on a consistently high level, lacked was mental toughness, probably the main reason why he failed in his one season at Bayern during the mid-1990s. Placid Bremen was a place where he blossomed and he quickly returned to Werder in 1996 where he soon recovered from the nightmarish Bayern episode.

1992 played abroad [07/92]
1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#1 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#1 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1993 considered [12/93] [Forward]
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 Internat. Cl. [12/94] [#6 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 Internat. Cl. [07/95] [#2 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#5 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 broad circle [07/97] [#4 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 broad circle [07/99] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
1999 considered [12/99] [Offensive Midfielder]
2000 considered [07/00] [Offensive Midfielder]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 considered [07/01] [Offensive Midfielder]

2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 played abroad [07/02]



Dieter HERZOG

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 16 times

A classic outside left winger who by all means also often surged towards the box to score himself. A very fine crosser, a straightforward character with a solid technique but could never get past other left wingers like Jupp Heynckes, Sigfried Held or Erwin Kremers and thus only collected five caps.

1965 not considered [12/72]
1966 not considered
1967 not considered [07/67]
1967 considered [12/67] [Outside Left]
1968 not considered
1969 considered [07/69] [Outside Left]
1969 considered [12/69] [Outside Left]
1970 considered [07/70] [Outside Left]
1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 considered [07/71] [Outside Left]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 considered [12/72] [Outside Left]
1973 **broad circle** [07/73] [#5 Outside Left]
1973 **broad circle** [12/73] [#4 Outside Left]
1974 **broad circle** [07/74] [#3 Outside Left]
1974 considered [12/74] [Outside Left]
1975 considered [07/75] [Outside Left]
1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 considered [07/76] [Outside Left]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 considered [07/77] [Outside Left]
1977 considered [12/77] [Outside Left]
1978 considered [07/78] [Outside Left]
1978 considered [12/78] [Outside Left]
1979 considered [07/79] [Outside Left]
1979 considered [12/79] [Outside Left]
1980 not considered [07/80]
1980 considered [12/80] [Outside Left]
1981 not considered
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]



Josef HEYNCKES

International class: 15 times
Broad circle: 10 times
Considered: 5 times

After Gerd Müller and Klaus Fischer the third highest-scoring goalgetter in Bundesliga history, who played most of his career as a right-footed left winger. By no means a classic left winger, Heynckes always had a desire and an urge to move infield as soon as he was in possession. He benefitted from Mönchengladbach's flexible forward line in which Henning Jensen was the center forward and Allan Simonsen the right wing only by name. But de facto the three forwards constantly interchanged positions. Heynckes, who was not very tall, could rise high in the air thanks to his extraordinary jumping power and scored many goals with headers, could shoot very well with both feet. In his last ever Bundesliga game he managed to score five goals. For Germany, Heynckes played a far more humble role. With Gerd Müller firmly occupying the center forward spot,

Heynckes found it hard to replicate his goal scoring ratio in club football, as playing for Germany he in fact had to play like a classic winger that had to service the center forward. A role for which better suited players than Heynckes were available. After Müller's retirement from the German national team in 1974, Heynckes got more playing time and became a regular starter for the national team but in his last three years as a professional he was constantly plagued by trouble with his knee which limited his playing time for club and country considerably.

1963 not considered [12/63]
1964 not considered [07/64]
1964 considered [12/64] [Inside Forward]
1965 broad circle [07/65] [#7 Inside Forward]
1965 broad circle [12/65] [#7 Inside Forward]
1966 broad circle [07/66] [#7 Central Forward]
1966 broad circle [12/66] [#5 Central Forward]
1967 broad circle [07/67] [#5 Central Forward]
1967 considered [12/67] [Central Forward]
1968 considered [07/68] [Central Forward]
1968 considered [12/68] [Central Forward]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#6 Central Forward]
1969 broad circle [12/69] [#5 Central Forward]
1970 broad circle [07/70] [#3 Central Forward]
1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#3 Central Forward]
1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#2 Outside Left]
1971 Internat. Cl. [07/71] [#1 Outside Left]
1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#2 Central Forward]
1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#1 Outside Left]
1972 Internat. Cl. [07/72] [#2 Central Forward]
1972 Internat. Cl. [12/72] [#2 Outside Right]
1972 Internat. Cl. [12/72] [#2 Central Forward]
1973 Internat. Cl. [07/73] [#2 Outside Left]
1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#1 Outside Left]
1974 Internat. Cl. [07/74] [#2 Outside Left]
1974 considered [12/74] [Outside Left]
1975 Internat. Cl. [07/75] [#1 Outside Left]
1975 Internat. Cl. [12/75] [#1 Outside Left]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#1 Outside Left]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#1 Outside Left]
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#3 Outside Left]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#6 Outside Left]



Josef HICKERSBERGER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 6 times

A technically profound Austrian midfielder, dangerous in front of the goal, hard-running and committed teamplayer who played more offensively in his clubs than in the Austrian national team, where he was the ball winner who safeguarded Herbert Prohaska.

1972 played abroad [07/72]
1972 broad circle [12/72] [#4 Foreign player]
1973 considered [07/73] [Foreign Player]
1973 considered [12/73] [Foreign Player]
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#8 Foreign player]
1974 considered [12/74] [Foreign Player]
1975 considered [07/75] [Foreign Player]
1975 considered [12/75] [Foreign Player]
1976 considered [07/76] [Foreign Player]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#8 Foreign player]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#7 Foreign player]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#7 Foreign player]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#4 Foreign player]
1978 played abroad [12/78]



Peter HIDIEN

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 7 times

A small, bustling attacking left back who was a starter for Hamburg in most of his ten seasons at the club.

1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered [07/73]
1973 considered [12/73] [Full Back]
1974 considered [07/74] [Full Back]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 considered [07/75] [Full Back]
1975 considered [12/75] [Full Back]
1976 **broad circle** [07/76] [#7 Full Back]
1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#6 Full Back]
1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#8 Full Back]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 considered [12/78] [Full Back]
1979 considered [07/79] [Full Back]
1979 considered [12/79] [Full Back]
1980 not considered
1981 not considered
1982 not considered [07/82]



Holger HIERONYMUS

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 1 time

Originally a defensive midfielder, Hieronymus' short peak came as an attacking libero. A player with very good ball control, tall but maybe a bit too slender, not a fighter yet with a good aerial presence who could read a game quite well. Had to retire in 1985 aged 26 after a bad foul by Mannheim's Fritz Walter. With liberos often reaching their peak years around 30 years of age, we will never know what kind of career Hieronymus might have had.

1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered
1980 considered [07/80] [Midfielder]
1980 **Internat. Cl.** [12/80] [#3 Libero]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#12 Midfielder]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [07/82] [#3 Libero]
1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#5 Libero]
1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#4 Libero]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered
1985 not considered [07/85]



Timo HILDEBRAND

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 6 times

1999 not considered [12/99]

2000 not considered

2001 not considered

2002 considered [07/02] [Goalkeeper]

2002 broad circle [12/02] [#9 Goalkeeper]

2003 broad circle [07/03] [#6 Goalkeeper]

2003 Internat. Cl. [12/03] [#1 Goalkeeper]

2004 Internat. Cl. [07/04] [#1 Goalkeeper]

2004 broad circle [12/04] [#5 Goalkeeper]

2005 broad circle [07/05] [#6 Goalkeeper]

2005 broad circle [12/05] [#8 Goalkeeper]

2006 considered [07/06] [Goalkeeper]

2006 considered [12/06] [Goalkeeper]

2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2007 considered [12/07] [Goalkeeper]

2008 broad circle [07/08] [#2 German abroad]

2008 not considered [12/08]

2009 considered [07/09] [Goalkeeper]

2009 considered [12/09] [Goalkeeper]

2010 not considered

2011 not considered

2012 not considered

2013 broad circle [07/13] [#7 Goalkeeper]

2013 not considered [12/13]

2014 not considered

2015 not considered [07/15]



Andreas HINKEL

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 6 times

2000 not considered [12/00]

2001 not considered [07/01]

2001 considered [12/01] [Defensive Lateral]

2002 not considered [07/02]

2002 broad circle [12/02] [#3 Defensive Lateral]

2003 broad circle [07/03] [#3 Defensive Lateral]

2003 Internat. Cl. [12/03] [#3 Defensive Lateral]

2004 not considered [07/04]

2004 broad circle [12/04] [#4 Defensive Lateral]
2005 not considered
2006 not considered
2007 not considered
2008 considered [07/08] [Defensive Lateral]
2008 considered [12/08] [Defensive Lateral]
2009 considered [07/09] [Defensive Lateral]
2009 broad circle [12/09] [#3 German abroad]
2010 considered [07/10] [Defensive Lateral]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered
2012 not considered [07/12]



Reinhold HINTERMAIER

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 4 times

A central midfielder with playmaking abilities. Good long passes with a very thunderous left-footed shot. The Austrian was a fine distributor of the ball with a good touch who may have lacked perseverance to achieve bigger fame. His best remembered moment in Germany was his thunderous 32 yards screamer in the 1982 German Cup final for Nürnberg vs. Bayern München.

1979 played abroad [07/79]
1979 considered [12/79] [Foreign Player]
1980 considered [07/80] [Foreign Player]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#4 Foreign player]
1981 Internat. Cl. [12/81] [#3 Foreign player]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#2 Foreign player]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered
1984 not considered
1985 considered [07/85] [Foreign Player]
1985 considered [12/85] [Foreign Player]
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 played abroad [12/88]
1989 played abroad
1990 played abroad
1991 played abroad
1992 played abroad [07/92]
1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]



Marwin HITZ

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 2 times

2008 played abroad [07/08]

2008 not considered [12/08]

2009 not considered

2010 not considered

2011 not considered

2012 not considered

2013 not considered [07/13]

2013 broad circle [12/13] [#10 Goalkeeper]

2014 considered [07/14] [Goalkeeper]

2014 considered [12/14] [Goalkeeper]

2015 broad circle [07/15] [#9 Goalkeeper]

2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#7 Goalkeeper]

2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#8 Goalkeeper]

2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#8 Goalkeeper]



Christian HOCHSTÄTTER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 7 times

A talented midfielder with a good touch, as a young player Christian Hohstätter was a central offensive midfielder who later became a defensive midfielder. Was dangerous at freekicks.

1982 not considered [12/82]

1983 not considered

1984 not considered

1985 not considered

1986 not considered

1987 considered [07/87] [Offensive Midfielder]

1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]

1988 considered [07/88] [Offensive Midfielder]

1988 not considered [12/88]

1989 considered [07/89] [Forward]

1989 not considered [12/89]

1990 not considered

1991 broad circle [07/91] [#6 Libero]

1991 not considered [12/91]

1992 not considered

1993 considered [07/93] [Libero]

1993 considered [12/93] [Libero]

1994 not considered [07/94]

1994 broad circle [12/94] [#5 Central Defensive Midfielder]

1995 broad circle [07/95] [#3 Central Defensive Midfielder]

1995 considered [12/95] [Central Defensive Midfielder]

1996 broad circle [07/96] [#7 Central Defensive Midfielder]

1996 considered [12/96] [Central Defensive Midfielder]

1997 not considered

1998 broad circle [07/98] [#12 Libero]



Hermann HÖFER

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 10 times

Started out as a forward but by the mid-1950s had settled as a left back. Mainly a marker, he was a pivot of the successful Eintracht Frankfurt side of the late-1950s.

1955 broad circle [12/55] [#4 Full Back]

1955 broad circle [12/55] [#5 Center Half]

1956 broad circle [07/56] [#6 Full Back]

1956 broad circle [12/56] [#5 Full Back]

1957 broad circle [07/57] [#7 Full Back]

1957 considered [12/57] [Full Back]

1958 considered [1958] [Full Back]

1959 considered [07/59] [Full Back]

1959 considered [12/59] [Full Back]

1960 considered [1960] [Full Back]

1961 considered [07/61] [Full Back]

1961 broad circle [12/61] [#7 Full Back]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 considered [12/62] [Full Back]

1963 considered [07/63] [Full Back]

1963 considered [12/63] [Full Back]

1964 considered [07/64] [Full Back]

1964 not considered [12/64]

1965 not considered

1966 not considered

1967 not considered [07/67]



Dieter HOENESS

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 3 times

A classic tall center forward with supreme aerial prowess but a very limited skillset on the ground. A typical move at Bayern during Hoeness' time there was a high cross sailing into the box where Hoeness would knock the ball down with his head for Karl-Heinz Rummenigge who would surge into the gap to volley the ball into the goal.

1973 not considered [12/73]

1974 not considered

1975 not considered

1976 not considered

1977 not considered

1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#3 Central Forward]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#3 Central Forward]
1979 considered [12/79] [Central Forward]
1980 considered [07/80] [Central Forward]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#5 Central Forward]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#4 Central Forward]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#6 Central Forward]
1983 not considered
1984 not considered
1985 considered [07/85] [Central Forward]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#7 Forward]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered [07/87]



Ulrich HOENESS

World class: 1 time
 International class: 6 times
 Broad circle: 4 times
 Considered: 6 times

One year older than his brother Dieter, Uli Hoeness had won all important trophies in World football by the age of 22 (World Champion, European Champion, European Cup winner, domestic championship and domestic Cup). Hoeness joined Bayern aged 18 in 1970 together with his friend Paul Breitner. He almost immediately was a starter at Bayern and soon also an international player. An offensive midfielder who liked to cut inside coming from right midfield whose main assets were his stamina and fast pace. Technically not that outstanding, his main weapon were long solos from a deep midfield position straight into the box looking for a 1-2 with Gerd Müller or shooting directly. His greatest game was the replay of the 1974 European Cup final against Atletico Madrid where scored two signature goals. His most famous (infamous) moment in the national team however was his failure in the 1976 European Championship final penalty shoot-out when he not only missed the goal but shot the ball far too high way way over the top. Had to retire in 1979 aged 27 due to a severe knee injury. He then became the youngest ever managing director of the Bundesliga and over the course of the next 30 years also the most successful, longest-serving and notorious one.

1970 considered [12/70] [Midfielder]
1971 considered [07/71] [Midfielder]
1971 considered [07/71] [Central Forward]
1971 broad circle [12/71] [#9 Midfielder]
1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#4 Central Forward]
1972 Internat. Cl. [07/72] [#3 Midfielder]
1972 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#3 Midfielder]
1973 broad circle [07/73] [#5 Midfielder]
1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#1 Midfielder]
1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#2 Central Forward]
1974 World Class [07/74] [#2 Central Forward]
1974 Internat. Cl. [12/74] [#4 Central Forward]
1975 considered [07/75] [Outside Right]
1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 broad circle [07/76] [#2 Outside Right]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#3 Outside Right]
1977 considered [07/77] [Outside Right]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 considered [07/78] [Outside Right]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered [07/79]



Rudolf HOFFMANN

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 5 times

A center half in the old mould of the 2-3-5 system with a great reach of action, good positioning, sound passing and good in one-on-one situations, Hoffmann retired aged 28 in 1963 when the Bundesliga was established as he wanted to focus on his profession as an industrial management assistant.

1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#3 Center Half]
1956 broad circle [07/56] [#5 Center Half]
1956 broad circle [12/56] [#2 Center Half]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#1 Center Half]
1957 not considered [12/57]
1958 considered [1958] [Center Half]
1959 broad circle [07/59] [#3 Center Half]
1959 considered [12/59] [Center Half]
1960 considered [1960] [Center Half]
1961 considered [07/61] [Center Half]
1961 considered [12/61] [Center Half]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 not considered [07/63]



Bernd HÖLZENBEIN

International class: 11 times
Broad circle: 10 times
Considered: 3 times

The record goalgetter of Eintracht Frankfurt was one of the first players with a reputation of a diver. Hölzenbein started out as a fast and lightfooted outside forward with a marked instinct for goalscoring, something which he could exploit most sufficiently when he was deployed as a central forward in later years. In the box Hölzenbein mastered all aspects of a goalgetter: two-footed volleying, heading, poaching, scoring in all possible situations. He was also often used as a midfielder where he was especially dangerous when he started out on solo runs coming from a midfield position with tight ball control. Once he had reached the box, there was always the danger that he was looking for a penalty. When playing for Germany he was always a doubtful case, never really sure of this place in the team.

1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 not considered
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#14 Midfielder]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 not considered [07/70]
1970 considered [12/70] [Midfielder]
1971 not considered [07/71]
1971 considered [12/71] [Midfielder]

1972 broad circle [07/72] [#7 Midfielder]
1972 broad circle [12/72] [#7 Midfielder]
1973 considered [07/73] [Midfielder]
1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 Internat. Cl. [07/74] [#1 Outside Left]
1974 Internat. Cl. [07/74] [#3 Central Forward]
1974 Internat. Cl. [12/74] [#3 Central Forward]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#8 Central Forward]
1975 Internat. Cl. [12/75] [#1 Outside Right]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#1 Outside Right]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#2 Outside Left]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#2 Outside Right]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#6 Midfielder]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#2 Outside Right]
1977 Internat. Cl. [12/77] [#1 Outside Right]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#4 Midfielder]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#1 Outside Right]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#12 Midfielder]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#7 Midfielder]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#6 Central Forward]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#6 Central Forward]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#8 Midfielder]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 played abroad [12/81]



Dragan HOLCER

Broad circle: 4 times
 Considered: 6 times

Holcer was born at the end of World War II as the son of a Slovenian partisan who had already been killed in action by the time of his birth. He started out as a forward in the early-1960s but soon settled as a man-marking defender by the late-1960s. When he played for Stuttgart, the tall, stout and rugged Yugoslavian international played as a sweeper with excellent aerial presence.

1975 played abroad [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Foreign Player]
1976 considered [07/76] [Foreign Player]
1976 considered [12/76] [Foreign Player]
1977 considered [07/77] [Foreign Player]
1977 considered [12/77] [Foreign Player]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#7 Foreign player]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#5 Foreign player]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#9 Foreign player]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#6 Foreign player]
1980 considered [07/80] [Foreign Player]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered
1982 not considered [07/82]



Nico-Jan HOOGMA

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 3 times

1998 played abroad [07/98]

1998 not considered [12/98]

1999 considered [07/99] [Liberò]

1999 **broad circle** [12/99] [#4 Liberò]

2000 **Internat. Cl.** [07/00] [#2 Defender]

2000 considered [12/00] [Liberò]

2001 considered [07/01] [Liberò]

2001 **broad circle** [12/01] [#11 Central Defender]

2002 not considered

2003 not considered

2004 not considered [07/04]

2004 played abroad [12/04]



Timo HORN

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 1 time

2014 considered [12/14] [Goalkeeper]

2015 **broad circle** [07/15] [#7 Goalkeeper]

2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#4 Goalkeeper]

2016 **broad circle** [07/16] [#11 Goalkeeper]

2016 **Internat. Cl.** [12/16] [#2 Goalkeeper]



Heinz HORNIG

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 11 times

A diminutive outside left who was rated as one of the best in this position during the 1960s. A classically cunning left-footed wing maverick whose drawback was his patchy performance level. A darling of the crowds, Heinz Hornig was a great dribbler and crosser of the ball.

1956 not considered [12/56]
1957 considered [07/57] [Outside Left]
1957 not considered [12/57]
1958 considered [1958] [Outside Left]
1959 considered [07/59] [Outside Left]
1959 **broad circle** [12/59] [#1 Outside Left]
1960 **broad circle** [1960] [#3 Outside Left]
1961 considered [07/61] [Outside Left]
1961 considered [12/61] [Outside Left]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 **broad circle** [07/63] [#2 Outside Left]
1963 **broad circle** [12/63] [#3 Outside Left]
1964 considered [07/64] [Outside Left]
1964 **broad circle** [12/64] [#1 Outside Left]
1965 **Internat. Cl.** [07/65] [#1 Outside Left]
1965 **Internat. Cl.** [12/65] [#1 Outside Left]
1966 **Internat. Cl.** [07/66] [#1 Outside Left]
1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#5 Outside Left]
1967 not considered [07/67]
1967 **broad circle** [12/67] [#3 Outside Left]
1968 considered [07/68] [Outside Left]
1968 considered [12/68] [Outside Left]
1969 considered [07/69] [Outside Left]
1969 considered [12/69] [Outside Left]
1970 considered [07/70] [Outside Left]
1970 played abroad [12/70]
1971 played abroad
1972 played abroad
1973 played abroad [07/73]



Lorenz HERR

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 15 times

A technically very sound midfielder and forward who was difficult to classify as a player in the 1970s. Fritz Walter likened him to Ernst Willimowski, the 1930s and 40s center forward. Scoring many goals, he was not a classic playmaker but would probably be called a false 9 in today's terms. Very good at heading and shooting, he was a constant threat for any goalkeeper, also because of his freekick-taking. Herr was unlucky that there was no room for his type of player in the national team, talent-wise he definitely had the necessary tools to succeed internationally. Another factor might have been that he played the first half of his career for lowly Alsenborn and debuted in the Bundesliga at the ripe age of 26 in 1968.

1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 not considered
1964 not considered
1965 not considered

1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 considered [12/66] [Central Forward]
1967 considered [07/67] [Central Forward]
1967 considered [12/67] [Midfielder]
1968 considered [07/68] [Central Forward]
1968 considered [12/68] [Central Forward]
1969 considered [07/69] [Midfielder]
1969 broad circle [12/69] [#4 Central Forward]
1970 broad circle [07/70] [#6 Central Forward]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#8 Central Forward]
1971 Internat. Cl. [07/71] [#3 Central Forward]
1971 considered [12/71] [Central Forward]
1972 considered [07/72] [Central Forward]
1972 considered [12/72] [Central Forward]
1973 considered [07/73] [Central Forward]
1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 considered [07/74] [Central Forward]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Outside Left]
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 considered [12/76] [Outside Left]
1977 considered [07/77] [Outside Left]
1977 considered [12/77] [Central Forward]
1978 not considered
1979 not considered [07/79]



Udo HORSMANN

Broad circle: 7 times
 Considered: 2 times

Udo Horsmann was the successor of Paul Breitner as Bayern's left back in 1975. A technically very sound offensive full back who was known for driving down the left wing, a great crosser of the ball with his left foot, strong and disciplined in defense, a good header of the ball, not much of a tackler. Was unlucky that during his time Bernard Dietz and then Hans-Peter Briegel occupied the left back position in the national team. Still, in hindsight it is hard to understand that a player of his quality did not collect a single cap during his career.

1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 not considered
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 considered [07/76] [Full Back]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered
1978 not considered
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#6 Full Back]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#3 Full Back]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#2 Full Back]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#7 Full Back]
1981 considered [12/81] [Full Back]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#4 Full Back]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#7 Full Back]
1983 broad circle [07/83] [#11 Full Back]
1983 played abroad [12/83]

1984 played abroad [07/84]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered
1986 not considered [07/86]



Thomas HÖRSTER

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 11 times

Another defensive midfielder who was converted into a libero over the course of his career. Today he is most remembered for his performance as a libero, a position he excelled in. Hörster was a player of high technical standard and capable of reading the game superbly and was rated as one of the strongest in the libero position during the 1980s.

1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 considered [07/76] [Midfielder]
1976 considered [12/76] [Midfielder]
1977 not considered
1978 considered [07/78] [Midfielder]
1978 considered [12/78] [Midfielder]
1979 considered [07/79] [Midfielder]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#16 Midfielder]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#11 Midfielder]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#14 Midfielder]
1981 not considered
1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 considered [07/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [12/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1984 considered [07/84] [Offensive Midfielder]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#3 Libero]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#4 Libero]
1986 Internat. Cl. [12/86] [#1 Libero]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#6 Libero]
1987 considered [12/87] [Libero]
1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#2 Libero]
1988 broad circle [12/88] [#7 Libero]
1989 considered [07/89] [Libero]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#4 Libero]
1990 not considered [07/90]
1990 considered [12/90] [Libero]
1991 not considered [07/91]



Egon HORST

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 10 times

Egon Horst was the successor of Rudolf Hoffmann as center half of Viktoria Aschaffenburg in 1957 when Hoffmann joined Stuttgart. Some considered him a follow-up to Werner Liebrich, Germany's best center half of the 1950s, as he was similar in style to Liebrich. While his international career was not comparable to that of Liebrich, he had a pretty good domestic career as a conservative, defensive center half throughout most of the 1960s.

1956 not considered [12/56]
1957 considered [07/57] [Center Half]
1957 considered [12/57] [Center Half]
1958 considered [1958] [Center Half]
1959 considered [07/59] [Center Half]
1959 considered [12/59] [Center Half]
1960 considered [1960] [Center Half]
1961 considered [07/61] [Center Half]
1961 considered [12/61] [Center Half]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#6 Center Half]
1963 broad circle [07/63] [#6 Center Half]
1963 broad circle [12/63] [#4 Center Half]
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#5 Center Half]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 not considered [07/65]
1965 considered [12/65] [Center Half]
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 considered [12/66] [Central Defender]
1967 not considered
1968 not considered
1969 not considered [07/69]



Idriz HOŠIĆ

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 1 time

A technically sound and dangerous midfielder with a massive shot and excellent heading abilities.

1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#3 Foreign player]
1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#3 Foreign player]
1972 Internat. Cl. [07/72] [#1 Foreign player]
1972 Internat. Cl. [12/72] [#1 Foreign player]
1973 not considered
1974 not considered [07/74]



Horst-Dieter HÖTTGES

World class: 1 time

International class: 14 times

Broad circle: 10 times

Considered: 6 times

A hard-tackling right-footed defensive full back who could play on both sides and who often also was used as a stopper and defensive midfielder with marking duties. As a full back, he was known to be one of the toughest players around, hence his nickname "Ironfoot". Scored many goals because he was Werder Bremen's standard penalty taker for more than 13 consecutive seasons. A constant presence in the German national team between 1965 and 1973. His career was braced by two hapless performances: in 1966 Geoff Hurst - who he was set out to man-mark - scored three goals in the World Cup final and in 1977 Dieter Müller who Höttges was assigned to man-mark scored six goals in a Bundesliga game against Bremen, still the all-time Bundesliga record.

1963 broad circle [12/63] [#6 Full Back]

1964 broad circle [07/64] [#5 Full Back]

1964 broad circle [12/64] [#5 Full Back]

1965 broad circle [07/65] [#4 Full Back]

1965 Internat. Cl. [12/65] [#1 Full Back]

1966 World Class [07/66] [#1 Full Back]

1966 Internat. Cl. [12/66] [#1 Full Back]

1967 Internat. Cl. [07/67] [#2 Full Back]

1967 Internat. Cl. [12/67] [#2 Full Back]

1968 Internat. Cl. [07/68] [#1 Full Back]

1968 Internat. Cl. [12/68] [#2 Full Back]

1969 Internat. Cl. [07/69] [#2 Full Back]

1969 Internat. Cl. [12/69] [#2 Full Back]

1970 Internat. Cl. [07/70] [#2 Full Back]

1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#2 Full Back]

1971 not considered [07/71]

1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#3 Full Back]

1972 Internat. Cl. [07/72] [#2 Full Back]

1972 Internat. Cl. [12/72] [#3 Full Back]

1973 broad circle [07/73] [#4 Full Back]

1973 broad circle [07/73] [#4 Stopper]

1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#1 Full Back]

1974 broad circle [07/74] [#3 Full Back]

1974 broad circle [07/74] [#8 Stopper]

1974 considered [12/74] [Full Back]

1975 considered [07/75] [Full Back]

1975 considered [12/75] [Full Back]

1976 considered [07/76] [Stopper]

1976 considered [12/76] [Stopper]

1977 broad circle [07/77] [#5 Stopper]

1977 considered [12/77] [Stopper]

1978 broad circle [07/78] [#8 Libero]



Benedikt HÖWEDES

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 9 times

Considered: 2 times

2007 not considered [12/07]

2008 not considered [07/08]

2008 broad circle [12/08] [#8 Central Defender]
2009 not considered
2010 broad circle [07/10] [#2 Central Defender]
2010 considered [12/10] [Central Defender]
2011 broad circle [07/11] [#5 Central Defender]
2011 broad circle [12/11] [#5 Central Defender]
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 broad circle [12/12] [#3 Central Defender]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#11 Central Defender]
2013 considered [12/13] [Central Defender]
2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#1 Defensive Lateral]
2014 broad circle [12/14] [#7 Central Defender]
2015 broad circle [07/15] [#9 Central Defender]
2015 not considered [12/15]
2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 broad circle [12/16] [#4 Central Defender]



Lukas HRADECKY

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 1 time

2015 played abroad [07/15]
2015 considered [12/15] [Goalkeeper]
2016 broad circle [07/16] [#10 Goalkeeper]
2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#5 Goalkeeper]



Horst HRUBESCH

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 4 times

The archetype of the towering center forward who depended on good service from the flanks to score his goals with his second-to-none aerial prowess. In Manfred Kaltz, Horst Hrubesch had one of the best suppliers of crosses in European football as his partner. As Hrubesch himself would put it: “Manni cross, me header”. Paul Breitner once joked that Hrubesch might become the first player ever to take a freekick with his head. Nicknamed the “heading monster”, Hrubesch was surprisingly well-mannered when in possession and more useful with the ball at his feet than similar players like Dieter Hoeness. Hrubesch was a real late bloomer, only became a professional at the age of 24 in 1975. Few believed that he had what it took to succeed in top flight, among them his manager at his first professional club, RW Essen, the legendary Yugoslavian center half Ivica Horvat. Despite Hrubesch scoring many goals in his first few Bundesliga games (all of them using his head), Horvat decided to bench Hrubesch for long spells during the 1975-76 season as he considered him too uncouth and too incomplete for the type of football he wanted to play. But

Hrubesch had quickly established himself as a fan favorite and Horvat couldn't any longer ignore the demands from the terraces to use Hrubesch. When he finally relented, Hrubesch immediately resumed his goal scoring activities. In his three years at RW Essen (two in topflight, one in the second division), he scored a massive 80 goals in 83 games. Throughout his career, the big center forward looked awkward in his movement, but he continuously worked on improving his ball skills. By 1980, two years after he had joined the top club Hamburger SV, Hrubesch was given a chance as a successor to the severely injured standard center forward of the German national team, Klaus Fischer. He didn't pass on the opportunity and became a national hero by scoring the two goals in the final of the European Championships against Belgium.

1972 not considered [12/72]

1973 not considered

1974 not considered

1975 not considered [07/75]

1975 considered [12/75] [Central Forward]

1976 **broad circle** [07/76] [#5 Central Forward]

1976 not considered [12/76]

1977 considered [07/77] [Central Forward]

1977 considered [12/77] [Central Forward]

1978 considered [07/78] [Central Forward]

1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#4 Central Forward]

1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#5 Central Forward]

1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#7 Central Forward]

1980 **Internat. Cl.** [07/80] [#2 Central Forward]

1980 **Internat. Cl.** [12/80] [#2 Central Forward]

1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#3 Central Forward]

1981 **Internat. Cl.** [12/81] [#3 Central Forward]

1982 **Internat. Cl.** [07/82] [#1 Central Forward]

1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#4 Central Forward]

1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#3 Central Forward]

1983 played abroad [12/83]

1984 played abroad

1985 played abroad [07/85]

1985 not considered [12/85]

1986 not considered [07/86]



Petar HUBCHEV

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 5 times

1993 played abroad [07/93]

1993 not considered [12/93]

1994 **Internat. Cl.** [07/94] [#4 Libero]

1994 **broad circle** [12/94] [#6 Libero]

1995 considered [07/95] [Libero]

1995 not considered [12/95]

1996 not considered

1997 considered [07/97] [Libero]

1997 considered [12/97] [Libero]

1998 considered [07/98] [Libero]

1998 not considered [12/98]

1999 not considered

2000 considered [07/00] [Libero]

2000 not considered [12/00]

2001 not considered

2001 played abroad [12/01]



Lothar HUBER

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 13 times

As a right back he was regarded as the only player apart from Manfred Kaltz who mastered the art of the “banana cross”. As a crosser Huber was one of the best full backs, being able to cross from the corner flag as well as from an inside position, equally adept at crossing a dead ball and at full swing.

1970 not considered [12/70]

1971 not considered

1972 not considered [07/72]

1972 considered [12/72] [Full Back]

1973 not considered

1974 not considered [07/74]

1974 considered [12/74] [Full Back]

1975 considered [07/75] [Full Back]

1975 considered [12/75] [Full Back]

1976 considered [07/76] [Full Back]

1976 considered [12/76] [Full Back]

1977 considered [07/77] [Full Back]

1977 considered [12/77] [Full Back]

1978 not considered [07/78]

1978 considered [12/78] [Full Back]

1979 not considered [07/79]

1979 considered [12/79] [Full Back]

1980 considered [07/80] [Full Back]

1980 not considered [12/80]

1981 considered [07/81] [Full Back]

1981 considered [12/81] [Full Back]

1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#8 Full Back]

1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#5 Full Back]

1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#13 Full Back]

1983 not considered [12/83]

1984 not considered

1985 not considered

1986 not considered

1987 not considered [07/87]



Mats HUMMELS

World class: 2 times

International class: 7 times

Broad circle: 6 times

2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 broad circle [12/08] [#10 Central Defender]
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 broad circle [12/09] [#9 Central Defender]
2010 broad circle [07/10] [#3 Central Defender]
2010 Internat. Cl. [12/10] [#1 Central Defender]
2011 Internat. Cl. [07/11] [#1 Central Defender]
2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#2 Central Defender]
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#1 Central Defender]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#2 Central Defender]
2013 Internat. Cl. [07/13] [#5 Central Defender]
2013 broad circle [12/13] [#9 Central Defender]
2014 World Class [07/14] [#1 Central Defender]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 broad circle [07/15] [#8 Central Defender]
2015 broad circle [12/15] [#12 Central Defender]
2016 World Class [07/16] [#2 Central Defender]
2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#1 Central Defender]



Klaas-Jan HUNTELAAR

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 2 times

2010 played abroad [07/10]
2010 broad circle [12/10] [#11 Forward]
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#3 Forward]
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#1 Forward]
2012 considered [12/12] [Forward]
2013 not considered
2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#3 Forward]
2014 Internat. Cl. [12/14] [#3 Forward]
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 considered [12/15] [Forward]
2016 broad circle [07/16] [#16 Forward]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Szabolcs HUSZTI

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 5 times

2006 played abroad [07/06]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 **broad circle** [07/07] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2007 **considered** [12/07] [Offensive Lateral]
2008 **considered** [07/08] [Offensive Lateral]
2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 played abroad [12/09]
2010 played abroad
2011 played abroad
2012 played abroad [07/12]
2012 **Internat. Cl.** [12/12] [#7 Offensive Lateral]
2013 not considered [07/13]
2013 **considered** [12/13] [Offensive Lateral]
2014 **considered** [07/14] [Offensive Lateral]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 played abroad
2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 **considered** [12/16] [Defensive Midfielder]



Sami HYYPIÄ

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 1 time

2009 played abroad [07/09]
2009 **Internat. Cl.** [12/09] [#1 Central Defender]
2010 **broad circle** [07/10] [#4 Central Defender]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 **considered** [07/11] [Central Defender]



Vedad IBIŠEVIĆ

World class: 1 time
International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 1 time

2007 played abroad [07/07]

2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 World Class [12/08] [#1 Forward]
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 considered [12/09] [Forward]
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 broad circle [07/12] [#8 Forward]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#3 Forward]
2013 not considered [07/13]
2013 broad circle [12/13] [#6 Forward]
2014 not considered
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 broad circle [12/15] [#9 Forward]
2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#6 Forward]



Werner IPTA

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 7 times

1960 not considered [12/60]
1961 broad circle [07/61] [#8 Inside Forward]
1961 broad circle [12/61] [#5 Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [1962] [#6 Inside Forward]
1963 considered [07/63] [Inside Forward]
1963 considered [12/63] [Inside Forward]
1964 not considered
1964 played abroad [12/64]
1965 played abroad
1966 played abroad [07/66]
1966 considered [12/66] [Midfielder]
1967 not considered
1968 considered [07/68] [Central Forward]
1968 considered [12/68] [Midfielder]
1969 not considered
1970 not considered [07/70]
1970 considered [12/70] [Central Defender]
1971 considered [07/71] [Liberero]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered [07/72]



Bodo ILLGNER

International class: 15 times

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 1 time

Bodo Illgner was considered a promising goalkeeping talent at young age when he was quite unexpectedly given the chance to become Köln's no. 1 goalkeeper at age 19 after Harald Schumacher was sacked due to his controversial book "Anpfiff" in 1986. Illgner immediately seized the opportunity and remained Köln's undisputed goalkeeper for the next ten years. A sober, unspectacular keeper but quite charismatic, he was voted "goalkeeper of the year" four times in Germany (1989 to 1992), but did not win any trophies while being with Köln. That changed when he joined Real Madrid in 1996 where he managed the win the Champions League in 1998, as well as the Spanish championship in 1997 and 2001. Had to retire due to a severe shoulder injury in 2001. When playing for Germany, Illgner was never entirely undisputed, as many pundits claimed that Uli Stein and Andreas Köpke were better goalkeepers.

1985 not considered [12/85]

1986 not considered

1987 considered [07/87] [Goalkeeper]

1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1988 broad circle [07/88] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1988 broad circle [12/88] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1991 Internat. Cl. [07/91] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1991 Internat. Cl. [12/91] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1992 broad circle [12/92] [#6 Goalkeeper]

1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#6 Goalkeeper]

1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1994 broad circle [07/94] [#7 Goalkeeper]

1994 broad circle [12/94] [#5 Goalkeeper]

1995 broad circle [07/95] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1995 broad circle [12/95] [#9 Goalkeeper]

1996 broad circle [07/96] [#6 Goalkeeper]

1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#2 German abroad]

1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#2 German abroad]

1997 not considered [12/97]

1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#1 German abroad]

1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#1 German abroad]

1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#1 German abroad]

1999 not considered [12/99]

2000 not considered [07/00]



Eike IMMEL

International class: 13 times

Broad circle: 16 times

Considered: 4 times

When he debuted in 1978 at the age of 17 Eike Immel became the youngest ever goalkeeper of the Bundesliga. He was Dortmund's number one goalkeeper from season 1979-80 on until he joined Stuttgart in 1986. During his time in Dortmund, he only missed a single game between 1979 and 1986. A very quick moving keeper, like many other goalkeepers of his era, he possessed excellent reflexes but was not as good when he had to leave his goal. He was the number three goalkeeper of the German national team with Harald Schumacher and Uli Stein ahead of him, but in 1986 luckily for him Harald Schumacher was suspended from international duties due to his scandalous book "Anpfiff" and Uli Stein had been sacked by Franz Beckenbauer during the 1986 World Cup due to defiant and insubordinate behaviour. Thus Immel was suddenly the no. 1 goalkeeper. He guarded Germany's goal during the 1988 European Championship but unexpectedly resigned shortly after the tournament because Bodo Illgner, the young Köln goalkeeper, was selected by Franz Beckenbauer to start in goal in the first World Cup qualifier against Finland in September 1988. Immel later stated that this was the biggest mistake of his career.

1978 not considered [12/78]

1979 not considered [07/79]

1979 considered [12/79] [Goalkeeper]

1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1980 **Internat. Cl.** [12/80] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1981 **Internat. Cl.** [07/81] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1981 **Internat. Cl.** [12/81] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1982 **Internat. Cl.** [07/82] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1982 **Internat. Cl.** [12/82] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#6 Goalkeeper]

1983 considered [12/83] [Goalkeeper]

1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#5 Goalkeeper]

1984 considered [12/84] [Goalkeeper]

1985 **broad circle** [07/85] [#5 Goalkeeper]

1985 **broad circle** [12/85] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1986 **broad circle** [07/86] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1986 **broad circle** [12/86] [#7 Goalkeeper]

1987 **broad circle** [07/87] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1987 **Internat. Cl.** [12/87] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1988 **Internat. Cl.** [07/88] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1988 **Internat. Cl.** [12/88] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1989 **broad circle** [07/89] [#11 Goalkeeper]

1989 **broad circle** [12/89] [#6 Goalkeeper]

1990 **broad circle** [07/90] [#8 Goalkeeper]

1990 **broad circle** [12/90] [#11 Goalkeeper]

1991 **broad circle** [07/91] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1991 **Internat. Cl.** [12/91] [#5 Goalkeeper]

1992 **Internat. Cl.** [07/92] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1992 **Internat. Cl.** [12/92] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1993 **Internat. Cl.** [07/93] [#5 Goalkeeper]

1993 considered [12/93] [Goalkeeper]

1994 **Internat. Cl.** [07/94] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1994 **broad circle** [12/94] [#9 Goalkeeper]

1995 not considered [07/95]

1995 **broad circle** [12/95] [#2 German abroad]

1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#1 German abroad]

1996 not considered [12/96]

1997 not considered [07/97]



Valérien ISMAËL

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 2 times

- 2003** played abroad [07/03]
- 2003 broad circle** [12/03] [#7 Central Defender]
- 2004 Internat. Cl.** [07/04] [#2 Central Defender]
- 2004 broad circle** [12/04] [#3 Central Defender]
- 2005 Internat. Cl.** [07/05] [#3 Central Defender]
- 2005 broad circle** [12/05] [#3 Central Defender]
- 2006 considered** [07/06] [Central Defender]
- 2006** not considered [12/06]
- 2007** not considered
- 2008 considered** [07/08] [Central Defender]
- 2008** not considered [12/08]
- 2009** not considered [07/09]



Ditmar JAKOBS

International class: 7 times
Broad circle: 13 times
Considered: 11 times

Jakobs began his career as a central midfielder and sometimes striker for lowly Oberhausen and Tennis Borussia Berlin, scoring a good number of goals for both clubs. When he joined Duisburg in 1977 he was already converted to a stopper. The new role suited him well as he had all necessary attributes for that specific job: tall, good at heading, physicality, a hard tackler with a rough edge about him, a good anticipation and useful ball control. He quickly became one of the foremost defenders at this position. His international career really only took off in 1984-85 when the German national team under Franz Beckenbauer changed its system from 4-3-3 with two full backs, a sweeper and a stopper to the 3-5-2 system, with one sweeper and two man-markers. Before that, Karlheinz Förster was irreplaceable as the stopper of the team hence Jakobs was not featured internationally, but with the new system of two man-markers backed by a sweeper, there now was room for a second stopper and Jakobs was now a serious option for a starting position in the national side. In 1983, Ernst Happel said that Jakobs was the most important player in his team. After Hamburg's libero Holger Hieronymus had to retire in 1985 due to an injury, Ernst Happel made the pragmatic decision to make Jakobs the new libero, albeit his interpretation of the job was clearly a very defensive one, like a classic sweeper in the Willi Schulz tradition. The peak of his career unexpectedly came in the summer of 1986 at the age of 32 when Jakobs replaced the injured Klaus Augenthaler as the sweeper in a very defensive German side that eventually managed to reach the World Cup final in Mexico City. For that kind of rough-edged team, Jakobs was the perfect sweeper. He remained Hamburg's sweeper until the 1989-90 season when a terrible incident abruptly ended his career: When an attacker lobbed the Hamburg goalie, Jakobs lunged feet-first into his goal and scraped the ball off the line. However, he fell into the snap hooks fixing the goal to the ground (at that time, the hooks were not stipulated to be under the earth). He hung there for 20 agonising minutes, the hook deeply embedded in his flesh. Finally, the team doctor cut the hooks from his back with a scalpel. With this, the nerves in his back were cut. Because of this horrible accident, he was forced to end his career. However, he regards himself lucky, as the hook missed his spinal cords by a mere two inches.

- 1971** not considered [12/71]
- 1972** not considered
- 1973** not considered [07/73]
- 1973 considered** [12/73] [Midfielder]

1974 considered [07/74] [Central Forward]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered
1976 considered [07/76] [Midfielder]
1976 considered [12/76] [Midfielder]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#6 Stopper]
1977 considered [12/77] [Stopper]
1978 considered [07/78] [Stopper]
1978 considered [12/78] [Stopper]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#4 Stopper]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#3 Stopper]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#4 Stopper]
1980 Internat. Cl. [12/80] [#3 Stopper]
1981 considered [07/81] [Stopper]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#6 Stopper]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#3 Stopper]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#2 Stopper]
1983 Internat. Cl. [07/83] [#2 Stopper]
1983 Internat. Cl. [12/83] [#1 Stopper]
1984 Internat. Cl. [07/84] [#2 Stopper]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#4 Stopper]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#2 Stopper]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#6 Libero]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#3 Defender]
1986 Internat. Cl. [07/86] [#1 Libero]
1986 Internat. Cl. [12/86] [#3 Libero]
1987 Internat. Cl. [07/87] [#1 Libero]
1987 considered [12/87] [Libero]
1988 considered [07/88] [Defender]
1988 broad circle [12/88] [#8 Libero]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#7 Libero]
1989 considered [12/89] [Libero]
1990 not considered [07/90]



Andreas JAKOBSSON

International class: 1 time
Considered: 1 time

2000 played abroad [07/00]
2000 not considered
2001 not considered
2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#4 Central Defender]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 considered [07/03] [Central Defender]
2003 played abroad [12/03]



Carsten JANCKER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 5 times

1992 not considered [12/92]

1993 not considered

1994 not considered

1995 not considered [07/95]

1995 **considered** [12/95] [Forward]

1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#4 German abroad]

1996 not considered [12/96]

1997 not considered [07/97]

1997 **broad circle** [12/97] [#3 Forward]

1998 **broad circle** [07/98] [#8 Forward]

1998 **broad circle** [12/98] [#13 Forward]

1999 **Internat. Cl.** [07/99] [#3 Forward]

1999 **broad circle** [12/99] [#10 Forward]

2000 **broad circle** [07/00] [#10 Forward]

2000 **broad circle** [12/00] [#8 Forward]

2001 **considered** [07/01] [Forward]

2001 not considered [12/01]

2002 not considered [07/02]

2002 **considered** [12/02] [Forward]

2003 not considered

2004 not considered

2005 not considered

2006 not considered

2007 not considered [07/07]

2007 **considered** [12/07] [Forward]

2008 **considered** [07/08] [Forward]

2008 not considered [12/08]

2009 not considered

2010 not considered [07/10]



Kurt JARA

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 6 times

The Austrian was a classic playmaker who preferred to play in left midfield with a very strong left foot and a subtle touch, quick player and expert freekick-taker.

1975 played abroad [07/75]

1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#7 Foreign player]

1976 not considered

1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#9 Foreign player]

1977 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#5 Foreign player]

1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#9 Foreign player]

1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#3 Foreign player]

1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#7 Foreign player]

1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#6 Foreign player]

1980 **Internat. Cl.** [07/80] [#4 Foreign player]

1980 **Internat. Cl.** [12/80] [#3 Foreign player]

1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#3 Foreign player]

1981 played abroad [12/81]



Rune JARSTEIN

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 1 time

2014 not considered

2015 not considered [07/15]

2015 broad circle [12/15] [#9 Goalkeeper]

2016 considered [07/16] [Goalkeeper]

2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#4 Goalkeeper]



Henning JENSEN

World class: 1 time

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 1 time

On paper the Dane was the center forward of one of the Bundesliga's best ever forward lines, the Borussia Mönchengladbach attack of the mid-1970s. Together with the nominal left winger Jupp Heynckes and Allan Simonsen on the right wing, these three forwards constantly interchanged their nominal positions. He was more a provider than a goalscorer, good at getting into the box with the ball at his feet, often playing off to Simonsen and Heynckes but also a good finisher. Not particularly good at heading, he was a rover in and around the box with good ball control.

1972 played abroad [07/72]

1972 considered [12/72] [Foreign Player]

1973 Internat. Cl. [07/73] [#1 Foreign player]

1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#2 Foreign player]

1974 broad circle [07/74] [#7 Foreign player]

1974 Internat. Cl. [12/74] [#4 Foreign player]

1975 broad circle [07/75] [#6 Foreign player]

1975 World Class [12/75] [#1 Foreign player]

1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#1 Foreign player]

1976 played abroad [12/76]



Simon JENTZSCH

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 9 times

1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 not considered
1998 not considered [07/98]
1998 considered [12/98] [Goalkeeper]
1999 considered [07/99] [Goalkeeper]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 considered [07/00] [Goalkeeper]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 considered [07/01] [Goalkeeper]
2001 considered [12/01] [Goalkeeper]
2002 considered [07/02] [Goalkeeper]
2002 Internat. Cl. [12/02] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#9 Goalkeeper]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 considered [07/04] [Goalkeeper]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#9 Goalkeeper]
2005 considered [12/05] [Goalkeeper]
2006 not considered [07/06]
2006 broad circle [12/06] [#8 Goalkeeper]
2007 considered [07/07] [Goalkeeper]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 broad circle [12/11] [#8 Goalkeeper]
2012 broad circle [07/12] [#10 Goalkeeper]
2012 not considered [12/12]
2013 not considered [07/13]



Jens JEREMIES

International class: 5 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 3 times

1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 considered [07/95] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#3 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1996 broad circle [07/96] [#4 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1996 considered [12/96] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1997 broad circle [07/97] [#5 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

1999 Internat. Cl. [12/99] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 considered [07/02] [Defensive Midfielder]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered
2005 not considered
2006 not considered [07/06]



Jermaine JONES

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 2 times

1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 not considered
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 broad circle [12/05] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
2006 not considered
2007 not considered [07/07]
2007 broad circle [12/07] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
2008 Internat. Cl. [07/08] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2008 considered [12/08] [Defensive Midfielder]
2009 broad circle [07/09] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 not considered
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 broad circle [12/11] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
2012 considered [07/12] [Defensive Midfielder]
2012 broad circle [12/12] [#12 Defensive Midfielder]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#11 Defensive Midfielder]
2013 not considered [12/13]
2014 not considered [07/14]
2014 played abroad [12/14]



JORGINHO José de Amorim Campos

World class: 1 time
International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 1 time

One of the best right backs in Bundesliga history, Jorginho basically was a complete wing back. Great at raiding the right flank and crossing or shooting, very good at building up and passing when in possession, technical very sound and fluent, extremely disciplined with regards to tactical measures and a reputable personality.

1989 played abroad [07/89]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#12 Defensive Midfielder]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#5 Wide Midfielder]
1993 considered [07/93] [Wide Midfielder]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#3 Wide Midfielder]
1994 World Class [07/94] [#1 Wide Midfielder]
1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 played abroad [12/95]



JUAN Silveira dos Santos

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 1 time

2002 played abroad [07/02]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 considered [07/03] [Central Defender]
2003 Internat. Cl. [12/03] [#2 Central Defender]
2004 broad circle [07/04] [#5 Central Defender]
2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#2 Central Defender]
2005 not considered
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#7 Central Defender]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 not considered
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 not considered
2012 played abroad [12/12]



Walter JUNGHANS

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 13 times

Starting out as a very promising talent, Walter Junghans became the successor of Sepp Maier overnight after Maier had been severely injured in a car crash in 1979. Junghans was a very agile goalkeeper with quick reflexes but not immune to a number of blunders. A sensitive, reserved character, he did not have a commanding presence when in goal.

1976 not considered [12/76]

1977 not considered

1978 not considered

1979 not considered [07/79]

1979 broad circle [12/79] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1980 broad circle [07/80] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1980 considered [12/80] [Goalkeeper]

1981 broad circle [07/81] [#8 Goalkeeper]

1981 considered [12/81] [Goalkeeper]

1982 not considered

1983 considered [07/83]

1983 considered [12/83] [Goalkeeper]

1984 considered [07/84] [Goalkeeper]

1984 considered [12/84] [Goalkeeper]

1985 considered [07/85] [Goalkeeper]

1985 considered [12/85] [Goalkeeper]

1986 not considered

1987 not considered

1988 not considered

1989 considered [07/89] [Goalkeeper]

1989 considered [12/89] [Goalkeeper]

1990 considered [07/90] [Goalkeeper]

1990 broad circle [12/90] [#9 Goalkeeper]

1991 not considered [07/91]

1991 considered [12/91] [Goalkeeper]

1992 considered [07/92] [Goalkeeper]

1992 not considered [12/92]

1993 considered [07/93] [Goalkeeper]

1993 not considered [12/93]

1994 not considered

1995 not considered

1996 not considered [07/96]



Andrzej JUSKOWIAK

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

1996 played abroad [07/96]

1996 not considered [12/96]

1997 not considered

1998 not considered [07/98]

1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#3 Forward]

1999 not considered

2000 broad circle [07/00] [#18 Forward]

2000 broad circle [12/00] [#11 Forward]

2001 not considered

2002 not considered

2003 not considered [07/03]

2003 played abroad [12/03]

2004 not considered

2005 not considered

2006 not considered

2007 not considered [07/07]



Erich JUSKOWIAK

World class: 3 times

International class: 6 times

Considered: 1 time

Today his name is almost exclusively associated with being the first German international ever to be sent-off (in the 1958 World Cup semi final vs. Sweden). However his career had a lot more to offer than this one sad incident. Described by Sepp Herberger as one of the greatest talents in Germany football after the war, he began his career as a forward but he soon settled as a left back with extraordinarily good positional sense and aerial ability and very good passing skills. He became famous in German football for his powerful shot which explains his nickname "Hammer". Juskowiak found it hard to cope mentally with being sent-off in a crucial World Cup game and many people made him personally responsible for Germany's defeat against hosts Sweden. When he was back playing domestically for Düsseldorf, he was often met with hostile reactions by opposition fans.

1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#3 Full Back]

1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#2 Full Back]

1956 Internat. Cl. [12/56] [#2 Full Back]

1957 Internat. Cl. [07/57] [#1 Full Back]

1957 Internat. Cl. [12/57] [#1 Full Back]

1958 World Class [1958] [#1 Full Back]

1959 World Class [07/59] [#1 Full Back]

1959 World Class [12/59] [#1 Full Back]

1960 Internat. Cl. [1960] [#5 Full Back]

1961 considered [07/61] [Full Back]

1961 not considered [12/61]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]



Peter KAACK

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 11 times

A tough as nails yet fair stopper who for many seasons was an important key player in the famous 'concrete' defense of the 1960s Eintracht Braunschweig side.

1959 not considered [12/59]

1960 not considered
1961 not considered
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Half Back]
1963 considered [07/63] [Center Half]
1963 broad circle [12/63] [#2 Center Half]
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#4 Center Half]
1964 broad circle [12/64] [#3 Center Half]
1965 considered [07/65] [#7 Center Half]
1965 not considered [12/65]
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 considered [12/66] [Central Defender]
1967 considered [07/67] [Central Defender]
1967 considered [12/67] [Central Defender]
1968 considered [07/68] [Central Defender]
1968 considered [12/68] [Central Defender]
1969 considered [07/69] [Central Defender]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 considered [07/70] [Central Defender]
1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 not considered [07/71]
1971 considered [12/71] [Stopper]
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 considered [12/72] [Stopper]
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered
1977 not considered
1978 not considered [07/78]



Miroslav KADLEC

International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 6 times

An accomplished classic libero, strong at heading with good ball control who was often seen surging into midfield initiating attacks of his club Kaiserslautern, where he was a key figure in their successful campaigns during the 1990s. Good distribution and adept at long balls.

1990 played abroad [07/90]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#3 Libero]
1991 Internat. Cl. [07/91] [#1 Libero]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered [07/92]
1992 considered [12/92] [Libero]
1993 considered [07/93] [Libero]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#4 Libero]
1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#3 Libero]
1994 considered [12/94] [Libero]
1995 considered [07/95] [Libero]
1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 broad circle [07/96] [#2 Libero]
1996 considered [12/96] [Libero]
1997 considered [07/97] [Libero]
1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#5 Libero]

1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#4 Libero]
1998 played abroad [12/98]



Shinji KAGAWA

World class: 1 time
International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 2 time
Considered: 1 time

2010 played abroad [07/10]
2010 Internat. Cl. [12/10] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 broad circle [12/11] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
2012 World Class [07/12] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2012 played abroad [12/12]
2013 played abroad
2014 played abroad [07/14]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 broad circle [07/15] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
2016 considered [07/16] [Offensive Midfielder]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Oliver KAHN

World class: 8 times
International class: 15 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 3 times

In his peak years Oliver Kahn was rated as the world's greatest goalkeeper. Already in his very early days in Karlsruhe Kahn was a very dominant person, a talent on the goalline with an exceptional jumping power, a mighty physical presence but with weaknesses when dealing with high balls. As Bayern's goalkeeper, Kahn reached a World Class level on the goalline and in one-on-one situations and with his commanding presence he also improved his weakness at dealing with high balls outside his goal. Technical flaws regarding his ball control with his feet remained unsolved however. Very notable was Kahn's extreme ambition which bordered on the psychological. He did not spare opponents nor teammates when he got into a furious rage about something. In his career he collected 17 trophies, was voted World Goalkeeper three times, European Goalkeeper four times and German Goalkeeper five times. His greatest game was doubtlessly the 2001 Champions League final vs. Valencia where he saved three penalties in the shoot-out. Kahn had a remarkable World Cup in 2002 when he guarded the goal of arguably one of the worst ever German national teams. Only because of some really sensational saves was it possible for this team to reach the World Cup final, yet in the final itself he became a tragic figure when he couldn't save a shot by Rivaldo, instead allowed it to ricochet directly at the feet of Ronaldo who scored easily. Kahn is the only goalkeeper that was voted most valuable player at a World Cup tournament.

1987 not considered [12/87]

1988 not considered
1989 not considered
1990 not considered
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1991 considered [12/91] [Goalkeeper]
1992 considered [07/92] [Goalkeeper]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#9 Goalkeeper]
1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#11 Goalkeeper]
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 Internat. Cl. [12/95] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1996 Internat. Cl. [07/96] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1996 World Class [12/96] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1997 World Class [07/97] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1999 World Class [12/99] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2000 World Class [07/00] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2000 World Class [12/00] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2001 World Class [07/01] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2001 World Class [12/01] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2002 World Class [07/02] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2002 Internat. Cl. [12/02] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2003 Internat. Cl. [07/03] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2003 broad circle [12/03] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2004 broad circle [07/04] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2004 considered [12/04] [Goalkeeper]
2005 Internat. Cl. [07/05] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2005 Internat. Cl. [12/05] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2006 Internat. Cl. [12/06] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2007 broad circle [12/07] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2008 Internat. Cl. [07/08] [#3 Goalkeeper]



Manfred KALTZ

World class: 3 times
 International class: 13 times
 Broad circle: 13 times
 Considered: 5 times

The king of the „banana cross“, Manfred Kaltz was nominally a right back but his interpretation was so offensive that he often appeared to be a midfielder or outright winger. Defensively not the greatest talent ever seen, due to his height he wasn't a great tackler and surprisingly only an average header of the ball. His great strength were his very precise crosses with a mean spin, preferably delivered from a slightly inside position. When he joined Hamburg in 1971 at the age of 18, he was originally intended to play as a stopper and only helped out at the right back position. With his excellent technique and positional play, Kaltz immediately became a starter right from the beginning of his professional career in Hamburg. Almost never injured during the 20 years of his career, Kaltz played 581 times in the Bundesliga, the second-highest ever total. Kaltz, a calm and sober character who never made much fuss about anything, was Hamburg's standard penalty taker. He still holds the record of most converted penalties (53) in Bundesliga history but also holds the record for most own goals (6). In 1977 and 1978, Kaltz was chosen to succeed Franz Beckenbauer as libero of the national team, an opportunity he gladly seized despite it not being his natural position, as he rightly saw this as a great chance to become a regular in the German national team, something which he had been denied in the previous years as Berti Vogts was the no. 1 right back in Germany. Initially Kaltz did very well in the new role and he was also assigned the libero position at his club. Actually Kaltz should have been a good libero with his fine ball control, his height, overview and positional play but the bad climate inside the German team

during the 1978 World Cup didn't help him to carry the massive burden of being Beckenbauer's successor. He was in no way a failure as a libero but looked inhibited and uneasy in that role. After the World Cup, with Berti Vogts being out with a long-term injury, it was apparent that Kaltz would be best used as a right back and from that moment on his career really set off to great heights.

1971 considered [12/71] [Full Back]
1972 considered [07/72] [Stopper]
1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 considered [07/73] [Full Back]
1973 considered [12/73] [Full Back]
1974 considered [07/74] [Full Back]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#7 Full Back]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#4 Full Back]
1975 Internat. Cl. [12/75] [#3 Full Back]
1976 broad circle [07/76] [#4 Full Back]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#2 Full Back]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#1 Full Back]
1977 World Class [07/77] [#2 Libero]
1977 Internat. Cl. [12/77] [#1 Libero]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#2 Libero]
1978 Internat. Cl. [12/78] [#2 Full Back]
1979 Internat. Cl. [07/79] [#2 Full Back]
1979 World Class [12/79] [#1 Full Back]
1980 Internat. Cl. [07/80] [#1 Full Back]
1980 Internat. Cl. [12/80] [#1 Full Back]
1981 Internat. Cl. [07/81] [#2 Full Back]
1981 World Class [12/81] [#1 Full Back]
1982 Internat. Cl. [07/82] [#3 Full Back]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#4 Full Back]
1983 Internat. Cl. [07/83] [#1 Full Back]
1983 broad circle [12/83] [#2 Full Back]
1984 broad circle [07/84] [#4 Full Back]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#2 Full Back]
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1986 not considered [07/86]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
1988 Internat. Cl. [12/88] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1989 played abroad [12/89]
1990 played abroad
1991 not considered [07/91]



Kevin KAMPL

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 1 time

2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2016 broad circle [07/16] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]
2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]



Uwe KAMPS

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 11 times
Considered: 9 times

Not a tall goalkeeper, Uwe Kamps was Borussia Mönchengladbach's no. 1 goalkeeper for almost 15 successive seasons. During his time he was sometimes disputed but in the end managed to fight off all competitors, most notably Dirk Heyne and Robert Enke. A calm and confident goalkeeper whose strengths were clearly on the goalline. Kamps had a reputation as a very good penalty stopper after he saved four penalties in a 1992 German Cup semi final.

- 1982 not considered [12/82]
- 1983 considered [07/83] [Goalkeeper]
- 1983 not considered [12/83]
- 1984 not considered
- 1985 not considered
- 1986 not considered [07/86]
- 1986 **Internat. Cl.** [12/86] [#2 Goalkeeper]
- 1987 **Internat. Cl.** [07/87] [#2 Goalkeeper]
- 1987 **broad circle** [12/87] [#8 Goalkeeper]
- 1988 considered [07/88] [Goalkeeper]
- 1988 **broad circle** [12/88] [#5 Goalkeeper]
- 1989 **broad circle** [07/89] [#9 Goalkeeper]
- 1989 considered [12/89] [Goalkeeper]
- 1990 **broad circle** [07/90] [#9 Goalkeeper]
- 1990 not considered [12/90]
- 1991 not considered [07/91]
- 1991 considered [12/91] [Goalkeeper]
- 1992 **broad circle** [07/92] [#10 Goalkeeper]
- 1992 not considered [12/92]
- 1993 not considered
- 1994 considered [07/94] [Goalkeeper]
- 1994 considered [12/94] [Goalkeeper]
- 1995 **broad circle** [07/95] [#6 Goalkeeper]
- 1995 **broad circle** [12/95] [#12 Goalkeeper]
- 1996 considered [07/96] [Goalkeeper]
- 1996 **broad circle** [12/96] [#7 Goalkeeper]
- 1997 **broad circle** [07/97] [#9 Goalkeeper]
- 1997 **broad circle** [12/97] [#5 Goalkeeper]
- 1998 **broad circle** [07/98] [#7 Goalkeeper]
- 1998 not considered [12/98]
- 1999 not considered [07/99]
- 1999 considered [12/99] [Goalkeeper]
- 2000 not considered [07/00]
- 2000 considered [12/00] [Goalkeeper]
- 2001 not considered
- 2002 not considered
- 2003 not considered
- 2004 not considered [07/04]



Josef KAPPELLMANN

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 9 times

Considered: 9 times

Originally a very offensive right-sided full back, Kapellmann was converted to a right winger over the course of his career and later ended as a midfielder. A very quick, nimble player with sound technique and good crossing ability. He left Bayern in 1979 after his former teammate Uli Hoeness had become managing director since both didn't have the best relationship. After his retirement in 1980 (due to a severe injury) he became a well-known orthopaedist.

1968 not considered [12/68]

1969 considered [07/69] [Outside Left]

1969 considered [12/69] [Outside Right]

1970 not considered

1971 not considered [07/71]

1971 considered [12/71] [Full Back]

1972 considered [07/72] [Full Back]

1972 **broad circle** [12/72] [#5 Full Back]

1973 **Internat. Cl.** [07/73] [#3 Full Back]

1973 considered [12/73] [Midfielder]

1974 **broad circle** [07/74] [#6 Midfielder]

1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#5 Full Back]

1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#11 Midfielder]

1975 considered [07/75] [Midfielder]

1975 considered [12/75] [Midfielder]

1976 **broad circle** [07/76] [#15 Midfielder]

1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#5 Midfielder]

1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#11 Midfielder]

1977 not considered [12/77]

1978 considered [07/78] [Midfielder]

1978 not considered [12/78]

1979 considered [07/79] [Full Back]

1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#21 Midfielder]

1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#15 Midfielder]

1980 not considered [12/80]

1981 not considered [07/81]



Helmut KAPITULSKI

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 17 times

Started out as an outside left who later moved into the inside position, a very fast left-footed player who scored many goals during his career, Kapitulski originally was purely a provider for others, content to thrill the crowds with his dazzling runs on the left wing. When he left Dortmund in 1957 to follow his manager Helmut Schneider by joining FK Pirmasens, his career took a different direction. Here Kapitulski became a playmaker in the inside left position with great skills at short passing. Due to his high pace and dribbling skills, he was now often looking to finish himself instead of providing service for others. With Kapitulski at the helm, little Pirmasens enjoyed its greatest ever phase in German club football when they won the South-Western German championship three times in a row (at that time there were only regional leagues in Germany). Kapitulski himself twice became top scorer of that league. At the same time Kapitulski became the first international player of Pirmasens since Heinrich Hergert in the 1930s.

1955 considered [12/55] [#12 Outside Left]
1956 considered [07/56] [#7 Outside Left]
1956 considered [12/56] [Outside Left]
1957 considered [07/57] [Outside Left]
1957 considered [12/57] [Inside Forward]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#8 Inside Forward]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#5 Outside Left]
1959 broad circle [07/59] [#8 Inside Forward]
1959 broad circle [12/59] [#7 Inside Forward]
1960 considered [1960] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [07/61] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [12/61] [Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Inside Forward]
1963 considered [07/63] [Inside Forward]
1963 considered [12/63] [Inside Forward]
1964 considered [07/64] [Inside Forward]
1964 considered [12/64] [Inside Forward]
1965 not considered
1966 not considered
1967 considered [07/67] [Midfielder]
1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 not considered [07/68]
1968 considered [12/68] [Midfielder]
1969 considered [07/69] [Midfielder]
1969 considered [12/69] [Midfielder]
1970 not considered [07/70]



Rudolf KARGUS

International class: 10 times

Broad circle: 9 times

Considered: times

An agile goalkeeper with fast reflexes who was considered the second best goalkeeper in the Bundesliga in the mid-1970s when he played for Hamburg. Unlike other goalkeepers of the time, Kargus did not only excel on the line but was also a dominant force when he had to leave his goal. Today Kargus is mostly remembered for being the greatest saver of penalties in the history of the league. Altogether he saved 24 penalties in 408 Bundesliga games. In a 1973 Cup game he saved three penalties in a single game. In 1979-80 Kargus experienced a loss of form for a longer period which prompted Hamburg managing director Günter Netzer to hire seasoned veteran Jupp Koitka as well as the outstanding talent Uli Stein. Kargus didn't want to risk being benched so he sought a transfer to another club and finally ended up at lowly Nürnberg. During his five years at Nürnberg he regained his form and was the undisputed no. 1 at that club. After his retirement in 1987 aged 35 Kargus became an acclaimed expressionist painter. In his paintings he sometimes processed experiences of his professional football career.

1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 considered [07/74] [Goalkeeper]
1974 Internat. Cl. [12/74] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1975 Internat. Cl. [07/75] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1975 Internat. Cl. [12/75] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1977 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [12/78] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#9 Goalkeeper]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1982 **broad circle** [12/82] [#9 Goalkeeper]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [07/83] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1984 **considered** [07/84] [Goalkeeper]
1984 **considered** [12/84] [Goalkeeper]
1985 **considered** [07/85] [Goalkeeper]
1985 **not considered** [12/85]
1986 **not considered**
1987 **considered** [07/87] [Goalkeeper]



Loris KARIUS

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 2 times

2012 **not considered**

2013 **not considered**

2014 **considered** [07/14] [Goalkeeper]

2014 **broad circle** [12/14] [#8 Goalkeeper]

2015 **not considered** [07/15]

2015 **broad circle** [12/15] [#8 Goalkeeper]

2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#3 Goalkeeper]

2016 **considered** [12/16] [Goalkeeper]



Srečko KATANEC

International class: 1 time

The Slovene was an organizer from a deep midfield position, joining Stuttgart in 1988 he immediately became the boss of the Stuttgart team. A hard runner, very good ball control with a good eye and a wonderful positional sense. After only one year in Stuttgart he left the club to join Sampdoria.

1988 **played abroad** [07/88]

1988 **Internat. Cl.** [12/88] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

1989 **not considered** [07/89]

1989 **played abroad** [12/89]



Kevin KEEGAN

World class: 4 times
International class: 2 times

A fast and very agile forward of small stature with good dribbling skills who was very difficult to contain. On the pitch he was hard to classify as he constantly changed his position, always tirelessly on the move during the full 90 minutes, oscillating between midfield, central attack and the flanks. His greatest asset were his quick turns in tight spaces and unexpected changes of direction coupled with fast acceleration which got him out of reach of his opponents within two, three steps. Already a considerable international star when he joined Hamburg in 1977, he found it difficult to settle into the new surroundings. Receiving a record wage, most of his teammates at first did not accept him. Thankfully, Keegan managed to overcome this problematic start and with Günter Netzer becoming Hamburg's managing director in spring 1978 and Branko Zebec the team manager, the most successful phase in the history of the Hamburg club was about to begin, with Kevin Keegan as the most instrumental player in this development.

- 1977 played abroad [07/77]
- 1977 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#2 Foreign player]
- 1978 **World Class** [07/78] [#2 Foreign player]
- 1978 **World Class** [12/78] [#1 Foreign player]
- 1979 **World Class** [07/79] [#1 Foreign player]
- 1979 **World Class** [12/79] [#2 Foreign player]
- 1980 **Internat. Cl.** [07/80] [#1 Foreign player]
- 1980 played abroad [12/80]



Naby KEITA

International class: 1 time

- 2016 played abroad [07/16]
- 2016 **Internat. Cl.** [12/16] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]



Alfred KELBASSA

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 2 times

In the club lore of Borussia Dortmund, the “three Alfredos” still have a prominent place 60 years after their actions. The “three Alfredos” were Alfred Preissler, Alfred Niepieklo and Alfred Kelbassa. This threesome formed the arguably most feared inside forward trio in German football of the mid-/late-1950s and were instrumental in Dortmund winning two back-to-back German championships. Preissler was playing as the inside right, Niepieklo as the inside left and Kelbassa in the center. As a center forward, Kelbassa’s reputation was that of a forceful and combative player with a very straightforward way of finishing. In addition to that, he was also known to be a good technical player and most of all a very fast one who would also be found moving to the wing if the occasion arose. A gym teacher with a diploma by profession, Kelbassa ran 100 meters in less than 11 seconds and had won the pentathlon multiple times during his youth. Feared was his powerful shot which was dubbed “Kelbassa slam” by the media. In the final years of his career he played as center half.

1955 not considered [12/55]

1956 broad circle [07/56] [#4 Center Forward]

1956 Internat. Cl. [12/56] [#1 Center Forward]

1957 broad circle [07/57] [#1 Center Forward]

1957 Internat. Cl. [12/57] [#1 Center Forward]

1958 broad circle [1958] [#3 Center Forward]

1959 considered [07/59] [Center Forward]

1959 not considered [12/59]

1960 not considered [1960]

1961 considered [07/61] [Center Forward]

1961 not considered [12/61]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 not considered [12/62]

1963 not considered [07/63]



Kasey KELLER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 2 times

2005 considered [07/05] [Goalkeeper]

2005 Internat. Cl. [12/05] [#4 Goalkeeper]

2006 broad circle [07/06] [#5 Goalkeeper]

2006 considered [12/06] [Goalkeeper]

2007 broad circle [07/07] [#12 Goalkeeper]

2007 played abroad [12/07]



Walter KELSCH

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 6 times

A quick individualist on the right wing who could provide good crosses but who also liked to score himself. His best years were the late-1970s.

1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 not considered
1977 considered [07/77] [Outside Left]
1977 considered [12/77] [Outside Right]
1978 not considered
1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#2 Outside Right]
1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#3 Outside Right]
1979 considered [12/79] [Outside Right]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#3 Outside Right]
1980 considered [12/80] [Outside Right]
1981 considered [07/81] [Outside Right]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#2 Winger]
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 played abroad [12/84]
1985 played abroad
1986 played abroad
1987 played abroad [07/87]
1987 considered [12/87] [Defensive Midfielder]
1988 not considered [07/88]



Thomas KEMPE

Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 13 times

Began as central offensive midfielder with a very good touch who was intended to become a playmaker but in the end was inhibited by the demands others had of him and stalled after a promising start when he debuted at age 19 in 1979 for Duisburg. Coupled with his fine technique, he possessed a very good shot and was also an able header of the ball, despite being not a tall player. In the second half of his career Kempe became an accomplished libero while playing for Bochum. Still, a player who didn't fully realize his great potential.

1979 considered [12/79] [Central Forward]
1980 considered [07/80] [Midfielder]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]
1982 considered [12/82] [Offensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [07/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered
1985 not considered
1986 considered [07/86] [Libero]
1986 considered [12/86] [Libero]
1987 considered [07/87] [Libero]
1987 considered [12/87] [Libero]
1988 **broad circle** [07/88] [#7 Libero]
1988 **broad circle** [12/88] [#5 Libero]
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 considered [12/89] [Libero]
1990 **broad circle** [07/90] [#6 Libero]

1990 broad circle [12/90] [#7 Libero]

1991 broad circle [07/91] [#4 Libero]

1991 not considered [12/91]

1992 not considered [07/92]

1992 considered [12/92] [Libero]

1993 considered [07/93] [Central Defensive Midfielder]

1993 not considered [12/93]



Sami KHEDIRA

International class: 8 times

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 2 times

2004 not considered [12/04]

2005 not considered

2006 not considered

2007 considered [07/07] [Offensive Midfielder]

2007 not considered [12/07]

2008 not considered [07/08]

2008 broad circle [12/08] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]

2009 broad circle [07/09] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]

2009 broad circle [12/09] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]

2010 Internat. Cl. [07/10] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

2010 broad circle [12/10] [#4 German abroad]

2011 broad circle [07/11] [#3 German abroad]

2011 broad circle [12/11] [#2 German abroad]

2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#2 German abroad]

2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#1 German abroad]

2013 Internat. Cl. [07/13] [#2 German abroad]

2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#2 German abroad]

2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#3 German abroad]

2014 not considered [12/14]

2015 not considered [07/15]

2015 considered [12/15] [Defensive Midfielder]

2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#4 German abroad]

2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#4 German abroad]



Stefan KIESSLING

International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 6 times

2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered
2004 not considered
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 broad circle [12/05] [#8 Forward]
2006 considered [07/06] [Forward]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 considered [07/07] [Forward]
2007 broad circle [12/07] [#8 Forward]
2008 broad circle [07/08] [#6 Offensive Lateral]
2008 broad circle [12/08] [#10 Forward]
2009 considered [07/09] [Forward]
2009 Internat. Cl. [12/09] [#1 Forward]
2010 Internat. Cl. [07/10] [#7 Forward]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 considered [07/11] [Forward]
2011 considered [12/11] [Forward]
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#7 Forward]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#2 Forward]
2013 Internat. Cl. [07/13] [#2 Forward]
2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#3 Forward]
2014 broad circle [07/14] [#9 Forward]
2014 considered [12/14] [Forward]
2015 broad circle [07/15] [#10 Forward]
2015 not considered [12/15]
2016 broad circle [07/16] [#17 Forward]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Joshua KIMMICH

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time

2013 not considered [12/13]
2014 not considered
2015 not considered
2016 broad circle [07/16] [#11 Central Defender]
2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]



Gábor KIRÁLY

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 5 times

1997 played abroad [07/97]
1997 considered [12/97] [Goalkeeper]
1998 considered [07/98] [Goalkeeper]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1999 Internat. Cl. [12/99] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2000 considered [12/00] [Goalkeeper]
2001 not considered
2002 broad circle [07/02] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2002 considered [12/02] [Goalkeeper]
2003 considered [07/03] [Goalkeeper]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 played abroad [12/04]
2005 played abroad
2006 played abroad
2007 played abroad
2008 played abroad
2009 played abroad [07/09]
2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 not considered
2013 not considered
2014 not considered [07/04]
2014 played abroad [12/04]



Sergey KIRYAKOV

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 2 times

A difficult character but very good footballer. Kiryakov was a classic support forward, a fine dribbler, agile and with close ball control who liked to play on the right side.

1992 played abroad [07/92]
1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#4 Forward]
1993 considered [07/93] [Forward]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#8 Forward]
1994 not considered
1995 not considered
1996 considered [07/96] [Forward]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 not considered
1998 not considered
1999 not considered
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 played abroad [12/00]



Ulf KIRSTEN

International class: 9 times
Broad circle: 9 times
Considered: 2 times

Remembered today as an archetype center forward he actually began his career in the mid-1980s as a winger. As a forward he was very self-assured and mastered finishing in any position he found himself in. Be it with a header, volley, shooting after quick turns, poaching. At the same time a real hard-working warrior on the pitch, the best goalgetter of his generation and the fifth best altogether. With his mentality he made up for light deficiencies in technique. In the unified German national team he strangely never had a real breakthrough, despite scoring an impressive 20 goals in 50 games (plus 14 goals in 49 games for East Germany).

- 1983 not assessed [East G.]
- 1984 not assessed [East G.]
- 1985 not assessed [East G.]
- 1986 not assessed [East G.]
- 1987 not assessed [East G.]
- 1988 not assessed [East G.]
- 1989 not assessed [East G.]
- 1990 not assessed [East G.] [07/90]
- 1990 **broad circle** [12/90] [#9 Forward]
- 1991 not considered
- 1992 **broad circle** [07/92] [#12 Forward]
- 1992 **broad circle** [12/92] [#8 Forward]
- 1993 **Internat. Cl.** [07/93] [#1 Forward]
- 1993 **broad circle** [12/93] [#7 Forward]
- 1994 **considered** [07/94] [Forward]
- 1994 **Internat. Cl.** [12/94] [#1 Forward]
- 1995 **broad circle** [07/95] [#5 Forward]
- 1995 **considered** [12/95] [Forward]
- 1996 not considered [07/96]
- 1996 **Internat. Cl.** [12/96] [#3 Forward]
- 1997 **Internat. Cl.** [07/97] [#1 Forward]
- 1997 **Internat. Cl.** [12/97] [#1 Forward]
- 1998 **Internat. Cl.** [07/98] [#3 Forward]
- 1998 **Internat. Cl.** [12/98] [#4 Forward]
- 1999 **Internat. Cl.** [07/99] [#4 Forward]
- 1999 **Internat. Cl.** [12/99] [#2 Forward]
- 2000 **broad circle** [07/00] [#8 Forward]
- 2000 **broad circle** [12/00] [#12 Forward]
- 2001 **broad circle** [07/01] [#8 Forward]
- 2001 **broad circle** [12/01] [#9 Forward]
- 2002 not considered
- 2003 not considered [07/03]



Ivan KLASNIĆ

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 1 time

1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 not considered
1999 not considered
2000 not considered
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 not considered [07/03]
2003 broad circle [12/03] [#9 Forward]
2004 broad circle [07/04] [#8 Forward]
2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#7 Forward]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#9 Forward]
2005 broad circle [12/05] [#6 Forward]
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#12 Forward]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 not considered
2008 considered [07/08] [Forward]
2008 played abroad [12/08]
2009 played abroad
2010 played abroad
2011 played abroad
2012 played abroad [07/12]
2012 not considered [12/12]
2013 not considered [07/13]



Wolfgang KLEFF

International class: 6 times
 Broad circle: 9 times
 Considered: 12 times

In his time he was one of the smallest goalkeepers but also one of the best. Wolfgang Kleff impressed with his lightning fast reflexes, outstanding on the goalline and also pretty good in controlling the box. A true personality with charisma he was known for a high consistency in his performance level. His best remembered game was the second leg of the 1970-71 European Cup tie against English champions Everton FC. After a blunder in the very first minute which allowed Everton the first goal, he then showed a series of spectacular saves and Mönchengladbach only lost in the penalty shoot-out. Kleff's peak year was 1973 when he was hailed as Germany's best goalkeeper and for a short time managed to make Sepp Maier the no. 2 keeper of the national team. In 1976 a long-term injury made him lose his starting spot in the Mönchengladbach goal, but Kleff recovered from this blow in the following years and continued to be a Bundesliga keeper for various clubs until he finally retired at the age of 40 in 1987.

1968 not considered [12/68]
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Goalkeeper]
1970 considered [07/70] [Goalkeeper]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1971 broad circle [12/71] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1972 Internat. Cl. [07/72] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1972 broad circle [12/72] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1973 Internat. Cl. [07/73] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1974 Internat. Cl. [07/74] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1975 Internat. Cl. [07/75] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1975 Internat. Cl. [12/75] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1976 broad circle [07/76] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 considered [12/77] [Goalkeeper]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#8 Goalkeeper]

1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [07/80] [Goalkeeper]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 considered [07/81] [Goalkeeper]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1982 considered [07/82] [Goalkeeper]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 considered [07/83] [Goalkeeper]
1983 considered [12/83] [Goalkeeper]
1984 considered [07/84] [Goalkeeper]
1984 considered [12/84] [Goalkeeper]
1985 considered [07/85] [Goalkeeper]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 not considered
1987 considered [07/87] [Goalkeeper]



Uwe KLIEMANN

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 4 times
 Considered: 17 times

Dubbed “radio tower” by the media, Uwe Kliemann was a very tall stopper and later sweeper with a great, commanding aerial presence. It was almost impossible to beat him in the air and his heading ability was also a weapon at set-pieces. Additionally, Kliemann was one of the very first stoppers who initiated attacks with long passes from the back, a job usually reserved for the libero. For a player of his height, he possessed a very good control of the ball and his passes were razor-sharp precise. His one drawback was his lack of pace. Due to being a somewhat unconventional type of player and character, more established stoppers like Georg Schwarzenbeck and Rolf Rüssmann were always preferred for national duties. After his retirement, Kliemann became a streetworker in Berlin.

1967 considered [12/67] [Central Defender]
1968 not considered [07/68]
1968 considered [12/68] [Central Defender]
1969 considered [07/69] [Central Defender]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Defender]
1970 considered [07/70] [Central Defender]
1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 considered [07/71] [Stopper]
1971 considered [12/71] [Stopper]
1972 considered [07/72] [Libero]
1972 considered [12/72] [Stopper]
1973 considered [07/73] [Stopper]
1973 considered [12/73] [Stopper]
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#7 Stopper]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#1 Stopper]
1975 Internat. Cl. [07/75] [#1 Stopper]
1975 broad circle [12/75] [#6 Stopper]
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 considered [12/76] [Stopper]
1977 considered [07/77] [Stopper]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#4 Stopper]
1978 considered [12/78] [Stopper]
1979 considered [07/79] [Libero]
1979 considered [12/79] [Libero]
1980 considered [07/80] [Stopper]



Diego KLIMOWICZ

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 3 times

2001 played abroad [07/01]

2001 not considered [12/01]

2002 **Internat. Cl.** [07/02] [#5 Forward]

2002 **broad circle** [12/02] [#14 Forward]

2003 not considered [07/03]

2003 **broad circle** [12/03] [#7 Forward]

2004 **broad circle** [07/04] [#13 Forward]

2004 **considered** [12/04] [Forward]

2005 not considered [07/05]

2005 **considered** [12/05] [Forward]

2006 not considered

2007 **considered** [07/07] [Forward]

2007 not considered [12/07]

2008 not considered

2009 not considered

2010 not considered [07/10]

2010 played abroad [12/10]



Jürgen KLINSMANN

World class: 7 times

International class: 9 times

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 6 times

For a forward his technique was probably only average but he made up for that with his great enthusiasm, his very good heading of the ball but most of all with his great stamina. For roughly ten years Klinsmann was a fixture in the German national team. In Stuttgart Klinsmann was originally intended as a versatile second forward next to the Belgian Nico Claesen as targetman. With his heading and volleying he soon made a name for himself as a goalgetter and he was one of the first players to excessively celebrate a scored goal. A very negative aspect of his playing style was his habit of not only going down easy but embellishing fouls or imagined fouls in an unsportsmanlike manner. His greatest game for Germany was the 1990 second round knock-out game vs. the Netherlands at the World Cup in Italy.

1981 not considered [12/81]

1982 not considered

1983 not considered [07/83]

1983 **considered** [12/83] [Winger]

1984 **considered** [07/84] [Winger]

1984 **considered** [12/84] [Central Forward]

1985 **considered** [07/85] [Central Forward]

1985 not considered [12/85]

1986 **broad circle** [07/86] [#8 Forward]

1986 **considered** [12/86] [Forward]

1987 considered [07/87] [Forward]
1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#2 Forward]
1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#1 Forward]
1988 World Class [12/88] [#1 Forward]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#4 Forward]
1989 played abroad [12/89]
1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#2 Forward]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#6 German abroad]
1991 Internat. Cl. [07/91] [#6 German abroad]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#10 German abroad]
1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#8 Forward]
1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#7 German abroad]
1993 World Class [07/93] [#1 German abroad]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#8 German abroad]
1994 World Class [07/94] [#1 Forward]
1994 World Class [12/94] [#1 German abroad]
1995 World Class [07/95] [#1 German abroad]
1995 World Class [12/95] [#1 Forward]
1996 World Class [07/96] [#1 Forward]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#12 Forward]
1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#3 Forward]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#2 Forward]



Bernhard KLODT

International class: 2 times
 Broad circle: 7 times
 Considered: 5 times

Berni Klodt debuted already at the age of 16 in the first team of FC Schalke 04 (in 1942) and became a versatile winger who could be deployed on both flanks. Characterised by a very fast acceleration, a brilliant ball control at high pace, a space-consuming way of running, great power in both feet and a natural instinct for goalscoring as well as an ability for swinging in very precise crosses, Berni Klodt was arguably Germany's most talented winger in the 20 years after World War II. A player very focused on teamwork and commitment, he stood in the shadow of Helmut Rahn for most of the 1950s. At the start of the 1954 World Cup Klodt was the no. 1 outside right of Germany and Rahn was warming the bench. Over the course of the tournament however Rahn came into the team, Herberger basically just following his stomach feel that Rahn could do very special things and in the end he was proven right. Klodt didn't take it too hard in commenting: "in the end it is not important who is playing but that we are winning." When he retired in 1963 the media wrote: "Klodt was one of the most sympathetic players in football, his popularity was at times second to none. His absolute fairness was proverbial. He is the right rolemodel for the Schalke youth, who he will take care of after his retirement."

1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#2 Outside Right]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#2 Outside Right]
1956 broad circle [12/56] [#5 Outside Right]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#5 Outside Right]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#2 Outside Right]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#2 Outside Left]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#3 Outside Right]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#3 Outside Left]
1959 broad circle [07/59] [#6 Outside Left]
1959 considered [07/59] [Outside Right]
1959 considered [12/59] [Outside Left]
1960 considered [1960] [Outside Left]
1961 considered [07/61] [Outside Left]
1961 considered [12/61] [Outside Left]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 not considered [07/63]



Theodor KLÖCKNER

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 5 times

Fast as an arrow, this outside left was an instrumental player for Stuttgart already in his younger years.

- 1955 not considered [12/55]
- 1956 not considered [07/56]
- 1956 **considered** [12/56] [Outside Left]
- 1957 not considered
- 1958 **broad circle** [1958] [#7 Outside Left]
- 1959 **broad circle** [07/59] [#2 Outside Left]
- 1959 **considered** [07/59] [Center Forward]
- 1959 **broad circle** [12/59] [#3 Outside Left]
- 1960 **considered** [1960] [Outside Left]
- 1961 **considered** [07/61] [Outside Left]
- 1961 **considered** [12/61] [Outside Left]
- 1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
- 1962 **considered** [12/62] [Outside Left]
- 1963 not considered
- 1964 not considered
- 1965 not considered
- 1966 not considered
- 1967 not considered
- 1968 not considered
- 1969 not considered
- 1970 not considered [12/70]



Stefan KLOS

International class: 10 times
Broad circle: 14 times
Considered: 2 times

Not an overly tall but physically strong and reliable no-nonsense goalkeeper. Despite a very good performance level in the 1990s he was continuously ignored by Berti Vogts and never collected a cap. Klos was intended to be part of the 1996 Euro squad but an injury meant that he had to stay at home. Arguably the best German goalkeeper never to be capped by the national team.

- 1990 not considered [12/90]
- 1991 not considered [07/91]
- 1991 **considered** [12/91] [Goalkeeper]
- 1992 **broad circle** [07/92] [#8 Goalkeeper]
- 1992 **broad circle** [12/92] [#5 Goalkeeper]
- 1993 **Internat. Cl.** [07/93] [#2 Goalkeeper]
- 1993 **broad circle** [12/93] [#6 Goalkeeper]
- 1994 **considered** [07/94] [Goalkeeper]

1994 broad circle [12/94] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1995 Internat. Cl. [12/95] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1996 Internat. Cl. [07/96] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1999 broad circle [07/99] [#4 German abroad]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#1 German abroad]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#1 German abroad]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#2 German abroad]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#3 German abroad]
2002 broad circle [07/02] [#1 German abroad]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#1 German abroad]
2003 Internat. Cl. [07/03] [#1 German abroad]
2003 Internat. Cl. [12/03] [#1 German abroad]
2004 Internat. Cl. [07/04] [#1 German abroad]
2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#1 German abroad]
2005 not considered
2006 not considered
2007 not considered [07/07]



Miroslav KLOSE

World class: 1 time
 International class: 7 times
 Broad circle: 13 times
 Considered: 2 times

1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#4 Forward]
2001 considered [07/01] [Forward]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#11 Forward]
2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#1 Forward]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#8 Forward]
2003 broad circle [12/03] [#6 Forward]
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#1 Forward]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#7 Forward]
2005 Internat. Cl. [12/05] [#1 Forward]
2006 World Class [07/06] [#1 Forward]
2006 Internat. Cl. [12/06] [#1 Forward]
2007 considered [07/07] [Forward]
2007 Internat. Cl. [12/07] [#2 Forward]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 broad circle [12/08] [#9 Forward]
2009 not considered
2010 broad circle [07/10] [#9 Forward]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#1 German abroad]
2012 broad circle [07/12] [#3 German abroad]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#3 German abroad]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#7 German abroad]

2013 broad circle [12/13] [#5 German abroad]
2014 broad circle [07/14] [#7 German abroad]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 broad circle [07/15] [#8 German abroad]
2015 not considered [12/15]
2016 broad circle [07/16] [#13 German abroad]



Wolfgang KNEIB

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 14 times

A very tall and physically imposing goalkeeper, very consistent in his performances, who due to his personality always was a defining figure in the teams he played for. Strong on the line and also in controlling the box.

1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 not considered
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 considered [12/78] [Goalkeeper]
1979 considered [07/79] [Goalkeeper]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [07/80] [Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [12/80] [Goalkeeper]
1981 considered [07/81] [Goalkeeper]
1981 considered [12/81] [Goalkeeper]
1982 considered [07/82] [Goalkeeper]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 broad circle [12/83] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1984 broad circle [07/84] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1984 considered [12/84] [Goalkeeper]
1985 considered [07/85] [Goalkeeper]
1985 considered [12/85] [Goalkeeper]
1986 considered [07/86] [Goalkeeper]
1986 considered [12/86] [Goalkeeper]
1987 considered [07/87] [Goalkeeper]
1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 considered [07/88] [Goalkeeper]
1988 not considered [12/88]
1989 not considered
1990 not considered
1991 not considered
1992 not considered
1993 not considered [07/93]



Levan KOBIAHVILI

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 6 times

1997 not considered [12/97]

1998 considered [07/98] [Defensive Midfielder]

1998 not considered [12/98]

1999 considered [07/99] [Defensive Midfielder]

1999 broad circle [12/99] [#4 Lateral]

2000 broad circle [07/00] [#7 Lateral]

2000 broad circle [12/00] [#4 Lateral]

2001 broad circle [07/01] [#2 Lateral]

2001 considered [12/01] [Defensive Lateral]

2002 considered [07/02] [Defensive Lateral]

2002 not considered [12/02]

2003 not considered

2004 broad circle [07/04] [#2 Defensive Lateral]

2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

2005 broad circle [07/05] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]

2005 considered [12/05] [Offensive Lateral]

2006 not considered [07/06]

2006 considered [12/06] [Defensive Midfielder]

2007 not considered

2008 not considered

2009 not considered

2010 not considered

2011 not considered

2012 not considered

2013 not considered

2014 not considered



Georg KOCH

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 8 times

An aggressive, emotional goalkeeper with a similar style to Gerald Ehrmann. The straightforward, open-minded keeper was a fan favourite who was very good on the line but occasionally a brute when leaving his goal. He had to retire after a firecracker exploded close to him which gave him a hearing trauma and ultimately resulted in disturbances of equilibrium.

1990 not considered [12/90]

1991 not considered

1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 considered [12/94] [Goalkeeper]
1995 considered [07/95] [Goalkeeper]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#10 Goalkeeper]
1996 broad circle [07/96] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1997 not considered
1998 not considered [07/98]
1998 considered [12/98] [Goalkeeper]
1999 considered [07/99] [Goalkeeper]
1999 considered [12/99] [Goalkeeper]
2000 considered [07/00] [Goalkeeper]
2000 Internat. Cl. [12/00] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#10 Goalkeeper]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 broad circle [12/05] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#9 Goalkeeper]
2006 not considered
2007 not considered [07/07]
2007 considered [12/07] [Goalkeeper]
2008 considered [07/08] [Goalkeeper]
2008 not considered [12/08]



Jürgen KOHLER

World class: 6 times
 International class: 15 times
 Broad circle: 7 times
 Considered: 5 times

The embodiment of the classic 1990s man-marker, Jürgen Kohler was an adamant central defender with a solid technique. In one-on-one situations he was actually more compromising than other, less known man-markers of the same ilk like Roland Dickgiesser or Dieter Schindwein. His tackling was hard but usually clean, precise and on the spot. A fast player with good defensive heading qualities who didn't offer much when going forward (which he rarely did). His short passing game was above average and he was very good at anticipating the intentions of his opponents, his biggest asset however was - just like that of his idol Karlheinz Förster - the ability to fully concentrate on his job for the whole 90 minutes and hence being a very reliable defender. For the national team, Kohler was one of the most consistent and longest-serving man-markers of all time.

1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered
1985 considered [07/85] [Defensive Midfielder]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defensive Midfielder]
1986 not considered [07/86]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1987 Internat. Cl. [07/87] [#1 Defender]
1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#1 Defender]
1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#1 Defender]
1988 World Class [12/88] [#1 Defender]
1989 World Class [07/89] [#1 Defender]
1989 considered [12/89] [Defender]
1990 World Class [07/90] [#1 Defender]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#1 Marker]
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#3 Marker]

1991 World Class [12/91] [#1 German abroad]
1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#3 Marker]
1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#1 German abroad]
1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#2 German abroad]
1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#2 German abroad]
1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#1 Marker]
1994 Internat. Cl. [12/94] [#2 German abroad]
1995 Internat. Cl. [07/95] [#2 German abroad]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#8 Marker]
1996 Internat. Cl. [07/96] [#2 Marker]
1996 World Class [12/96] [#1 Marker]
1997 World Class [07/97] [#1 Marker]
1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#3 Marker]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#2 Marker]
1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#1 Defender]
1999 broad circle [07/99] [#9 Defender]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#6 Defender]
2000 considered [07/00] [Defender]
2000 considered [12/00] [Defender]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#2 Defender]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#7 Defender]
2002 not considered [07/02]



Heinz-Josef KOITKA

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 4 times
 Considered: 13 times

A rather small goalkeeper who was very quick on the goalline but with weaknesses controlling the box and thus almost never undisputed in the clubs he played for. Still, in 1977 Gyula Lorant claimed that Koitka was the Bundesliga's best goalkeeper.

1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 considered [07/73] [Goalkeeper]
1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 considered [07/76] [Goalkeeper]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 considered [07/77] [Goalkeeper]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 considered [12/79] [Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [07/80] [Goalkeeper]
1980 Internat. Cl. [12/80] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered [07/82]
1982 considered [12/82] [Goalkeeper]
1983 considered [07/83] [Goalkeeper]
1983 considered [12/83] [Goalkeeper]
1984 broad circle [07/84] [Goalkeeper]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 considered [07/85] [Goalkeeper]
1985 considered [12/85] [Goalkeeper]
1986 considered [07/86] [Goalkeeper]
1986 not considered [12/86]

1987 not considered

1988 considered [07/88] [Goalkeeper]

1988 considered [12/88] [Goalkeeper]

1989 not considered

1990 not considered [07/90]



Sead KOLASINAC

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 1 time

2011 not considered [12/11]

2012 not considered

2013 considered [07/13] [Defensive lateral]

2013 not considered [12/13]

2014 **broad circle** [07/14] [#6 Defensive Lateral]

2015 not considered [12/14]

2015 not considered

2016 not considered [07/16]

2016 **Internat. Cl.** [12/16] [#2 Defensive Lateral]



Jan KOLLER

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 1 time

2001 played abroad [07/01]

2001 considered [12/01][Forward]

2002 **Internat. Cl.** [07/02] [#2 Forward]

2002 **Internat. Cl.** [12/02] [#2 Forward]

2003 **Internat. Cl.** [07/03] [#2 Forward]

2003 **broad circle** [12/03] [#12 Forward]

2004 **broad circle** [07/04] [#6 Forward]

2004 **broad circle** [12/04] [#14 Forward]

2005 **Internat. Cl.** [07/05] [#2 Forward]

2005 not considered [12/05]

2006 not considered [07/06]

2006 played abroad [12/06]

2007 played abroad

2008 played abroad [07/08]

2008 not considered [12/08]



Friedhelm KONIETZKA

International class: 5 times

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 4 times

A goal-hungry inside left with fluctuations in his performances which ultimately cut short his international career as Sepp Herberger once said about him: „I am never sure which Konietzka will show up.“

1959 considered [12/59] [Inside Forward]
1960 considered [1960] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [07/61] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [12/61] [Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#2 Inside Forward]
1963 Internat. Cl. [07/63] [#2 Inside Forward]
1963 Internat. Cl. [12/63] [#2 Inside Forward]
1964 Internat. Cl. [07/64] [#4 Inside Forward]
1964 Internat. Cl. [12/64] [#3 Inside Forward]
1965 Internat. Cl. [07/65] [#3 Inside Forward]
1965 broad circle [12/65] [#6 Inside Forward]
1966 broad circle [07/66] [#6 Central Forward]
1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 not considered [07/67]
1967 played abroad [12/67]
1968 played abroad
1969 played abroad
1970 played abroad
1971 played abroad [07/71]



Harald KONOPKA

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 13 times

A compact right-sided full back with focus on the physical aspects of the game, a hard-tackling defender with a certain momentum and panache when driving down the right flank and a good crosser. His aim in each game was that his opponent regretted becoming a footballer.

1971 considered [12/71] [Full Back]
1972 considered [07/72] [Full Back]
1972 considered [12/72] [Full Back]
1973 not considered [07/73]
1973 considered [12/73] [Full Back]
1974 not considered
1975 considered [07/75] [Stopper]

1975 considered [12/75] [Full Back]
1976 considered [07/76] [Full Back]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#5 Full Back]
1977 considered [07/77] [Full Back]
1977 considered [12/77] [Full Back]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#1 Full Back]
1978 considered [12/78] [Full Back]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#6 Full Back]
1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 not considered
1981 considered [07/81] [Full Back]
1981 considered [12/81] [Full Back]
1982 not considered [07/82]
1982 considered [12/82] [Defensive Midfielder]
1983 not considered
1984 not considered [07/84]



Ludwig KÖGL

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 16 times

A swift left winger who scored very few goals as his area of expertise was service from the left flank. Ludwig 'Wiggerl' Kögl was a technically very sound dribbler who scored his most famous goal with his head (probably the only time he scored with his head) in the 1987 European Cup final for Bayern München vs. FC Porto.

1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 considered [12/84] [Winger]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#2 Winger]
1985 considered [12/85] [Forward]
1986 not considered
1987 considered [07/87] [Forward]
1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 considered [12/88] [Offensive Midfielder]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 considered [12/89] [Offensive Midfielder]
1990 considered [07/90] [Offensive Midfielder]
1990 considered [12/90] [Offensive Midfielder]
1991 not considered
1992 considered [07/92] [Offensive Midfielder]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#3 Wide Midfielder]
1993 considered [07/93] [Wide Midfielder]
1993 considered [12/93] [Wide Midfielder]
1994 considered [07/94] [Wide Midfielder]
1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 considered [07/97] [Wide Midfielder]
1997 not considered [07/97]
1997 considered [12/97] [Lateral]
1998 considered [07/98] [Lateral]
1998 considered [12/98] [Lateral]
1999 considered [07/99] [Lateral]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 not considered
2001 not considered [07/01]



Andreas KÖPKE

World class: 6 times

International class: 12 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 10 times

One of the few internationally successful German goalkeepers that didn't achieve anything on domestic level. One of the best ever goalkeepers on the goalline, very strong in one-on-one situations and good fisting in the box. Unlike Oliver Kahn, Sepp Maier or Harald Schumacher, Andreas Köpke was not a temperamental goalkeeper but a sober, reticent Northern German who never looked for the limelight. He was voted German goalkeeper of the Year four times.

1979 not considered [12/79]

1980 not considered

1981 not considered

1982 not considered

1983 considered [07/83]

1983 considered [12/83] [Goalkeeper]

1984 considered [07/84] [Goalkeeper]

1984 considered [12/84] [Goalkeeper]

1985 considered [07/85] [Goalkeeper]

1985 not considered [12/85]

1986 considered [07/86] [Goalkeeper]

1986 broad circle [12/86] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1987 considered [07/87] [Goalkeeper]

1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1988 broad circle [12/88] [#8 Goalkeeper]

1989 broad circle [07/89] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1990 broad circle [07/90] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1990 broad circle [12/90] [#6 Goalkeeper]

1991 Internat. Cl. [07/91] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1991 Internat. Cl. [12/91] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1992 World Class [12/92] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1993 World Class [07/93] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1994 Internat. Cl. [12/94] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1995 Internat. Cl. [07/95] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1995 Internat. Cl. [12/95] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1996 World Class [07/96] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1996 World Class [12/96] [#1 German abroad]

1997 World Class [07/97] [#1 German abroad]

1997 World Class [12/97] [#1 German abroad]

1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1998 broad circle [12/98] [#3 German abroad]

1999 broad circle [07/99] [#9 Goalkeeper]

1999 considered [12/99] [Goalkeeper]

2000 considered [07/00] [Goalkeeper]

2000 considered [12/00] [Goalkeeper]

2001 not considered [07/01]



Horst KÖPPEL

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 12 times

Considered: 8 times

A technically very sound offensive midfielder and winger with great stamina and a veritable hunger for goals. Köppel won six domestic trophies with Borussia Mönchengladbach. His main competitor for a place in the national team was Uli Hoernes who in the long run was just a little bit better than him. Perhaps his good-natured mentality prevented him from achieving more with the national team.

1966 considered [12/66] [Outside Left]
1967 considered [07/67] [Outside Right]
1967 broad circle [12/67] [#3 Outside Right]
1968 broad circle [07/68] [#2 Outside Right]
1968 considered [07/68] [Outside Left]
1968 considered [12/68] [Outside Right]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#3 Outside Left]
1969 considered [07/69] [Outside Right]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Forward]
1970 broad circle [07/70] [#5 Central Forward]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#4 Central Forward]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#3 Outside Right]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#2 Outside Right]
1971 Internat. Cl. [07/71] [#2 Central Forward]
1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#3 Central Forward]
1971 broad circle [12/71] [#4 Midfielder]
1972 broad circle [07/72] [#5 Midfielder]
1972 broad circle [12/72] [#4 Midfielder]
1973 broad circle [07/73] [#7 Midfielder]
1973 broad circle [12/73] [#10 Midfielder]
1974 considered [07/74] [Midfielder]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered
1976 not considered
1977 not considered
1978 not considered[12/78]



Herwart KOPPENHÖFER

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 3 times

A full back who preferred to operate on the right side. Koppenhöfer evolved into a sweeper at the end of his career. He was a defensive full back, obstinate in one-on-one duels and hard-running with a solid technique.

1965 considered [12/65] [Full Back]
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 broad circle [12/66] [#6 Full Back]

1967 broad circle [07/67] [#6 Full Back]
1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 broad circle [07/68] [#4 Full Back]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#6 Full Back]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#5 Full Back]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 considered [07/70] [Full Back]
1970 considered [12/70] [Full Back]
1971 not considered
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered
1977 not considered
1978 not considered
1979 not considered
1980 not considered
1981 not considered
1982 not considered [07/82]



Karl-Heinz KÖRBEL

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 19 times
 Considered: 12 times

The player with most games in Bundesliga history (602 between 1972 and 1991), and all of them for a single club, Eintracht Frankfurt. Hence his nickname "loyal Charly". Körbel spent the huge majority of his games as a stopper who famously debuted at the age of 17 having to mark Gerd Müller. Although Müller scored a late goal, he was lauded from all sides afterwards. From this moment on Körbel remained a fixture in the Eintracht side for the next 19 years. He embodied a new kind of stopper with a very good technique who tried to avoid foulplay, was skillful in one-on-one situations, a cultured defender who tried to eliminate his opponents in a playful manner. With the ball at his feet he liked to venture into midfield, was very good at heading and a very consistent player. His compulsion to move forward was ultimately the reason for his modest international career, as Franz Beckenbauer preferred a defensive stopper at his side but Körbel also lacked the necessary perserverance throughout his career.

1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered [07/73]
1973 considered [12/73] [Midfielder]
1974 considered [07/74] [Midfielder]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#3 Stopper]
1975 Internat. Cl. [07/75] [#2 Stopper]
1975 broad circle [12/75] [#3 Stopper]
1976 considered [07/76] [Libero]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#3 Stopper]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#3 Stopper]
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#5 Stopper]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#16 Midfielder]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#5 Stopper]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#5 Stopper]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#5 Stopper]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#3 Stopper]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#3 Stopper]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#5 Stopper]
1982 considered [12/82] [Stopper]
1983 broad circle [07/83] [#6 Stopper]
1983 considered [12/83] [Stopper]

1984 considered [07/84] [Stopper]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 considered [07/85] [Stopper]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defender]
1986 considered [07/86] [Defender]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#3 Defender]
1987 not considered [07/87]
1987 considered [12/87] [Defender]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#6 Defender]
1988 broad circle [12/88] [#6 Defender]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#5 Defender]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#3 Defender]
1990 considered [07/90] [Defender]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#7 Marker]
1991 considered [07/91] [Marker]



Willi KOSLOWSKI

Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 6 times

An outside right fast as an arrow and very dangerous because of his unpredictability.

1955 not considered [12/55]
1956 not considered
1957 not considered [07/57]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#4 Outside Right]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#3 Outside Right]
1959 considered [07/59] [Outside Right]
1959 considered [12/59] [Outside Right]
1960 not considered
1961 not considered [07/61]
1961 considered [12/61] [Center Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#3 Outside Right]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#3 Center Forward]
1963 broad circle [07/63] [#6 Center Forward]
1963 considered [12/63] [Outside Right]
1964 not considered [07/64]
1964 considered [12/64] [Center Forward]
1965 not considered
1966 considered [07/66] [Midfielder]
1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 not considered
1968 not considered
1969 not considered
1970 not considered
1971 not considered [07/71]



Erwin KOSTEDDE

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 8 times

A classic center forward of similar ilk as Gerd Müller or Klaus Fischer. Not particularly tall, stocky but with an excellent heading ability, great variability in finishing and a poacher's instinct. He was always looking for long, high-flying balls which he stopped with his breast with his back to the goal, and then after he quick turn he volleyed the ball towards the goal without the ball dropping to the ground in between this movement. Son of an American soldier and a German woman, he was the first black German international (in 1974). His area of action was almost exclusively the penalty box, his work-ethic was nothing to write home about.

1965 not considered [12/65]

1966 not considered

1967 not considered [07/67]

1967 considered [12/67] [Central Forward]

1968 not considered [07/68]

1968 played abroad [12/68]

1969 played abroad

1970 played abroad

1971 played abroad [07/71]

1971 considered [12/71] [Central Forward]

1972 considered [07/72] [Central Forward]

1972 considered [12/72] [Central Forward]

1973 considered [07/73] [Central Forward]

1973 **broad circle** [12/73] [#5 Central Forward]

1974 considered [07/74] [Central Forward]

1974 **Internat. Cl.** [12/74] [#2 Central Forward]

1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#4 Central Forward]

1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#2 Central Forward]

1976 not considered

1977 considered [07/77] [Central Forward]

1977 not considered [12/77]

1978 not considered [07/78]

1978 played abroad [12/78]

1979 played abroad

1980 played abroad [07/80]

1980 not considered [12/80]

1981 considered [07/81] [Central Forward]

1981 not considered [12/81]

1982 not considered

1983 not considered [07/80]



Niko KOVAČ

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 8 times

1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 not considered
1991 not considered
1992 not considered
1993 considered [07/93] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 not considered [12/93]
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 considered [12/94] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 considered [12/95] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1996 considered [07/96] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 considered [07/97] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 not considered
1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
2000 Internat. Cl. [07/00] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2001 considered [07/01] [Defensive Midfielder]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
2005 considered [12/05] [Defensive Midfielder]
2006 considered [07/06] [Defensive Midfielder]
2006 played abroad [12/06]
2007 played abroad [07/07]



Robert KOVAČ

International class: 2 times
 Broad circle: 8 times
 Considered: 4 times

1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 considered [12/95] [Marker]
1996 considered [07/96] [Marker]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 not considered
1998 not considered [07/98]
1998 considered [12/98] [Defender]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#1 Defender]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#4 Defender]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#4 Defender]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#5 Defender]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#9 Defender]
2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#3 Central Defender]
2002 broad circle [07/02] [#7 Central Defender]
2002 considered [12/02] [Central Defender]
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#3 Defender]
2003 broad circle [12/03] [#8 Defender]
2004 not considered
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#5 Central Defender]
2005 played abroad [12/05]

2006 played abroad
2007 played abroad [07/07]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 played abroad [12/09]



Christoph KRAMER

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 1 time

2013 not considered [07/13]
2013 broad circle [12/13] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]
2014 broad circle [07/14] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
2014 broad circle [12/14] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
2015 not considered [12/15]
2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 considered [12/16] [Defensive Midfielder]



Werner KRÄMER

International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 14 times

Gifted with technical sophistication and lightfootedness, Werner 'Eia' Krämer started out as an outside right in the late-1950s but soon was shifted to the inside right position where he became one of Germany's most outstanding midfield players of the 1960s. Notable were his brilliant through balls.

1958 not considered [1958]
1959 not considered
1960 considered [1960] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [07/61] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [12/61] [Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Inside Forward]
1963 considered [07/63] [Inside Forward]
1963 Internat. Cl. [12/63] [#1 Inside Forward]
1964 Internat. Cl. [07/64] [#1 Inside Forward]
1964 Internat. Cl. [12/64] [#1 Inside Forward]

1965 Internat. Cl. [07/65] [#1 Inside Forward]
1965 Internat. Cl. [12/65] [#1 Inside Forward]
1966 Internat. Cl. [07/66] [#2 Outside Right]
1966 broad circle [07/66] [#4 Central Forward]
1966 considered [12/66] [Central Forward]
1967 broad circle [07/67] [#9 Midfielder]
1967 considered [12/67] [Midfielder]
1968 broad circle [07/68] [#5 Midfielder]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#8 Midfielder]
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Midfielder]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Forward]
1970 considered [07/70] [Midfielder]
1970 considered [12/70] [Midfielder]
1971 considered [07/71] [Midfielder]
1971 considered [12/71] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [07/72] [Midfielder]
1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered [07/73]



Engelbert KRAUS

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 12 times
 Considered: 6 times

With his daredevil ways on the right wing, Berti Kraus was capable of stimulating his teammates and the crowd when things were going wrong. Bold and witty, he had no respect for taller or more famous players that he faced on the pitch.

1955 broad circle [12/55] [#4 Outside Right]
1955 broad circle [12/55] [#7 Center Forward]
1956 broad circle [07/56] [#4 Outside Right]
1956 considered [12/56] [Inside Forward]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#2 Center Forward]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#6 Outside Right]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#5 Outside Right]
1959 broad circle [07/59] [#3 Outside Right]
1959 broad circle [07/59] [#4 Outside Left]
1959 broad circle [12/59] [#3 Outside Right]
1960 considered [1960] [Outside Right]
1961 considered [07/61] [Outside Right]
1961 Internat. Cl. [12/61] [#2 Outside Right]
1961 broad circle [12/61] [#3 Center Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#1 Outside Right]
1963 considered [07/63] [Outside Right]
1963 considered [12/63] [Outside Right]
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#4 Outside Right]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 not considered [07/65]
1965 considered [12/65] [Outside Right]
1966 not considered
1967 not considered [07/67]



Wolfgang KRAUS

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 6 times

Good at spurring his teammates from a defensive midfield position, not a typical tackler but a good footballer who cleaned up in front of his defense. A hard-running yet lightfooted small player with a very good understanding of the game.

1971 not considered [12/71]

1972 not considered

1973 not considered

1974 not considered

1975 not considered

1976 not considered

1977 considered [07/77] [Midfielder]

1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]

1978 considered [07/78] [Midfielder]

1978 not considered [12/78]

1979 not considered

1980 not considered [07/80]

1980 considered [12/80] [Midfielder]

1981 broad circle [07/81] [#5 Midfielder]

1981 broad circle [12/81] [#16 Midfielder]

1982 broad circle [07/82] [#9 Midfielder]

1982 broad circle [12/82] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]

1983 broad circle [07/83] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]

1983 considered [12/83] [Defensive Midfielder]

1984 not considered [07/84]

1984 played abroad [12/84]

1985 played abroad

1986 played abroad [07/86]

1986 considered [12/86] [Defensive Midfielder]

1987 not considered [07/87]



Martin KREE

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 6 times

Martin Kree was a not very tall but sturdy, heavy-set left-footed man marker who was also used as a left back if need be. Most renown for his powerful shot (137 kilometers per hour were measured in 1988), he also was a good header of the ball. As a player Kree resembled Hans-Peter Briegel, although not quite as fast and mobile.

1983 not considered [12/83]

1984 not considered

1985 not considered [07/85]

1985 considered [12/85] [Defender]

1986 not considered [07/86]

1986 considered [12/86] [Defender]

1987 considered [07/87] [Defender]
1987 considered [12/87] [Defender]
1988 **broad circle** [07/88] [#5 Defender]
1988 **broad circle** [12/88] [#4 Defender]
1989 **broad circle** [07/89] [#3 Defender]
1989 **broad circle** [12/89] [#7 Defender]
1990 **broad circle** [07/90] [#3 Defender]
1990 considered [12/90] [Marker]
1991 not considered [07/91]
1991 **broad circle** [12/91] [#1 Marker]
1992 **broad circle** [07/92] [#6 Marker]
1992 **broad circle** [12/92] [#6 Marker]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 considered [12/95] [Marker]
1996 not considered
1997 not considered
1998 not considered [07/98]



Erwin KREMERS

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 5 times

A vintage outside left, fast dribbler with a bag of tricks who liked to get close to the touchline and then cross. Together with Reinhard Libuda he formed one of the best – if not the best – pair of wingers ever witnessed in the Bundesliga. Unfortunately due to Libuda's involvement in the 1971 Bundesliga scandal the two only played one full season together (1971-72). 15 minutes older than his twin brother Helmut, Erwin Kremers was a tad more introverted but had a more fulfilling international career, being part of the 1972 European Championship winning side. Unfortunate for him he was sent-off on the last day of the 1973-74 season and thus was stroked from the list of the 1974 World Cup roster, which he otherwise certainly would have made. It was a very stupid red card for complaining in a rude way.

1968 not considered [12/68]
1969 not considered
1970 considered [07/70] [Outside Left]
1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 **broad circle** [07/71] [#4 Outside Left]
1971 **broad circle** [12/71] [#2 Outside Left]
1972 **Internat. Cl.** [07/72] [#1 Outside Left]
1972 **Internat. Cl.** [12/72] [#1 Outside Left]
1973 **Internat. Cl.** [07/73] [#1 Outside Left]
1973 **Internat. Cl.** [12/73] [#2 Outside Left]
1974 **broad circle** [07/74] [#4 Outside Left]
1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#3 Outside Left]
1975 considered [07/75] [Outside Left]
1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#2 Outside Left]
1976 considered [07/76] [Outside Left]
1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#3 Outside Left]
1977 considered [07/77] [Outside Left]
1977 considered [12/77] [Outside Left]
1978 not considered
1979 not considered [07/79]



Helmut KREMERS

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 5 times

Twin brother of Erwin, Helmut Kremers was a technically sound left back, unlike his introverted brother he was a sociable fellow, quick and lightfooted, often seen joining his brother when attacking on the left flank and also an able crosser of the ball. Arguably his greatest game was the 1972 German Cup final where he scored twice in a 5-0 rout of Schalke 04 vs. Kaiserslautern. Unfortunately he never played a big role in the national team, as first Paul Breitner and later Bernard Dietz were always better options at the left back position. Kremers was a member of the 1974 World Cup squad but didn't see action. He was also deployable as a defensive midfielder and as a libero (especially during the time when Klaus Fichtel was suspended due to his involvement in the Bundesliga scandal). Very unlike his brother Erwin, Helmut Kremers was not only sociable but also a bit of a rebel. Together with his brother he tried his luck as a pop singer in a duet which even reached no. 3 in the German language charts in 1974.

1968 not considered [12/68]

1969 not considered

1970 not considered [07/70]

1970 considered [12/70] [Full Back]

1971 considered [07/71] [Full Back]

1971 considered [12/71] [Midfielder]

1972 **broad circle** [07/72] [#5 Full Back]

1972 **broad circle** [12/72] [#8 Full Back]

1973 **broad circle** [07/73] [#5 Libero]

1973 **Internat. Cl.** [12/73] [#4 Full Back]

1973 **broad circle** [12/73] [#3 Libero]

1974 **broad circle** [07/74] [#4 Full Back]

1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#4 Full Back]

1975 not considered [07/75]

1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#8 Full Back]

1976 not considered [07/76]

1976 considered [12/76] [Full Back]

1977 considered [07/77] [Full Back]

1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#11 Midfielder]

1978 not considered

1979 not considered

1980 not considered [07/80]

1980 considered [12/80] [Libero]

1981 not considered [07/81]



Richard KRESS

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 11 times

A fast outside right with a straightforward way who earned himself the nickname “the Blitz of Horas”. Kress was instrumental in Eintracht Frankfurt’s rise to a European power in the late-1950s. Rarely seen scoring goals, his asset was drawing several opponents his way to create space for the inside forwards. A likeable player because of his modest and reserved character, he was the oldest player in the Bundesliga’s first ever season 1963-64 aged 38.

1955 considered [12/55] [#12 Center Forward]

1956 considered [07/56] [#12 Center Forward]

1956 considered [12/56] [Inside Forward]

1957 considered [07/57] [Inside Forward]

1957 considered [12/57] [Outside Right]

1958 considered [1958] [Outside Right]

1959 considered [07/59] [Outside Right]

1959 considered [12/59] [Outside Right]

1960 broad circle [1960] [#4 Outside Right]

1961 Internat. Cl. [07/61] [#1 Outside Right]

1961 broad circle [12/61] [#1 Outside Right]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 considered [12/62] [Outside Right]

1963 considered [07/63] [Outside Right]

1963 considered [12/63] [Outside Right]

1964 not considered [07/64]



Oliver KREUZER

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 11 times

A solid, uncompromising man-marker with a relatively good ball control.

1986 not considered [12/86]

1987 considered [07/87] [Defender]

1987 considered [12/87] [Defender]

1988 considered [07/88] [Defender]

1988 not considered [12/88]

1989 not considered [07/89]

1989 broad circle [12/89] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]

1990 broad circle [07/90] [#6 Defender]

1990 not considered [12/90]

1991 considered [07/91] [Marker]

1991 not considered [12/91]

1992 not considered [07/92]

1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#3 Marker]

1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#2 Marker]

1993 considered [12/93] [Marker]

1994 not considered

1995 considered [07/95] [Marker]

1995 not considered [12/95]

1996 not considered

1997 not considered [07/97]

1997 considered [12/97] [Marker]

1998 considered [07/98] [Marker]

1998 considered [12/98] [Libero]

1999 considered [07/99] [Libero]

1999 broad circle [12/99] [#4 German abroad]

2000 not considered [07/00]

2000 considered [12/00] [Liberò]

2001 not considered

2002 not considered [07/02]



Toni KROOS

World class: 3 times

International class: 5 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 1 time

2007 not considered [12/07]

2008 not considered

2009 not considered [07/09]

2009 broad circle [12/09] [#1 Offensive Lateral]

2010 broad circle [07/10] [#2 Offensive Lateral]

2010 considered [12/10] [Offensive Lateral]

2011 not considered [07/11]

2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]

2012 broad circle [07/12] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2013 not considered [07/13]

2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]

2014 World Class [07/14] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]

2014 World Class [12/14] [#1 German abroad]

2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#2 German abroad]

2015 broad circle [12/15] [#9 German abroad]

2016 World Class [07/16] [#1 German abroad]

2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#5 German abroad]



Mladen KRSTAJIĆ

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 3 times

2000 played abroad [07/00]

2000 not considered [12/00]

2001 broad circle [07/01] [#4 Defender]

2001 not considered [12/01]

2002 considered [07/02] [Central Defender]

2002 considered [12/02] [Central Defender]

2003 broad circle [07/03] [#4 Central Defender]

2003 broad circle [12/03] [#6 Central Defender]

2004 Internat. Cl. [07/04] [#4 Central Defender]

2004 broad circle [12/04] [#9 Central Defender]

2005 not considered [07/05]

2005 broad circle [12/05] [#3 Defensive Lateral]

2006 not considered

2007 considered [07/07] [Central Defender]

2007 not considered [12/07]

2008 not considered

2009 not considered [07/09]

2009 played abroad [12/09]



Maximilian KRUSE

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 6 times

2007 not considered [12/07]

2008 not considered

2009 not considered

2010 not considered

2011 not considered

2012 not considered [07/12]

2012 broad circle [12/12] [#7 Forward]

2013 broad circle [07/13] [#4 Forward]

2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#4 Forward]

2014 broad circle [07/14] [#8 Forward]

2014 broad circle [12/14] [#7 Forward]

2015 broad circle [07/15] [#5 Forward]

2015 broad circle [12/15] [#11 Forward]

2016 not considered



Jacek KRZYNOWEK

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 3 times

1999 played abroad [07/99]

1999 considered [12/99] [Lateral]

2000 considered [07/00] [Lateral]

2000 considered [12/00] [Lateral]

2001 not considered

2002 broad circle [07/02] [#5 Offensive Lateral]

2002 not considered [12/02]

2003 not considered

2004 not considered [07/04]

2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#2 Offensive Lateral]

2005 broad circle [07/05] [#2 Offensive Lateral]

2005 not considered [12/05]

2006 not considered

2007 not considered

2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered [07/10]



Heinz KUBSCH

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 3 times

Had his first team debut aged 17 in 1947 and quickly became a starter in the following months due to his adroit reflexes. A reserved and down-home carpenter by profession who was together with Helmut Kapitulski one of the heroes of the FK Pirmasens side that won three successive championships in the German South-Western league between 1958 and 1960. Legend has it that once after having celebrated his birthday the next morning he ran into Germany manager Sepp Herberger, still smelling of alcohol, which apparently was considerably detrimental to his international ambitions.

1955 **Internat. Cl.** [12/55] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1956 **broad circle** [07/56] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1956 **broad circle** [12/56] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1957 **considered** [07/57][Goalkeeper]
1957 **broad circle** [12/57] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1958 **broad circle** [1958] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1959 **broad circle** [07/59] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1959 **broad circle** [12/59] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1960 **considered** [1960] [Goalkeeper]
1961 **considered** [07/61] [Goalkeeper]



Samuel KUFFOUR

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 3 times

1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 **broad circle** [12/96] [#9 Marker]
1997 not considered [07/97]
1997 **considered** [12/97] [Marker]
1998 **considered** [07/98] [Marker]
1998 **broad circle** [12/98] [#5 Defender]
1999 not considered
2000 **Internat. Cl.** [07/00] [#3 Defender]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 **broad circle** [07/01] [#13 Defender]
2001 **Internat. Cl.** [12/01] [#4 Central Defender]
2002 **broad circle** [07/02] [#9 Central Defender]
2002 **considered** [12/02][Central Defender]
2003 **broad circle** [07/03] [#6 Central Defender]

2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 played abroad [12/05]



Pavel KUKA

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 2 times

A very fast and agile support striker, the Czech belonged to the Bundesliga's most dangerous forwards during the five seasons he played for Kaiserslautern. A fine dribbler with a poacher's instinct, Kuka was a member of the 1996 Czech Republic side that reached the Euro final.

1993 played abroad [12/93]
1994 **Internat. Cl.** [07/94] [#4 Forward]
1994 **broad circle** [12/94] [#7 Forward]
1995 **broad circle** [07/95] [#3 Forward]
1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#4 Forward]
1996 not considered
1997 **considered** [07/97] [Forward]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 not considered [07/98]
1998 **considered** [12/98] [Forward]
1999 **broad circle** [07/99] [#13 Forward]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 played abroad [12/00]



Peter KUNTER

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 16 times

Known as the „flying dentist“.

1958 not considered [12/58]
1959 **considered** [07/59] [Goalkeeper]
1959 **considered** [12/59] [Goalkeeper]
1960 **considered** [1960] [Goalkeeper]
1961 **considered** [07/61] [Goalkeeper]
1961 **considered** [12/61] [Goalkeeper]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 **considered** [07/63] [Goalkeeper]
1963 **considered** [12/63] [Goalkeeper]
1964 **considered** [07/64] [Goalkeeper]
1964 **considered** [12/64] [Goalkeeper]

1965 considered [07/65] [#12 Goalkeeper]
1965 broad circle [12/65] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1966 broad circle [07/66] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 not considered
1968 not considered [07/68]
1968 considered [12/68] [Goalkeeper]
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Goalkeeper]
1970 considered [07/70] [Goalkeeper]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1971 considered [07/71] [Goalkeeper]
1971 considered [12/71] [Goalkeeper]
1972 considered [07/72] [Goalkeeper]
1972 considered [12/72] [Goalkeeper]
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered
1977 not considered [07/77]



Stefan KUNTZ

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 12 times

Considered: 9 times

One of the best forwards of the Bundesliga in the late-1980s and early-1990s, Stefan Kuntz was a support striker with a very dry and well-placed left-footed shot. At the side of Klaus Fischer he was Bundesliga top scorer in 1986 for lowly Bochum and became almost legendary in Kaiserslautern during the 1990-91 sensational league-winning campaign when Kuntz was deployed in multiple positions after a number of his teammates were sidelined by injuries. Surprisingly he did very well as man-marker and as sweeper during those months. For a long time, Kuntz waited to no end for getting a call up for the national team. Only in 1993 – at 30 years of age – did he finally get his first cap. During his time in the national team he never was more than an extra except for the 1996 Euro semi final when he scored the crucial equalizer at Wembley against England and also scored in the penalty shoot-out. Of his 25 international games for Germany (6 goals) he did not lose a single one, which is a German record. His bad luck was that he played at a time when Germany had an abundance of good to very good forwards, had he been born 10-15 years later he probably would have been a regular starter.

1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 considered [12/83] [Central Forward]
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 considered [12/84] [Central Forward]
1985 considered [07/85] [Winger]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#3 Forward]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#14 Forward]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered [07/87]
1987 considered [12/87] [Forward]
1988 considered [07/88] [Forward]
1988 considered [12/88] [Forward]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#6 Forward]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#11 Forward]
1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#3 Forward]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#10 Forward]
1991 Internat. Cl. [07/91] [#2 Forward]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#10 Forward]
1992 considered [07/92] [Forward]
1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered [07/93]
1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#2 Forward]

1994 broad circle [07/94] [#9 Forward]
1994 considered [12/94] [Forward]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#4 Forward]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#5 German abroad]
1996 broad circle [07/96] [#3 Forward]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 broad circle [07/97] [#7 Forward]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 not considered [07/98]
1998 considered [12/98] [Forward]
1999 not considered [07/99]



Hans KÜPPERS

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 8 times

An inside left, Hans Küppers was dubbed “master of the long ball” who when playing for TSV 1860 München in the 1960s formed a well-oiled twosome with goalgetter Rudi Brunnenmeier. Only seven caps probably leave a little bit to be desired for a fine player like him, but possibly the competition of similar players like Werner Krämer, Helmut Haller and especially Wolfgang Overath was too much.

1957 not considered [12/57]
1958 considered [1958] [Inside Forward]
1959 considered [07/59] [Inside Forward]
1959 considered [12/59] [Inside Forward]
1960 considered [1960] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [07/61] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [12/61] [Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#5 Inside Forward]
1963 broad circle [07/63] [#5 Inside Forward]
1963 broad circle [12/63] [#7 Inside Forward]
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#7 Inside Forward]
1964 broad circle [12/64] [#7 Inside Forward]
1965 Internat. Cl. [07/65] [#4 Inside Forward]
1965 not considered [12/65]
1966 considered [07/66] [Central Forward]
1966 Internat. Cl. [12/66] [#3 Midfielder]
1967 Internat. Cl. [07/67] [#3 Midfielder]
1967 Internat. Cl. [12/67] [#6 Midfielder]
1968 not considered [07/68]
1968 considered [12/68] [Midfielder]
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 played abroad [12/69]
1970 played abroad
1971 played abroad
1972 played abroad [07/72]



Kevin KURANYI

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 11 times

Considered: 8 times

2001 not considered [12/01]

2002 not considered [07/02]

2002 broad circle [12/02] [#4 Forward]

2003 broad circle [07/03] [#7 Forward]

2003 broad circle [12/03] [#8 Forward]

2004 broad circle [07/04] [#7 Forward]

2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#2 Forward]

2005 broad circle [07/05] [#8 Forward]

2005 considered [12/05] [Forward]

2006 not considered [07/06]

2006 considered [12/06] [Forward]

2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#3 Forward]

2007 broad circle [12/07] [#6 Forward]

2008 broad circle [07/08] [#7 Forward]

2008 not considered [12/08]

2009 considered [07/09] [Forward]

2009 Internat. Cl. [12/09] [#2 Forward]

2010 Internat. Cl. [07/10] [#5 Forward]

2010 broad circle [12/10] [#5 German abroad]

2011 considered [07/11] [Forward]

2011 broad circle [12/11] [#4 German abroad]

2012 considered [07/12] [Forward]

2012 considered [12/12] [Forward]

2013 broad circle [07/13] [#9 German abroad]

2013 not considered [12/13]

2014 considered [07/14] [Forward]

2014 broad circle [12/14] [#4 German abroad]

2015 considered [07/15] [Forward]

2015 not considered [12/15]

2016 not considered



Jürgen KURBJUHN

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 7 times

A tall and lean left back who was a fixture for Hamburg between 1960 and 1972. The East Prussian Jürgen Kurbjuhn was reputed for taking no prisoners on the pitch.

1958 not considered [1958]

1959 broad circle [07/59] [#7 Full Back]
1959 broad circle [12/59] [#9 Full Back]
1960 considered [1960] [Full Back]
1961 considered [07/61] [Full Back]
1961 considered [12/61] [Full Back]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#7 Full Back]
1963 broad circle [07/63] [#3 Full Back]
1963 Internat. Cl. [12/63] [#2 Full Back]
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#6 Full Back]
1964 broad circle [12/64] [#6 Full Back]
1965 considered [07/65] [#12 Full Back]
1965 not considered [12/65]
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 broad circle [12/66] [#5 Full Back]
1967 not considered [07/67]
1967 considered [12/67] [Full Back]
1968 not considered [07/68]
1968 considered [12/68] [Full Back]
1969 not considered
1970 not considered
1971 considered [07/71] [Stopper]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered [07/72]



Heinrich KWIATKOWSKI

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 4 times

A native of Gelsenkirchen, home of FC Schalke 04, Heinrich Kwiatkowski enjoyed his greatest successes with fierce rivals Borussia Dortmund when he won two back-to-back German championships in 1956 and 1957 and was their captain in the 1961 German championship final which they lost to Nürnberg. He was less lucky playing for Germany, in the four caps he collected he was beaten 14 times, among it the 3-8 vs. Hungary in 1954 and the 3-6 vs. France in 1958. As Fritz Walter stated later “during the 1954 World Cup the only player I felt real pity for was Kwiatkowski”. At the same time he considered himself lucky because he almost drowned while swimming in a lake in Thun. Upon his return to Dortmund the municipal public bath gave him a coupon for free swimming lessons. From a footballing point of view Kwiatkowski has to be counted among the very best German keepers of his generation and was considered an equal talent to the 1954 World Cup winning goalkeeper Toni Turek. A cool-headed personality, in more than 1,200 games he earned himself the nickname “Heini fist it!” as his specialty was forceful and firm fisting of the ball. Altogether his 409 games in the pre-Bundesliga “Oberliga” are second only to Max Morlock.

1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1956 broad circle [12/56] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1957 Internat. Cl. [12/57] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1958 Internat. Cl. [1958] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1959 broad circle [07/59] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1959 not considered [12/59]
1960 not considered
1961 considered [07/61] [Goalkeeper]
1961 considered [12/61] [Goalkeeper]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Goalkeeper]
1963 considered [07/63] [Goalkeeper]
1963 not considered [12/63]
1964 not considered

1965 not considered

1966 not considered [07/66]



Philipp LAHM

World class: 5 times

International class: 11 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 1 time

2001 not considered [12/01]

2002 not considered

2003 not considered [07/03]

2003 **Internat. Cl.** [12/03] [#2 Defensive Lateral]

2004 **Internat. Cl.** [07/04] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2004 **broad circle** [12/04] [#2 Defensive Lateral]

2005 not considered

2006 **Internat. Cl.** [07/06] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2006 **broad circle** [12/06] [#2 Defensive Lateral]

2007 not considered [07/07]

2007 **considered** [12/07] [Defensive Lateral]

2008 **broad circle** [07/08] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2008 **Internat. Cl.** [12/08] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2009 **Internat. Cl.** [07/09] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2009 **broad circle** [12/09] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2010 **Internat. Cl.** [07/10] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2010 **broad circle** [12/10] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2011 **broad circle** [07/11] [#2 Defensive Lateral]

2011 **Internat. Cl.** [12/11] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2012 **Internat. Cl.** [07/12] [#2 Defensive Lateral]

2012 **Internat. Cl.** [12/12] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2013 **World Class** [07/13] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2013 **World Class** [12/13] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

2014 **World Class** [07/14] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

2014 **World Class** [12/14] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

2015 **broad circle** [07/15] [#13 Defensive Midfielder]

2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2016 **World Class** [07/16] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2016 **Internat. Cl.** [12/16] [#1 Defensive Lateral]



Srdjan LAKIĆ

International class: 1 time

Considered: 1 time

2006 played abroad [07/06]

2006 not considered [12/06]

2007 not considered [07/07]
2007 played abroad [12/07]
2008 played abroad [07/08]
2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 not considered
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 **Internat. Cl.** [12/10] [#6 Forward]
2011 **considered** [07/11] [Central Defender]
2011 not considered [12/11]
2012 not considered
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 not considered
2016 not considered



Michael LAMECK

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 16 times

Michael 'Ata' Lameck holds two records: he is the player with the most Bundesliga games who never once was capped (518 games) and also the player with the most Bundesliga games who never won a single trophy. Used predominantly as a left back he spent his entire topflight career at lowly VfL Bochum, a club always short of money and in the direct shadow of the big crowd-drawing neighborhood clubs Schalke 04 and Borussia Dortmund. Bochum managed to remain in topflight during all 16 seasons Lameck played at the club (1972 to 1988). Lameck was an absolutely reliable player, who was good at all aspects that were demanded of a full back but not outstanding in any category. One always knew what could be expected of Lameck but also what should not be expected of him. Not a notable offensive capacity, he was tough in one-on-one situations with good passing skills, while he never scored many goals he did have a dangerous long range shot. His biggest asset however was his incredible consistency. In his first 15 years he played in 502 of 510 possible games, an unbelievable ratio. Plus, he was always a starter in these 502 games and only subbed out eight times. Only in his very last season, aged 37, did he lose his starting place in the first team.

1968 not considered [12/68]
1969 not considered
1970 not considered
1971 not considered
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 **considered** [12/72] [Midfielder]
1973 not considered
1974 not considered [07/74]
1974 **considered** [12/74] [Midfielder]
1975 **considered** [07/75] [Full Back]
1975 **considered** [12/75] [Full Back]
1976 **considered** [07/76] [Full Back]
1976 **considered** [12/76] [Full Back]
1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#6 Full Back]
1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#4 Full Back]
1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#5 Full Back]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 **considered** [12/79] [Full Back]
1980 **considered** [07/80] [Full Back]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 **considered** [07/81] [Midfielder]
1981 **considered** [12/81] [Midfielder]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 **considered** [12/83] [Defensive Midfielder]
1984 **considered** [07/84] [Defensive Midfielder]

1984 not considered [12/84]

1985 considered [07/85] [Defensive Midfielder]

1985 considered [12/85] [Defensive Midfielder]

1986 considered [07/86] [Defensive Midfielder]

1986 not considered [12/86]

1987 considered [07/87] [Defensive Midfielder]

1987 not considered [12/87]

1988 not considered [07/88]



Ludwig LANDERER

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 6 times

A stringy and gangling center half who debuted aged 17 in the first team of Bayern München (in 1954) and soon was among the undisputed starters in the team.

1955 broad circle [12/55] [#4 Center Half]

1956 broad circle [07/56] [#6 Center Half]

1956 not considered [12/56]

1957 considered [07/57] [Center Half]

1957 considered [12/57] [Center Half]

1958 considered [1958] [Center Half]

1959 considered [07/59] [Center Half]

1959 broad circle [12/59] [#5 Center Half]

1960 not considered

1961 not considered

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 broad circle [12/62] [#3 Center Half]

1963 broad circle [07/62] [#2 Center Half]

1963 not considered [07/63]

1963 considered [12/63] [Center Half]

1964 considered [07/64] [Center Half]

1964 not considered [12/64]

1965 not considered

1966 not considered [07/66]



Brian LAUDRUP

International class: 3 times

Considered: 1 time

The younger brother of the famous Danish forward Michael Laudrup was a tricky support striker with a close control of the ball whose strengths were in dribbling. Always with an eye on the goal, it was easy for him to trump defenders, yet he was criticized for wasting too many chances. High expenses, low revenue, as some of his critics claimed.

1989 played abroad [07/89]

1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#2 Forward]

1990 considered [07/90] [Forward]

1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#1 Forward]

1991 not considered

1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

1992 played abroad [12/92]



Herbert LAUMEN

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 5 times

Originally an outside right who evolved into a withdrawn center forward who liked to roam behind the strikers. His outside right position at Mönchengladbach was adopted by Herbert Wimmer in 1966 thus Laumen was free for his new role. Made history for scoring the fastest ever hattrick in the Bundesliga when he scored three goals in six minutes against Hannover 96 in 1967. One with his left foot, one with his head and one with his right foot. Laumen liked to lurk around the box looking for chances to create danger which he often achieved due to his deftness at finishing coming literally from out of nowhere. He is still Mönchengladbach's second best goalscorer after Jupp Heynckes.

1962 not considered [12/62]

1963 not considered

1964 not considered

1965 considered [07/65] [#11 Outside Right]

1965 considered [12/65] [Outside Right]

1966 considered [07/66] [Outside Right]

1966 considered [12/66] [Central Forward]

1967 not considered

1968 broad circle [07/68] [#5 Central Forward]

1968 considered [12/68] [Central Forward]

1969 not considered [07/69]

1969 broad circle [12/69] [#6 Central Forward]

1970 broad circle [07/70] [#4 Central Forward]

1970 broad circle [12/70] [#11 Midfielder]

1971 Internat. Cl. [07/71] [#4 Central Forward]

1971 not considered [12/71]

1972 not considered

1973 not considered

1974 not considered [07/74]



Ulrik LE FEVRE

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 1 time

Ulrik Le Fevre was the first of many fine Mönchengladbach players imported from Denmark and regarded as a cult figure among fans of the club. Le Fevre was a very quick outside left, very adept at picking up and processing the ball in high tempo, a straightforward winger, not a dribbler but with a superb control of the ball and a calm finisher.

1969 played abroad [07/69]
1969 not assessed [12/69]
1970 not assessed [07/70]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#6 Foreign player]
1971 considered [07/71] [Foreign Player]
1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#1 Foreign player]
1972 Internat. Cl. [07/72] [#2 Foreign player]
1972 played abroad [12/72]



Jens LEHMANN

World class: 1 time
International class: 10 times
Broad circle: 12 times
Considered: 11 times

The 'eternal' goalkeeper who was a professional for 23 years, a representative of the calm, solid kind of goalkeeping. Lehmann had a great reach, a good control of the penalty box and a pretty good touch. An intelligent player with a distinct and sometimes difficult character, often outspoken about his opinions. He was the first Bundesliga goalkeeper to score a goal from open play when he scored the equalizer for FC Schalke 04 in a 2-2 derby vs. Borussia Dortmund in 1997. His biggest season was 2005-06 when he established a Champions League record playing for Arsenal FC of not conceding for 852 minutes (marred by a red card in the final) and ousting Oliver Kahn from the German goal for the 2006 World Cup. Germany manager Jürgen Klinsmann considered Lehmann the more communicative and adaptable keeper. Lehmann certainly was a better footballer than Kahn but Kahn was definitely the better goalkeeper.

1988 not considered [12/88]
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 considered [12/89] [Goalkeeper]
1990 considered [07/90] [Goalkeeper]
1990 considered [12/90] [Goalkeeper]
1991 considered [07/91] [Goalkeeper]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#11 Goalkeeper]
1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 broad circle [07/94] [#9 Goalkeeper]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1995 considered [07/95] [Goalkeeper]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1996 Internat. Cl. [07/96] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1996 considered [12/96] [Goalkeeper]
1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1999 Internat. Cl. [12/99] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 considered [12/00] [Goalkeeper]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2002 broad circle [07/02] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2002 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2003 Internat. Cl. [07/03] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2003 broad circle [12/03] [#2 German abroad]
2004 broad circle [07/04] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2004 considered [12/04] [Goalkeeper]
2005 Internat. Cl. [07/05] [#1 Goalkeeper]

2005 Internat. Cl. [12/05] [#1 German abroad]
2006 World Class [07/06] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2006 broad circle [12/06] [#1 German abroad]
2007 broad circle [07/07] [#1 German abroad]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 considered [12/08] [Goalkeeper]
2009 considered [07/09] [Goalkeeper]
2009 considered [12/09] [Goalkeeper]
2010 broad circle [07/10] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered [07/11]



Hans-Peter LEHNHOFF

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 6 times

A very quick withdrawn right winger, lacking perserverance at the top level. A technically very sound dribbler with good crosses who always was part of the starting eleven but struggled at creating and finishing, which was why he often was on the verge of getting benched. His time in Belgium in the late-1980s was his best time as a professional.

1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 considered [12/84] [Offensive Midfielder]
1985 considered [07/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 played abroad [12/88]
1989 played abroad
1990 played abroad [07/90]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#10 German abroad]
1991 considered [07/91] [Offensive Midfielder]
1991 considered [12/91] [Offensive Midfielder]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#2 German abroad]
1992 considered [12/92] [Wide Midfielder]
1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#5 German abroad]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#7 German abroad]
1994 broad circle [07/94] [#2 German abroad]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#4 Wide Midfielder]
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 considered [07/97] [Wide Midfielder]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#4 Lateral]
1998 not considered
1999 not considered [07/99]



Bernd LENO

International class: 8 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 1 time

2010 not considered

2011 not considered [07/11]

2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#4 Goalkeeper]

2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#5 Goalkeeper]

2013 broad circle [07/13] [#4 Goalkeeper]

2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#1 Goalkeeper]

2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#3 Goalkeeper]

2014 broad circle [12/14] [#5 Goalkeeper]

2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2015 considered [12/15] [Goalkeeper]

2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#6 Goalkeeper]



Søren LERBY

World class: 1 time

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 2 times

One of the most successful players in European club football. In 16 professional seasons Lerby won 18 domestic trophies: nine Championships, seven Cups and two international titles. Still well remembered is 13 November 1985 when Lerby played in two competitive games for two different teams on the same day. In the afternoon he played a World Cup qualifier for Denmark in Dublin (Denmark needed one point to qualify). After he got subbed out he was immediately (without showering) brought to the airport where he set onboard a plain to get to Düsseldorf. There, Bayern managing director Uli Hoeness waited for him with his Porsche and then drove him to nearby Bochum. At least, that was the intention. But a traffic jam meant that Lerby would've missed the Cup game of Bayern vs. VfL Bochum at the evening. Lerby refused to accept that the effort was in vain, thus jumped out of the car and ran the missing two kilometers by foot. Lerby was then subbed in after 46 minutes, the hard-fought game ended in a 1-1 draw. This anecdote surely highlights Lerby's two greatest strengths: total commitment and great stamina in doing so. Lerby was a highly intelligent defensive midfielder, far more of a playmaker than a destroyer, always at the center of things but not like Netzer or other classic playmakers, Lerby was more a hard-working finesse player, very adept at spraying long diagonal balls or surging through midfield covering a lot of ground. He was also very dangerous from distance because of his razor-sharp left-footed shots. Due to his dominant and competitive nature, Lerby was able to change the course of a game.

1983 played abroad [07/83]

1983 broad circle [12/83] [#5 Foreign player]

1984 broad circle [07/84] [#3 Foreign player]

1984 Internat. Cl. [12/84] [#1 Foreign player]

1985 Internat. Cl. [07/85] [#1 Foreign player]

1985 Internat. Cl. [12/85] [#3 Foreign player]

1986 World Class [07/86] [#1 Foreign player]

1986 played abroad [12/86]



Jordan LETCHKOV

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 2 times

An elusive type of player: he was neither a real forward nor a real midfielder. More of a lurker between the touchlines similar to Sergej Barbarez. A technically strong Bulgarian, very skillful in one-on-one situations, extremely dangerous in front of the goal, a great fighter with a certain charisma on the pitch. Playing in the Bundesliga, he still didn't leave big marks. Instead he will be remembered mostly (at least in Germany) for scoring the decisive goal for Bulgaria against Germany in the 1994 World Cup semi final which got Germany eliminated from the competition.

1992 played abroad [07/92]

1992 considered [12/92] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1993 considered [07/93] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#1 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#2 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 broad circle [12/94] [#11 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1995 broad circle [07/95] [#11 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1995 not considered [12/95]

1996 not considered [07/96]

1996 played abroad [12/96]



Robert LEWANDOWSKI

World class: 4 times

International class: 7 times

2010 played abroad [07/10]

2010 not considered [12/10]

2011 not considered [07/11]

2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#5 Forward]

2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#3 Forward]

2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#1 Forward]

2013 World Class [07/13] [#1 Forward]

2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#1 Forward]

2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#1 Forward]

2014 Internat. Cl. [12/14] [#2 Forward]

2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#1 Forward]

2015 World Class [12/15] [#1 Forward]

2016 World Class [07/16] [#1 Forward]

2016 World Class [12/16] [#2 Forward]



Reinhard LIBUDA

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 11 times

Considered: 4 times

"Nobody can go past God" stood on a poster in Dortmund in the 1960s, to which an unknown person manually added "except Stan Libuda". This Reinhard 'Stan' Libuda was one of the most magnificent right wingers in German football history, but also one of the most tragic. His nickname

was given to him because of a similar style to Stanley Matthews; Libuda was an extremely tricky winger known for his stepovers and his imitation of the 'Matthews trick' and he also incorporated elements of Garrincha's dribbling in his style. When he had a good day, he was set out to drive the full back marking him insane but on a bad day he was basically invisible. Libuda was a very lightfooted dribbler, always had a cunning idea in the tightest of spaces and was an excellent crosser. But he was also a very sensitive player, easily unsettled by rough physical or mental treatment. For example, it was known among Bundesliga defenders that he could be very unsettled just by the mention of his wife's name. His involvement in the 1971 Bundesliga scandal affected him more severely than most of the numerous other players also involved. After his retirement in 1976 he was jobless for many years, impoverished and abandoned by his wife. He died after a stroke at the age of 52.

1961 not considered [12/61]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Outside Right]
1963 considered [07/63] [Outside Right]
1963 **broad circle** [12/63] [#1 Outside Right]
1964 **broad circle** [07/64] [#1 Outside Right]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 **broad circle** [07/65] [#3 Outside Right]
1965 **broad circle** [07/65] [#3 Outside Left]
1965 **Internat. Cl.** [12/65] [#3 Outside Right]
1965 **broad circle** [12/65] [#3 Outside Left]
1966 **broad circle** [07/66] [#5 Outside Right]
1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 considered [07/67] [Outside Right]
1967 **broad circle** [12/67] [#1 Outside Right]
1968 not considered [07/68]
1968 considered [12/68] [Outside Right]
1969 **broad circle** [07/69] [#2 Outside Right]
1969 **Internat. Cl.** [12/69] [#1 Outside Right]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [07/70] [#2 Outside Right]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [12/70] [#2 Outside Right]
1971 **broad circle** [07/71] [#3 Outside Right]
1971 **broad circle** [12/71] [#2 Outside Right]
1972 **broad circle** [07/72] [#2 Outside Right]
1972 played abroad [12/72]
1973 played abroad [07/73]
1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered [07/76]



Werner LIEBRICH

World class: 1 time
International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 5 times

Mostly remembered today for being the player who allegedly injured Ferenc Puskas on purpose in the 1954 World Cup, Werner Liebrich was a center half with real aerial prowess, a relentless defender with a commendable discipline. Unknown to many is his background coming from a worker's family, his father was a plasterer and communist persecuted by the Nazis, Liebrich himself was a lifelong member of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD). A real organizer at the back, Liebrich debuted aged 17 in the first team of Kaiserslautern in 1944. He was one of the main factors in the series of successes of the Kaiserslautern club during the early-1950s. Additionally to his first-rate heading, Liebrich impressed with his pace and stamina, but he was also known as a very hard player often close to overstepping the mark. Virtually perfect was his sliding tackling. All these features were instrumental in Germany's successful 1954 World Cup campaign. His best game at that tournament came in the quarterfinal against Yugoslavia where he impressed with a World Class performance in the center half position. Even better was his game against England at Wembley in December 1954 (which Germany lost 1-3), when he effectively marked English center forward Ronnie Allen and also helped out covering Stanley Matthews with whom left back Werner Kohlmeyer had tremendous difficulties. After the game Sepp Herberger honored him by saying "Werner, the English pennant belongs to you." Liebrich was not only a great defender but also often seen stimulating

Kaiserslautern's offense if need be. In the 1955 German championship final he steered his teammates forward with the score being 3-1 to RW Essen. Kaiserslautern got a grip on the game but in the end lost 3-4. A bit of a hothead on the pitch he had a sense of justice outside of the pitch and didn't balk at expressing his opinion. Known for his dry and at times sarcastic humour, he was the backstage entertainer of his teammates.

1955 World Class [12/55] [#1 Center Half]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#1 Center Half]
1956 not considered [12/56]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#2 Center Half]
1957 not considered [12/57]
1958 considered [1958][Center Half]
1959 considered [07/59][Center Half]
1959 considered [12/59] [Center Half]
1960 considered [1960] [Center Half]
1961 considered [07/61] [Center Half]
1961 not considered [12/61]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]



Ewald LIENEN

Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 13 times

Ewald Lienen began as an orthodox outside left who later evolved into a midfielder, albeit with a tendency to act on the left side. He was a very dedicated and quick winger with close ball control who covered a lot of ground coming from deep and was hard to stop. This way he often would advance into the box creating very dangerous episodes. So difficult was he to contain that defenders often saw no other possibility than to use brutal force. One of the worst fouls ever seen in a Bundesliga stadium came in 1981 when Lienen's club Bielefeld played Werder Bremen. Bremen's manager Otto Rehhagel allegedly had instructed his defender Norbert Siegmann to "take Lienen out of the game" which he did by slashing deeply Lienen's thigh with his cleats. Lienen, immune to the pain due to the shock, furiously tried to attack Rehhagel, security had to stop the limping Lienen from getting his revenge on Rehhagel. Today an iconic scene that illustrates the brutal nature of football in the past. Siegmann did not even get booked for the foul. Lienen, a very intelligent man was quite a character, politically very left wing, he was involved in the German peace movement of the 1980s and ran for a political office in North-Rhine Westphalia in 1985 (being a candidate of the "Peace List"). An inconvenient player, Lienen definitely had what it took to become an international player but he would probably not have been a good fit in the German national team of the time, a quite conservative conglomerate, not to speak of the German FA (DFB). Hence unsurprisingly, Lienen never got an invitation by the DFB and Lienen never publicly complained about that.

1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 considered [07/75] [Outside Left]
1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 considered [07/76] [Outside Left]
1976 considered [12/76] [Outside Left]
1977 considered [07/77] [Outside Left]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 considered [07/78] [Outside Left]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#3 Outside Left]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#2 Outside Left]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#1 Outside Left]
1980 considered [12/80] [Outside Left]
1981 considered [07/81] [Outside Left]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#2 Outside Left]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#5 Winger]
1983 considered [07/83] [Winger]
1983 broad circle [12/83] [#4 Winger]
1984 considered [07/84] [Winger]
1984 considered [12/84] [Offensive Midfielder]

1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 considered [12/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered
1989 not considered
1990 not considered [07/90]
1990 considered [12/90] [Offensive Midfielder]
1991 considered [07/91] [Offensive Midfielder]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered [07/92]



LINCOLN Cassio de Souza Soares

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 2 times

2001 played abroad [07/01]
2001 **broad circle** [12/01] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 **Internat. Cl.** [12/04] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2005 **Internat. Cl.** [07/05] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2005 **broad circle** [12/05] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
2006 considered [07/06] [Offensive Midfielder]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 considered [07/07] [Offensive Midfielder]
2007 played abroad [12/07]



Thomas LINKE

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 11 times
Considered: 12 times

Trained as a left back during his time in East Germany, Thomas Linke quickly became a left-sided man-marker when he played in the Bundesliga. Linke had a proficient technique, result of his training in East Germany, he was good at heading, closely marked his opponent and was useful in build up. Linke managed a respectable professional career which lasted almost 20 years, something few at the start of his career thought he would be capable of.

1988 not assessed [East G.]
1989 not assessed [East G.]
1990 not assessed [East G.] [07/90]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 considered [07/91] [Marker]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 considered [07/92] [Marker]

1992 considered [12/92] [Marker]
1993 considered [07/93] [Marker]
1993 considered [12/93] [Marker]
1994 considered [07/94] [Marker]
1994 considered [12/94] [Marker]
1995 considered [07/95] [Marker]
1995 considered [12/95] [Marker]
1996 considered [07/96] [Marker]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 broad circle [07/97] [#7 Marker]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#5 Marker]
1998 considered [07/98] [Marker]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#12 Defender]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#2 Defender]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#2 Defender]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#14 Defender]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#4 Central Defender]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#6 Central Defender]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#1 Central Defender]
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#1 Central Defender]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 considered [12/05] [Central Defender]
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#1 German abroad]
2006 broad circle [12/06] [#2 German abroad]
2007 broad circle [07/07] [#2 German abroad]



Willi LIPPENS

International class: 4 times
 Broad circle: 5 times
 Considered: 12 times

Considered by many as the mirror image of Reinhard Libuda, albeit not quite as good as him. Unlike Libuda, the right-footed Lippens played on the left wing. He earned his nickname "Duck" due to his toddling style of walking. Like Libuda he relied on a variety of tricks but was far more confident about himself than the unstable Libuda. He played football always with a wink in the eye, was amused by earnest defenders and runners like Berti Vogts, and had great joy in dummifying them. Not a terribly fast player, he looked stocky, but was completely unpredictable and very good at quick, unexpected turns. Another similarity to Libuda was that he often had "good days" followed by "bad days". On his good days, he would drive his marker insane, on the bad days not. Lippens, son of a Dutchman and a German woman, would have liked to play for Germany but his father was against that. A joker on and off the pitch, there are numerous humorous anecdotes about the witty Lippens and he is rated as one of the Bundesliga's most outstanding characters. Interestingly, "kicker" considered him not a foreign player in the 1960s which is why he was rated but in the 1970s, he was only rated among the foreign players.

1965 considered [12/65] [Outside Right]
1966 considered [07/66] [Outside Left]
1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 not considered [07/67]
1967 considered [12/67] [Outside Left]
1968 considered [07/68] [Outside Left]
1968 not assessed [12/68]
1969 not assessed
1970 not assessed [07/70]
1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#1 Foreign player]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#5 Foreign player]

1971 considered [12/71] [Outside Left]
1972 considered [07/72] [Foreign Player]
1972 considered [12/72] [Foreign Player]
1973 considered [07/73] [Foreign Player]
1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#3 Foreign player]
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#5 Foreign player]
1974 Internat. Cl. [12/74] [#3 Foreign player]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#3 Foreign player]
1975 Internat. Cl. [12/75] [#3 Foreign player]
1976 broad circle [07/76] [#9 Foreign player]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#9 Foreign player]
1977 considered [07/77] [Foreign Player]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 considered [12/79] [Foreign Player]
1980 considered [07/80] [Foreign Player]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 considered [07/81] [Foreign Player]



Pierre LITTBARSKI

World class: 2 time
 International class: 8 times
 Broad circle: 11 times
 Considered: 6 times

A dribbling prodigy of small stature, Pierre Littbarski began on the right wing but later became an offensive midfielder. In both guises, he was one of the best players ever seen in German football. Like Lippens he was a joker to whom professional football was basically the same as street football. His low center of gravity and his bowlegs favored his dribbling immensely. He was very dangerous coming from midfield, a very able short passer who always wanted to feel the ball at his feet. A typical 'late Littbarski' move was taking a run from midfield advancing towards the box where he would dummy one or two opponents with his quick sidestepping and then finish by bending the ball in a mean way towards the far corner of the goal. With his shooting technique, he proved to be a formidable taker of freekicks, too, and was an exceptional player in one-on-one situations. Possessing considerable stamina, Littbarski was a perfect fit for the German national team of the 1980s, yet not always an undisputed starter. Littbarski was right-footed but with a very good left foot, thus he was seen moving a lot between the flanks without his actions losing punch.

1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#3 Outside Right]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#4 Outside Right]
1980 considered [12/80] [Outside Right]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#4 Outside Right]
1981 Internat. Cl. [12/81] [#2 Outside Right]
1982 World Class [07/82] [#1 Outside Right]
1982 Internat. Cl. [07/82] [#1 Outside Left]
1982 Internat. Cl. [12/82] [#2 Winger]
1983 broad circle [07/83] [#2 Winger]
1983 broad circle [12/83] [#5 Winger]
1984 considered [07/84] [Winger]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#2 Winger]
1985 World Class [07/85] [#1 Winger]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#2 Forward]
1986 Internat. Cl. [07/86] [#3 Forward]
1986 played abroad [12/86]
1987 played abroad [07/87]
1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 not considered [12/88]

1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]

1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]

1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]

1990 not considered [12/90]

1991 considered [07/91] [Offensive Midfielder]

1991 broad circle [12/91] [#15 Offensive Midfielder]

1992 broad circle [07/92] [#12 Offensive Midfielder]

1992 considered [12/92] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1993 broad circle [07/93] [#7 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1993 considered [12/93] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 considered [07/94] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 not considered [12/94]

1995 not considered

1996 not considered

1997 not considered [07/97]



Bixente LIZARAZU

International class: 6 times

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 2 times

1997 played abroad [07/97]

1997 not considered [12/97]

1998 broad circle [07/98] [#1 Lateral]

1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#1 Lateral]

1999 not considered

2000 Internat. Cl. [07/00] [#1 Lateral]

2000 not considered [12/00]

2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#1 Lateral]

2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#2 Defensive Lateral]

2002 considered [12/02] [Defensive Lateral]

2003 broad circle [07/03] [#7 Defensive Lateral]

2003 Internat. Cl. [12/03] [#1 Defensive Lateral]

2004 considered [07/04] [Central Defender]

2004 not considered [12/04]

2005 broad circle [07/05] [#3 Defensive Lateral]



Johannes LÖHR

International class: 5 times

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 10 times

A similar player to Jupp Heynckes, nominally an outside left, but not one that would send in crosses close to the touchline but a forward who always had an eye on the goal. Nicknamed 'The Nose', Löhr had good pace and was a versatile finisher with good heading. Very consistent in his club Köln he was not a player that left a big mark in the national team. Altogether he featured in 724 games scoring 421 goals for Köln between

1964 and 1978 and thus belongs to the most successful players in the history of that club.

1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 not considered [07/63]
1963 considered [12/63] [Center Forward]
1964 **broad circle** [07/64] [#2 Center Forward]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 **broad circle** [07/65] [#5 Inside Forward]
1965 considered [12/65] [Half Back]
1966 considered [07/66] [Midfielder]
1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 **Internat. Cl.** [07/67] [#1 Outside Left]
1967 considered [12/67] [Central Forward]
1967 **Internat. Cl.** [12/67] [#1 Outside Left]
1968 **broad circle** [07/68] [#2 Outside Left]
1968 **Internat. Cl.** [07/68] [#4 Central Forward]
1968 **broad circle** [12/68] [#2 Outside Left]
1968 **broad circle** [12/68] [#6 Central Forward]
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Forward]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [07/70] [#1 Outside Left]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [12/70] [#1 Outside Left]
1970 **broad circle** [12/70] [#6 Central Forward]
1971 **broad circle** [07/71] [#5 Outside Left]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 **broad circle** [07/72] [#3 Outside Left]
1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered [07/73]
1973 considered [12/73] [Outside Left]
1974 not considered
1975 considered [07/75] [Outside Left]
1975 considered [12/75] [Outside Left]
1976 considered [07/76] [Outside Left]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 considered [07/77] [Outside Left]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered [07/78]



Maximilian LORENZ

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 12 times
Considered: 4 times

The long-standing right half of Werder Bremen and later Braunschweig was an athletic defensive playmaker who was also known to score regularly.

1960 not considered [1960]
1961 not considered
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 **broad circle** [12/62] [#5 Half Back]
1963 **broad circle** [07/63] [#6 Half Back]
1963 **broad circle** [12/63] [#7 Half Back]
1964 considered [07/64] [Half Back]
1964 considered [12/64] [Half Back]
1965 **broad circle** [07/65] [#4 Half Back]
1965 **broad circle** [12/65] [#5 Full Back]

1965 broad circle [12/65] [#5 Half Back]
1966 Internat. Cl. [07/66] [#4 Full Back]
1966 broad circle [07/66] [#5 Half Back]
1966 broad circle [12/66] [#7 Full Back]
1967 not considered [07/67]
1967 considered [12/67] [Midfielder]
1968 broad circle [07/68] [#4 Midfielder]
1968 Internat. Cl. [12/68] [#4 Full Back]
1968 Internat. Cl. [12/68] [#4 Midfielder]
1969 Internat. Cl. [07/69] [#4 Midfielder]
1969 broad circle [12/69] [#3 Midfielder]
1970 broad circle [07/70] [#7 Midfielder]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#7 Midfielder]
1970 considered [12/70] [Central Defender]
1971 not considered
1972 not considered [07/72]



LÚCIO da Silva Ferreira

World class: 3 times
International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 1 time

2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#1 Defender]
2001 World Class [12/01] [#1 Central Defender]
2002 World Class [07/02] [#1 Central Defender]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#8 Central Defender]
2003 not considered [07/03]
2003 Internat. Cl. [12/03] [#3 Central Defender]
2004 Internat. Cl. [07/04] [#1 Central Defender]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#6 Central Defender]
2005 Internat. Cl. [07/05] [#1 Central Defender]
2005 World Class [12/05] [#1 Central Defender]
2006 Internat. Cl. [07/06] [#1 Central Defender]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 considered [07/07] [Central Defender]
2007 Internat. Cl. [12/07] [#3 Central Defender]
2008 broad circle [07/08] [#6 Central Defender]
2008 broad circle [12/08] [#3 Central Defender]
2009 broad circle [07/09] [#3 Central Defender]
2009 played abroad [12/09]



Ion LUPESCU

International class: 2 times

Considered: 5 times

A technically very strong defensive utility player who mostly played in central midfield but could also be deployed as a sweeper or man-marker. An elegant player who could solve defensive situations without having to tackle. Hard-running and good at heading.

1990 played abroad [07/90]

1990 not considered [12/90]

1991 not considered

1992 considered [07/92] [Defensive Midfielder]

1992 considered [12/92] [Central Defensive Midfielder]

1993 Internat. Cl. [Central Defensive Midfielder]

1994 Internat. Cl. [Central Defensive Midfielder]

1995 considered [07/95] [Liberò]

1995 considered [12/95] [Central Defensive Midfielder]

1996 not considered

1997 not considered [07/97]

1997 considered [12/97] [Defensive Midfielder]

1998 not considered [07/98]

1998 played abroad [12/98]



Alfred LUTZ

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 15 times

Considered: 10 times

A very fast right back who also did well as a center half. Friedel Lutz was unlucky in picking up injuries regularly, for example he missed the 1962 World Cup because of a skull fracture.

1957 not considered [12/57]

1958 considered [1958] [Full Back]

1959 broad circle [07/59] [#4 Full Back]

1959 broad circle [12/59] [#7 Full Back]

1959 broad circle [12/59] [#4 Center Half]

1960 Internat. Cl. [1960] [#4 Full Back]

1960 broad circle [1960] [#7 Center Half]

1961 Internat. Cl. [07/61] [#3 Full Back]

1961 broad circle [07/61] [#6 Center Half]

1961 broad circle [12/61] [#3 Full Back]

1961 broad circle [12/61] [#6 Center Half]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 broad circle [12/62] [#3 Full Back]

1963 broad circle [07/63] [#4 Full Back]

1963 broad circle [12/63] [#3 Full Back]

1964 broad circle [07/64] [#2 Full Back]

1964 broad circle [12/64] [#3 Full Back]

1964 considered [12/64] [Center Half]

1965 considered [07/65] [#8 Full Back]

1965 considered [07/65] [#11 Center Half]

1965 broad circle [12/65] [#4 Full Back]

1965 broad circle [12/65] [#4 Center Half]

1966 Internat. Cl. [07/66] [#3 Full Back]

1966 broad circle [07/66] [#6 Central Defender]

1966 considered [12/66] [Central Defender]

1967 not considered

1968 not considered [07/68]
1968 considered [12/68] [Central Defender]
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Defender]
1970 considered [07/70] [Central Defender]
1970 considered [12/70] [Central Defender]
1971 considered [07/71] [Liberero]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 not considered [07/73]



Murdo MACLEOD

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 3 times

Very competent in one-on-one situations, the Scot was known for stimulating his team's attack from a defensive midfield position. Not too skilled as a footballer, his strengths were his stamina and commitment whereby he duly became a favorite of the Dortmund fans during his time at the club.

1987 played abroad [07/87]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#11 Foreign player]
1988 considered [07/88] [Foreign player]
1988 considered [12/88] [Defensive Midfielder]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]
1989 considered [12/89] [Liberero]
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#11 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 played abroad [12/90]



Wolfgang-Felix MAGATH

World class: 1 time
International class: 8 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 5 times

A technically extraordinary midfielder who could dictate the rhythm of a game with his high intelligence. Known for his cultured short passing and very good long passing, Magath at times resembled a classic playmaker but did not really embrace that role as he preferred to operate on the left side of midfield and not in a central position. What he definitely lacked was good pace. Great ball control in tight spaces but not a player who would cover a lot of ground. Could be quite dangerous with his left foot. Magath was astute at sensing the rhythm and the structure of a game but lacked a certain punch.

1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered
1974 not considered [07/74]
1974 considered [12/74] [Midfielder]
1975 considered [07/75] [Midfielder]
1975 considered [12/75] [Midfielder]
1976 considered [07/76] [Midfielder]
1976 not considered [12/76]

1977 broad circle [07/77] [#9 Midfielder]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#11 Midfielder]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#8 Midfielder]
1980 Internat. Cl. [07/80] [#5 Midfielder]
1980 Internat. Cl. [12/80] [#3 Midfielder]
1981 Internat. Cl. [07/81] [#2 Midfielder]
1981 Internat. Cl. [12/81] [#2 Midfielder]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#6 Midfielder]
1982 Internat. Cl. [12/82] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1983 World Class [07/83] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1983 Internat. Cl. [12/83] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1984 Internat. Cl. [07/84] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1985 considered [12/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
1986 Internat. Cl. [07/86] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]



Mehdi MAHDAVIKIA

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 5 times

1998 played abroad [07/98]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 considered [12/99] [Forward]
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 considered [12/00] [Forward]
2001 not considered
2002 not considered [07/02]
2002 considered [12/02] [Offensive Lateral]
2003 Internat. Cl. [07/03] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2003 considered [12/03] [Offensive Lateral]
2004 not considered
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 broad circle [12/05] [#2 Defensive Lateral]
2006 considered [07/06] [Defensive Lateral]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 not considered
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 played abroad [12/10]



Karl MAI

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 2 times

Karl Mai was drafted by the German Army at the age of 16 in 1944 and was released from war captivity in 1946. Mai debuted in the first team of Fürth in 1950 as a forward. In 1952 he was withdrawn to a half back position. He played very convincing as a left half and debuted for Germany in 1953. His best international game was the 1954 World Cup final when he neutralized Sandor Kocsis. He was known as a destroyer who due to his excellent physical shape was able to fight for 90 minutes. Mai had a good technique but his main feature was his determination.

1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#2 Half Back]

1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#3 Half Back]

1956 broad circle [12/56] [#3 Half Back]

1957 broad circle [07/57] [#3 Half Back]

1957 broad circle [12/57] [#3 Half Back]

1958 broad circle [1958] [#6 Half Back]

1959 broad circle [07/59] [#5 Half Back]

1959 considered [12/59] [Half Back]

1960 considered [1960] [Half Back]

1961 not considered [07/61]

1961 played abroad [12/61]

1962 played abroad

1963 played abroad [07/63]



Josef Maier

Josef MAIER

World class: 6 times

International class: 21 times

Considered: 6 times

When he was young, Josef 'Sepp' Maier was an excellent gymnast, who managed to win youth titles at this sport. Parallel to his gymnastics, he had also started to play football, of course playing forward, as his dream was to become a great goalscorer. At the age of 15, he moved from his first club TSV Haar, a suburb of Munich, to Bayern. Soon after he arrived, the Bayern youth goalie got injured, and Maier was ordered by his coach Rudi Weiss to play goalie. Although he couldn't keep his sheet clean in his first games, his performances were convincing, among them two saved penalties. From now on the goalkeeper position at the Bayern youth team was his, with Sepp immediately developing a passion for his new position. The following year, Eastern 1960, Maier already took part in the UEFA-Youth tournament in Portugal, where his coach would be Helmut Schön. Already in his first Bundesliga season, Maier excelled in his job between the goal posts, which led West Germany's new manager Helmut Schön (successor to Sepp Herberger) to call up Maier to play for the national team in the spring of 1966, playing his first game for West Germany in Dublin against Ireland (4-0 win). Right after the 1966 World Cup, Schön decided to make Maier his number one keeper, making him replace the 32-year-old Hans Tilkowski. For the next 13 years, Maier remained West Germany's first choice keeper, although there were periods where he was seriously challenged by a variety of other good keepers (most notably by Horst Wolter 1967-69, as well as Wolfgang Kleff and Bernd Franke in 1973). Like most great goalkeepers, Maier's strength were enormous reflexes that allowed him to save even so-called 'unsavable' shots and headers, and his experience at gymnastics at young age proved a great asset to his keeping. Added to his reflexes, he was also very movable in the air, a secure ball-catcher and a powerful jumper. He also mastered the goalkeeping job inside the penalty box, and was one of the first keepers in Germany that tried to catch high balls instead of fisting them, which often tended to be quite risky, and sometimes led to unnecessary goals and criticism from the media. Another weakness were sometimes lapses in concentration, mostly in less-important matches. Maier's two greatest games for West Germany were those where it mattered most, the 1974 quasi-semi final against Poland and the legendary final against the Netherlands in Munich, when he played the game of his life in the second half, with the Dutch sending wave after wave of attack against the German goal, none of them being able to score against Maier. He was determined to still keep Germany's and Bayern's goal at the age of 40 (which would have been 1984), but had to retire after a severe car crash in 1979. Outstanding is his record of 442 successive games in the Bundesliga for Bayern (between 1966 and 1979).

1962 not considered [12/62]

1963 considered [07/63] [Goalkeeper]

1963 considered [12/63] [Goalkeeper]

1964 considered [07/64] [Goalkeeper]

1964 considered [12/64] [Goalkeeper]

1965 considered [07/65] [#6 Goalkeeper]

1965 **considered** [12/65] [Goalkeeper]
1966 **Internat. Cl.** [07/66] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1966 **Internat. Cl.** [12/66] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1967 **Internat. Cl.** [07/67] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1967 **Internat. Cl.** [12/67] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1968 **Internat. Cl.** [07/68] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1968 **Internat. Cl.** [12/68] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1969 **Internat. Cl.** [07/69] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1969 **Internat. Cl.** [12/69] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [07/70] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [12/70] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1971 **Internat. Cl.** [07/71] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1971 **Internat. Cl.** [12/71] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1972 **Internat. Cl.** [07/72] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1972 **Internat. Cl.** [12/72] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1973 **Internat. Cl.** [07/73] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1973 **Internat. Cl.** [12/73] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1974 **World Class** [07/74] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1974 **Internat. Cl.** [12/74] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1975 **World Class** [07/75] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1975 **World Class** [12/75] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1976 **World Class** [07/76] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1976 **World Class** [12/76] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1977 **World Class** [07/77] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [07/78] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [12/78] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#1 Goalkeeper]



Stefan MAJEWSKI

International class: 1 time

1984 played abroad [07/84]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered
1986 **Internat. Cl.** [07/86] [#6 Foreign player]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 played abroad [12/88]



Rudolphus Antonius MAKAAAY

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 2 times

2003 played abroad [07/03]
2003 Internat. Cl. [12/03] [#2 Forward]
2004 Internat. Cl. [07/04] [#1 Forward]
2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#4 Forward]
2005 Internat. Cl. [07/05] [#1 Forward]
2005 considered [12/05] [Forward]
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#4 Forward]
2006 broad circle [12/06] [#3 Forward]
2007 considered [07/07] [Forward]
2007 played abroad [12/07]



Yunus MALLI

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 2 times

2011 not considered [12/11]
2012 not considered
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 considered [07/15] [Offensive Midfielder]
2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2016 considered [07/16] [Offensive Midfielder]
2016 broad circle [12/16] [#11 Offensive Midfielder]



Mario MANDŽUKIĆ

International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 2 times

2010 played abroad [07/10]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 broad circle [07/11] [#9 Forward]
2011 broad circle [12/11] [#6 Forward]
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#5 Forward]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#5 Forward]
2013 Internat. Cl. [07/13] [#3 Forward]
2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#2 Forward]
2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#2 Forward]
2014 played abroad [12/14]



Manfred MANGLITZ

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 10 times

Considered: 5 times

A very consistent goalkeeper, calm on the pitch but known as a bigmouth off the pitch, hence his nickname 'Cassius'. A very tall goalkeeper, Manglitz was a tower in goal for MSV Duisburg and later Köln who always was among Germany's best keepers of the 1960s. His career ended abruptly in 1971 since he was a main culprit in the Bundesliga scandal.

1961 considered [12/61] [Goalkeeper]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 broad circle [12/62] [#7 Goalkeeper]

1963 broad circle [07/63] [#7 Goalkeeper]

1963 broad circle [12/63] [#5 Goalkeeper]

1964 Internat. Cl. [07/64] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1964 broad circle [12/64] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1965 broad circle [07/65] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1965 broad circle [12/65] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1966 broad circle [07/66] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1966 broad circle [12/66] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1967 considered [07/67] [Goalkeeper]

1967 broad circle [12/67] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1968 broad circle [07/68] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1968 considered [12/68] [Goalkeeper]

1969 considered [07/69] [Goalkeeper]

1969 Internat. Cl. [12/69] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1970 Internat. Cl. [07/70] [#2 Goalkeeper]

1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1971 considered [07/71] [Goalkeeper]

1971 not considered [12/71]

1972 not considered

1973 not considered

1974 not considered



MARCELINHO Marcelo dos Santos

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 3 times

2001 played abroad [07/01]

2001 broad circle [12/01] [#7 Forward]

2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

2002 broad circle [12/02] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

2003 Internat. Cl. [07/03] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]

2003 not considered [12/03]

2004 broad circle [07/04] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2005 Internat. Cl. [07/05] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2005 broad circle [12/05] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
2006 considered [07/06] [Offensive Midfielder]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 broad circle [07/07] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2007 considered [12/07] [Offensive Midfielder]
2008 considered [07/08] [Defensive Midfielder]
2008 played abroad [12/08]



Olaf MARSCHALL

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 6 times

A center forward with good control and all qualities of a pure penalty box player.

1984 not assessed [East G.]
1985 not assessed [East G.]
1986 not assessed [East G.]
1987 not assessed [East G.]
1988 not assessed [East G.]
1989 not assessed [East G.]
1990 not assessed [East G.] [07/90]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 considered [07/91] [Forward]
1991 considered [12/91] [Forward]
1992 considered [07/92] [Forward]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#11 German abroad]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#11 German abroad]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#14 German abroad]
1994 broad circle [07/94] [#15 Forward]
1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 considered [07/95] [Forward]
1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 not considered
1997 not considered [07/97]
1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#2 Forward]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#4 Forward]
1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#2 Forward]
1999 considered [07/99] [Forward]
1999 considered [12/99] [Forward]
2000 not considered
2001 not considered
2002 not considered [07/02]



Bernd MARTIN

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 3 times

An offensive full back on the right side with a desire to push forward and an able crosser of the ball. Fast and resilient, Martin was a right winger in disguise. In his one international game for Germany in 1979 he only played 120 seconds making him the German international with the shortest time spent on the pitch. Three days after this game a complicated tibial fracture almost ended his professional career.

1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 considered [12/77] [Full Back]
1978 considered [07/78] [Full Back]
1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#3 Full Back]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#3 Full Back]
1979 considered [12/79] [Full Back]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#5 Full Back]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#8 Full Back]
1981 not considered
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 not considered
1985 not considered [07/85]



Javier MARTÍNEZ Aginaga

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 1 time

2012 played abroad [07/12]
2012 **broad circle** [12/12] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
2013 **Internat. Cl.** [07/13] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2013 considered [12/13] [Defensive Midfielder]
2014 **broad circle** [07/14] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#3 Central Defender]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#4 Central Defender]
2016 **broad circle** [12/16] [#11 Central Defender]



Joël MATIP

International class: 1 time
Considered: 6 times

2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 considered [07/10] [Defensive Midfielder]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 considered [12/11] [Central Defender]
2012 considered [07/12] [Central Defender]
2012 not considered [12/12]
2013 considered [07/13] [Central Defender]
2013 not considered [12/13]
2014 considered [07/14] [Central Defender]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#5 Central Defender]
2016 considered [07/16] [Central Defender]
2016 played abroad [12/16]



Lothar MATTHÄUS

World class: 5 times
 International class: 20 times
 Broad circle: 9 times
 Considered: 2 times

Lothar Matthäus debuted in the Bundesliga as an 18-year old in 1979 and immediately became a starter for Mönchengladbach. He combined three elements as a player: incredible dynamism, extreme stamina and high commitment. In the beginning his aggressive ways looked as he if he wanted to eat his opponents alive. Blessed with an enormous, technically sound shot, Matthäus debuted for Germany already in his first professional season in 1979-80, winning the first of two major international trophies for Germany when he was part of the team that won the European Championship in Italy. His position throughout the 1980s until 1993 when he evolved into a libero was in central midfield and sometimes in right midfield as a cross between a no. 6 and no. 10 kind of player. Not a classic playmaker as he never cultivated the sophisticated short passing game. Instead, he was a very good passer of long diagonal balls. He always came forward from a deep midfield position where he was a good ball winner who would rush forward at a very high tempo as soon as he got the ball with lots of determination. In a sense, he was a pioneer of this kind of player that became ever more important in the following decades. His way of playing was not a result of tactical ideas but sprang from his own will of iron. In this way Matthäus was always a dominant figure in the teams he played for, not as an intelligent, integrative guiding figure but because of his great presence on the pitch. During the early 1980s he found it hard to break into the national team as Paul Breitner stood in his way. When he played, Matthäus was often assigned a special task of man-marking in midfield and achieved international reputation as one of the best players at marking. His breakthrough in the national team came in 1983-84 and was consolidated the following season after he had joined Bayern München in the summer of 1984. Bayern had lost Breitner and Rummenigge which left a vacant space that Matthäus eagerly filled. Due to his physical fitness and fanaticism he enjoyed a very long career at the very top of the international game which started in the 1970s and ended in the 2000s. With his never flagging iron will, his dynamism and combat strength he managed to be a World Class players for roughly 15 years without being a great strategist.

1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#20 Midfielder]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#7 Midfielder]
1980 considered [12/80] [Midfielder]
1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#10 Midfielder]
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [12/81] [#4 Midfielder]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [07/82] [#5 Midfielder]
1982 **Internat. Cl.** [12/82] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [07/83] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [12/83] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1984 **Internat. Cl.** [12/84] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1985 **Internat. Cl.** [07/85] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 World Class [07/86] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1986 Internat. Cl. [12/86] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1987 Internat. Cl. [07/87] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 played abroad [12/88]
1989 played abroad
1990 World Class [07/90] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 World Class [12/90] [#2 German abroad]
1991 World Class [07/91] [#1 German abroad]
1991 Internat. Cl. [12/91] [#5 German abroad]
1992 not considered [07/92]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#5 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#5 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#1 Libero]
1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#1 Libero]
1994 Internat. Cl. [12/94] [#2 Libero]
1995 not considered
1996 broad circle [07/96] [#5 Libero]
1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#2 Libero]
1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#3 Libero]
1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#3 Libero]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#2 Libero]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#4 Libero]
1999 World Class [07/99] [#1 Libero]
1999 Internat. Cl. [12/99] [#1 Libero]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#1 Libero]
2000 considered [12/00] [Libero]
2001 not considered [07/01]



Martin MAX

International class: 4 times
 Broad circle: 2 times
 Considered: 5 times

A medium-sized agile center forward whose strengths laid in the penalty box. An effervescent forward with good heading who liked to score after quick turns and who only became a real goalgetter in the second half of his career. He twice was the Bundesliga's top scorer when he was past 30 years of age.

1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 not considered
1989 not considered
1990 not considered [07/90]
1990 considered [12/90] [Forward]
1991 not considered
1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 considered [12/95] [Forward]
1996 considered [07/96] [Forward]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#5 Forward]
1997 not considered
1998 not considered
1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#11 Forward]
2000 Internat. Cl. [07/00] [#3 Forward]
2000 considered [12/00] [Forward]

2001 not considered [07/01]

2001 considered [12/01] [Forward]

2002 **Internat. Cl.** [07/02] [#4 Forward]

2002 not considered [12/02]

2003 not considered [07/03]

2003 **Internat. Cl.** [12/03] [#3 Forward]

2004 **Internat. Cl.** [07/04] [#5 Forward]



Henrich MCHITARJAN

World class: 1 time

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 3 times

2013 played abroad [07/13]

2013 **broad circle** [12/13] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]

2014 **broad circle** [07/14] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

2014 not considered [12/14]

2015 **broad circle** [07/15] [#10 Offensive Lateral]

2015 **World Class** [12/15] [#2 Offensive Lateral]

2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#1 Offensive Lateral]

2016 played abroad [12/16]



Alexander MEIER

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 7 times

2001 not considered [12/01]

2002 not considered

2003 not considered

2004 not considered

2005 not considered

2005 **broad circle** [12/05] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]

2006 not considered

2007 not considered [07/07]

2007 **considered** [12/07] [Offensive Midfielder]

2008 not considered

2009 not considered [07/09]

2009 considered [12/09] [Forward]
2010 considered [07/10] [Offensive Midfielder]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2013 considered [07/13] [Offensive Midfielder]
2013 considered [12/13] [Offensive Midfielder]
2014 not considered [07/14]
2014 Internat. Cl. [12/14] [#1 Forward]
2015 broad circle [07/15] [#8 Forward]
2015 considered [12/15] [Forward]
2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 considered [12/16] [Forward]



Norbert MEIER

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 9 times

A small-sized, lightweight, fast paced dribbler on the left side who was useful as a playmaker. Very good in tight spaces with a dangerous left foot, Meier was a starter for Germany during the 1984 Euro. A very movable player who was always seen running on the pitch. Together with Mehmet Scholl and Ulf Kirsten, Norbert Meier is still one of the Bundesliga's most subbed-out players.

1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered
1979 not considered
1980 not considered [07/80]
1980 considered [12/80] [Outside Left]
1981 considered [07/81] [Outside Left]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#1 Outside Left]
1982 considered [07/82] [Outside Left]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1983 Internat. Cl. [07/83] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1983 Internat. Cl. [12/83] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1984 Internat. Cl. [07/84] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1985 considered [07/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1986 considered [12/86] [Offensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [07/87] [Offensive Midfielder]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 considered [07/88] [Offensive Midfielder]
1988 Internat. Cl. [12/88] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 considered [07/89] [Offensive Midfielder]
1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 considered [07/90] [Offensive Midfielder]
1990 not considered [12/90]



Fernando MEIRA

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 2 times

2002 played abroad [07/02]

2002 considered [12/02] [Central Defender]

2003 not considered [07/03]

2003 **broad circle** [12/03] [#4 Central Defender]

2004 **broad circle** [07/04] [#9 Central Defender]

2004 not considered [12/04]

2005 not considered [07/05]

2005 considered [12/05] [Central Defender]

2006 **broad circle** [07/06] [#5 Central Defender]

2006 not considered [12/06]

2007 **Internat. Cl.** [07/07] [#4 Central Defender]

2007 not considered [12/07]

2008 not considered [07/08]

2008 played abroad [12/08]



Werner MELZER

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 10 times

A technically very sound, lightfooted libero, with a good reading of the game. Probably a tad too small to become a top player in this position.

1973 not considered [12/73]

1974 not considered

1975 not considered [07/75]

1975 considered [12/75] [Libero]

1976 **broad circle** [07/76] [#4 Libero]

1976 considered [12/76] [Libero]

1977 not considered

1978 not considered [07/78]

1978 considered [12/78] [Midfielder]

1979 considered [07/79] [Full Back]

1979 considered [12/79] [Midfielder]

1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#23 Midfielder]

1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#15 Midfielder]

1981 not considered [07/81]

1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]

1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#16 Midfielder]

1982 considered [12/82] [Liberò]
1983 considered [07/83] [Defensive Midfielder]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered
1985 considered [07/85] [Defensive Midfielder]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 considered [07/86] [Defensive Midfielder]



Caspar MEMERING

Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 3 times

Caspar Memering began his career as a left winger in the early-1970s and later became a central offensive midfielder with certain abilities as a playmaker. A good technical player with close ball control and good passing with his left foot.

1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Midfielder]
1976 broad circle [07/76] [#13 Midfielder]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#15 Midfielder]
1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 considered [12/78] [Midfielder]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#6 Midfielder]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#13 Midfielder]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#22 Midfielder]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#16 Midfielder]
1981 not considered
1982 not considered [07/82]
1982 played abroad [12/82]
1983 played abroad
1984 played abroad [07/84]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered
1986 not considered
1986 not considered [07/86]



Per MERTESACKER

International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 11 times
Considered: 6 times

2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 considered [07/04] [Central Defender]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#4 Central Defender]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#4 Central Defender]
2005 considered [12/05] [Central Defender]
2006 Internat. Cl. [07/06] [#2 Central Defender]
2006 Internat. Cl. [12/06] [#2 Central Defender]
2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#2 Central Defender]
2007 Internat. Cl. [12/07] [#4 Central Defender]
2008 broad circle [07/08] [#3 Central Defender]
2008 broad circle [12/08] [#11 Central Defender]
2009 broad circle [07/09] [#2 Central Defender]
2009 broad circle [12/09] [#7 Central Defender]
2010 broad circle [07/10] [#5 Central Defender]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 considered [07/11] [Central Defender]
2011 considered [12/11] [Central Defender]
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 considered [12/12] [Central Defender]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#3 German abroad]
2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#1 German abroad]
2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#1 German abroad]
2014 broad circle [12/14] [#3 German abroad]
2015 broad circle [07/15] [#3 German abroad]
2015 broad circle [12/15] [#5 German abroad]
2016 considered [07/16] [Central Defender]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Christoph METZELDER

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 1 time

1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 considered [12/00] [Defender]
2001 not considered
2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#4 Central Defender]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#4 Central Defender]
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#5 Central Defender]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered
2005 not considered
2006 not considered
2007 not considered
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered

2012 not considered

2013 not considered [07/13]



Johan MICOUD

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 2 times

2002 played abroad [07/02]

2002 **Internat. Cl.** [12/02] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2003 **considered** [07/03] [Offensive Midfielder]

2003 **Internat. Cl.** [12/03] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]

2004 **broad circle** [07/04] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]

2004 **Internat. Cl.** [12/04] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]

2005 **considered** [07/05] [Offensive Midfielder]

2005 **broad circle** [12/05] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]

2006 **Internat. Cl.** [07/06] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2006 played abroad [12/06]



Jürgen MILEWSKI

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 7 times

A small, agile winger with an explosive acceleration but a bit too fragile to succeed at the top level. In later years he was often deployed as a support striker and then as an industrious midfielder. His service from the wing was good and inside the box he was dangerous due to his quick turns and agility.

1975 not considered [12/75]

1976 not considered

1977 not considered

1978 **considered** [07/78] [Central Forward]

1978 **considered** [12/78] [Outside Right]

1979 **considered** [07/79] [Outside Right]

1979 **considered** [12/79] [Outside Right]

1980 **considered** [07/80] [Outside Left]

1980 **considered** [12/80] [Outside Right]

1981 not considered [07/81]

1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#9 Midfielder]

1982 not considered [07/82]

1982 **Internat. Cl.** [12/82] [#3 Central Forward]

1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#5 Central Forward]

1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 considered [07/84] [Winger]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 played abroad [12/85]
1986 played abroad
1987 played abroad
1988 played abroad [07/88]



Frank MILL

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 16 times

One of the most renown goalgetters of the Bundesliga in the mid-1980s, a skillful little player, not too robust physically, but with a nose for goalscoring. With his very sound technique he was a great threat in the box mainly scoring with his left foot. Fast acceleration, quick turns coupled with a tricky style, Mill didn't depend on service from others but could create his own chances. Probably he was a tad too playful otherwise he might have scored even more goals. In today's game he might have been more suited for a central offensive midfield position. His international career was unaccomplished. It should be mentioned that he had a reputation for going down fairly easily.

1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 considered [12/77] [Outside Left]
1978 considered [07/78] [Outside Left]
1978 considered [12/78] [Outside Left]
1979 considered [07/79] [Outside Left]
1979 considered [12/79] [Central Forward]
1980 considered [07/80] [Central Forward]
1980 considered [12/80] [Central Forward]
1981 considered [07/81] [Central Forward]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#4 Central Forward]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 considered [12/83] [Central Forward]
1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#3 Central Forward]
1984 **broad circle** [12/84] [#4 Central Forward]
1985 **broad circle** [07/85] [#3 Central Forward]
1985 **broad circle** [12/85] [#5 Forward]
1986 considered [07/86] [Forward]
1986 **Internat. Cl.** [12/86] [#2 Forward]
1987 **broad circle** [07/87] [#4 Forward]
1987 **Internat. Cl.** [12/87] [#1 Forward]
1988 **Internat. Cl.** [07/88] [#2 Forward]
1988 **broad circle** [12/88] [#8 Forward]
1989 **Internat. Cl.** [07/89] [#3 Forward]
1989 considered [12/89] [Forward]
1990 considered [07/90] [Forward]
1990 **broad circle** [12/90] [#13 Forward]
1991 not considered [07/91]
1991 considered [12/91] [Forward]
1992 not considered [07/92]
1992 considered [12/92] [Forward]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 considered [12/94] [Forward]
1995 not considered [07/95]

1995 considered [12/95] [Forward]

1996 not considered [07/96]



Marek MINTAL

International class: 2 times

2003 played abroad [07/03]

2003 not considered [12/03]

2004 not considered [07/04]

2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2005 Internat. Cl. [07/05] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2005 not considered [12/05]

2006 not considered

2007 not considered

2008 not considered

2009 not considered

2010 not considered

2011 not considered

2012 not considered

2013 not considered [07/13]



Zvezdan MISIMOVIĆ

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 3 times

2002 not considered [12/02]

2003 not considered

2004 not considered

2005 not considered

2006 not considered [07/06]

2006 broad circle [12/06] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2007 considered [07/07] [Offensive Midfielder]

2007 considered [12/07] [Offensive Midfielder]

2008 considered [07/08] [Defensive Midfielder]

2008 broad circle [12/08] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]

2009 Internat. Cl. [07/09] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2009 broad circle [12/09] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2010 broad circle [07/10] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

2010 played abroad [12/10]



Anthony MODESTE

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 1 time

2013 played abroad [07/13]

2013 considered [12/13] [Forward]

2014 not considered

2015 not considered [07/15]

2015 broad circle [12/15] [#13 Forward]

2016 broad circle [07/16] [#8 Forward]

2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#3 Forward]



Benno MÖHLMANN

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 8 times

A great player in central midfield for Werder Bremen for ten seasons. A hard-working playmaker, great at pulling the strings, very good in one-on-one situations with a very good sense for the space around him, good at defensive tasks as well, a strong-willed instigator, dangerous at set-pieces. A "boss" in midfield who worked for his teammates. A modest and unassuming character, which may explain why he didn't break through to the top level.

1974 not considered [12/74]

1975 not considered

1976 not considered [07/76]

1976 considered [12/76] [Midfielder]

1977 considered [07/77] [Midfielder]

1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]

1978 considered [07/78] [Midfielder]

1978 not considered [12/78]

1979 considered [07/79] [Midfielder]

1979 not considered [12/79]

1980 not considered [07/80]
1980 considered [12/80] [Midfielder]
1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]
1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#17 Midfielder]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
1983 Internat. Cl. [07/83] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1983 broad circle [12/83] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1984 broad circle [07/84] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered
1989 not considered [07/89]



Andreas MÖLLER

World class: 1 time
International class: 12 times
Broad circle: 10 times
Considered: 5 times

One of the Bundesliga's most lightfooted offensive midfielders, a high-tempo dribbler of a certain elegance and a very fast acceleration who didn't lose speed with the ball at his feet and who was known to score wonderful goals after his explosive solos. Playing in central midfield, Möller possessed strategic qualities, too, but didn't feel at home in the role of a playmaker who showed others the way. Not a hard character at all, Möller would easily get weepy when he was hit by fouls. Unfortunately prone to diving, Möller's club career slightly outweighed his international career.

1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 not considered
1987 not considered [07/87]
1987 considered [12/87] [Offensive Midfielder]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 Internat. Cl. [12/88] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1991 Internat. Cl. [07/91] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1991 Internat. Cl. [12/91] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#5 German abroad]
1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#3 German abroad]
1993 World Class [12/93] [#1 German abroad]
1994 broad circle [07/94] [#6 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 Internat. Cl. [12/94] [#1 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1995 Internat. Cl. [12/95] [#1 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1996 Internat. Cl. [07/96] [#2 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#6 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 broad circle [07/97] [#3 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#13 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1998 not considered [07/98]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1999 considered [07/99] [Offensive Midfielder]
1999 considered [12/99] [Offensive Midfielder]
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 considered [12/00] [Offensive Midfielder]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
2001 not considered {12/01}
2002 broad circle [07/02] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
2002 considered [12/02] [Offensive Midfielder]
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]



Maximilian MORLOCK

International class: 5 times
 Broad circle: 2 times
 Considered: 7 times

Still the most legendary player in the annals of Nürnberg who distinguished himself mainly because of his inexhaustible fighting spirit and tremendous dynamism. For over 20 years Morlock was the never-tiring motor of his club team, an unfailing power source. The hard-running inside right with a powerful two-footed shot once said that his favorite role on the pitch was between the two penalty boxes. But he also liked to advance into the box where he was known as a dangerous goalscorer. It is said that during his career he played in over 900 games for Nürnberg and scored over 700 goals. Despite his small size he was also a proficient header of the ball. A very vital factor in Germany's 1954 World Cup victory, Fritz Walter once said about Morlock's role: "Max was always our buffer against adverse attacks. He helped out in defense with his dynamic power but was quickly going forward as soon as we were in possession, when we had a goal chance, Max would be on the scene. If I hung my head Max came along carrying me away. Max was someone who would sort out the mess."

1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#3 Inside Forward]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#5 Inside Forward]
1956 considered [12/56] [Half Back]
1957 Internat. Cl. [07/57] [#3 Inside Forward]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#8 Inside Forward]
1958 Internat. Cl. [1958] [#6 Inside Forward]
1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#5 Inside Forward]
1959 broad circle [12/59] [#10 Inside Forward]
1960 considered [1960] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [07/61] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [12/61] [Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 considered [07/63] [Inside Forward]
1963 considered [12/63] [Inside Forward]
1964 considered [07/64] [Inside Forward]



Émile MPENZA

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

2000 broad circle [07/00] [#13 Forward]

2000 broad circle [12/00] [#3 Forward]

2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#4 Forward]

2001 not considered [12/01]

2002 not considered

2003 not considered

2003 played abroad [12/03]

2004 played abroad [07/04]

2004 not considered [12/04]

2005 not considered [07/05]



Christian MÜLLER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 9 times

Known for his pace and powerful shooting, Christian Müller was rated as one of the most dangerous center forwards in German football in the early- to mid-1960s. He was called up several times but in the end did not get capped for Germany.

1958 not considered [1958]

1959 considered [07/59] [Center Forward]

1959 broad circle [12/59] [#2 Center Forward]

1960 broad circle [1960] [#3 Center Forward]

1961 considered [07/61] [Center Forward]

1961 considered [12/61] [Center Forward]

1961 considered [12/61] [Outside Left]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 broad circle [12/62] [#5 Center Forward]

1963 broad circle [07/63] [#2 Center Forward]

1963 broad circle [12/63] [#3 Center Forward]

1964 considered [07/64] [Center Forward]

1964 broad circle [12/64] [#2 Center Forward]

1965 considered [07/65] [#8 Center Forward]

1965 considered [12/65] [Center Forward]

1966 not considered

1967 Internat. Cl. [07/67] [#4 Central Forward]

1967 not considered [12/67]

1968 not considered [07/68]

1968 considered [12/68] [Central Forward]

1969 not considered [07/69]

1969 considered [12/69] [Central Forward]

1970 not considered [12/70]

1971 not considered [07/71]



Dieter MÜLLER

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 3 times

A tall all-round goalgetter in the center forward position who was both a converter of chances created by others and a striker who could create goals himself. A very strong header of the ball with a poacher's instinct and versatility in finishing, Dieter Müller could also create danger coming from midfield. In the national team Klaus Fischer was always considered the more valuable forward hence Müller's greatest international moment was the 1976 European Championship, when he scored three goals coming from the bench in the semi final vs. hosts Yugoslavia and another goal in the final vs. Czechoslovakia which was lost on penalties. In that summer of 1976, a great international career was predicted by many pundits as the righteous heir of Gerd Müller, but things didn't pan out that way. Helmut Schön apparently thought that Müller was a bit phlegmatic, someone who always did only as much as was necessary, unlike his competitor Klaus Fischer. Altogether Müller scored nine goals in 12 games for the national team.

1972 not considered [12/72]

1973 not considered

1974 considered [07/74] [Central Forward]

1974 considered [12/74] [Central Forward]

1975 broad circle [07/75] [#3 Central Forward]

1975 not considered [12/75]

1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#3 Central Forward]

1976 broad circle [12/76] [#4 Central Forward]

1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#2 Central Forward]

1977 Internat. Cl. [12/77] [#2 Central Forward]

1978 broad circle [07/78] [#1 Central Forward]

1978 not considered [12/78]

1979 broad circle [07/79] [#6 Central Forward]

1979 broad circle [12/79] [#8 Central Forward]

1980 broad circle [07/80] [#4 Central Forward]

1980 broad circle [12/80] [#6 Central Forward]

1981 broad circle [07/81] [#7 Central Forward]

1981 not considered [12/81]

1982 considered [07/82] [Central Forward]

1982 played abroad [12/82]

1983 played abroad

1984 played abroad

1985 played abroad [07/85]

1985 not considered [12/85]

1986 not considered

1987 not considered [07/87]

1987 considered [12/87] [Forward]

1988 considered [07/88] [Forward]

1988 not considered [12/88]

1989 not considered [07/89]



Gerhard MÜLLER

World class: 9 times

International class: 10 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 5 times

Gerd Müller was arguably the greatest marksman of the modern, low-scoring era of world football. His record at international tournaments like the World Cup, the European Championship and the Champions Cup is especially staggering, scoring 64 goals in just 60 games at the highest level. During his career, he scored 21 hattricks, four quadroticks and two quintotricks (only counting competitive games). Seven times he scored five goals in one match, 15 times four goals and 35 times three goals in a single match (only counting competitive games here). In the light of these figures, it did not come as a surprise when Franz Beckenbauer once expressed his gratitude towards his long-time teammate by stating that “everything we became, all the trophies we won and triumphs we enjoyed, we owe only to Gerd Müller”. Müller’s great strength was his “sixth sense” at anticipating and realizing moments that could lead to goals, his very short reaction time in front of the goal. Mentally Müller was very balanced and arguably had the most refined poacher’s instinct of all goalgetters in world football.

Müller rarely scored spectacular goals from outside of the penalty box, his area of expertise were ‘little’ goals (as Germany manager Helmut Schön put it), scored from all possible situations, laying on the ground, while sitting, while falling, standing, with his left and his right foot, with his knees, even with his bottom and with his belly, with his thighs, and of course with his head, for Müller - like Uwe Seeler - despite being quite small, had massive muscular legs and had perfect timing for the right moment which helped him become an extremely dangerous player at heading. Müller scored so many goals he soon earned the nickname “Der Bomber” (though ‘bombing’ was not his specialty). Despite his habit of mostly scoring ‘little’ goals, Müller was a technically sound player who could also lob the ball into the goal and who excelled in neat 1-2s played with his teammates Franz Beckenbauer and Günter Netzer of Borussia Mönchengladbach (some of them being 3-4s rather than just 1-2s). His most common way of scoring goals, however, was the famous “turn-and-shoot-in-one move”, which he perfected and in which he scored probably the majority of his goals throughout his career, as well as his most famous goal, the 1974 World Cup final winning goal against Holland. In the last few years of his Bundesliga career it wasn’t a rarity for Müller to be playing in midfield. Gerd Müller loved it when he was very tightly marked by the stopper, because when he was on the ball, he would shield it very well by seeking very close contact to his marker, protruding his bottom towards his opponent and then quickly turning around by using his marker as a tool to accelerate his movement. All this was done in a matter of seconds.

1963 not considered [12/63]

1964 not considered [07/64]

1964 considered [12/64] [Center Forward]

1965 considered [07/65] [#12 Center Forward]

1965 considered [12/65] [Center Forward]

1966 considered [07/66] [Central Forward]

1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#3 Central Forward]

1967 **Internat. Cl.** [07/67] [#1 Central Forward]

1967 **Internat. Cl.** [12/67] [#2 Central Forward]

1968 considered [07/68] [Central Forward]

1968 **Internat. Cl.** [12/68] [#3 Central Forward]

1969 **Internat. Cl.** [07/69] [#1 Central Forward]

1969 **Internat. Cl.** [12/69] [#1 Central Forward]

1970 **World Class** [07/70] [#1 Central Forward]

1970 **World Class** [12/70] [#1 Central Forward]

1971 **World Class** [07/71] [#1 Central Forward]

1971 **World Class** [12/71] [#1 Central Forward]

1972 **World Class** [07/72] [#1 Central Forward]

1972 **World Class** [12/72] [#1 Central Forward]

1973 **Internat. Cl.** [07/73] [#1 Central Forward]

1973 **Internat. Cl.** [12/73] [#1 Central Forward]

1974 **World Class** [07/74] [#1 Central Forward]

1974 **Internat. Cl.** [12/74] [#1 Central Forward]

1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#5 Central Forward]

1975 not considered [12/75]

1976 **World Class** [07/76] [#1 Central Forward]

1976 **World Class** [12/76] [#1 Central Forward]

1977 **Internat. Cl.** [07/77] [#3 Central Forward]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#3 Central Forward]
1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#3 Central Forward]
1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#6 Central Forward]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 played abroad [12/79]
1980 played abroad
1981 played abroad
1982 played abroad [07/82]



Hans-Peter MÜLLER

International class: 7 times
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 2 times

Perhaps the most classic example of the 'eternal talent' that never really managed to break through to the highest level. A player with an almost perfect ball control in his left foot who could play gorgeous passes, lethal at freekicks and who was also highly dangerous in open play due to his outstanding shooting technique. What he lacked was pace, he had weaknesses in covering ground which led him to indulge in dribblings deep in midfield what often made him lose possession in dangerous areas. Admittedly, things weren't helped by the 'special markers' which were often assigned to playmakers in those days who were usually following every step of a player like him. If he had been more adept at quick short passing, Hansi Müller could have been a player comparable to Xavi of today. As it was, Müller remained an unfinished player who never became the great playmaker of the national team as so many had hoped and who only managed a handful of good games for Germany.

1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 **considered** [12/76] [Midfielder]
1977 **considered** [07/77] [Midfielder]
1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#8 Midfielder]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [07/78] [#7 Midfielder]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [12/78] [#2 Midfielder]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#4 Midfielder]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [12/79] [#3 Midfielder]
1980 **Internat. Cl.** [07/80] [#4 Midfielder]
1980 **Internat. Cl.** [12/80] [#2 Midfielder]
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [07/81] [#3 Midfielder]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered [07/82]
1982 played abroad [12/82]
1983 played abroad
1984 played abroad
1985 played abroad
1986 played abroad
1987 played abroad
1988 played abroad
1989 played abroad
1990 played abroad [07/90]



Ludwig MÜLLER

International class: 7 times

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 7 times

As a stopper Ludwig 'Luggi' Müller was sublime, one of the best of the late-1960s who later evolved into a passable libero, too. He had great charisma, was tough in one-on-one situations, had a good overview and anticipation and was pretty good at building up from the back and thus a classic 'defensive' organizer. Because of the great competition in his position he only managed six international games. He did have what it took for a far greater international career.

1962 not considered [12/62]

1963 not considered

1964 not considered

1965 not considered

1966 not considered [07/66]

1966 considered [12/66] [Central Defender]

1967 considered [07/67] [Central Defender]

1967 considered [12/67] [Central Defender]

1968 **Internat. Cl.** [07/68] [#5 Central Defender]

1968 **Internat. Cl.** [12/68] [#5 Central Defender]

1969 **Internat. Cl.** [07/69] [#6 Central Defender]

1969 **Internat. Cl.** [12/69] [#4 Central Defender]

1970 **Internat. Cl.** [07/70] [#7 Central Defender]

1970 **broad circle** [12/70] [#10 Central Defender]

1971 **Internat. Cl.** [07/71] [#3 Stopper]

1971 **Internat. Cl.** [12/71] [#3 Stopper]

1972 not considered [07/72]

1972 considered [12/72] [Libero]

1973 **broad circle** [07/73] [#3 Libero]

1973 considered [12/73] [Libero]

1974 considered [07/74] [Libero]

1974 considered [12/74] [Libero]

1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#3 Libero]



Manfred MÜLLER

International class: 1 time

Considered: 10 times

A rather small goalkeeper with strengths on the goalline whose long career predominantly took place in the second division but who managed 2-3 years in the limelight when he joined Bayern aged 32. Initially meant as a reserve keeper behind the young talent Walter Junghans (Sepp Maier's replacement), Manfred Müller soon proved to be a goalkeeper of the same ability as Junghans but more calm and charismatic and thus got far more action time for Bayern than he had initially expected.

1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 not considered
1968 not considered
1969 **considered** [07/69] [Goalkeeper]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 not considered
1971 not considered
1972 **considered** [07/72] [Goalkeeper]
1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered [07/73]
1973 **considered** [12/73] [Goalkeeper]
1974 not considered [07/74]
1974 **considered** [12/74] [Goalkeeper]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 **considered** [12/75] [Goalkeeper]
1976 **considered** [07/76] [Goalkeeper]
1976 **considered** [12/76] [Goalkeeper]
1977 not considered
1978 **considered** [07/78] [Goalkeeper]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 **considered** [07/79] [Goalkeeper]
1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 not considered
1981 **Internat. Cl.** [07/81] [Goalkeeper]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 **considered** [07/82] [Goalkeeper]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered
1984 not considered [07/84]



Thomas MÜLLER

World class: 4 times
International class: 7 times
Broad circle: 4 times

2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 **broad circle** [12/09] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
2010 **World Class** [07/10] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2010 **broad circle** [12/10] [#7 Offensive Lateral]
2011 **Internat. Cl.** [07/11] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2011 **Internat. Cl.** [12/11] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2012 **broad circle** [07/12] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2012 **Internat. Cl.** [12/12] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
2013 **World Class** [07/13] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2013 **Internat. Cl.** [12/13] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2014 **World Class** [07/14] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2014 **Internat. Cl.** [12/14] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2015 **Internat. Cl.** [07/15] [#2 Forward]
2015 **World Class** [12/15] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2016 **broad circle** [12/16] [#6 Offensive Lateral]



Norbert NACHTWEIH

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 14 times

Nachtweih was a technically superb player who was good playing in a number of different positions, left back, right back, wide midfielder, central midfielder, libero, winger and inside forward. Of reserved nature, he did have the prerequisite to settle as central offensive midfielder with his good short passing, ball control and strategic qualities, but in the end his versatility meant that he was more useful as a utility player. Nachtweih complied, tactically disciplined he would also impress with his eagerness to solve the task he was given. Hard-running but also lightfooted, Nachtweih had a good eye for passing, a feeling for the rhythm of a game, a good shooting technique and was good at set-pieces but he didn't exhaust his capabilities. He most certainly would have been an international for West Germany during the 1980s but during his time in East Germany Nachtweih had already played in youth competitions and was thus ruled out of playing for another FA.

1977 not considered [12/77]

1978 not considered

1979 not considered [07/79]

1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#5 Full Back]

1980 **considered** [07/80] [Midfielder]

1980 **considered** [12/80] [Central Forward]

1981 **considered** [07/81] [Midfielder]

1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#14 Midfielder]

1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#13 Midfielder]

1982 not considered [12/82]

1983 not considered

1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]

1984 **considered** [12/84] [Offensive Midfielder]

1985 **considered** [07/85] [Offensive Midfielder]

1985 **considered** [12/85] [Offensive Midfielder]

1986 **broad circle** [07/86] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]

1986 **broad circle** [12/86] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

1987 **Internat. Cl.** [07/87] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

1987 **Internat. Cl.** [12/87] [#1 Libero]

1988 not considered

1989 not considered [07/89]

1989 played abroad [12/89]

1990 played abroad [07/90]

1990 not considered

1991 **considered** [07/91] [Defensive Midfielder]

1991 not considered [12/91]

1992 **considered** [07/92] [Libero]

1992 **considered** [12/92] [Libero]

1993 **considered** [07/93] [Libero]

1993 **considered** [12/93] [Libero]

1994 **considered** [07/94] [Libero]

1994 **considered** [12/94] [Libero]

1995 **considered** [07/95] [Libero]

1995 not considered [12/95]

1996 not considered [07/96]



Rudolf NAFZIGER

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 2 times

A quick and tricky outside right with an elegant playing style. In the young Bayern side of the 1960s he formed a very good pair of wingers with Dieter Brenninger on the left who serviced Rainer Ohlhauser and Gerd Müller, the two central forwards in Bayern's 4-2-4 of that period. With two such goalscoring threats in the middle it was neglectable that Nafziger himself rarely threatened the goal.

1964 considered [12/64] [Outside Right]

1965 considered [07/65] [#6 Outside Right]

1965 broad circle [12/65] [#5 Outside Right]

1966 broad circle [07/66] [#6 Outside Right]

1966 broad circle [12/66] [#4 Outside Right]

1967 not considered

1968 not considered

1969 not considered

1970 not considered

1971 not considered

1972 not considered

1972 not considered

1973 not considered

1974 not considered

1975 not considered [07/75]



NALDO Ronaldo Aparecido Rodrigues

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 6 times

2005 played abroad [07/05]

2005 considered [12/05] [Central Defender]

2006 considered [07/06] [Central Defender]

2006 Internat. Cl. [12/06] [#1 Central Defender]

2007 broad circle [07/07] [#6 Central Defender]

2007 considered [12/07] [Central Defender]

2008 not considered [07/08]

2008 considered [12/08] [Central Defender]

2009 broad circle [07/09] [#4 Central Defender]

2009 broad circle [12/09] [#6 Central Defender]

2010 considered [07/10] [Central Defender]

2010 not considered [12/10]

2011 not considered

2012 not considered
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#6 Central Defender]
2013 broad circle [12/13] [#6 Central Defender]
2014 broad circle [07/14] [#6 Central Defender]
2014 Internat. Cl. [12/14] [#2 Central Defender]
2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#2 Central Defender]
2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#4 Central Defender]
2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 considered [12/16] [Central Defender]



Jiří NĚMEC

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 2 times

1993 played abroad [07/93]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#13 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 broad circle [07/94] [#8 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#6 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 Internat. Cl. [07/96] [#3 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 broad circle [07/97] [#9 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#11 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 considered [12/98] [Defensive Midfielder]
1999 not considered
2000 considered [07/00] [Defensive Midfielder]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#2 Libero]
2001 not considered
2002 not considered [07/02]



Günter NETZER

World class: 4 times
International class: 10 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 3 times

One of the great legends of 1970s football, Netzer was not only one of the best ever playmakers in world football but arguably the most charismatic player ever to come out of Germany. His one phenomenal gift were his long passes which he would spray “from the depth of space” and his affectionately celebrated set-pieces. His chipped freekicks were pure eye candy. With his space-consuming footsteps he could quickly cover a lot of ground coming from deep of his own half. One of the best football strategists, he was a superb conductor of the pace of a game. Not known for a fast acceleration, he would accelerate the game instead. His ball control was wonderful and his shooting technique sophisticated. In his club

Mönchengladbach the very self-confident Netzer was naturally at the absolute center of all things, on and off the pitch. But even the greatest do have weaknesses. He would react sensitively to hard tackling and foul play. Considering himself as a free thinker, Netzer was not known to indulge into too much defensive work, he preferred to have ‘workers’ around him that would present him the ball on a plate. Netzer and his almost equally legendary manager at Mönchengladbach, Hennes Weisweiler, were known to share a ‘love-hate’ relationship. Interestingly, much of the quarrel between the two stemmed from Netzer wanting to play less offensive, with more focus on defense while Weisweiler was an advocate of trying to annihilate opponents by an assault of total attacking football. One of the longest-going subjects of debate in the German football community in those years was the question: Netzer or Overath? The Köln playmaker had the same talent as Netzer but was more combative, more tactically disciplined, had a stronger will and unlike Netzer did not think himself too good for committing to defensive work. Also, Overath could function in any team while Netzer needed his familiar environment to fully reach his potential. Thus Overath for years was doing much better for Germany than Netzer. It wasn’t until 1971 that Netzer finally managed to breakthrough in the national team, with Mönchengladbach having become the first Bundesliga team to win back-to-back championships, naturally the number of Gladbach players that were called up increased considerably and thus Netzer felt more at home in the national team than in previous years. At the same time Overath’s form dropped and he also started to get injured more often. And thus it came to pass that Günter Netzer would become the player most associated with arguably the finest ever German national team, the 1972 European Championship winners. But for becoming one of the all-time greatest players in world football, Netzer would have needed to sustain that level for a bit longer than two years, which he didn’t. By 1973 the Netzer grandeur of 1971 and 1972 had vanished, which can be attributed to picking up nagging injuries and his joining of Real Madrid in the summer of 1973, which severely hampered his chances to remain at the center of Germany’s football national team. Also he was nearing 30 at that time and in the end it must be said that it took Netzer just a little too long to take on the football world and when he finally reached the summit he was already on the fall again.

- 1963 considered [12/63] [Inside Forward]
- 1964 considered [07/64] [Inside Forward]
- 1964 considered [12/64] [Inside Forward]
- 1965 **broad circle** [07/65] [#6 Inside Forward]
- 1965 **Internat. Cl.** [12/65] [#3 Inside Forward]
- 1966 **broad circle** [07/66] [#6 Midfielder]
- 1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#5 Midfielder]
- 1967 **Internat. Cl.** [07/67] [#4 Midfielder]
- 1967 **Internat. Cl.** [12/67] [#5 Midfielder]
- 1968 **Internat. Cl.** [07/68] [#3 Midfielder]
- 1968 **Internat. Cl.** [12/68] [#3 Midfielder]
- 1969 **Internat. Cl.** [07/69] [#3 Midfielder]
- 1969 **Internat. Cl.** [12/69] [#2 Midfielder]
- 1970 **Internat. Cl.** [07/70] [#4 Midfielder]
- 1970 **World Class** [12/70] [#3 Midfielder]
- 1971 **World Class** [07/71] [#1 Midfielder]
- 1971 **Internat. Cl.** [12/71] [#1 Midfielder]
- 1972 **World Class** [07/72] [#1 Midfielder]
- 1972 **World Class** [12/72] [#1 Midfielder]
- 1973 **Internat. Cl.** [07/73] [#1 Midfielder]
- 1973 played abroad [12/73]
- 1974 played abroad
- 1975 played abroad
- 1976 played abroad
- 1977 played abroad [07/77]



Frank NEUBARTH

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 4 times
 Considered: 6 times

A player of great height who was playing as a target striker with great heading prowess during the first half of his career but later evolved into a midfielder, a role he was suited for because his ball control was surprisingly good for a very tall player like him. At the end of his career he was also deployed effectively as a sweeper.

1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 considered [07/84] [Central Forward]
1984 considered [12/84] [Central Forward]
1985 considered [07/85] [Central Forward]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#9 Forward]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#10 Forward]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered [07/87]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#11 Forward]
1988 considered [07/88] [Offensive Midfielder]
1988 Internat. Cl. [12/88] [#2 Forward]
1989 not considered
1990 not considered
1991 considered [07/91] [Offensive Midfielder]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 not considered
1993 considered [07/93] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1993 not considered [12/93]
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]



Willi NEUBERGER

International class: 5 times

Broad circle: 18 times

Considered: 10 times

One of the first players in the Bundesliga that were reskilled from an outside forward to an attacking full back. Originally an outside left the young Willi Neuberger found it hard to come out on top against Lothar Emmerich or Sigfried Held when he joined Borussia Dortmund in 1966. When Neuberger retired from football in 1983 aged 37 he had become the Bundesliga's record holder with 520 Bundesliga games at that point.

In the 17 years of his professional career he switched between various tactical positions spread all over the pitch. He is most well-remembered for his time playing for Frankfurt from 1974 to 1983, where he was rated as one of the best liberos and attacking full backs of his day. As a player, the technically well-versed Neuberger was a rolemodel for commitment, stamina and consistency who would be hard to beat in one-on-one situations and who was known for his attacking drive from the back once in possession and due to his apprenticeship as a winger was a superb crosser of the ball. His versatility may have been the reason why he never was given a chance as an international during the 1970s: while he was good in many different roles, there was always enough better specialists around that stood in his way.

1966 considered [12/66] [Outside Left]
1967 broad circle [07/67] [#4 Outside Left]
1967 broad circle [12/67] [#7 Central Forward]
1968 Internat. Cl. [07/68] [#2 Central Forward]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#10 Midfielder]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#6 Central Forward]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#8 Midfielder]
1969 considered [12/69] [Midfielder]
1970 broad circle [07/70] [#6 Outside Left]
1970 considered [07/70] [Midfielder]
1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#6 Central Defender]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#4 Outside Left]
1971 Internat. Cl. [07/71] [#4 Libero]
1971 considered [12/71] [Libero]
1972 considered [07/72] [Libero]

1972 considered [12/72] [Outside Left]
1973 not considered
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#6 Full Back]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#3 Full Back]
1975 broad circle [12/75] [#7 Full Back]
1975 broad circle [12/75] [#4 Libero]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#3 Libero]
1976 considered [12/76] [Libero]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#5 Full Back]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#5 Full Back]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#7 Libero]
1978 considered [12/78] [Full Back]
1979 considered [07/79] [Libero]
1979 Internat. Cl. [12/79] [#2 Libero]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#7 Libero]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#9 Full Back]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#5 Full Back]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#8 Full Back]
1982 considered [07/82] [Full Back]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered [07/83]



Manuel NEUER

World class: 8 times
International class: 8 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 1 time

2004 not considered [12/04]
2005 not considered
2006 not considered [07/06]
2006 broad circle [12/06] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 broad circle [07/08] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2008 considered [12/08] [Goalkeeper]
2009 broad circle [07/09] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2009 Internat. Cl. [12/09] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2010 Internat. Cl. [07/10] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2010 World Class [12/10] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2011 World Class [07/11] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2013 World Class [07/13] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2014 World Class [07/14] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2014 World Class [12/14] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2015 World Class [12/15] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2016 World Class [07/16] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2016 World Class [12/16] [#1 Goalkeeper]



Hans-Günter NEUES

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 8 times

A very hard defender, probably one of the hardest of his of time. Started out as a stopper who was then reskilled as a right back and then later as a sweeper. Predominantly with a defensive mind-set , Neues was dangerous at set-pieces with his good heading. His good positioning was as notable as his sliding tackling was infamous among attackers.

1969 not considered [12/69]

1970 considered [07/70] [Central Defender]

1970 not considered [12/70]

1971 considered [07/71] [Libero]

1971 not considered [12/71]

1972 not considered

1973 considered [07/73] [Full Back]

1973 not considered [12/73]

1974 considered [07/74] [Full Back]

1974 considered [12/74] [Full Back]

1975 considered [07/75] [Full Back]

1975 considered [12/75] [Full Back]

1976 considered [07/76] [Full Back]

1976 not considered [12/76]

1977 not considered

1978 not considered [07/78]

1978 broad circle [12/78] [#3 Libero]

1979 broad circle [07/79] [#7 Libero]

1979 broad circle [12/79] [#6 Libero]

1980 broad circle [07/80] [#4 Libero]

1980 broad circle [12/80] [#7 Libero]

1981 broad circle [07/81] [#5 Libero]

1981 not considered [12/81]

1982 not considered

1983 not considered [07/83]



Herbert NEUMANN

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 4 times

A technically sound playmaker who was dealt as Netzer's or Overath's legitimate successor but who lacked the necessary consistency. Herbert Neumann was a very elegant player whose long passing and set-pieces could be excellent and whose 'flat' distant shots were known to be

dangerous. A strategic mind who lacked robustness and mental toughness.

1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 **considered** [07/73] [Midfielder]
1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 not considered
1975 **Internat. Cl.** [07/75] [#2 Midfielder]
1975 **considered** [12/75] [Midfielder]
1976 not considered
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#7 Midfielder]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [07/78] [#6 Midfielder]
1978 **considered** [12/78] [Midfielder]
1979 **considered** [07/79] [Midfielder]
1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 not considered [07/80]
1980 played abroad [12/80]
1981 played abroad
1982 played abroad [07/82]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 played abroad [12/83]
1984 played abroad
1985 played abroad
1986 played abroad
1987 played abroad
1988 played abroad
1989 played abroad [07/89]



Jürgen NEUMANN

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 9 times

A very reliable defensive midfielder whose main task was usually marking. The left-footer was among the most consistently performing players in his role during the 1960s.

1958 not considered [07/58]
1959 **considered** [07/59] [Center Half]
1959 **considered** [12/59] [Half Back]
1960 not considered
1961 **broad circle** [07/61] [#4 Center Half]
1961 **considered** [07/61] [Full Back]
1961 **broad circle** [12/61] [#5 Center Half]
1961 **considered** [12/61] [Full Back]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 **considered** [12/62] [Half Back]
1963 **broad circle** [07/63] [#7 Half Back]
1963 **broad circle** [12/63] [#8 Half Back]
1964 **considered** [07/64] [Half Back]
1964 **considered** [12/64] [Half Back]
1965 **considered** [07/65] [#13 Half Back]
1965 **considered** [12/65] [Half Back]
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 played abroad [12/66]

1967 played abroad
1968 played abroad
1969 played abroad [07/69]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 not considered
1971 not considered
1972 not considered [07/72]



Oliver NEUVILLE

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 8 times

1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 broad circle [07/94] [#4 German abroad]
1994 considered [12/94] [Forward]
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 considered [12/95] [Forward]
1996 considered [07/96] [Forward]
1996 considered [12/96] [Wide Midfielder]
1997 considered [07/97] [Wide Midfielder]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#9 Forward]
1998 considered [12/98] [Forward]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#2 Forward]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#9 Forward]
2001 considered [07/01] [Forward]
2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#2 Forward]
2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#8 Forward]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered [07/03]
2003 considered [12/03] [Forward]
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#5 Forward]
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 broad circle [12/05] [#7 Forward]
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#11 Forward]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 not considered
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered [07/11]



Bernd NICKEL

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 16 times

A technically wonderful player who today is still mostly known for his vicious left foot which allowed him to either bend the ball with the outside of his foot in a wicked way or to hit them really really hard and precise. What exactly his main role was on the pitch was hard to pin down. He played during a time when 'total football' was the great 'philosophical' approach to the game and one of the principles was that any player should be able to play in any position. Thus the 1970s and also 1980s saw a number of players that did really well in a variety of tactical roles, quite contrary to today where the specialist is the standard and a player that performs well in various positions is a rarity (think Philipp Lahm). Bernd Nickel could be used in the central of attack or on the left wing, in a wide midfield position or as a classic playmaking central midfielder. A specialist at set-pieces he was also an excellent passer of the ball, his specialty being long, precise passes to Bernd Hölzenbein or Jürgen Grabowski, his two most notable teammates at Eintracht Frankfurt, where Nickel spent his entire professional career between 1967 and 1983. Nicknamed 'Doktor Hammer' because of his thunderous shot, Nickel was a lethal goalgetter himself, scoring 141 Bundesliga goals in 426 appearances. While he lacked pace it is still inexplicable how a player of this quality never earned more than one single cap.

1967 not considered [12/67]

1968 considered [07/68] [Central Forward]

1968 considered [12/68] [Central Forward]

1969 not considered [07/69]

1969 considered [12/69] [Outside Left]

1970 considered [07/70] [Central Forward]

1970 considered [12/70] [Outside Left]

1971 broad circle [07/71] [#3 Outside Left]

1971 considered [12/71] [Central Forward]

1972 broad circle [07/72] [#9 Midfielder]

1972 considered [12/72] [Midfielder]

1973 not considered

1974 not considered [07/74]

1974 considered [12/74] [Midfielder]

1975 considered [07/75] [Midfielder]

1975 considered [12/75] [Midfielder]

1976 considered [07/76] [Midfielder]

1976 considered [12/76] [Midfielder]

1977 considered [07/77] [Midfielder]

1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]

1978 not considered

1979 not considered [07/79]

1979 considered [12/79] [Midfielder]

1980 broad circle [07/80] [#19 Midfielder]

1980 not considered [12/80]

1981 broad circle [07/81] [#6 Midfielder]

1981 broad circle [12/81] [#21 Midfielder]

1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]

1982 broad circle [12/82] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]

1983 broad circle [07/83] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]

1983 played abroad [12/83]

1984 played abroad [07/84]



Harald NICKEL

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 2 times

A physically robust classic center forward of good height who probably would have had a better career had he played a few decades earlier when players of his type were more revered. He didn't feel at home in the transition phase from 4-3-3 to 4-4-2 as he was a player that depended on regular service from the flanks. He didn't blossom in the new two forwards system. His specialty were penalties which he shot off-hand.

1971 not considered [12/71]

1972 not considered [07/72]

1972 played abroad [12/72]

1973 played abroad

1974 played abroad

1975 played abroad

1976 played abroad

1977 played abroad

1978 played abroad [07/78]

1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#5 Central Forward]

1979 **considered** [07/79] [Central Forward]

1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#5 Central Forward]

1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#7 Central Forward]

1980 not considered [12/80]

1981 **considered** [07/81] [Central Forward]

1981 played abroad [12/81]

1982 played abroad [07/82]



Kurt NIEDERMAYER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 4 times

Apprenticed as a central defensive midfielder who also was often used as a right back, Niedermayer unexpectedly became Georg Schwarzenbeck's successor in the libero position at Bayern in 1980, albeit only for a short time. Niedermayer was a technically very sound passer whose strength was build up from the back, a dynamic player with a hard shot.

1973 not considered [12/73]

1974 not considered

1975 not considered

1976 not considered

1977 not considered

1978 not considered

1979 not considered [07/79]

1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#5 Midfielder]

1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#8 Midfielder]

1980 Internat. Cl. [12/80] [#1 Libero]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#15 Midfielder]
1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]
1982 not considered [07/82]
1982 considered [12/82] [Libero]
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 considered [12/83] [Libero]
1984 considered [07/84] [Defensive Midfielder]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered [07/85]



Norbert NIGBUR

International class: 15 times
Broad circle: 11 times
Considered: 5 times

A charismatic goalkeeper with outstandingly fast reflexes on the goalline and a knack for spectacular saves who was also an accomplished controller of his penalty box. Nigbur's greatest drawback was his impatience, something Helmut Schön – manager of Germany – didn't prize highly as Sepp Maier was his clear no.1 goalkeeper and he looked for a back-up that would quietly accept his role, something Nigbur just couldn't do as he was far too competitive for that. Nigbur was the first player that had played on all international levels of the German national team: senior team, b-team, amateur team, junior team, youth team and students team. Nigbur had a hot temper and in 1970 he gave a newspaper interview in an angry mood after Helmut Schön had not invited him to the senior squad but only to the junior squad. At least since then the relationship between Schön and Nigbur was soured. Despite Nigbur being rated as one of the finest goalkeepers of the early-1970s, when he arguably was at his career-peak, he had to wait until 1974 to gain his first senior cap.

1966 considered [12/66] [Goalkeeper]
1967 broad circle [07/67] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 considered [07/68] [Goalkeeper]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1969 broad circle [12/69] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1970 Internat. Cl. [07/70] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1971 broad circle [12/71] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1972 Internat. Cl. [07/72] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1972 Internat. Cl. [12/72] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1973 Internat. Cl. [07/73] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1973 broad circle [12/73] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1974 Internat. Cl. [07/74] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1974 Internat. Cl. [12/74] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1975 broad circle [12/75] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1976 broad circle [07/76] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1977 Internat. Cl. [12/77] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1978 Internat. Cl. [12/78] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1979 Internat. Cl. [07/79] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1979 Internat. Cl. [12/79] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1980 Internat. Cl. [07/80] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [12/80] [Goalkeeper]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1981 considered [12/81] [Goalkeeper]
1982 considered [07/82] [Goalkeeper]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered [07/83]



Alfred NIJHUIS

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

- 1991 played abroad [07/91]
- 1991 not considered [12/91]
- 1992 not considered
- 1993 not considered
- 1994 not considered
- 1995 not considered
- 1996 not considered [07/96]
- 1996 **broad circle** [12/96] [#12 Marker]
- 1997 **Internat. Cl.** [07/97] [#4 Marker]
- 1997 played abroad [12/97]
- 1998 played abroad [07/98]
- 1998 **broad circle** [12/98] [#8 Defender]
- 1999 not considered
- 2000 not considered
- 2001 not considered [07/01]



Oka NIKOLOV

International class: 1 time

Considered: 6 times

- 1994 not considered [12/94]
- 1995 not considered
- 1996 not considered [07/96]
- 1996 **considered** [12/96] [Goalkeeper]
- 1997 **considered** [07/97] [Goalkeeper]
- 1997 **considered** [12/97] [Goalkeeper]
- 1998 **considered** [07/98] [Goalkeeper]
- 1998 **considered** [12/98] [Goalkeeper]
- 1999 **Internat. Cl.** [07/99] [#4 Goalkeeper]
- 1999 not considered [12/99]
- 2000 not considered
- 2001 not considered
- 2002 not considered
- 2003 not considered
- 2004 not considered
- 2005 not considered
- 2006 not considered
- 2007 not considered
- 2008 not considered [07/08]
- 2008 **considered** [12/08] [Goalkeeper]
- 2009 not considered

2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 not considered
2013 not considered [07/13]
2013 played abroad [12/13]



Peter NOGLY

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 12 times

A tough as nails stopper and sweeper who started out as a defensive midfield marker. A merciless defender both in the air and on the ground who was dangerous with his headers at set-pieces and a rolemodel for endurance and steadiness.

1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 considered [07/68] [Midfielder]
1968 not considered [12/68]
1969 considered [07/69] [Midfielder]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 not considered [07/70]
1970 considered [12/70] [Midfielder]
1971 considered [07/71] [Midfielder]
1971 considered [12/71] [Midfielder]
1972 not considered
1973 considered [07/73] [Stopper]
1973 considered [12/73] [Stopper]
1974 considered [07/74] [Stopper]
1974 considered [12/74] [Stopper]
1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#5 Stopper]
1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#5 Stopper]
1976 **Internat. Cl.** [07/76] [#2 Stopper]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [07/77] [#2 Stopper]
1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#4 Stopper]
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 considered [12/78] [Libero]
1979 considered [07/79] [Libero]
1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 not considered [07/80]
1980 played abroad [12/80]
1981 played abroad
1982 played abroad
1983 played abroad [07/83]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 considered [07/84] [Stopper]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered
1986 not considered [07/86]



Milivoje NOVAKOVIĆ

International class: 2 times

Considered: 1 time

2006 played abroad [07/06]

2006 not considered [12/06]

2007 not considered

2008 not considered [07/08]

2008 **Internat. Cl.** [12/08] [#4 Forward]

2009 **considered** [07/09] [Forward]

2009 not considered [12/09]

2010 not considered

2011 **Internat. Cl.** [07/11] [#4 Forward]

2011 not considered [12/11]

2012 not considered [07/12]

2012 played abroad [12/12]



Hans NOWAK

International class: 6 times

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 2 times

He began his career as full back but was then reskilled as an inside right and even once managed to score five goals in a league game (pre-Bundesliga). But soon Nowak was drawn back again to defense where he settled as one of the very first attacking full backs in German football. His main strength was his good positioning and his ability to shift from defense to offense in a matter of seconds. A very dynamic and straightforward player, Nowak was one of the favorites of the fans during his days playing for FC Schalke 04. He was one of the few bright spots in Germany's 1962 World Cup campaign. However FC Schalke 04 was on a downward spiral by the mid-1960s which also showed in Nowak's fewer international appearances, despite his reputation as one of the best full backs around. Nowak's peak was certainly the early-/mid-1960s, but when he joined the young, newly-promoted Bayern München side in 1965, he was not a regular starter in most games anymore.

1956 not considered [12/56]

1957 not considered

1958 not considered

1959 not considered

1960 not considered

1961 not considered [07/61]

1961 **broad circle** [12/61] [#4 Full Back]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 **Internat. Cl.** [12/62] [#2 Full Back]

1963 **Internat. Cl.** [07/63] [#2 Full Back]

1963 **Internat. Cl.** [12/63] [#1 Full Back]

1964 **Internat. Cl.** [07/64] [#1 Full Back]

1964 **Internat. Cl.** [12/64] [#1 Full Back]

1965 **Internat. Cl.** [07/65] [#1 Full Back]

1965 not considered [12/65]

1966 not considered

1967 considered [07/67] [Full Back]

1967 considered [12/67] [Full Back]

1968 not considered

1969 not considered [07/69]



Piotr NOWAK

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 4 times

1993 played abroad [07/93]

1993 not considered [12/93]

1994 considered [07/94] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 considered [12/94] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1995 Internat. Cl. [07/95] [#1 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1995 broad circle [12/95] [#9 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1996 considered [07/96] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1996 not considered [12/96]

1997 considered [07/97] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1997 not considered [12/97]

1998 not considered [07/98]

1998 played abroad [12/98]



Jens NOWOTNY

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 12 times

Considered: 4 times

A technically exceptional libero with strengths in build up and venturing forwards where his close ball control made him a good offensive dribbler but he had weaknesses in one-on-one situations, a lack of pace and only average positioning. With eight red cards Jens Nowotny is the record-holder in Bundesliga history. For Germany Nowotny was mainly deployed as a man-marker or defensive midfielder.

1991 not considered [12/91]

1992 not considered [07/92]

1992 considered [12/92] [Libero]

1993 broad circle [07/93] [#5 Libero]

1993 not considered [12/93]

1994 broad circle [07/94] [#5 Central Defensive Midfielder]

1994 considered [12/94] [Libero]

1995 not considered

1996 not considered [07/96]

1996 considered [12/96] [Libero]

1997 broad circle [07/97] [#4 Libero]

1997 broad circle [12/97] [#6 Libero]

1998 broad circle [07/98] [#6 Libero]
1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#2 Libero]
1999 broad circle [07/99] [#3 Libero]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#5 Defender]
2000 Internat. Cl. [07/00] [#1 Defender]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#1 Libero]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#3 Defender]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#5 Defender]
2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#2 Central Defender]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered [07/03]
2003 broad circle [12/93] [#9 Central Defender]
2004 considered [07/04] [Central Defender]
2004 not considered [12/04]
2005 not considered
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#6 Central Defender]
2006 not considered
2007 not considered [07/07]



Chinedu OBASI

International class: 1 time

2007 played abroad [07/07]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 Internat. Cl. [12/08] [#5 Forward]
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 not considered
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 not considered



Branko OBLAK

International class: 5 times

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 1 time

Oblak was a technically outstanding playmaker from Slovenia with neat footwork and great abilities in short passing. An erratic character, not always consistent, but a great personality on the pitch who could control the rhythm of a game and who was a vital influence on his teammates. With his left foot he was a fine dribbler in tight space.

1975 played abroad [07/75]

1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 **Internat. Cl.** [07/76] [#4 Foreign player]
1976 **Internat. Cl.** [12/76] [#1 Foreign player]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [07/77] [#4 Foreign player]
1977 **considered** [12/77] [Foreign Player]
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [12/78] [#7 Foreign player]
1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#4 Foreign player]
1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#9 Foreign player]
1980 played abroad [12/80]



Mesut ÖZIL

World class: 1 time
International class: 10 times
Broad circle: 4 times

2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 not considered
2008 not considered
2009 **broad circle** [07/09] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2009 **Internat. Cl.** [12/09] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2010 **broad circle** [07/10] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
2010 **Internat. Cl.** [12/10] [#1 German abroad]
2011 **Internat. Cl.** [07/11] [#1 German abroad]
2011 **broad circle** [12/11] [#3 German abroad]
2012 **Internat. Cl.** [07/12] [#2 German abroad]
2012 **Internat. Cl.** [12/12] [#2 German abroad]
2013 **Internat. Cl.** [07/13] [#1 German abroad]
2013 **Internat. Cl.** [12/13] [#3 German abroad]
2014 **Internat. Cl.** [07/14] [#4 German abroad]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 **broad circle** [07/15] [#6 German abroad]
2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#1 German abroad]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#5 German abroad]
2016 **World Class** [12/16] [#1 German abroad]



Rainer OHLHAUSER

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 14 times

A very fast offensive player who liked to drift between a deep midfield position and a striker position. At Bayern in the early-1960s, the pre-Gerd Müller era, the tall and skinny Ohlhauser was the goalgetter and he did a very good job. With Gerd Müller coming into the team, Ohlhauser found a new role as a supplier in central midfield, as the second, more withdrawn central forward in the 4-2-4 scheme of the day. By the end of the 1960s Ohlhauser was still ahead of Gerd Müller as the best goalscorer of Bayern during the 1960s. In 1970 he left Bayern to play in Switzerland where he continued to play for another six years as a libero for FC Zürich and Winterthur.

1961 considered [12/61] [Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Center Forward]
1963 considered [07/63] [Center Forward]
1963 considered [12/63] [Center Forward]
1964 considered [07/64] [Center Forward]
1964 considered [12/64] [Inside Forward]
1965 considered [07/65] [#14 Inside Forward]
1965 considered [12/65] [Center Forward]
1966 considered [07/66] [Central Forward]
1966 considered [12/66] [Central Forward]
1967 broad circle [07/67] [#7 Central Forward]
1967 considered [12/67] [Central Forward]
1968 considered [07/68] [Central Forward]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#7 Central Forward]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#5 Central Forward]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Forward]
1970 considered [07/70] [Central Forward]
1970 played abroad [12/70]
1971 played abroad
1972 played abroad
1973 played abroad
1974 played abroad
1975 played abroad [07/75]



Hermann OHLICHER

Broad circle: 8 times
 Considered: 11 times

Hermann Ohlicher was trained as a classic center forward, a poacher and goalgetter with very good exploits in his first four professional seasons for Stuttgart (1973 to 1977) who then evolved into a central offensive midfielder with good work-rate and excellent stamina, a decent technique and a certain physical presence. As a midfielder he was rated as a tireless worker, initiator with a never tiring dedication which made him one of Stuttgart's most important players for 12 consecutive seasons (ten of them topflight).

1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 not considered
1972 not considered
1973 not considered [07/73]
1973 considered [12/73] [Central Forward]
1974 considered [07/74] [Central Forward]
1974 considered [12/74] [Central Forward]
1975 considered [07/75] [Central Forward]
1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 considered [07/76] [Central Forward]
1976 considered [12/76] [Midfielder]
1977 considered [07/77] [Midfielder]
1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#12 Midfielder]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#9 Midfielder]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#8 Midfielder]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#9 Midfielder]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#17 Midfielder]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#10 Midfielder]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#14 Midfielder]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered [07/82]
1982 considered [12/82] [Offensive Midfielder]

1983 considered [07/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [12/83] [Defensive Midfielder]
1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered [07/85]



Mirosław OKOŃSKI

International class: 1 time
Considered: 1 time

1986 played abroad [07/86]
1986 not assessed [12/86]
1987 **Internat. Cl.** [07/87] [#2 Foreign player]
1987 considered [12/87] [Foreign Player]
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 played abroad [12/88]



Ivica OLIĆ

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 5 times

2007 played abroad [07/07]
2007 **broad circle** [12/07] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2008 **broad circle** [12/08] [#5 Offensive Lateral]
2008 considered [12/08] [Forward]
2009 considered [07/09] [Forward]
2009 **Internat. Cl.** [12/09] [#5 Forward]
2010 **Internat. Cl.** [07/10] [#3 Forward]
2011 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered
2012 not considered
2013 considered [07/13] [Forward]
2013 considered [12/13] [Forward]
2014 **broad circle** [07/14] [#6 Forward]
2014 considered [12/14] [Forward]
2015 not considered
2016 not considered



Sunday OLISEH

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 1 time

- 1995 played abroad [07/95]
- 1995 not considered [12/95]
- 1996 not considered [07/96]
- 1996 **Internat. Cl.** [12/96] [#1 Central Defensive Midfielder]
- 1997 not considered [07/97]
- 1997 played abroad [12/07]
- 1998 played abroad
- 1999 played abroad
- 2000 played abroad [07/00]
- 2000 not considered [12/00]
- 2001 **considered** [07/01] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 2001 not considered [12/01]
- 2002 not considered
- 2003 not considered [07/03]
- 2003 **broad circle** [12/03] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
- 2004 not considered
- 2005 not considered [07/05]
- 2005 played abroad [12/05]



Werner OLK

Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 8 times

Werner Olk was a small but forceful, athletic defensive player who spent most of his career either as right back or as a stopper, sometimes defensive midfielder. His nickname was “Eagle of Giesing” because of his habit of last-save headers in a spectacular fashion. As a seasoned veteran, Werner Olk was one of the most important players in the young Bayern side of the 1960s. Olk was an intelligent person who later studied economics and engineering.

- 1956 not considered [12/56]
- 1957 not considered
- 1958 not considered
- 1959 **broad circle** [07/59] [#6 Full Back]
- 1959 **broad circle** [12/59] [#4 Full Back]
- 1960 **broad circle** [1960] [#6 Full Back]
- 1961 **considered** [07/61] [Full Back]
- 1961 **broad circle** [12/61] [#8 Full Back]
- 1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
- 1962 **broad circle** [12/62] [#9 Full Back]
- 1963 **considered** [07/63] [Full Back]

1963 broad circle [12/63] [#8 Full Back]
1964 considered [07/64] [Full Back]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 considered [07/65] [#10 Full Back]
1965 considered [12/65] [Full Back]
1966 considered [07/66] [Full Back]
1966 considered [12/66] [Full Back]
1967 broad circle [07/67] [#7 Central Defender]
1967 considered [12/67] [Central Defender]
1968 not considered
1969 not considered
1970 not considered [12/70]
1970 played abroad [12/70]
1971 played abroad
1972 played abroad
1973 played abroad [07/73]



Morten OLSEN

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 1 time

Dubbed the “Danish Beckenbauer”, Morten Olsen was a sublime libero and defensive midfielder, a very calm presence on the pitch and an initiator of intelligent build up. One of the greatest personalities in European football of the 1970s and 80s, Olsen debuted in the Bundesliga at the age of 37 in 1986, his influence on Köln’s young manager Christoph Daum in applying modern tactics like pressing cannot be overestimated. Yet Daum only took to the pressing idea, Olsen’s urging to play with a flat back four in a complete zonal system was something Daum did not relent to.

1986 played abroad [07/86]
1986 not assessed [12/86]
1987 considered [07/87] [Foreign Player]
1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#4 Foreign player]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#6 Foreign player]
1988 not considered [12/88]
1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]



Jan OLSSON

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

1969 played abroad [07/69]
1969 not assessed [12/69]
1970 not assessed [07/70]

1970 **Internat. Cl.** [12/70] [#3 Foreign player]

1971 **broad circle** [07/71] [#4 Foreign player]

1971 played abroad [12/71]



Jonny OTTEN

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 13 times

Jonny Otten can be described as a classic left back of his day, with a great urge to join the attack. A quick, hard-running full back with good control of the ball and good in defensive duels. Good passing and very good crossing ability.

1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#7 Full Back]

1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#8 Full Back]

1980 **considered** [12/80] [Full Back]

1981 **considered** [07/81] [Full Back]

1981 **considered** [12/81] [Full Back]

1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#6 Full Back]

1982 **not considered** [12/82]

1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#4 Full Back]

1983 **considered** [12/83] [Full Back]

1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#7 Full Back]

1984 **considered** [12/84] [Full Back]

1985 **considered** [07/85] [Full Back]

1985 **not considered** [12/85]

1986 **considered** [07/86] [Defender]

1986 **considered** [12/86] [Defender]

1987 **considered** [07/87] [Defender]

1987 **not considered** [12/87]

1988 **considered** [07/88] [Defensive Midfielder]

1988 **considered** [12/88] [Defender]

1989 **considered** [07/89] [Defender]

1989 **not considered** [12/89]

1990 **considered** [07/90] [Defender]

1990 **not considered** [12/90]

1991 **not considered**

1992 **not considered**

1993 **not considered** [07/93]



Wolfgang OVERATH

World class: 8 times

International class: 14 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 2 times

Together with Günter Netzer the epitome of the classic 1970s playmaker. Overath was a great orchestrator with supreme ball control, great vision and way of dictating the rhythm of a game. Stopping the ball, processing it and passing it on within seconds was done in one quick harmonic move. Overath mastered all forms of passing, was renowned for his long precise passes, often delivered with the outside of his left foot. He could dribble in tight spaces and had a good shot but unlike Netzer, Overath did not look to score many goals himself. What mostly set him apart from Netzer though was his aggression and willingness to commit himself when out of possession. Often Overath would successfully seize the ball himself and he also possessed a high workrate unlike many other playmakers of his time. In defensive one-on-one situations, Overath was one of the best offensive midfielders around, for Overath due to his very hot temper couldn't stand not having the ball at his feet and thus he was eager to get it which might explain his aggressive mentality. A trait that made him turn his fury also on his teammates if they didn't pass the ball to him. Often he was seen gesticulating in dismay when he was overlooked. Thus it is not exaggerated to call him a difficult character to have on the team. Obviously a type of character like Overath was in total command of his team, always at the center of all offensive actions. It was different in the national team where Overath was content in taking a back seat to Franz Beckenbauer. Overath was stuck in the role as 'second boss' throughout his international career but apparently he had no problems with that.

Overath's best international performance was in the 1970 World Cup. Here's an excerpt of media quotes from South America after that tournament: 'We knew that Beckenbauer is a great, elegant footballer player, we knew that Müller was a dangerous goalgetter, but that Wolfgang Overath was capable of such miracles was new to us' (Francisco Larrea of a Uruguayan newspaper). "Virtually a very special football treat was the playing of Overath against Italy. He should have earned a gold medal for his performance. The German is a footballer through and through. He has the grace of a ballerina, the endurance of a space traveler, the intelligence of an Einstein and the footballing qualities of, well, what can we say, let us use the biggest superlative there is - that of an Overath' (Joao Saldanha of Journal de Deportes). 'Overath is the best midfield player who I have ever seen. His passes over 30, even 40 meters were inch-perfect, the interplay with his teammates worked almost blind, his through balls into the gaps testified his great overview and intelligence' (Silvio Marzolini in 'Comercio'). 'We know that Germany had a star in Beckenbauer, but Overath was the real discovery of this World Cup to us' (Farfan for the Peruvian paper 'Ra'). 'Name me one better midfielder and I pay you 1000 Pesos. Overath was the decisive stimulus of the German team. He distinguished himself mostly because with simple measures he achieved the maximum output of productivity. He solely plays for his team and not for the crowds. This makes him twice as sympathetic' (Ramon Mifflin).

1962 not considered [12/62]

1963 not considered [07/63]

1963 Internat. Cl. [12/63] [#5 Inside Forward]

1964 Internat. Cl. [07/64] [#2 Inside Forward]

1964 Internat. Cl. [12/64] [#2 Inside Forward]

1965 Internat. Cl. [07/65] [#2 Inside Forward]

1965 broad circle [12/65] [#5 Inside Forward]

1966 World Class [07/66] [#2 Midfielder]

1966 World Class [12/66] [#2 Midfielder]

1967 World Class [07/67] [#2 Midfielder]

1967 Internat. Cl. [12/67] [#1 Midfielder]

1968 World Class [07/68] [#2 Midfielder]

1968 World Class [12/68] [#2 Midfielder]

1969 Internat. Cl. [07/69] [#2 Midfielder]

1969 World Class [12/69] [#1 Midfielder]

1970 World Class [07/70] [#2 Midfielder]

1970 World Class [12/70] [#2 Midfielder]

1971 Internat. Cl. [07/71] [#2 Midfielder]

1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#2 Midfielder]

1972 Internat. Cl. [07/72] [#4 Midfielder]

1972 Internat. Cl. [12/72] [#4 Midfielder]

1973 Internat. Cl. [07/73] [#3 Midfielder]

1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#2 Midfielder]

1974 Internat. Cl. [07/74] [#1 Midfielder]

1974 broad circle [12/74] [#7 Midfielder]

1975 Internat. Cl. [07/75] [#3 Midfielder]

1975 broad circle [12/75] [#8 Midfielder]

1976 considered [07/76] [Midfielder]

1976 broad circle [12/76] [#10 Midfielder]

1977 considered [07/77] [Midfielder]



Thomas PARITS

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 1 time

The Austrian was a fast, straightforward-going, hard-shooting cross between a forward and an offensive midfielder, dangerous in the box but with technical flaws.

1970 considered [12/70] [Foreign Player]

1971 not considered [07/71]

1971 broad circle [12/71] [#8 Foreign player]

1972 Internat. Cl. [07/72] [#3 Foreign player]

1972 not considered [12/72]

1973 not considered

1974 not considered [07/74]

1974 played abroad [12/74]



Pavel PARDO

International class: 1 time

Considered: 3 times

2006 played abroad [07/06]

2006 not considered [12/06] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

2007 considered [12/07] [Defensive Midfielder]

2008 considered [07/08] [Defensive Midfielder]

2008 considered [12/08] [Defensive Midfielder]



Bernd PATZKE

International class: 11 times

Broad circle: 4 times

A predominantly defensive left back who was stone-cold and savvy in defensive one-on-one situations with good passing skills but no great offensive impact. Could also be deployed in central defense, both as stopper and as sweeper. His career in Germany ended in 1971 due to his involvement in the Bundesliga scandal.

1961 not considered [12/61]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 played abroad [12/62]

1963 played abroad

1964 played abroad [07/64]

1964 Internat. Cl. [12/64] [#2 Full Back]

1965 Internat. Cl. [07/65] [#2 Full Back]

1965 Internat. Cl. [12/65] [#3 Full Back]

1966 Internat. Cl. [07/66] [#5 Full Back]

1966 broad circle [12/66] [#2 Full Back]

1967 Internat. Cl. [07/67] [#1 Full Back]

1967 Internat. Cl. [12/67] [#1 Full Back]

1968 broad circle [07/68] [#5 Full Back]

1968 Internat. Cl. [12/68] [#3 Full Back]
1969 Internat. Cl. [07/69] [#3 Full Back]
1969 Internat. Cl. [07/69] [#7 Central Defender]
1969 Internat. Cl. [12/69] [#3 Full Back]
1970 Internat. Cl. [07/70] [#3 Full Back]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#3 Full Back]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#2 Full Back]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 played abroad [12/72]
1973 played abroad [07/73]
1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 not considered [07/74]



Wolfgang PAUL

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 2 times

A tall center half who started out as an inside forward but quickly evolved into a hard, strong at heading central defender. Despite his beginnings as an offensive midfielder, Wolfgang Paul must be described as a very defensive center half with mainly marking duties. His style of playing was often compared to Werner Liebrich. Paul was part of the 1966 World Cup roster but never gained a cap.

1958 not considered
1959 not considered
1960 not considered
1961 not considered
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Center Half]
1963 broad circle [07/63] [#5 Center Half]
1963 not considered [12/63]
1964 not considered
1965 not considered
1966 Internat. Cl. [07/66] [#5 Central Defender]
1966 broad circle [12/66] [#5 Central Defender]
1967 considered [07/67] [Central Defender]
1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 not considered
1969 not considered
1970 not considered
1971 not considered [07/71]



Wolfgang PETERS

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 6 times

An outside right with very fast acceleration, great stamina and with strengths in dribbling who was renowned for his precise crosses. Towards the

end of his career he was playing as a right half.

1955 not considered [12/55]
1956 **considered** [07/56] [#12 Outside Right]
1956 **broad circle** [12/56] [#2 Outside Right]
1957 **broad circle** [07/57] [#3 Outside Right]
1957 **Internat. Cl.** [12/57] [#1 Outside Right]
1958 **considered** [1958] [Outside Right]
1959 **considered** [07/59] [Outside Right]
1959 **considered** [12/59] [Half Back]
1960 not considered
1961 **considered** [07/61] [Half Back]
1961 **considered** [12/61] [Half Back]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 not considered [07/63]



Mladen PETRIĆ

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 1 time

2007 played abroad [07/07]
2007 **broad circle** [12/07] [#7 Forward]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 **Internat. Cl.** [12/08] [#6 Forward]
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 **considered** [12/09] [Forward]
2010 **broad circle** [07/10] [#12 Forward]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 **broad circle** [07/11] [#10 Forward]
2011 not considered [12/11]
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 played abroad [12/12]



Martin PETROV

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 2 times

2001 played abroad [07/01]
2001 **considered** [12/01][Forward]
2002 not considered
2003 not considered [07/03]
2003 **broad circle** [12/03] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 **Internat. Cl.** [12/04] [#6 Forward]
2005 **considered** [07/05] [Offensive Lateral]
2005 played abroad [12/05]



Bruno PEZZEY

World class: 3 times
International class: 7 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 2 times

A libero of great charisma, the tall Austrian always looked like a bored general on the pitch who went on about his job with a certain nonchalance and effortlessness. While his playing style may have looked arrogant, all he did was doing his job extremely well. Due to his great reading of the game and outstanding positioning, Pezzey hardly ever had to tackle, his heading was supreme as was his ball control and technique. He had a habit of chipping balls. Pezzey, who was very athletic and an intimidating physical presence died aged 39 from sudden cardiac death during an ice hockey game.

- 1978 played abroad [07/78]
- 1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#8 Foreign player]
- 1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#5 Foreign player]
- 1979 **Internat. Cl.** [12/79] [#5 Foreign player]
- 1980 **Internat. Cl.** [07/80] [#2 Foreign player]
- 1980 **World Class** [12/80] [#1 Foreign player]
- 1981 **World Class** [07/81] [#1 Foreign player]
- 1981 **World Class** [12/81] [#1 Foreign player]
- 1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#4 Foreign player]
- 1982 **considered** [12/82] [Foreign Player]
- 1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#5 Foreign player]
- 1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#4 Foreign player]
- 1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#4 Foreign player]
- 1984 **Internat. Cl.** [12/84] [#2 Foreign player]
- 1985 **Internat. Cl.** [07/85] [#2 Foreign player]
- 1985 **Internat. Cl.** [12/85] [#1 Foreign player]
- 1986 **Internat. Cl.** [07/86] [#3 Foreign player]
- 1986 not assessed [12/86]
- 1987 **considered** [07/87] [Foreign Player]
- 1987 played abroad [12/87]



Alfred PFAFF

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 7 times

To this day Alfred Pfaff's name is inseparable with one of the greatest chapters in the history of the Eintracht Frankfurt club. An inside left who had spent three years as a prisoner of war he was the most instrumental figure in the rise of Frankfurt to become one of the foremost powers in German football during the 1950s. Pfaff was the offensive linchpin of Frankfurt, renowned for his superb technique, a virtuoso on the ball, which may explain his nickname "Don Alfredo". Pfaff was unlucky that in his position an even better player was available, one Fritz Walter, who was always preferred to Pfaff by Germany manager Sepp Herberger. Pfaff was adept at delivering precise through balls and very good at taking freekicks.

1955 considered [12/55] [#9 Inside Forward]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#2 Inside Forward]
1956 broad circle [12/56] [#5 Inside Forward]
1957 considered [07/57] [Inside Forward]
1957 considered [12/57] [Inside Forward]
1958 considered [1958] [Inside Forward]
1959 considered [07/59] [Inside Forward]
1959 considered [12/59] [Inside Forward]
1960 considered [1960] [Inside Forward]
1961 not considered [07/61]



Jean-Marie PFAFF

World class: 3 times
International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 3 times

The legendary Belgian goalkeeper was a charismatic, ambitious and slightly wacky goalkeeper without specific weaknesses. Despite his extrovert nature he was not a goalkeeper that tried to impress with spectacular saves, instead he tried to solve situations with his good positioning. Pfaff was rated as one of the best goalkeepers of the 1980s in European football.

1982 played abroad [07/82]
1982 Internat. Cl. [12/82] [#1 Foreign player]
1983 World Class [07/83] [#1 Foreign player]
1983 World Class [12/83] [#1 Foreign player]
1984 Internat. Cl. [07/84] [#2 Foreign player]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#3 Foreign player]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#4 Foreign player]
1985 Internat. Cl. [12/85] [#4 Foreign player]
1986 World Class [07/86] [#2 Foreign player]
1986 not assessed [12/86]
1987 Internat. Cl. [07/87] [#1 Foreign player]
1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#3 Foreign player]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#8 Foreign player]
1988 played abroad [12/88]



Hans PFLÜGLER

Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 4 times

Nicknamed 'Rambo', the son of a Bavarian butcher had a reputation as a bone-breaking left back and man-marker, who thrived on the physical aspects of the game, while he was pretty good in defensive one-on-one situations, he had a penchant for committing fouls too often, not only as a last resort. Good aerial ability and decent in build up. Pflügler was very strong-willed and self-confident and was able to boost his team with his dynamic ways, a very powerful left foot coupled with solid crossing. Pflügler was the first active Bundesliga outfield player with an university graduate (as an engineer).

1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 considered [12/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1984 considered [07/84] [Offensive Midfielder]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defender]
1986 considered [07/86] [Defender]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#2 Defender]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#7 Defender]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#6 Defender]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#8 Defender]
1988 not considered [12/88]
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 broad circle [12/86] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#10 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 not considered
1992 not considered [07/92]



Martin PIECKENHAGEN

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 7 times

1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 not considered
1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 not considered
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1998 considered [12/98] [Goalkeeper]
1999 broad circle [07/99] [#10 Goalkeeper]
1999 not considered
2000 considered [07/00] [Goalkeeper]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#8 Goalkeeper]
2002 broad circle [07/02] [#8 Goalkeeper]
2002 considered [12/02] [Goalkeeper]
2003 considered [07/03] [Goalkeeper]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#10 Goalkeeper]
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 considered [12/05] [Goalkeeper]
2006 not considered
2007 not considered
2008 not considered
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 considered [12/09] [Goalkeeper]
2010 considered [07/10] [Goalkeeper]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered [07/11]



Josef PIONTEK

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 8 times

A straightforward, no-nonsense and robust right back who was rated as one of the best in German football during the mid-1960s. Initially the Werder Bremen manager Georg Knöpfle wanted to make a 'second Uwe Seeler' out of Piontek thus he began his career as a center forward but it soon panned out that Piontek was far more beneficial in a defensive role. As a full back, Piontek was a very reliable and consistent defensive player who did not join attacks all too often. In the mid-1960s he once saved the life of a young boy who was about to drown in an ice-covered lake after a crack in the ice appeared. In the 1980s Piontek became a household name in world football as manager of the Danish national team.

1958 not considered [1958]

1959 not considered

1960 not considered [1960]

1961 not considered

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 broad circle [12/62] [#8 Full Back]

1963 considered [07/63] [Full Back]

1963 considered [12/63] [Full Back]

1964 considered [07/64] [Full Back]

1964 considered [12/64] [Full Back]

1965 Internat. Cl. [07/65] [#3 Full Back]

1965 Internat. Cl. [12/65] [#2 Full Back]

1966 broad circle [07/66] [#6 Full Back]

1966 considered [12/66] [Full Back]

1967 considered [07/67] [Full Back]

1967 not considered [12/67]

1968 considered [07/68] [Full Back]

1968 considered [12/68] [Full Back]

1969 not considered [07/69]



Josef PIRRUNG

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 8 times

A small, nimble and agile right winger with fast acceleration and good dribbling and crossing skills who also was known as a finisher. He almost never became a professional footballer because in 1967 Pirrung broke his legs in three different occasions. One of his greatest games for his club Kaiserslautern was the legendary 7-4 vs. Bayern München in 1973, when he scored three goals himself (1-3, 3-4, 4-4).

1968 not considered [12/68]

1969 not considered

1970 not considered

1971 considered [07/71] [Outside Right]

1971 considered [12/71] [Outside Right]

1972 considered [07/72] [Outside Right]

1972 not considered [12/72]

1973 not considered
1973 **broad circle** [12/73] [#3 Outside Right]
1974 **broad circle** [07/74] [#6 Central Forward]
1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#3 Outside Right]
1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#5 Central Forward]
1975 considered [07/75] [Outside Right]
1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#2 Outside Right]
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 considered [12/76] [Outside Right]
1977 considered [07/77] [Outside Right]
1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]
1978 considered [07/78] [Midfielder]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered
1980 not considered
1981 not considered
1982 not considered [07/82]



Lukasz PISZCZEK

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 3 times

2004 not considered [12/04]
2005 not considered
2006 not considered
2007 not considered [07/07]
2007 played abroad [12/07]
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 considered [12/10] [Defensive Lateral]
2011 **broad circle** [07/11] [#1 Defensive Lateral]
2011 **broad circle** [12/11] [#2 Defensive Lateral]
2012 **Internat. Cl.** [07/12] [#1 Defensive Lateral]
2012 **broad circle** [12/12] [#5 Defensive Lateral]
2013 **broad circle** [07/13] [#3 Defensive Lateral]
2013 not considered [12/13]
2014 considered [07/14] [Defensive Lateral]
2014 considered [12/14] [Defensive Lateral]
2015 not considered
2016 **broad circle** [07/16] [#2 Defensive Lateral]
2016 **broad circle** [12/16] [#5 Defensive Lateral]



Claudio PIZARRO

World class: 1 time
International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 10 times

Considered: 2 times

1999 played abroad [07/99]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#6 Forward]
2000 not considered
2001 World Class [07/01] [#1 Forward]
2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#3 Forward]
2002 not considered [07/02]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#12 Forward]
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#4 Forward]
2003 broad circle [12/03] [#5 Forward]
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#9 Forward]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#5 Forward]
2005 broad circle [12/05] [#5 Forward]
2006 considered [07/06] [Forward]
2006 broad circle [12/06] [#5 Forward]
2007 not considered [07/07]
2007 played abroad [12/07]
2008 played abroad [07/08]
2008 broad circle [12/08] [#11 Forward]
2009 broad circle [07/09] [#5 Forward]
2009 Internat. Cl. [12/09] [#3 Forward]
2010 Internat. Cl. [07/10] [#4 Forward]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 Internat. Cl. [07/11] [#7 Forward]
2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#2 Forward]
2012 considered [07/12] [Forward]
2012 not considered [12/12]
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 not considered
2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#3 Forward]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Diego PLACENTE

International class: 2 times

2001 played abroad [07/01]
2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#2 Defensive Lateral]
2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#1 Defensive Lateral]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered
2004 not considered
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 played abroad [12/05]



Lukas PODOLSKI

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 9 times
Considered: 4 times

2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 broad circle [07/04] [#11 Forward]
2004 not considered [12/04]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#4 Forward]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#4 Forward]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 not considered
2008 broad circle [07/08] [#3 Forward]
2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 considered [07/09] [Forward]
2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 considered [07/10] [Offensive Lateral]
2010 broad circle [12/10] [#9 Offensive Lateral]
2011 Internat. Cl. [07/11] [#6 Forward]
2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#4 Forward]
2012 considered [07/12] [Forward]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#4 German abroad]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#8 German abroad]
2013 not considered [12/13]
2014 broad circle [07/14] [#6 German abroad]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 broad circle [12/15] [#8 German abroad]
2016 broad circle [07/16] [#12 German abroad]
2016 considered [12/16] [Forward]



Anton POLSTER

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 1 time

The successor to Hans Krankl as foremost goalgetter of the Austrian national team, Toni Polster was a very charismatic center forward who started as a left winger in the early-1980s. His acceleration and pace left a bit to be desired which may have been the reason why he never broke through to the absolute international top level. A very self-confident penalty box player with a good technique who was useful in combination play as well. Good at heading, Polster was a cunning striker with a clinical finish.

1993 played abroad [07/93]
1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#5 Forward]
1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#5 Forward]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#6 Forward]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#7 Forward]
1995 considered [12/95] [Forward]
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#6 Forward]
1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#2 Forward]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#10 Forward]
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#11 Forward]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#15 Forward]
1999 not considered
2000 not considered [07/00]



Danilo POPIVODA

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 4 times

The right winger from Montenegro joined Eintracht Braunschweig in 1975 but due to a fracture of the clavicle he had a difficult start for his club but soon became a favorite of the crowd. Popivoda was a technically very good, tricky and fast-paced dribbler. Just as he had settled in well he again fractured his clavicle and was out again. But from 1976 on he hit the big time in the Bundesliga, becoming one of the best wingers of the mid- to late-1970s. Berti Vogts stated that Popivoda was one of his most difficult opponents in the Bundesliga. Because of a severe eye disease, which almost led to blindness, Popivoda had to retire from football in 1982.

- 1975 played abroad [07/75]
- 1975 not considered [12/75]
- 1976 **Internat. Cl.** [07/76] [#3 Foreign player]
- 1976 **Internat. Cl.** [12/76] [#2 Foreign player]
- 1977 **Internat. Cl.** [07/77] [#2 Foreign player]
- 1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#6 Foreign player]
- 1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#10 Foreign player]
- 1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#6 Foreign player]
- 1979 **Internat. Cl.** [07/79] [#6 Foreign player]
- 1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#9 Foreign player]
- 1980 not considered
- 1981 not considered [07/81]
- 1980 played abroad [12/81]



Josef POSIPAL

World class: 1 time
International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 4 times

Jupp Posipal started his career as a forward when he joined Hamburg in 1949 where the manager Georg Knöpfle reskilled him as a center half. In this position Posipal quickly rose to international fame and was considered as one of the best center halves in Europe by 1953. A fixture in the German national team straight from his debut in 1951 (as a half back), Posipal was invited to represent a European XI in October 1953 in a match against England. Unsurprisingly Posipal started the 1954 World Cup as the undisputed no. 1 center half of Germany but during this tournament Posipal's form – troubled by a little injury - dropped and he was soon replaced by Werner Liebrich, who proved to be in the form of his life. Posipal was deployed as a right back instead and in this new role he regained his self-confidence and form. From that moment on Posipal was considered an all-round defensive player who could be used in both roles. Posipal was a talented track and field athlete in his youth who could run 100 meters in exactly 11 seconds.

1955 World Class [12/55] [#2 Center Half]
1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#1 Full Back]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#2 Center Half]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#1 Full Back]
1956 broad circle [12/56] [#5 Center Half]
1956 broad circle [12/56] [#6 Full Back]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#9 Full Back]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#7 Center Half]
1958 not considered [1958]
1959 not considered [07/59]



Fritz POTT

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 2 times

A small but athletic and robust right back who was very reliable and during his peak years also a very good offensive full back with a reputation for hard-hit freekicks. In the 1962 German Championship final between Köln and Nürnberg (4-0) he scored a wonderful solo goal coming from his right back position. Pott remained a fixture in the Köln team of the 1960s right to the end of the decade.

1957 not considered [12/57]
1958 not considered
1959 not considered
1960 not considered
1961 considered [07/61] [Full Back]
1961 not considered [12/61]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#4 Full Back]
1963 broad circle [07/63] [#5 Full Back]
1963 broad circle [12/63] [#4 Full Back]
1964 considered [07/64] [Full Back]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 not considered
1966 not considered
1967 not considered
1968 not considered
1969 not considered
1970 not considered
1971 not considered [07/71]



Flemming POVLSEN

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 3 times

A fast-paced, explosive goalscoring dribbler who would cover a lot of ground on the flanks with a good finishing in and outside the penalty box.

1987 played abroad [07/87]

1987 broad circle [12/87] [#9 Foreign player]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#13 Foreign player]
1988 considered [12/88] [Forward]
1989 considered [07/89] [Forward]
1989 played abroad [12/89]
1990 played abroad [07/90]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 not considered [07/91]
1991 considered [12/91] [Forward]
1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#7 Forward]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#5 Forward]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]



Michael PREETZ

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 10 times

Preetz was a tall yet very agile center forward, not static but often dropping back with a strong left foot and a solid technique for a player of his type. Unsurprisingly a very good header of the ball but not in the Horst Hrubesch way, more someone who would use his head as a means of distributing the ball (a bit like the legendary Hungarian Sandor Kocsis). As a goalgetter he was a late bloomer and really only started to score many goals at the age of 30.

1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered
1988 not considered
1989 considered [07/89] [Forward]
1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 not considered [07/90]
1990 considered [12/90] [Forward]
1991 not considered [07/91]
1991 considered [12/91] [Forward]
1992 considered [07/92] [Forward]
1992 considered [12/92] [Forward]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 considered [12/94] [Forward]
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 considered [07/97] [Forward]
1997 considered [12/97] [Forward]
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#7 Forward]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#5 Forward]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#1 Forward]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#11 Forward]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#10 Forward]
2001 considered [07/01] [Forward]
2001 considered [12/01] [Forward]
2002 broad circle [07/02] [#13 Forward]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#10 Forward]



Alfred PREISLER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 3 times

One of Borussia Dortmund's most legendary players, a temperamental inside right of small build who was known as a gifted virtuoso and clinical finisher with very quick footwork. Preissler was reputed to be one of the most intelligent players of his time. Together with Alfred Kelbassa and Alfred Niepielko he formed the famous "Three Alfredos" forward trio of Borussia Dortmund in the 1950s. Despite his effervescent nature, he was well-respected among his teammates because of straightforward ways. A long-time captain of his team, he retired at age 38 in 1959.

1955 considered [12/55] [#18 Inside Forward]

1956 broad circle [07/56] [#6 Inside Forward]

1956 not considered [12/56]

1957 Internat. Cl. [07/57] [#4 Inside Forward]

1957 considered [12/57] [Inside Forward]

1958 considered [1958] [Inside Forward]

1959 not considered [07/59]



Markus PRÖLL

International class: 1 time

Considered: 3 times

1998 not considered [12/98]

1999 considered [07/99] [Goalkeeper]

1999 considered [12/99] [Goalkeeper]

2000 considered [07/00] [Goalkeeper]

2000 not considered [12/00]

2001 not considered

2002 not considered

2003 not considered

2004 not considered

2005 not considered

2006 not considered [07/06]

2006 Internat. Cl. [12/06] [#1 Goalkeeper]

2007 not considered [07/07]

2007 broad circle [12/07] [#6 Goalkeeper]

2008 not considered

2009 not considered

2010 not considered [07/10]



Robert PRYTZ

International class: 2 times

The Swede was a tall center forward who had technical weaknesses which prevented a longer career in the Bundesliga. Instead, he enjoyed success in Sweden, Scotland, Italy and Switzerland.

1987 played abroad [07/87]

1987 **Internat. Cl.** [12/87] [#5 Foreign player]

1988 **Internat. Cl.** [07/88] [#3 Foreign player]

1988 played abroad [12/88]



Alfred PYKA

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 7 times

Often switching between half back, full back and center half, Alfred Pyka was a player of very good technique, cleverness in build up and great jumping power. His main role was that of a classic offensive center half who contributed a lot to his team's offensive efforts. A very consistent player who in nine years only missed two league games for Westfalia Herne in the Oberliga West (pre-Bundesliga top flight league).

1955 not considered [12/55]

1956 not considered [07/56]

1956 **considered** [12/56] [Full Back]

1957 **considered** [07/57] [Full Back]

1957 not considered [12/57]

1958 **considered** [1958] [Center Half]

1959 **broad circle** [07/59] [#3 Center Half]

1959 **broad circle** [12/59] [#2 Center Half]

1960 **broad circle** [1960] [#5 Center Half]

1961 **considered** [07/61] [Center Half]

1961 **considered** [12/61] [Center Half]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 **considered** [12/62] [Center Half]

1963 not considered

1964 not considered

1965 not considered [07/65]

1965 **considered** [12/65] [Half Back]

1966 not considered

1967 not considered

1968 not considered [07/68]



Sergiu RADU

International class: 1 time

- 2005** played abroad [07/05]
- 2005** not considered [12/05]
- 2006** not considered
- 2007** **Internat. Cl.** [07/07] [#4 Forward]
- 2007** not considered [12/07]
- 2008** not considered
- 2009** not considered
- 2010** not considered
- 2011** not considered
- 2012** not considered



Marcel RADUCANU

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 3 times

A legendary central offensive midfielder from Romania who was rated as one of the best in this position during the 1980s. A great technical player with a wonderful left foot in the style of Wolfgang Overath. Very elegant with great control in tight space, great vision and a superb ability for deadly through balls, Raducanu also excelled at taking freekicks and would score a number of goals each season. Like so many players of his type he was not that consistent in his performances and not known as a tireless worker.

- 1982** played abroad [07/82]
- 1982** **Internat. Cl.** [12/82] [#3 Foreign player]
- 1983** **broad circle** [07/83] [#8 Foreign player]
- 1983** **considered** [12/83] [Foreign Player]
- 1984** **considered** [07/84] [Foreign Player]
- 1984** not considered [12/84]
- 1985** **broad circle** [07/85] [#5 Foreign player]
- 1985** **considered** [12/85] [Foreign Player]
- 1986** **broad circle** [07/86] [#8 Foreign player]
- 1986** not assessed [12/86]
- 1987** **broad circle** [07/87] [#3 Foreign player]
- 1987** not considered
- 1988** not considered [07/88]
- 1988** played abroad [12/88]



RAFFAEL Caetano de Araújo

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 2 times

- 2008 broad circle** [07/08] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2008** not considered [12/08]
- 2009 considered** [07/09] [Forward]
- 2009** not considered [12/09]
- 2010 considered** [07/10] [Offensive Midfielder]
- 2010** not considered [12/10]
- 2011** not considered [07/11]
- 2011 broad circle** [12/11] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2012** not considered [07/12]
- 2012** played abroad [12/12]
- 2013** not considered [07/13]
- 2013 Internat. Cl.** [12/13] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2014 broad circle** [07/14] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2014 broad circle** [12/14] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2015 Internat. Cl.** [07/15] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
- 2015 Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#5 Forward]
- 2016 Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#4 Forward]
- 2016 broad circle** [12/16] [#7 Forward]



Helmut RAHN

World class: 2 times
International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 3 times

Together with Fritz Walter and Sepp Herberger, Helmut Rahn (known as ‘Der Boss’ in Germany) was the incarnation of the “Miracle of Bern”, the 1954 World Cup victory of Germany. In Germany he has an almost sacrosanct status due to scoring the most legendary goal ever scored by a German – the 3-2 vs. the Mighty Magyars in the mythical 1954 World Cup final. Helmut Rahn was a fast and forceful outside right who was two-footed and thus also frequently deployed on the left wing. Renowned for his very hard shot, Rahn was a real goalgetter. He debuted for Germany at age 22 in 1951. During the 1950s he enjoyed great success with his club RW Essen in first winning the German Cup in 1953 and then the German championship in 1955. He had a reputation of being a committed teamplayer in one moment, but wayward and fickle the next moment. Not an easy character to work with, Germany manager Sepp Herberger did manage to bring the best out of Rahn when playing for the national team. Rahn was known not to care for tactical discipline too much and hence his slogan was ‘I do my thing!’. Herberger once dubbed Rahn ‘master of positive improvisation’ and thus was more than willing to endure Rahn’s individualism on and off the pitch. Helmut Rahn was a joker who could cheer up people and thus Herberger always made sure that Helmut Rahn and the melancholic Fritz Walter would share a room.

- 1955 Internat. Cl.** [12/55] [#1 Outside Right]
- 1956 Internat. Cl.** [07/56] [#1 Outside Right]
- 1956 considered** [12/56] [Outside Right]
- 1957 broad circle** [07/57] [#1 Outside Right]
- 1957 broad circle** [12/57] [#7 Outside Right]

1958 World Class [1958] [#1 Outside Right]
1958 Internat. Cl. [1958] [#1 Outside Left]
1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#1 Outside Right]
1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#1 Outside Left]
1959 World Class [12/59] [#1 Outside Right]
1960 played abroad [1960]
1961 played abroad
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 played abroad
1963 played abroad [07/63]
1963 considered [12/63] [Outside Right]
1964 considered [07/64] [Half Back]



Uwe RAHN

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 5 times

Originally apprenticed as a playmaker, Uwe Rahn became a cross between a offensive midfielder and a pure striker known for his good technique, clinical finishing and aerial ability.

1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 considered [12/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1984 broad circle [07/84] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]
1984 Internat. Cl. [12/84] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1985 Internat. Cl. [07/85] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1986 Internat. Cl. [12/86] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
1987 Internat. Cl. [07/87] [#1 Forward]
1987 considered [12/87] [Forward]
1988 considered [07/88] [Forward]
1988 not considered [12/88]
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 considered [12/89] [Offensive Midfielder]
1990 not considered
1991 not considered
1992 not considered
1993 not considered [07/93]
1993 played abroad [12/93]



Carsten RAMELOW

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 8 times

1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 considered [12/94] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 not considered
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 considered [12/96] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1997 considered [07/97] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
1999 broad circle [07/99] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1999 considered [12/99] [Defensive Midfielder]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2001 not considered [07/01]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 considered [07/03] [Defensive Midfielder]
2003 broad circle [12/03] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
2004 considered [07/04] [Defensive Midfielder]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#10 Defensive Midfielder]
2005 considered [07/05] [Defensive Midfielder]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 considered [07/06] [Defensive Midfielder]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 not considered
2008 not considered [07/08]



RAÚL González Blanco

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 3 times

2010 played abroad [07/10]
2010 broad circle [12/10] [#9 Forward]
2011 broad circle [07/11] [#8 Forward]
2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#2 Forward]
2012 broad circle [07/12] [#4 Forward]
2012 played abroad [12/12]



Friedel RAUSCH

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 4 times

In his youth he actually was a goalkeeper but apparently not a very good one as he once conceded 15 goals in a single game. After that disturbing experience Rausch decided to try his luck outside of the goalposts which proved to be a wise decision. In his professional career Friedel Rausch made himself a name as a very good left back who almost made the 1962 World Cup squad.

1958 considered [1958] [Full Back]

1959 considered [07/59] [Full Back]

1959 **broad circle** [12/59] [#6 Full Back]

1960 **broad circle** [1960] [#7 Full Back]

1961 **broad circle** [07/61] [#5 Full Back]

1961 **broad circle** [12/61] [#6 Full Back]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 **broad circle** [1962] [#5 Full Back]

1963 **broad circle** [07/63] [#6 Full Back]

1963 not considered [12/63]

1964 not considered

1965 not considered

1966 not considered

1967 **considered** [07/67] [Full Back]

1967 not considered [12/67]

1968 not considered

1969 **considered** [07/69] [Full Back]

1969 not considered [12/69]

1970 not considered

1971 not considered [07/71]



Oliver RECK

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 13 times

Considered: 12 times

A relatively good goalkeeper but unfortunately regularly prone to odd blunders. In his youth Oliver Reck was known as an excellent goalkeeper with fast reflexes and a good control of the box but on the highest level he lacked the necessary consistency that a great goalkeeper absolutely needs.

1983 not considered

1984 **considered** [07/84] [Goalkeeper]

1984 **considered** [12/84] [Goalkeeper]

1985 **considered** [07/85] [Goalkeeper]

1985 not considered [12/85]

1986 not considered

1987 not considered [07/87]

1987 **broad circle** [12/87] [#4 Goalkeeper]

1988 **broad circle** [07/88] [#7 Goalkeeper]

1988 **considered** [12/88] [Goalkeeper]

1989 **broad circle** [07/89] [#7 Goalkeeper]

1989 **broad circle** [12/89] [#8 Goalkeeper]

1990 not considered [07/90]

1990 **broad circle** [12/90] [#12 Goalkeeper]

1991 not considered [07/91]

1991 **considered** [12/91] [Goalkeeper]

1992 **considered** [07/92] [Goalkeeper]

1992 **considered** [12/92] [Goalkeeper]

1993 **Internat. Cl.** [07/93] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1993 broad circle [12/93] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1994 considered [07/94] [Goalkeeper]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#10 Goalkeeper]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 broad circle [07/96] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1996 considered [12/96] [Goalkeeper]
1997 considered [07/97] [Goalkeeper]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 considered [07/98] [Goalkeeper]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered
2000 considered [07/00] [Goalkeeper]
2000 broad circle [12/00] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2002 broad circle [07/02] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2002 not considered [07/02]
2003 not considered [07/03]



Theodor REDDER

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 2 times

For Borussia Dortmund, the defensive full back Theo Redder was an important assistant to center half Wolfgang Paul.

1961 not considered [12/61]
1962 not considered
1963 not considered
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#4 Full Back]
1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 broad circle [07/65] [#5 Full Back]
1965 broad circle [12/65] [#6 Full Back]
1966 considered [07/66] [Full Back]
1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 not considered
1968 not considered
1969 considered [07/69] [Full Back]



Willi REIMANN

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 11 times

A robust center forward and winger with average technical skill who for a while was a reputable goalgetter for Hannover 96 and later Hamburg. But his goalscoring was not his main task anyway as he was cherished by his managers due to his high workrate and competitive mentality. Of average height, a stocky forward who was good at heading and had a certain physical presence.

1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 not considered
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Forward]
1970 considered [07/70] [Central Forward]
1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 considered [07/71] [Outside Left]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 considered [07/73] [Central Forward]
1973 **broad circle** [12/73] [#3 Central Forward]
1974 considered [07/74] [Central Forward]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Central Forward]
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#5 Central Forward]
1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#5 Central Forward]
1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 considered [12/78] [Outside Right]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 considered [12/79] [Outside Right]
1980 considered [07/80] [Outside Right]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 considered [07/81] [Outside Right]



Uwe REINDERS

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 10 times

Uwe Reinders was a physically imposing, tall right winger, not very fast but with a good eye for the penalty box and a very strong right foot.

1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 considered [12/76] [Central Forward]
1977 considered [07/77] [Outside Left]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 considered [12/78] [Outside Right]
1979 considered [07/79] [Outside Right]
1979 considered [12/79] [Outside Right]
1980 considered [07/80] [Outside Right]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 considered [07/81] [Outside Right]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#4 Outside Right]
1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#3 Outside Right]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#4 Winger]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 considered [07/84] [Winger]
1984 considered [12/84] [Winger]
1985 considered [07/85] [Winger]
1985 played abroad [12/85]
1986 played abroad
1987 played abroad [07/87]

1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 not considered
1989 not considered [07/89]



Alois REINHARDT

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 5 times

A tall, gawky man-marker whose main asset was his heading.

1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 not considered
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 considered [12/81] [Stopper]
1982 considered [07/82] [Stopper]
1982 considered [12/82] [Stopper]
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#5 Stopper]
1984 not considered
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defender]
1986 considered [07/86] [Defender]
1986 **broad circle** [12/86] [#4 Defender]
1987 **broad circle** [07/87] [#6 Defender]
1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 **Internat. Cl.** [07/88] [#2 Defender]
1988 not considered [12/88]
1989 **broad circle** [07/89] [#4 Defender]
1989 **broad circle** [12/89] [#2 Defender]
1990 **broad circle** [07/90] [#10 Defender]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 not considered
1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 not considered [07/94]



Andreas REINKE

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 9 times

1987 not assessed [East G.]
1988 not assessed [East G.]
1989 not assessed [East G.]
1990 not assessed [East G.] [07/90]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 not considered

1992 not considered
1993 not considered [07/93]
1993 considered [12/93] [Goalkeeper]
1994 considered [07/94] [Goalkeeper]
1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 considered [07/95] [Goalkeeper]
1995 not considered [12/95]
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 considered [12/96] [Goalkeeper]
1997 considered [07/97] [Goalkeeper]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 considered [07/98] [Goalkeeper]
1998 considered [12/98] [Goalkeeper]
1999 **broad circle** [07/99] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1999 **broad circle** [12/99] [#10 Goalkeeper]
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 considered [12/00] [Goalkeeper]
2001 considered [07/01] [Goalkeeper]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 **Internat. Cl.** [12/04] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2005 **broad circle** [07/05] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 not considered
2007 not considered [07/07]



Stefan REISCH

International class: 3 times
 Broad circle: 3 times
 Considered: 2 times

Stefan Reisch was a left half with excellent ball control and an inexhaustible variety of tricks in his bag. Became a starter for Nürnberg in 1959 aged 18. Known for his precise passing and long dribbling spells, Reisch soon became a fan favourite in Nürnberg. After his international debut in 1962 he remained a starter for Germany for most of the following two years. Possibly because Reisch's love affair with the ball was something new Germany manager Helmut Schön did not like too much, his international career soon was over after Schön was appointed successor of Sepp Herberger in 1964. Reisch was an individualist who often had quarrels with his managers, most notably with Max Merkel in 1967.

1959 not considered [12/59]
1960 considered [1960] [Half Back]
1961 considered [07/61] [Half Back]
1961 **broad circle** [12/61] [#5 Half Back]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 **broad circle** [12/62] [#3 Half Back]
1963 **Internat. Cl.** [07/63] [#4 Half Back]
1963 **Internat. Cl.** [12/63] [#2 Half Back]
1964 **Internat. Cl.** [07/64] [#3 Half Back]
1964 **broad circle** [12/64] [#3 Half Back]
1965 not considered
1966 not considered
1967 not considered
1968 played abroad
1969 played abroad
1970 played abroad
1971 played abroad

1972 played abroad

1973 played abroad [07/73]



Michael RENSING

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 1 time

2003 not considered [12/03]

2004 not considered

2005 not considered

2006 not considered

2007 not considered

2008 not considered [07/08]

2008 considered [12/08] [Goalkeeper]

2009 not considered

2010 not considered

2011 **Internat. Cl.** [07/11] [#3 Goalkeeper]

2011 **broad circle** [12/11] [#11 Goalkeeper]

2012 **broad circle** [07/12] [#12 Goalkeeper]

2012 not considered [12/12]

2013 not considered

2014 not considered

2015 not considered

2016 not considered



Marco REUS

World class: 2 times

International class: 6 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 1 time

2007 not considered [12/07]

2008 not considered

2009 not considered [07/09]

2009 considered [12/09] [Offensive Lateral]

2010 **broad circle** [07/10] [#8 Offensive Lateral]

2010 **broad circle** [12/10] [#5 Offensive Lateral]

2011 **broad circle** [07/11] [#4 Offensive Lateral]

2011 **Internat. Cl.** [12/11] [#1 Offensive Lateral]

2012 **Internat. Cl.** [07/12] [#4 Forward]

2012 **Internat. Cl.** [12/12] [#3 Offensive Lateral]

2013 World Class [07/13] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
2014 World Class [07/14] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2014 Internat. Cl. [12/14] [#6 Offensive Lateral]
2015 broad circle [07/15] [#7 Offensive Lateral]
2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#5 Offensive Lateral]
2016 broad circle [07/16] [#5 Offensive Lateral]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Erich RETTER

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 3 times

A right back who along with Robert Schlienzy was the greatest idol of VfB Stuttgart in the 1950s. A starter for Stuttgart for roughly 15 years, Retter impressed with his pace and his untiring and relentless approach and a strong heading ability. A defensive anchor of Stuttgart, Retter was a full back in the mould of the 2-3-5 system whose priorities were almost exclusively defensive. He was the standard right back of Germany between 1952 and 1954, never missing a game, but bad luck struck shortly before the World Cup in April 1954 when he suffered a meniscus injury in the last test game and thus missed the tournament.

1955 considered [12/55] [#8 Full Back]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#5 Full Back]
1956 considered [12/56] [Full Back]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#8 Full Back]
1957 not considered [12/57]
1958 not considered [1958]
1959 not considered
1960 not considered [1960]
1961 not considered [07/61]
1961 considered [12/61] [Full Back]



Stefan REUTER

International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 16 times
Considered: 6 times

A right full back/wing back whose great asset was his stamina and his very fast acceleration, not his footballing talent. Reuter was a very dynamic player known to cover a lot of ground when raiding the right side up and down. A very motivated player, very reliable and tactically disciplined who managed an impressive career at club level and also for Germany winning five German championships additionally to the World Cup and the European Championship. As a youth Reuter was successful at track and field who relied heavily on his athletic abilities as a football professional and who was a starter in all his teams throughout his career.

1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 considered [07/85] [Defensive Midfielder]

1985 broad circle [12/85] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#5 Libero]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#4 Libero]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
1988 considered [07/88] [Libero]
1988 broad circle [12/88] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1991 Internat. Cl. [07/91] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1991 Internat. Cl. [12/91] [#6 German abroad]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
1992 considered [12/92] [Libero]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#3 Wide Midfielder]
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#3 Wide Midfielder]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#1 Wide Midfielder]
1996 broad circle [07/96] [#3 Wide Midfielder]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#4 Wide Midfielder]
1997 not considered
1998 considered [07/98] [Lateral]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#7 Libero]
1999 broad circle [07/99] [#2 Libero]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#3 Libero]
2000 considered [07/00] [Libero]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered [07/01]
2001 considered [12/01] [Defensive Midfielder]
2002 not considered [07/12]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]



Franck RIBÉRY

World class: 6 times
 International class: 8 times
 Broad circle: 2 times

2007 played abroad [07/07]
2007 World Class [12/07] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2008 World Class [07/08] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2008 World Class [12/08] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2009 Internat. Cl. [07/09] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 broad circle [07/10] [#5 Offensive Lateral]
2010 broad circle [12/10] [#10 Offensive Lateral]
2011 Internat. Cl. [07/11] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2012 World Class [12/12] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2013 World Class [07/13] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2013 World Class [12/13] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
2014 Internat. Cl. [12/14] [#5 Offensive Lateral]

2015 not considered

2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#2 Offensive Lateral]

2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#2 Offensive Lateral]



Karlheinz RIEDLE

World class: 1 time

International class: 5 time

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 6 times

A forward of small height who many consider to be the best header of the ball in German football since Uwe Seeler. Blessed with extreme jumping prowess, Riedle possessed an excellent timing for his headers and his heading technique was sublime. He didn't break through to the very top level because on the ground he was only solid, not exceptional.

1986 not considered [12/86]

1987 considered [07/87] [Forward]

1987 considered [12/87] [Forward]

1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#3 Forward]

1988 considered [12/88] [Forward]

1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#1 Forward]

1989 broad circle [12/89] [#3 Forward]

1990 broad circle [07/90] [#5 Forward]

1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#5 German abroad]

1991 broad circle [07/91] [#9 German abroad]

1991 World Class [12/91] [#3 German abroad]

1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#3 Forward]

1992 broad circle [12/92] [#10 German abroad]

1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#8 German abroad]

1993 not considered [12/93]

1994 considered [07/94] [Forward]

1994 broad circle [12/94] [#5 Forward]

1995 not considered

1996 broad circle [07/96] [#8 Forward]

1996 not considered

1997 considered [07/97] [Forward]

1997 considered [12/97] [Forward]

1998 not considered

1999 not considered [07/99]



Manfred RITSCHHEL

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 13 times

One of the first wingers that was reskilled as an attacking full back in the mid-1970s. Ritschel was a very fast winger with good crosses who didn't permute his game once withdrawn to a full back position but who could make better use of his stamina, commitment and strength in one-on-one situations as a full back.

1968 considered [12/68] [Outside Right]

1969 considered [07/69] [Outside Right]

1969 considered [12/69] [Outside Right]
1970 considered [07/70] [Outside Right]
1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 considered [07/71] [Outside Right]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 considered [07/72] [Outside Right]
1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 considered [07/73] [Outside Right]
1973 considered [12/73] [Outside Right]
1974 not considered [07/74]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#6 Full Back]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#7 Full Back]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#1 Outside Right]
1975 considered [12/75] [Full Back]
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 considered [12/76] [Full Back]
1977 not considered
1978 not considered
1979 considered [07/79] [Outside Right]
1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 not considered [07/80]
1980 considered [12/80] [Midfielder]
1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered [07/82]



Ruggiero RIZZITELLI

International class: 1 time

1996 played abroad [07/96]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#5 Forward]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 not considered [07/98]
1998 played abroad [12/98]



Arjen ROBBEN

World class: 7 times
International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 1 time

2009 played abroad [07/09]
2009 broad circle [12/09] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2010 World Class [07/10] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 World Class [07/11] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2011 not considered [12/11]
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
2012 not considered [12/12]

2013 World Class [07/13] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2013 World Class [12/13] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2014 World Class [07/14] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2014 World Class [12/14] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2015 World Class [07/15] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2016 not considered [07/16]
2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#1 Offensive Lateral]



Hans-Jürgen RÖBER

Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 8 times

A player of great stamina and dynamism who usually was playing in a central offensive midfield position, not a great playmaker but a player who always channeled the attacks of his teams, a player his teammates would always look for to pass the ball to. Röver was talented long passer with a good shot. He might not have been the most talented of players (at his position) but he made up for that with his strong personality.

1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#7 Midfielder]
1975 considered [12/75] [Midfielder]
1976 broad circle [07/76] [#14 Midfielder]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#13 Midfielder]
1977 considered [07/77] [Midfielder]
1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#19 Midfielder]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#15 Midfielder]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#15 Midfielder]
1979 considered [12/79] [Midfielder]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#20 Midfielder]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 played abroad [12/81]
1982 played abroad [07/82]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 considered [07/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [12/83] [Defensive Midfielder]
1984 not considered [07/84]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1985 not considered
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 considered [12/88] [Defensive Midfielder]
1989 not considered
1990 not considered
1991 considered [07/91] [Defensive Midfielder]



Sebastian RODE

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 time

2008 not considered [12/08]

2009 not considered

2010 not considered

2011 not considered

2012 not considered [07/12]

2012 **Internat. Cl.** [12/12] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

2013 **broad circle** [07/13] [#10 Midfielder]

2013 not considered [12/13]

2014 not considered

2015 **broad circle** [07/15] [#14 Defensive Midfielder]

2015 not considered [12/15]

2016 not considered



Ricardo RODRÍGUEZ

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 2 times

2012 played abroad [07/12]

2012 not considered [12/12]

2013 **considered** [07/13] [Defensive Lateral]

2013 **broad circle** [12/13] [#3 Defensive Lateral]

2014 **Internat. Cl.** [07/14] [#3 Defensive Lateral]

2014 **broad circle** [12/14] [#2 Defensive Lateral]

2015 **broad circle** [07/15] [#3 Defensive Lateral]

2015 **considered** [12/15] [Defensive Lateral]

2016 not considered



Josef RÖHRIG

International class: 4 times

Considered: 4 times

Due to the war his career as a senior footballer only started at age 25 in 1950, Röhrig was known as a very versatile player with an exceptional technique and high intelligence. Röhrig was one of the outstanding players of Köln during the 1950s, especially Hans Schäfer on the left wing benefitted enormously from Röhrig's service. Hans Schäfer later said: "without Jupp Röhrig I would never have become the player I became." Often compared to Fritz Walter in his style, Röhrig's international career was somewhat lacking due to Fritz Walter reigning supremely in his position and also because he was quite injury-prone. Röhrig had made the squad for the 1954 World Cup but had to leave the team after a rupture of his Achilles tendon shortly before the start put him out for months.

1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#4 Center Half]

1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#4 Inside Forward]

1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#5 Center Half]

1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#4 Inside Forward]

1956 not considered [12/56]

1957 not considered [07/57]

1957 considered [12/57] [Inside Forward]

1958 considered [1958] [Half Back]

1959 considered [07/59] [Half Back]

1959 considered [07/59] [Inside Forward]



Per RØNTVED

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 5 times

Per Røntved was a very strong libero with great technique who was an organiser from the back with great distribution and who thus became a midfielder as soon as he was in possession.

1972 played abroad [07/72]

1972 not considered [12/72]

1973 broad circle [07/73] [#5 Foreign player]

1973 considered [12/73] [Foreign Player]

1974 considered [07/74] [Foreign Player]

1974 not considered [12/74]

1975 considered [07/75] [Foreign Player]

1975 considered [12/75] [Foreign Player]

1976 broad circle [07/76] [#2 Foreign player]

1976 broad circle [12/76] [#7 Foreign player]

1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#5 Foreign player]

1977 Internat. Cl. [12/77] [#4 Foreign player]

1978 not considered [07/78]

1978 considered [12/78] [Foreign Player]

1979 broad circle [07/79] [#11 Foreign player]

1979 played abroad [12/79]



Helmut ROLEDER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 5 times

A rather small goalkeeper too prone for injuries to really reach the top level but still managed to be Stuttgart's no. 1 goalkeeper for eleven straight seasons and even once got capped.

1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#9 Goalkeeper]
1978 considered [12/78] [Goalkeeper]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 considered [12/81] [Goalkeeper]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1983 considered [07/83] [Goalkeeper]
1983 broad circle [12/83] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1984 Internat. Cl. [07/84] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1984 considered [12/84] [Goalkeeper]
1985 considered [07/85] [Goalkeeper]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 not considered
1987 not considered [07/87]



Simon ROLFES

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 4 times

2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered
2005 not considered [07/05]
2005 considered [12/05] [Defensive Midfielder]
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 considered [07/07] [Defensive Midfielder]
2007 Internat. Cl. [12/07] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2008 broad circle [07/08] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
2008 broad circle [12/08] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2009 considered [07/09] [Defensive Midfielder]
2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 not considered [07/10]
2010 broad circle [12/10] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
2011 considered [07/11] [Defensive Midfielder]
2011 not considered [12/11]
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 broad circle [12/12] [#11 Defensive Midfielder]

2013 broad circle [07/13] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]

2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

2014 not considered

2015 broad circle [07/15] [#11 Defensive Midfielder]



Wolfgang ROLFF

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 10 times

Considered: 12 times

A tenacious central defensive midfielder who was a very valuable but unspectacular player. Rolff impressed with his workrate and hard-running with a lot of bite and a combative mentality. But he could also exert offensive pressure and was useful in building up from a deep midfield position.

1978 not considered [12/78]

1979 not considered

1980 considered [07/80] [Stopper]

1980 considered [07/80] [Midfielder]

1980 considered [12/80] [Midfielder]

1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]

1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]

1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]

1982 broad circle [12/82] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]

1983 Internat. Cl. [07/83] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

1983 broad circle [12/83] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]

1984 broad circle [07/84] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

1984 broad circle [12/84] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]

1985 broad circle [07/85] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]

1985 broad circle [12/85] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]

1986 broad circle [07/86] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]

1986 broad circle [12/86] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]

1987 considered [07/87] [Defensive Midfielder]

1987 considered [12/87] [Defensive Midfielder]

1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

1988 considered [12/88] [Defensive Midfielder]

1989 considered [07/89] [Defensive Midfielder]

1989 not considered [12/89]

1990 not considered

1991 not considered [07/91]

1991 broad circle [12/91] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]

1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#2 Central Defensive Midfielder]

1992 not considered [12/92]

1993 considered [07/93] [Central Defensive Midfielder]

1993 broad circle [12/93] [#8 Central Defensive Midfielder]

1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#2 Central Defensive Midfielder]

1994 not considered [12/94]

1995 not considered [07/95]

1995 considered [12/95] [Central Defensive Midfielder]

1996 not considered [07/96]



Tomáš ROSICKÝ

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 1 time

2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]

2001 broad circle [12/01] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

2002 broad circle [07/02] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]

2002 Internat. Cl. [12/02] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]

2003 broad circle [07/03] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

2003 considered [12/03] [Offensive Midfielder]

2004 not considered

2005 broad circle [07/05] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]

2005 broad circle [12/05] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]

2006 broad circle [07/06] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]

2006 played abroad [12/06]



Frank ROST

International class: 11 times

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 4 times

1991 not considered [12/91]

1992 not considered

1993 not considered

1994 not considered

1995 not considered [07/95]

1995 considered [12/95] [Goalkeeper]

1996 not considered

1997 not considered

1998 not considered

1999 considered [07/99] [Goalkeeper]

1999 broad circle [12/99] [#5 Goalkeeper]

2000 Internat. Cl. [07/00] [#3 Goalkeeper]

2000 broad circle [12/00] [#8 Goalkeeper]

2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#3 Goalkeeper]

2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2002 Internat. Cl. [12/02] [#4 Goalkeeper]

2003 Internat. Cl. [07/03] [#5 Goalkeeper]

2003 Internat. Cl. [12/03] [#5 Goalkeeper]

2004 broad circle [07/04] [#6 Goalkeeper]

2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#1 Goalkeeper]

2005 Internat. Cl. [07/05] [#3 Goalkeeper]

2005 Internat. Cl. [12/05] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2006 Internat. Cl. [07/06] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2006 not considered [12/06]

2007 broad circle [07/07] [#9 Goalkeeper]

2007 broad circle [12/07] [#4 Goalkeeper]

2008 broad circle [07/08] [#7 Goalkeeper]

2008 considered [12/08] [Goalkeeper]

2009 broad circle [07/09] [#6 Goalkeeper]

2009 considered [12/09] [Goalkeeper]

2010 broad circle [07/10] [#5 Goalkeeper]

2010 not considered [12/10]

2011 not considered

2012 not considered [07/12]



Franz ROTH

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 10 times

An underestimated player who started out as a right winger but then evolved into a cross between an offensive and defensive midfielder. Franz 'the Bull' Roth was an extremely physical player, a brawny type who would be seen covering a lot of ground during a game, a great fighter and tackler who would man-mark the opponent's playmaker but who could also wreak havoc in the opposing box with his very hard right-footed shot. Unlucky for him he played during a time when the finesse technical player was en vogue while players of his type were not valued that much. On the pitch Roth was a very dynamic workaholic hungry for success.

1966 not considered [12/66]

1967 broad circle [07/67] [#6 Midfielder]

1967 broad circle [12/67] [#7 Midfielder]

1968 broad circle [07/68] [#7 Midfielder]

1968 considered [12/68] [Midfielder]

1969 considered [07/69] [Outside Right]

1969 broad circle [12/69] [#6 Midfielder]

1970 broad circle [07/70] [#9 Midfielder]

1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#6 Midfielder]

1971 considered [07/71] [Midfielder]

1971 broad circle [12/71] [#7 Midfielder]

1972 considered [07/72] [Midfielder]

1972 considered [12/72] [Midfielder]

1973 considered [07/73] [Midfielder]

1973 considered [12/73] [Midfielder]

1974 broad circle [07/74] [#7 Midfielder]

1974 considered [12/74] [Midfielder]

1975 considered [07/75] [Midfielder]

1975 not considered [12/75]

1976 considered [07/76] [Midfielder]

1976 not considered [12/76]

1977 not considered

1978 not considered [07/78]



Wynton RUFER

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 3 times

A classic ‘Rehthegel discovery’ of a player who probably would never have found a way to play in the Bundesliga if not for Rehthegel’s good nose. Rufer had proven to be a capable goalscorer in Switzerland but expectations weren’t too high when he was signed by Werder Bremen in 1989 but he turned out to be a very charismatic figure with good all-around abilities although not absolute top level in any of them. In sum however his abilities made him an exceptional player who became a goalgetter for Werder Bremen just like he had been for Zürich and Aarau in Switzerland. He made up for a certain lack of technique and pace with his hard-working ways and diligence.

- 1989 played abroad [07/89]
- 1989 **Internat. Cl.** [12/89] [#1 Forward]
- 1990 not considered [07/90]
- 1990 **broad circle** [12/90] [#4 Forward]
- 1991 not considered
- 1992 not considered [07/92]
- 1992 **considered** [12/92] [Forward]
- 1993 **considered** [07/93] [Forward]
- 1993 **considered** [12/93] [Forward]
- 1994 not considered
- 1995 not considered
- 1996 not considered
- 1997 not considered [07/97]



Carl-Heinz RÜHL

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 14 times

Carl-Heinz Rühl was a combative outside right with a hard shot who was rated among the most goal-hungry wingers during his time. An intelligent and dynamic player who also was often seen performing defensive duties if need be.

- 1959 **broad circle** [12/59] [#2 Outside Right]
- 1960 **broad circle** [1960] [#3 Outside Right]
- 1961 **broad circle** [07/61] [#5 Outside Right]
- 1961 **considered** [12/61] [Outside Right]
- 1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
- 1962 **considered** [12/62] [Outside Right]
- 1963 **considered** [07/63] [Outside Right]
- 1963 **considered** [12/63] [Outside Right]
- 1964 **considered** [07/64] [Outside Right]
- 1964 not considered [12/64]
- 1965 not considered [07/65]
- 1965 **considered** [12/65] [Outside Right]
- 1966 **considered** [07/66] [Outside Right]

1966 considered [12/66] [Outside Right]
1967 considered [07/67] [Outside Right]
1967 considered [12/67] [Outside Right]
1968 considered [07/68] [Outside Right]
1968 considered [12/68] [Outside Right]
1969 considered [07/69] [Outside Right]
1969 considered [12/69] [Midfielder]
1970 not considered [07/70]



Karl-Heinz RUMMENIGGE

World class: 8 times
International class: 13 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 1 time

During his peak he was definitely one of the best footballers in the world but what he lacked to become a member of the exclusive pantheon of all-time great football legends was a really big impressive tournament performance rounded off by a trophy. Rummenigge started his professional career as an 18 year old in 1974 when Bayern signed him as prospect for the right wing. A very fast technical player, 'Kalle' Rummenigge struggled a little bit during his first season (as the whole team was struggling) but it was soon obvious that he was a very big talent with lots of promise. At least since 1976 Rummenigge had become a sure starter for Bayern and soon became a very important provider of Gerd Müller. Because of Rummenigge's drive and zeal his manager Dettmar Cramer soon gave him licence to act on both sides of the flanks. When Gerd Müller left the club for America in 1979 Rummenigge himself became a very successful marksman, as he possessed everything a goalgetter needed to have plus he had Paul Breitner as his partner, himself a player of World Class. Rummenigge was ideally suited to the 4-4-2 system which had supplanted the 4-3-3 in the late-1970s.

In Dieter Hoeness there was now a target man whose main task was to lay the ball off for Rummenigge while Rummenigge himself had total licence to do whatever he wanted on the pitch, freed from any defensive responsibilities. Breitner and Rummenigge soon developed a perfect, blind understanding with Breitner in the role of the provider and Rummenigge the clinical, yet artful finisher. His great technical skillset and supreme close control allowed Rummenigge to process any service in a spectacular yet efficient mode. Be it volleying, picking the ball up in tight space and lifting it over his opponents, dribbling past a number of defenders coming from the wings or the midfield, heading, with bicycle kicks, diving headers, hard-hit shots ... you name it. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge probably was the most complete striker that ever played in the Bundesliga. There was no position on the pitch from where he could not somehow have scored a goal or could have created something dangerous.

1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Outside Right]
1976 broad circle [07/76] [#5 Outside Left]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#1 Outside Right]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#2 Outside Left]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#3 Outside Right]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#2 Outside Left]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#3 Outside Right]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#1 Outside Left]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#5 Midfielder]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#1 Outside Left]
1978 Internat. Cl. [12/78] [#1 Midfielder]
1979 Internat. Cl. [07/79] [#2 Outside Right]
1979 Internat. Cl. [07/79] [#2 Outside Left]
1979 World Class [12/79] [#1 Central Forward]
1980 World Class [07/80] [#1 Central Forward]
1980 World Class [12/80] [#1 Central Forward]
1981 World Class [07/81] [#1 Central Forward]
1981 Internat. Cl. [07/81] [#1 Outside Right]
1981 World Class [12/81] [#1 Central Forward]
1981 World Class [12/81] [#1 Outside Right]
1982 Internat. Cl. [07/82] [#2 Outside Right]

1982 World Class [12/82] [#1 Central Forward]
1982 World Class [12/82] [#1 Winger]
1983 Internat. Cl. [07/83] [#2 Central Forward]
1983 Internat. Cl. [07/83] [#1 Winger]
1983 Internat. Cl. [12/83] [#2 Central Forward]
1984 Internat. Cl. [07/84] [#2 Central Forward]
1984 played abroad [12/84]
1985 played abroad
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#4 Forward]
1986 played abroad [12/86]
1987 played abroad
1988 played abroad
1989 played abroad [07/89]



Michael RUMMENIGGE

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 10 times

The younger brother of Karl-Heinz was a tad smaller than his brother but resembled his style a lot. They looked almost like twins, Michael had a similar way of moving but a different physique and he did not have the ambition of his older brother. In older terms Michael Rummenigge could be described as a classic inside forward, an offensively-minded player who felt well at creating instead of finishing. His great strength was dribbling at high speed from midfield close or straight into the box. During his ten years in the Bundesliga Rummenigge did not reach an outstanding level but was often rated among the top players. That he was compared to his big brother did no favors to him but he was a self-confident type anyway thus he could deal with that pretty well.

1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]
1983 considered [12/83] [Central Forward]
1984 considered [07/84] [Winger]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#9 Forward]
1986 considered [12/86] [Offensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [07/87] [Offensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [12/87] [Offensive Midfielder]
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 considered [12/88] [Offensive Midfielder]
1989 not considered
1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1991 not considered [07/91]
1991 Internat. Cl. [12/91] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 considered [12/92] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1993 considered [12/93] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 considered [07/94] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 considered [12/94] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 not considered [07/95]



Bernd RUPP

Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 12 times

A fantastic outside left with very good dribbling skills at high pace who always looked for a straight way to the goal. Not known as a provider, Rupp was a goalgetter in his own right who was also often used as a center forward. Rupp’s main asset was his incredible acceleration. A player of relatively small height, he looked like a typical winger. For a serious international career the competition in his position was too strong, players like Erwin Kremers, Lothar Emmerich, Bernd Hölzenbein, Sigfried Held or his teammate Jupp Heynckes all stood in his way at different times in his career. Rupp still rates as one of the best goalscorers among wingers, having scored 119 Bundesliga goals in 274 games between 1965 and 1974.

- 1964 considered [12/64] [Center Forward]
- 1965 **broad circle** [07/65] [#5 Center Forward]
- 1965 considered [12/65] [Center Forward]
- 1966 **broad circle** [07/66] [#3 Outside Left]
- 1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#2 Outside Left]
- 1967 **broad circle** [07/67] [#2 Outside Left]
- 1967 not considered [12/67]
- 1968 **broad circle** [07/68] [#3 Outside Left]
- 1968 considered [12/68] [Outside Left]
- 1969 considered [07/69] [Outside Left]
- 1969 considered [12/69] [Outside Right]
- 1970 **broad circle** [07/70] [#4 Outside Right]
- 1970 considered [12/70] [Outside Right]
- 1971 considered [07/71] [Central Forward]
- 1971 considered [12/71] [Outside Right]
- 1972 **broad circle** [07/72] [#5 Central Forward]
- 1972 considered [12/72] [Outside Right]
- 1973 considered [07/73] [Central Forward]
- 1973 considered [12/73] [Central Forward]
- 1974 considered [07/74] [Central Forward]



Rolf-Dieter RÜSSMANN

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 14 times
Considered: 5 times

A hard as iron, physically imposing ‘classic’ stopper, a hard-tackling center half with exceptional aerial prowess. During his 16 seasons in the Bundesliga, Rolf Rüssmann proved to be an incredibly consistent and solid player who was always a starter. The one blight in his career was his involvement in the 1971 Bundesliga scandal for which he was banned from the national team until 1977 (like his Schalke teammates Klaus Fichtel and Klaus Fischer) and suspended from playing in Germany from March 1973 to February 1974 (followed by two month-long suspensions in February and December 1976). When he was finally available for the national team in 1977, he had lost some of his pace already (and he wasn’t the fastest player to begin with anyway), which in the long run limited his international activities to only 20 caps.

1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 not considered [07/70]
1970 **broad circle** [12/70] [#7 Central Defender]
1971 **broad circle** [07/71] [#4 Stopper]
1971 **broad circle** [12/71] [#5 Stopper]
1972 **broad circle** [07/72] [#2 Stopper]
1972 **broad circle** [12/72] [#2 Stopper]
1973 not considered [07/73]
1973 played abroad [12/73]
1974 **broad circle** [07/74] [#6 Stopper]
1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#2 Stopper]
1975 not considered
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 **considered** [12/76] [Stopper]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [07/77] [#1 Stopper]
1977 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#1 Stopper]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [07/78] [#1 Stopper]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [12/77] [#1 Stopper]
1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#6 Stopper]
1979 **broad circle** [12/79] [#6 Stopper]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#6 Stopper]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#7 Stopper]
1981 **considered** [07/81] [Stopper]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#5 Stopper]
1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#2 Stopper]
1982 **considered** [12/82] [Stopper]
1983 **considered** [07/83] [Liberò]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 **considered** [07/84] [Stopper]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 **broad circle** [07/85] [#3 Stopper]



Jürgen RYNIO

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 17 times

Jürgen Rynio was not a specifically tall goalkeeper but knew how to save in a spectacular way with his quick reflexes on the goalline. A tad unlucky in having been relegated as the goalkeeper of five different teams, he always quickly found a new club playing in top flight and thus was a constant presence in the Bundesliga during his career.

1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 not considered [07/67]
1967 **broad circle** [12/67] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1968 **broad circle** [07/68] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1968 **broad circle** [12/68] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1969 **broad circle** [07/69] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1969 **broad circle** [12/69] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1970 **broad circle** [07/70] [#6 Goalkeeper]

1970 considered [12/70] [Goalkeeper]
1971 considered [07/71] [Goalkeeper]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 considered [07/74] [Goalkeeper]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 considered [12/76] [Goalkeeper]
1977 considered [07/77] [Goalkeeper]
1977 considered [12/77] [Goalkeeper]
1978 considered [07/78] [Goalkeeper]
1978 considered [12/78] [Goalkeeper]
1979 considered [07/79] [Goalkeeper]
1979 considered [12/79] [Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [07/80] [Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [12/80] [Goalkeeper]
1981 considered [07/81] [Goalkeeper]
1981 considered [12/81] [Goalkeeper]
1982 considered [07/82] [Goalkeeper]
1982 considered [12/82] [Goalkeeper]
1983 not considered
1984 considered [07/84] [Goalkeeper]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered
1986 not considered [07/86]



Willy SAGNOL

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 3 times

2000 played abroad [07/00]
2000 considered [12/00] [Lateral]
2001 not considered [07/01] [Lateral]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#4 Defensive Lateral]
2002 considered [07/02] [Defensive Lateral]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#5 Defensive Lateral]
2003 Internat. Cl. [07/03] [#1 Defensive Lateral]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#2 Defensive Lateral]
2005 Internat. Cl. [12/05] [#1 Defensive Lateral]
2006 Internat. Cl. [07/06] [#2 Defensive Lateral]
2006 considered [12/06] [Defensive Lateral]
2007 not considered
2008 not considered
2009 not considered [07/09]



Nuri ŞAHİN

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 3 times

2005 considered [12/05] [Offensive Midfielder]

2006 not considered

2007 not considered [07/07]

2007 played abroad [12/07]

2008 played abroad [07/08]

2008 not considered [12/08]

2009 considered [07/09] [Offensive Midfielder]

2009 broad circle [12/09] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

2010 broad circle [07/10] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]

2010 Internat. Cl. [12/10] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

2011 Internat. Cl. [07/11] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

2011 played abroad [12/11]

2012 played abroad

2013 not considered [07/13]

2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]

2014 considered [07/14] [Defensive Midfielder]

2014 not considered [12/14]

2015 not considered

2016 not considered



Hasan SALIHAMIDŽIĆ

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 4 times

1995 not considered [12/95]

1996 considered [07/96] [Forward]

1996 not considered [12/96]

1997 not considered [07/97]

1997 considered [12/97] [Offensive Midfielder]

1998 considered [07/98] [Offensive Midfielder]

1998 not considered [12/98]

1999 not considered

2000 Internat. Cl. [07/00] [#2 Lateral]

2000 broad circle [12/00] [#2 Lateral]

2001 not considered [07/01]

2001 broad circle [12/01] [#3 Offensive Lateral]

2002 not considered [07/02]

2002 considered [12/02] [Offensive Lateral]

2003 not considered

2004 not considered

2005 not considered

2006 not considered

2007 not considered [07/07]

2007 played abroad [12/07]

2008 played abroad

2009 played abroad

2010 played abroad

2011 played abroad [07/11]

2011 not considered [12/11]

2012 not considered [07/12]



Sidney SAM

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

2007 not considered [12/07]

2008 not considered

2009 not considered

2010 not considered [07/10]

2010 broad circle [12/10] [#4 Offensive Lateral]

2011 not considered

2012 not considered

2013 broad circle [07/13] [#10 Offensive Lateral]

2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#5 Offensive Lateral]

2014 not considered

2015 not considered

2016 not considered



Matthias SAMMER

World class: 4 times

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 5 times

The last great German libero during a time when this position was already by and large out of fashion. He started his career as a right winger aged 17 in 1984 playing for Dynamo Dresden in East Germany. Originally a slim, pale red-head, Sammer soon drew the attention of West German club managers. In the summer of 1990 after the collapse of the GDR Sammer signed a contract with Bundesliga team VfB Stuttgart. Meanwhile he had

evolved into a central defensive midfielder with an offensive mind-set. In 1993 he started to act as a libero playing for Borussia Dortmund. There, he was usually operating in front of his two markers and thus could be described as a very deep sitting defensive midfielder. In the grand scheme of things, Matthias Sammer was probably the only 'real' successor of Franz Beckenbauer, but he came a bit late. Germany had been looking for a player like him ever since Beckenbauer left the country in 1977. It took 16 years to find a roughly comparable player but by that time, due to tactical evolution, the position was in the final stage of being dissolved. Sammer was one of the most strong-willed players ever to play for Germany, an incredibly dominant character, who immediately switched to offensive actions as soon as he was in possession, either with his passing skills (long and short) or by rushing forward himself, giving in to his instincts as a former winger. He was often seen covering 30, 40 meters in a few seconds, causing panic in his opponents. With his very good shooting technique he was often able to finish such a move himself with a goal. Matthias Sammer was the heart and soul of the Borussia Dortmund team that won two back-to-back German championships and the Champions League in 1997 which was the greatest trophy haul in the history of that club. He was also highly instrumental playing for Germany from 1994 to 1996 when he replaced the ageing Lothar Matthäus in the 'libero' position, topping it off by winning 1996 European Championship and the 'Golden Ball' as the best player in Europe 1996. He had to retire aged 30 in 1998 due to a long-going severe knee injury.

1986 not assessed [East G.]
1987 not assessed [East G.]
1988 not assessed [East G.]
1989 not assessed [East G.]
1990 not assessed East G.] [07/90]
1990 **broad circle** [12/90] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1991 **Internat. Cl.** [07/91] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1991 **broad circle** [12/91] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 **Internat. Cl.** [07/92] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 **broad circle** [12/92] [#9 German abroad]
1993 **Internat. Cl.** [07/93] [#2 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1993 **broad circle** [12/93] [#3 Libero]
1994 **Internat. Cl.** [07/94] [#2 Libero]
1994 **World Class** [12/94] [#1 Libero]
1995 **World Class** [07/95] [#1 Libero]
1995 **World Class** [12/95] [#1 Libero]
1996 **World Class** [07/96] [#1 Libero]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 **broad circle** [07/97] [#6 Libero]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 not considered [07/98]



Ebbe SAND

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 1 time

1999 played abroad [07/99]
1999 **broad circle** [12/99] [#7 Forward]
2000 **broad circle** [07/00] [#14 Forward]
2000 **Internat. Cl.** [12/00] [#1 Forward]
2001 **Internat. Cl.** [07/01] [#3 Forward]
2001 **broad circle** [12/01] [#12 Forward]
2002 **Internat. Cl.** [07/02] [#6 Forward]
2002 **considered** [12/02][Forward]
2003 not considered
2004 **broad circle** [07/04] [#10 Forward]
2004 **broad circle** [12/04] [#13 Forward]
2005 **broad circle** [07/05] [#11 Forward]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 not considered [07/06]



Roland SANDBERG

International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 1 time

A left winger who was a lethal finisher, Sandberg was an incredibly important player for Kaiserslautern in the mid-1970s. Technically not that impressive, the Swede was a very fast player, especially in the first few meters his acceleration was rocket-like but his main characteristic was his great stamina, diligence and commitment.

- 1973 played abroad [07/73]
- 1973 **broad circle** [12/73] [#5 Foreign player]
- 1974 **Internat. Cl.** [07/74] [#1 Foreign player]
- 1974 **Internat. Cl.** [12/74] [#1 Foreign player]
- 1975 **Internat. Cl.** [07/75] [#1 Foreign player]
- 1975 **Internat. Cl.** [12/75] [#4 Foreign player]
- 1976 **Internat. Cl.** [07/76] [#5 Foreign player]
- 1976 not considered [12/76]
- 1977 not considered [07/77]



Leroy SANÉ

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time

- 2015 not considered
- 2015 not considered [07/15]
- 2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#6 Offensive Lateral]
- 2016 **broad circle** [07/16] [#6 Offensive Lateral]
- 2016 not considered [12/16]



Boubacar SANOGO

International class: 1 time

2005 played abroad [07/05]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 not considered
2007 not considered [07/07]
2007 **Internat. Cl.** [12/07] [#3 Forward]
2008 not considered
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 played abroad [12/09]
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 played abroad [07/12]
2012 not considered [12/12]
2013 not considered
2014 not considered [07/14]
2014 played abroad [12/14]



Günter SAWITZKI

International class: 7 times

Broad circle: 9 times

Considered: 4 times

Before he became a goalkeeper, Günter Sawitzki tried his luck as a half back. But by 1954 he had become one of the Oberliga's most well-known keepers who tried to avoid stunts, preferring to go on about his job in a calm and sober fashion. For many years Sawitzki was among Germany's best goalkeepers but he never managed the breakthrough to become Germany's no. 1 keeper, as Fritz Herkenrath and later Hans Tilkowski and Wolfgang Fahrian were rated higher than him by Sepp Herberger. Sawitzki didn't take his fate too hard, jokingly calling himself "the international record holder for bench time". He didn't know how the bench felt on club level though, as he was Stuttgart's undisputed no. 1 goalkeeper for eleven seasons until his retirement in 1968. In 1970 he was reactivated because of an injury crisis among Stuttgart's goalkeepers.

1955 **broad circle** [12/55] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1956 **Internat. Cl.** [07/56] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1956 not considered [12/56]
1957 **Internat. Cl.** [07/57] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1957 **Internat. Cl.** [07/57] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1958 **Internat. Cl.** [1958] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1959 **Internat. Cl.** [07/59] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1959 **Internat. Cl.** [12/59] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1960 **broad circle** [1960] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1961 **broad circle** [07/61] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1961 **broad circle** [12/61] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 **broad circle** [12/62] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1963 **broad circle** [07/63] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1963 **Internat. Cl.** [12/63] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1964 **broad circle** [07/64] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1964 **broad circle** [12/64] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1965 not considered [07/65]
1965 **considered** [12/65] [Goalkeeper]
1966 **broad circle** [07/66] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1966 **considered** [12/66] [Goalkeeper]
1967 **considered** [07/67] [Goalkeeper]
1967 **considered** [12/67] [Goalkeeper]
1968 not considered [07/68]
1968 retired [12/68]
1969 retired

1970 retired [07/70]

1970 not considered [12/70]

1971 not considered [07/71]



Günther SCHÄFER

Broad circle: 9 times

Considered: 7 times

A VfB Stuttgart right back of relatively small height, predominantly defensive with great consistency between 1982 and 1994 whose main task was always man-marking. Günther Schäfer's role on the pitch was nominally that of a right back but he often was playing as the right-sided man marker in Stuttgart's 3-5-2 system. Wirily by nature, he had good pace and when he moved forward he could bend crosses quite well. Uncompromising in his marking, Günther Schäfer was always overshadowed by his teammates Karlheinz Förster and Guido Buchwald.

1980 not considered [12/80]

1981 **considered** [07/81] [Full Back]

1981 not considered [12/81]

1982 not considered

1983 **considered** [07/83] [Full Back]

1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#5 Full Back]

1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#6 Full Back]

1984 **considered** [12/84] [Full Back]

1985 not considered [07/85]

1985 **considered** [12/85] [Defensive Midfielder]

1986 **considered** [07/86] [Defender]

1986 **broad circle** [12/86] [#5 Defender]

1987 **broad circle** [07/87] [#4 Defender]

1987 **broad circle** [12/87] [#7 Defender]

1988 **broad circle** [07/88] [#9 Defender]

1988 **broad circle** [12/88] [#11 Defensive Midfielder]

1989 not considered

1990 not considered

1991 not considered [07/91]

1991 **broad circle** [12/91] [#4 Marker]

1992 **broad circle** [07/92] [#5 Marker]

1992 not considered [12/92]

1993 **considered** [07/93] [Marker]

1993 not considered [12/93]

1994 not considered

1995 not considered

1996 not considered

1997 **considered** [07/97] [Marker]

1997 not considered [12/97]

1998 not considered [07/98]



Hans SCHÄFER

International class: 8 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 3 times

Although Schäfer spent the first half of his career as an outside left, he was by no means a 'classic' left winger who would be seen dribbling and crossing all of the time. While he could do that fairly good, his style was more that of a committed, very dynamic, physically strong winger who often would drift infield instead of crossing near the touchline. Due to his never tiring ways, the robust yet charismatic Schäfer was the centerpiece of Köln from the early-1950s until his retirement in 1965 aged 37. Schäfer and Jupp Röhrig formed a tandem with the creative playmaker type Röhrig as the provider and Schäfer as the finisher. By the late-1950s Hans Schäfer had moved from the wing to the inside left position himself, a move which he also repeated when playing for Germany. Schäfer was very strong in one-on-one situations which he showed in the 1954 World Cup final against Hungary when he took the ball off Josef Bozsik and subsequently crossed the ball to Helmut Rahn who scored the 3-2. Horst Eckel, his teammate in the national team, said of Schäfer: "playing against Hans was like a punishment, he never gave up on a ball, was always totally committed and always at the center of things." In 1957 Schäfer became captain of the German national team, succeeding Fritz Walter. By the early-1960s, with Jupp Röhrig retired, Schäfer had become the playmaker of Köln yet he didn't manage to become the conductor of the national team in the same way. His last World Cup tournament in 1962 must be considered a disappointment. But he came back in force the next year when he was voted 'German Footballer of the year' at the age of 35. Throughout his career, Hans Schäfer was a very dangerous marksman and the top goalgetter in the history of Oberliga West.

1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#1 Outside Left]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#1 Outside Left]
1956 broad circle [12/56] [#2 Outside Left]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#2 Outside Left]
1957 Internat. Cl. [12/57] [#4 Inside Forward]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#1 Outside Left]
1958 Internat. Cl. [1958] [#4 Inside Forward]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#2 Outside Left]
1959 broad circle [07/59] [#9 Inside Forward]
1959 broad circle [12/59] [#4 Inside Forward]
1960 broad circle [1960] [#4 Inside Forward]
1961 considered [07/61] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [12/61] [Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Inside Forward]
1963 Internat. Cl. [07/63] [#3 Inside Forward]
1963 Internat. Cl. [12/63] [#3 Inside Forward]
1964 Internat. Cl. [07/64] [#5 Inside Forward]
1964 Internat. Cl. [12/64] [#4 Inside Forward]
1965 broad circle [07/65] [#12 Inside Forward]



Winfried SCHÄFER

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 15 times

A technically skilled central midfielder who was sometimes compared to Günter Netzer during the 1970s. Schäfer was one of the last playmaker types that specialized in spraying long passes from deep. A charismatic player, Winfried Schäfer was always a dominant figure in the teams he played for.

1968 not considered [12/68]
1969 considered [07/69] [Midfielder]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 not considered
1971 not considered [07/71]
1971 considered [12/71] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [07/72] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [12/72] [Midfielder]
1973 considered [07/73] [Midfielder]
1973 considered [12/73] [Midfielder]
1974 not considered [07/74]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#4 Midfielder]

1975 considered [07/75] [Midfielder]
1975 considered [12/75] [Midfielder]
1976 considered [07/76] [Midfielder]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#14 Midfielder]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#16 Midfielder]
1977 considered [12/77] [Midfielder]
1978 not considered
1979 not considered
1980 considered [07/80] [Midfielder]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]
1982 not considered
1983 considered [07/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [12/83] [Defensive Midfielder]
1984 considered [07/84] [Defensive Midfielder]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered [07/85]



Lothar SCHÄMER

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 4 times

A forceful left winger with a very hard shot, Lothar Schämer was one of Eintracht Frankfurt's most dangerous goalscorers during the early-1960s who in later years was reskilled as a left back and also occasionally played in defensive midfield.

1960 not considered [12/60]
1961 not considered [07/61]
1961 considered [12/61] [Outside Left]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Outside Left]
1963 considered [07/63] [Outside Left]
1963 not considered [12/63]
1964 not considered
1965 not considered
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 considered [12/66] [Full Back]
1967 broad circle [07/67] [#5 Full Back]
1967 broad circle [12/67] [#5 Full Back]
1968 broad circle [07/68] [#6 Full Back]
1968 not considered [12/68]
1969 not considered
1970 not considered
1971 not considered
1972 not considered
1973 not considered [12/73]



Michael SCHJØNBERG

International class: 2 times

Considered: 2 times

Basically a very solid, hard-working defensive midfielder with great stamina, who reached his peak playing as a man marker for Rehagel's Kaiserslautern in the late-1990s. Headers were a specialty of the tall Dane, notable is the fact that Schjønberg was the first non-goalkeeper ever to save a penalty in the Bundesliga after both goalies got injured. Soon after that he had to retire due to a knee injury.

1990 played abroad [07/90]

1990 not considered [12/90]

1991 not considered

1992 not considered

1993 not considered

1994 not considered [07/94]

1994 played abroad [12/94]

1995 played abroad

1996 played abroad [07/96]

1996 considered [12/96] [Marker]

1997 not considered [07/97]

1997 **Internat. Cl.** [12/97] [#2 Marker]

1998 **Internat. Cl.** [07/98] [#3 Marker]

1998 not considered [12/98]

1999 considered [07/99] [Defender]

1999 not considered [12/99]

2000 not considered

2001 not considered [07/01]



Robert SCHLIENZ

International class: 1 time

Considered: 4 times

Robert Schlienz, who lost one arm in a car accident in 1948, started out playing as center forward in the mid-1940s and was renowned as a very skilled forward and for his goalscoring instinct. He played the majority of his career for VfB Stuttgart. After he had to pause for a while after his accident, Schlienz was determined to continue his career as a footballer, and he succeeded in doing so by withdrawing from center forward to right half and eventually center half. In his new roles he continued to put emphasis on the offensive and soon became one of the best in these positions. Now a creator, Schlienz impressed with his commitment, energy and fighting spirit. Coupled with his technical skills, he was regarded as one of the best footballers in Germany during most of the 1950s. When VfB Stuttgart met Real Madrid in a friendly in the mid-1950s, Alfredo di Stéfano said about Schlienz: "the best player on the pitch was the one-armed man. What I saw of him I did not think could be possible until now." Strangely, Sepp Herberger did not want to rely on Schlienz's service for the national team, as he thought that the opponents would be (unfairly) inhibited playing against a 'disabled' man. Schlienz is still regarded by many as the greatest Stuttgart player ever.

1955 considered [12/55] [#7 Center Half]

1955 considered [12/55] [#10 Half Back]

1956 **Internat. Cl.** [07/56] [#3 Center Half]

1956 considered [12/56] [Center Half]

1957 not considered

1958 considered [1958] [Half Back]

1959 not considered [07/59]



Johann SCHMIDRADNER

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 3 times

Considered a talent as stopper already at an early age, Hans Schmidradner played an important role for Kickers Offenbach during their best years in the early- to mid-1970s and also was a vital player for Austria in those years. He was often used as a full back as well.

1971 played abroad [07/71]

1971 considered [12/71] [Foreign Player]

1972 considered [07/72] [Foreign Player]

1972 broad circle [12/72] [#5 Foreign player]

1973 broad circle [07/73] [#3 Foreign player]

1973 broad circle [12/73] [#4 Foreign player]

1974 broad circle [07/74] [#4 Foreign player]

1974 broad circle [12/74] [#6 Foreign player]

1975 not considered

1976 not considered

1977 considered [07/77] [Foreign Player]

1977 played abroad [12/77]



Alfred SCHMIDT

International class: 12 times

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 3 times

Alfred 'Aki' Schmidt was a multi-faceted midfielder who performed exceptionally well either as inside right or as right half. His strengths were to be found in the offensive though, this is the role he is mostly remembered for and also the his main task when playing for Germany. Known as an industrious all-rounder, Schmidt was a technically sound player whose goalscoring was a bit lacking. Schmidt was rated among Germany's best midfielders during his best years between 1957 and 1964 and was ever-present in the national team during these years.

1955 not considered [12/55]

1956 not considered [07/56]

1956 broad circle [12/56] [#6 Inside Forward]

1957 broad circle [07/57] [#5 Inside Forward]

1957 Internat. Cl. [12/57] [#2 Inside Forward]

1958 Internat. Cl. [1958] [#2 Half Back]

1958 Internat. Cl. [1958] [#2 Inside Forward]

1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#2 Half Back]

1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#2 Inside Forward]

1959 Internat. Cl. [12/59] [#3 Half Back]

1959 Internat. Cl. [12/59] [#2 Inside Forward]
1960 broad circle [1960] [#6 Half Back]
1960 broad circle [1960] [#6 Inside Forward]
1961 considered [07/61] [Inside Forward]
1961 not considered [12/61]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Inside Forward]
1963 Internat. Cl. [07/63] [#4 Inside Forward]
1963 Internat. Cl. [12/63] [#4 Half Back]
1963 Internat. Cl. [12/63] [#4 Inside Forward]
1964 Internat. Cl. [07/64] [#6 Inside Forward]
1964 Internat. Cl. [12/64] [#5 Inside Forward]
1965 broad circle [07/65] [#8 Inside Forward]
1965 not considered [12/65]
1966 considered [07/66] [Midfielder]
1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 not considered [07/67]



Karl SCHMIDT

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 4 times

'Karlchen' Schmidt impressed mostly with his pace, jumping power and solid ball control. The full back was known to be an excellent header of the ball, an expert for diving headers. Schmidt was intended to be a squad member for the 1958 World Cup but he cancelled his participation because he was too occupied with his law and sports studies. After his football career Schmidt became head of the sports section in the interior ministry of Rhineland-Palatinate.

1955 Internat. Cl. [12/55] [#2 Full Back]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#4 Full Back]
1956 broad circle [07/56] [#6 Half Back]
1956 Internat. Cl. [12/56] [#4 Full Back]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#2 Full Back]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#5 Full Back]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#6 Full Back]
1959 not considered
1960 not considered
1961 not considered
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 not considered [07/63]



Bernd SCHNEIDER

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 5 times

1991 not considered [12/91]

1992 not considered
1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 considered [12/96] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 not considered
1998 considered [07/98] [Offensive Midfielder]
1998 considered [12/98] [Offensive Midfielder]
1999 considered [07/99] [Offensive Midfielder]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#5 Lateral]
2000 not considered
2001 not considered [07/01]
2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2003 not considered
2004 broad circle [07/04] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#5 Defensive Lateral]
2005 considered [12/05] [Offensive Midfielder]
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2006 broad circle [12/06] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered
2009 not considered [07/09]



Karl-Heinz SCHNELLINGER

World class: 8 times
 International class: 3 times
 Broad circle: 3 times
 Considered: 1 time

The tall Schnellinger became one of the best German defenders renowned for his physical presence, pace and winning mentality, he impressed already at an early age, playing his first World Cup aged 19 in 1958. When he signed for Köln in 1959 coming from Düren 99, he was often playing as a half back but soon settled as a left back. In this position, he reached the absolute top level in international football the following years, impressing with his good overview, positioning, pace and aerial ability. Equipped with a very good touch, Schnellinger was adept at build up with his good passing skills but also an uncompromising tackler who was hard to beat in one-on-one situations. A hard-boiled nature, Schnellinger was hard to ruffle and with his stoic calmness he was very influential on his teammates. By 1960, Schnellinger was rated as Germany's no. 1 full back and after his impressive display at the 1962 World Cup, where he easily was Germany's best-performing player, he was also considered one of the best full backs worldwide. Soon after the '62 World Cup, Schnellinger left Germany to play in Italy and he is now mostly associated with being the defensive pillar of the star-studded AC Milan side of the 1960s and early-1970s. In his first four years at Milan, Schnellinger was playing as a full back but by 1969 he was predominantly deployed as a defensive sweeper and formed a fine central defensive partnership with stopper Roberto Rosato. Schnellinger was intended to act as a left back for Germany in the 1970 World Cup but after standard sweeper Willi Schulz picked up an injury in the first game against Morocco, Schnellinger adopted the sweeper role and became one of the best sweepers of that tournament.

1956 not considered [12/56]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#6 Full Back]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#9 Center Half]
1957 considered [12/57] [Full Back]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#3 Full Back]
1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#3 Full Back]

1959 Internat. Cl. [12/59] [#3 Full Back]
1960 World Class [1960] [#1 Full Back]
1961 World Class [07/61] [#1 Full Back]
1961 World Class [12/61] [#1 Full Back]
1961 Internat. Cl. [12/61] [#1 Half Back]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 World Class [12/62] [#1 Full Back]
1963 World Class [07/63] [#1 Full Back]
1963 played abroad [12/63]
1964 played abroad
1965 played abroad
1966 World Class [07/66] [#1 Full Back]
1966 played abroad [12/66]
1967 played abroad
1968 played abroad
1969 played abroad
1970 World Class [07/70] [#2 Central Defender]
1970 World Class [12/70] [#2 Central Defender]
1971 played abroad
1972 played abroad
1973 played abroad
1974 played abroad [07/74]
1974 not considered [12/74]
1975 not considered [07/75]



Horst SCHNOOR

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 5 times
 Considered: 15 times

Horst Schnoor joined Hamburg at the age of 18 in 1952 and became a starter in goal already in his first season at the club. He remained Hamburg's undisputed no. 1 goakeeper for the next 15 seasons. A quick-responding goalkeeper who was very brave in one-on-one situations, Schnoor was unlucky that he had an off-day in his first ever representative game for Germany, when he lost 0-8 to Yugoslavia in a 1955 B-team game. Because of this he was unfairly stigmatized when goalkeepers were assessed to play for the national team and thus never featured in a senior game for Germany. He had to retire in 1967 after achilles tendon rupture.

1955 considered [12/55] [#10 Goalkeeper]
1956 considered [07/56] [#14 Goalkeeper]
1956 considered [12/56] [Goalkeeper]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1958 considered [1958] [Goalkeeper]
1959 considered [07/59] [Goalkeeper]
1959 broad circle [12/59] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1960 broad circle [1960] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1961 Internat. Cl. [07/61] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1961 broad circle [12/61] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Goalkeeper]
1963 considered [07/63] [Goalkeeper]
1963 considered [12/63] [Goalkeeper]
1964 considered [07/64] [Goalkeeper]
1964 considered [12/64] [Goalkeeper]
1965 considered [07/65] [#9 Goalkeeper]

1965 considered [12/65] [Goalkeeper]
1966 considered [07/66] [Goalkeeper]
1966 considered [12/66] [Goalkeeper]
1967 not considered
1968 not considered
1969 not considered
1970 considered [12/70] [Goalkeeper]
1971 not considered [07/71]



Mehmet SCHOLL

International class: 6 times
Broad circle: 11 times
Considered: 4 times

Mehmet Scholl, a classical 'unfinished' talent was one of the most promising players of the 1990s who couldn't live up to that promise. Son of a Turk and a German woman, he was a remarkably good, lightfooted technical player of great intelligence who was a bit afflicted by his versatility. His de facto position was often not really obvious, during his time in Karlsruhe he was often seen playing on both wings or coming from a deeper midfield position where he started his solo runs and he was also a capable offensive midfielder operating directly behind two forwards but was also dangerous as a striker. Possibly he would have been most suited to play in a modern 4-2-3-1 system in a similar role as Mesut özil or even Thomas Müller. Scholl was blessed with high mobility and an expert at sidestepping, had a good shooting technique and was a very good freekick taker. Nevertheless one would have expected him to score a few more goals during the second, more mature half of his career when he dropped his joker mentality and became a more reputable player. During the later years of his career, Scholl was afflicted by many injuries. He had the abilities to reach the absolute top level during his time but it wasn't to be.

1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 not considered
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#15 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 considered [12/92] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1993 considered [07/93] [Forward]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#13 Forward]
1994 broad circle [07/94] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]
1994 considered [12/94] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 Internat. Cl. [07/95] [#4 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#5 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 Internat. Cl. [07/96] [#1 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#7 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 not considered [07/97]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#6 Forward]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#5 Forward]
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#6 Forward]
2000 Internat. Cl. [12/00] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2001 Internat. Cl. [07/01] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 broad circle [07/02] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered
2004 not considered
2005 considered [07/05] [Offensive Midfielder]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 not considered
2007 not considered [07/07]



Christian SCHREIER

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 10 times

Originally a striker, he evolved into an offensive midfielder as he lacked the necessary perseverance for a striker role. As his career progressed, Schreier became a more and more defensively-minded player and eventually ended up as a sweeper at the end of his career. A fine technical player, he had good pace and control and liked to advance towards the penalty box coming from a deep position via dribbling or sneaking into the box like Manfred Burgsmüller where he would often strike like lightning out of nowhere.

- 1981 considered [12/81] [Outside Right]
- 1982 considered [07/82] [Outside Left]
- 1982 not considered [12/82]
- 1983 considered [07/83] [Winger]
- 1983 **broad circle** [12/83] [#3 Winger]
- 1984 **broad circle** [07/84] [#2 Winger]
- 1984 not considered [12/84]
- 1985 considered [07/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
- 1985 considered [12/85] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 1986 **broad circle** [07/86] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
- 1986 considered [12/86] [Offensive Midfielder]
- 1987 considered [07/87] [Offensive Midfielder]
- 1987 considered [12/87] [Offensive Midfielder]
- 1988 not considered
- 1989 not considered [07/89]
- 1989 considered [12/89] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 1990 not considered
- 1991 not considered [07/91]
- 1991 considered [12/91] [Defensive Midfielder]
- 1992 not considered
- 1993 not considered
- 1994 not considered
- 1995 not considered
- 1996 not considered [07/96]



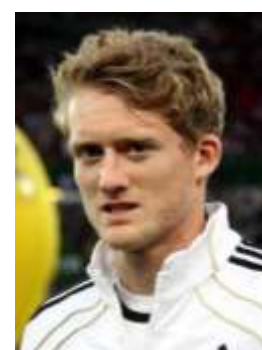
Willi SCHRÖDER

International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 3 times

Nicknamed ‘crumbs’ because of his delicate figure, Willi Schröder was a native of Berlin who spent the majority of his career playing for ATSV Bremen and then Werder Bremen. Known for his brilliant ball control, the two-footed Schröder was either deployed as a center forward or as an inside forward, becoming an outstanding offensive force with his hard shooting. A playmaker and goalgetter in one, his team was also known just as “the Schröder XI”. For Germany he was participating in the 1952 Olympics where he was voted best “inside forward” of the tournament ahead of Ferenc Puskas. For a while, Schröder was Germany’s most sought-after footballer who had many offerings from big clubs among them Italian

clubs, but Schröder opted to play for Werder Bremen, where he became the decisive player in the following nine seasons.

1955 broad circle [12/55] [#5 Inside Forward]
1955 broad circle [12/55] [#3 Center Forward]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#3 Inside Forward]
1956 Internat. Cl. [12/56] [#2 Inside Forward]
1957 Internat. Cl. [07/57] [#1 Inside Forward]
1957 Internat. Cl. [12/57] [#3 Inside Forward]
1958 not considered
1959 broad circle [07/59] [#7 Inside Forward]
1959 not considered [12/59]
1960 considered [1960] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [07/61] [Inside Forward]
1961 considered [12/61] [Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 not considered
1964 not considered
1965 not considered [07/65]



André SCHÜRRLE

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 3 times

2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 considered [07/10] [Offensive Lateral]
2010 broad circle [12/10] [#8 Forward]
2011 Internat. Cl. [07/11] [#5 Forward]
2011 considered [12/11] [Offensive Lateral]
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 broad circle [12/12] [#8 Offensive Lateral]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#8 Offensive Lateral]
2013 broad circle [12/13] [#4 German abroad]
2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#2 German abroad]
2014 considered [12/14] [Offensive Lateral]
2015 not considered
2016 broad circle [07/16] [#13 Forward]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Michael SCHULZ

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 6 times

An exceptionally tall left back and later man-marker who impressed with his aerial ability and his dynamism and who could also be deployed as a

defensive midfielder. A defensively-minded full back who wouldn't advance close to the touchline when going forward but was content with crossing and distributing the ball from an inside position. His career peak came as a man-marker in the early-1990s playing for Borussia Dortmund.

1984 not considered [12/84]

1985 not considered

1986 not considered

1987 not considered

1988 considered [07/88] [Defender]

1988 broad circle [12/88] [#3 Defender]

1989 not considered

1990 not considered [07/90]

1990 considered [12/90] [Marker]

1991 not considered [07/91]

1991 broad circle [12/91] [#8 Marker]

1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#1 Marker]

1992 considered [12/92] [Marker]

1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#1 Marker]

1993 considered [12/93] [Marker]

1994 considered [07/94] [Marker]

1994 considered [12/94] [Marker]

1995 not considered

1996 not considered

1997 not considered [07/97]



Willibald SCHULZ

World class: 6 times

International class: 11 times

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 3 times

Willi Schulz was a hard as iron right half and later sweeper who was known as the 'the master of the sliding tackle'. He captained the national team 20 times and was arguably the most important defensive player during the second half of the 1960s. His international breakthrough was the 1966 World Cup after which he was considered as one of the very best central defenders in Europe. During the next four years, Schulz remained the undisputed standard sweeper of Germany. In November 1968, he was part of the FIFA XI that faced Brazil in Rio de Janeiro.

Schulz would have been the standard sweeper of Germany during the 1970 World Cup, but an injury of the meniscus as well as a calf bruise meant that he only started in two of the six World Cup games in Mexico. In his place, Karl-Heinz Schnellinger played as sweeper. After the 1970 World Cup, Schulz retired from international activities. He continued to play for Hamburger SV until 1973. Being a conservative sweeper with no urge to join the attack of his teams, Schulz focused on marshalling his defense. He was noted for his calmness even under pressure, his positional play, his strength at man-to-man duels, his solid passing game, aerial ability and a special expertise at sliding tackling. For these traits as well as his consistency at the top level, Schulz was revered by German national team coach Helmut Schön, who preferred Schulz at the sweeper position to the younger and more adventurous Franz Beckenbauer, who had to play in midfield instead and only inherited the libero role for good after Schulz had retired from international duties in 1970.

1957 not considered [12/57]

1958 not considered

1959 broad circle [07/59] [#7 Half Back]

1959 broad circle [12/59] [#4 Half Back]

1960 broad circle [1960] [#4 Half Back]

1961 broad circle [07/61] [#3 Half Back]

1961 broad circle [12/61] [#2 Half Back]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 Internat. Cl. [12/62] [#1 Half Back]

1963 Internat. Cl. [07/63] [#1 Half Back]

1963 Internat. Cl. [12/63] [#1 Half Back]

1964 Internat. Cl. [07/64] [#1 Half Back]
1964 Internat. Cl. [12/64] [#1 Half Back]
1964 broad circle [12/64] [#4 Center Half]
1965 Internat. Cl. [07/65] [#2 Half Back]
1965 broad circle [07/65] [#3 Center Half]
1965 Internat. Cl. [12/65] [#4 Half Back]
1966 World Class [07/66] [#1 Central Defender]
1966 World Class [12/66] [#1 Central Defender]
1967 World Class [07/67] [#2 Central Defender]
1967 Internat. Cl. [12/67] [#1 Central Defender]
1968 Internat. Cl. [07/68] [#3 Central Defender]
1968 World Class [12/68] [#2 Central Defender]
1969 World Class [07/69] [#2 Central Defender]
1969 World Class [12/69] [#2 Central Defender]
1970 Internat. Cl. [07/70] [#3 Central Defender]
1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#4 Central Defender]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#5 Libero]
1971 considered [12/71] [Libero]
1972 considered [07/72] [Libero]
1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 considered [07/73] [Libero]



Harald SCHUMACHER

World class: 9 times
 International class: 6 times
 Broad circle: 5 times
 Considered: 5 times

Harald ‘Toni’ Schumacher was one of the all-time best German goalkeepers but also the most controversial one. Schumacher was the blueprint of a kind of goalkeeper that would dominate the German goals during the 1980s and 1990s, a physically powerful athlete (due to bodybuilding) with an aggressive mind-set who was set out to intimidate his opponents, much like Oliver Kahn roughly 15 years later. Driven by an eerie ambition, Schumacher managed to sustain a very high performance level for roughly ten years and literally never had a notable drop in form during these years. Infamous for his malicious deliberate collision with French full back Patrick Battiston in the 1982 World Cup semi final, Schumacher since then is labeled as one of the most disliked ‘bad guys’ in the annals of football and to this day this deed overshadows his great capability as one of the all-time greatest German goalkeepers who was exceptionally strong on the line but also very assured in controlling the box. A very outspoken and quite extrovert personality, Schumacher said after his retirement: “I often deliberately collided with a wall. Sometimes I broke down the wall, sometimes the wall broke me down.”

1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered
1974 not considered [07/74]
1974 considered [12/74] [Goalkeeper]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 considered [07/76] [Goalkeeper]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 considered [12/77] [Goalkeeper]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1978 considered [12/78] [Goalkeeper]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1979 Internat. Cl. [12/79] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1980 Internat. Cl. [07/80] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1980 World Class [12/80] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1981 World Class [07/81] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1981 World Class [12/81] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1982 Internat. Cl. [07/82] [#1 Goalkeeper]

1982 World Class [12/82] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1983 World Class [07/83] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1983 World Class [12/83] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1984 World Class [07/84] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1984 World Class [12/84] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1985 Internat. Cl. [07/85] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1985 Internat. Cl. [12/85] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1986 World Class [07/86] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1987 not considered [07/87]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1988 played abroad [12/88]
1989 played abroad
1990 played abroad [07/90]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 considered [07/91] [Goalkeeper]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered [07/92]



Bernd SCHUSTER

International class: 7 times

Broad circle: 5 times

Bernd Schuster was a highly-gifted playmaker who joined Köln 1978 at the age of 18 looking like a long-term replacement of Wolfgang Overath who had retired the previous year. During his debut season, Schuster however had to be content with being deployed in defensive roles, even that of a stopper during the second half of the 1978-79 season. Already as a young professional, Schuster possessed exceptional skills: an immense feeling for well-weighted long passes, wonderful diagonal passes spanning 40 meters, an excellent shot, great direct freekicks but most of all a compelling dominance on the pitch. Schuster always exuded great drawing power, teammates were looking to pass the ball to him and he was always positioned so that he could receive the ball at all times, and when in possession, he would cross the pitch covering a lot of ground. After joining Barcelona in 1980, he was afflicted by a vicious foul of Andoni Goikoetxea in 1982 and never fully recovered afterwards. He was not able to reach the absolute same class of early years after that incident. A difficult character, Schuster was never known to hesitate when a confrontation was looming and he would never back down. Often he had fallen out with his managers which once even led to him not playing a single game during whole season (1986-87). Due to his argumentative nature, his international career for Germany was also cut short, but this time it was Schuster himself who decided not to play for Germany for good in 1984, shortly before the European Championships. Franz Beckenbauer tried to persuade Schuster to return in 1985, but Beckenbauer was appalled when Schuster demanded a payment of 1 million marks for his services.

1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#5 Stopper]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#9 Midfielder]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#4 Midfielder]
1980 Internat. Cl. [07/80] [#2 Midfielder]
1980 played abroad [12/80]
1981 played abroad
1982 played abroad
1983 played abroad
1984 played abroad
1985 played abroad
1986 played abroad
1987 played abroad
1988 played abroad
1989 played abroad
1990 played abroad [07/90]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#5 German abroad]
1991 Internat. Cl. [07/91] [#5 German abroad]
1991 Internat. Cl. [12/91] [#7 German abroad]

1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#1 German abroad]

1992 not considered [12/92]

1993 broad circle [07/93] [#10 German abroad]

1993 broad circle [12/93] [#7 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#5 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 Internat. Cl. [12/94] [#2 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1995 not considered

1996 not considered

1997 not considered [07/97]



Jürgen SCHÜTZ

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 2 times

Jürgen 'Charly' Schütz was discovered by Max Merkel in 1959, aged 20, who signed him for Borussia Dortmund coming from Urania Lütgendortmund. Predominantly a center forward, Schütz immediately impressed as a goalgetter of extra class, as he topped the Oberliga West's top scorers list already in his debut season. At Dortmund, Schütz formed a formidable duo with inside left Friedhelm 'Timo' Konietzka, who were soon dubbed "Max and Moritz" by the press due to their coolness and unpredictability on the pitch.

1959 broad circle [12/59] [#4 Center Forward]

1960 broad circle [1960] [#2 Center Forward]

1961 broad circle [07/61] [#3 Center Forward]

1961 considered [12/61] [Center Forward]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 broad circle [12/62] [#1 Inside Forward]

1963 Internat. Cl. [07/63] [#1 Inside Forward]

1963 played abroad [12/63]

1964 played abroad

1965 played abroad

1966 played abroad

1967 played abroad

1968 played abroad [07/68]

1968 considered [12/68] [Midfielder]

1969 not considered

1970 not considered

1971 not considered

1972 not considered [07/72]



Manfred SCHWABL

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 6 times

A late-blooming diminutive playmaker type with excellent technical skills, fast as quicksilver with very good passing skills, determined in tight spaces. When playing for Bayern München Schwabl never managed to be more than a tag-along who even was deployed as an industrious right back for a while. He had his best years playing for TSV 1860 München during the mid-1990s.

1984 not considered [12/84]

1985 not considered
1986 not considered [07/86]
1986 considered [12/86] [Offensive Midfielder]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 considered [07/88] [Offensive Midfielder]
1988 considered [12/88] [Offensive Midfielder]
1989 not considered
1990 not considered
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
1991 considered [12/91] [Defensive Midfielder]
1992 not considered
1993 not considered [07/93]
1993 considered [12/93] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1994 not considered
1995 broad circle [07/95] [#7 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 considered [12/95] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1996 not considered
1997 not considered [07/97]



Hans-Georg SCHWARZENBECK

International class: 7 times
 Broad circle: 11 times
 Considered: 6 times

A 'classic' stopper type who acted as de facto sweeper for Bayern München whenever Franz Beckenbauer was surging ahead. Georg 'Katsche' Schwarzenbeck, who was once described by a Dutch commentator as 'half man, half bull' was an important player in the all-conquering Bayern München side of the 1970s and also for Germany. His footballing skills were generally underestimated due to his physical appearance as a tough-tackling, intimidating looking man-marker, but actually he possessed a good touch and was good in distributing the ball from the back. It is often said that he only played regularly in the national team because Beckenbauer wanted it, but that assumption again means to undersell him as a footballer. He was by no means a pure destroyer, but an accomplished ball winner who intended to tackle only as a last resort. After Franz Beckenbauer had left Bayern in 1977 it was Schwarzenbeck who was picked to replace 'the Kaiser' (albeit only after the originally intended replacement, Wolfgang Rausch, did not convince in that role). Schwarzenbeck's most famous moment was his last-minute equalizer in the 1974 European Cup final against Atletico Madrid. 1973-74 was arguably his peak season, scoring seven goals in the league, a very good number for a defensive stopper like him. Most of his goals came from long distance shots, just like the one vs. Atletico. In hindsight it is often said that it was a totally unlikely occasion when of all players it was Schwarzenbeck who scored that highly crucial equalizer, but in fact it was a common scenario in quite a few Bundesliga games that season. That same season Schwarzenbeck was crowned World Champion, but in the final he had to perform an unlikely task in that he was not deployed as the marker of the nominal Dutch center forward Johan Cruyff but instead had to play as a right back against Rob Rensenbrink. He did just as well in that role, neutralizing the highly dangerous Dutch outside left. Schwarzenbeck actually had spent his first two seasons at Bayern (1966 to 1968) as a full back (albeit on the left side) and thus he was familiar playing as a lateral defender instead of a central defender.

1966 considered [12/66] [Full Back]
1967 not considered
1968 considered [07/68] [Full Back]
1968 considered [12/68] [Midfielder]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#8 Central Defender]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 considered [07/70] [Central Defender]
1970 considered [12/70] [Central Defender]
1971 Internat. Cl. [07/71] [#2 Stopper]
1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#2 Full Back]
1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#2 Stopper]
1972 Internat. Cl. [07/72] [#1 Stopper]
1972 Internat. Cl. [12/72] [#1 Stopper]
1973 broad circle [07/73] [#2 Stopper]

1973 **broad circle** [12/73] [#2 Stopper]
1974 **Internat. Cl.** [07/74] [#1 Stopper]
1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#4 Stopper]
1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#3 Stopper]
1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#1 Stopper]
1976 **Internat. Cl.** [07/76] [#1 Stopper]
1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#2 Stopper]
1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#4 Stopper]
1977 **considered** [12/77] [Stopper]
1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#4 Libero]
1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#5 Libero]
1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#8 Libero]
1979 **not considered** [12/79]
1980 **not considered** [07/80]



Pirmin SCHWEGLER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 1 time

2006 **played abroad** [07/06]

2006 **not considered** [12/06]

2007 **not considered**

2008 **not considered**

2009 **not considered**

2010 **broad circle** [07/10] [#10 Defensive Midfielder]

2010 **broad circle** [12/10] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]

2011 **not considered**

2012 **not considered** [07/12]

2012 **Internat. Cl.** [12/12] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

2013 **considered** [07/13] [Defensive Midfielder]

2013 **not considered** [12/13]

2014 **not considered** [07/14]

2014 **broad circle** [12/14] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]

2015 **not considered**

2016 **not considered**



Bastian SCHWEINSTEIGER

World class: 4 times

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 10 times
Considered: 3 times

2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered
2004 broad circle [07/04] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#1 Offensive Lateral]
2005 broad circle [12/05] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#2 Offensive Lateral]
2006 considered [12/06] [Offensive Lateral]
2007 not considered
2008 broad circle [07/08] [#3 Offensive Lateral]
2008 considered [12/08] [Offensive Lateral]
2009 not considered [07/09]
2009 broad circle [12/09] [#6 Offensive Lateral]
2010 World Class [07/10] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2010 Internat. Cl. [12/10] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2011 broad circle [07/11] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
2011 World Class [12/11] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2012 broad circle [07/12] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2013 World Class [07/13] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
2014 World Class [07/14] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 broad circle [07/15] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]
2015 considered [12/15] [Defensive Midfielder]
2016 not considered



Wolfgang SEEL

Broad circle: 12 times
Considered: 12 times

A very quick winger on both sides who would score a decent amount of goals over the course of his career. He formed a great pair of wingers together with Rainer Geyse at Fortuna Düsseldorf during the 1970s. By the late 1970s Seel had evolved into a midfield player. In both roles, Wolfgang Seel was continuously rated among the very best players of the Bundesliga during the time he was playing. His greatest game arguably was the 1979 Cup Winners Cup final when he scored two goals in Düsseldorf's unlucky 3-4 loss to Barcelona.

1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 not considered
1968 not considered
1969 not considered
1970 not considered
1971 considered [07/71] [Central Forward]
1971 considered [12/71] [Midfielder]
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 broad circle [12/72] [#5 Outside Right]
1973 broad circle [07/73] [#2 Outside Right]
1973 considered [12/73] [Midfielder]
1974 considered [07/74] [Midfielder]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#3 Midfielder]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#2 Central Forward]

1975 considered [12/75] [Central Forward]
1976 considered [07/76] [Midfielder]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#4 Outside Left]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#13 Midfielder]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#4 Outside Left]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#4 Outside Left]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#3 Outside Left]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#2 Outside Left]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#4 Outside Left]
1979 considered [12/79] [Outside Left]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#2 Outside Left]
1980 considered [12/80] [Outside Left]
1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 considered [07/84] [Winger]
1984 considered [12/84] [Winger]
1985 considered [07/85] [Winger]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 not considered [07/86]



Dieter SEELER

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 4 times

The older brother of Uwe started out as a robust and unadorned all-round forward with strengths in combative actions, less in technical flair. Dieter Seeler at first struggled to gain a place in the first team of HSV and thus was sold to Altona 93 in 1952 where he made a name as a footballer. After three years playing for Altona, Dieter Seeler returned as an established player to Hamburg where he joined his younger brother Uwe who meanwhile had become a celebrated goalgetter in his own right. In the following years, Dieter Seeler was reskilled as a left half and because of his uncompromising and hard way of playing, he soon got nicknamed "iron foot".

1955 not considered [12/55]
1956 not considered
1957 not considered
1958 considered [1958] [Half Back]
1959 considered [07/59] [Half Back]
1959 broad circle [12/59] [#5 Half Back]
1960 broad circle [1960] [#5 Half Back]
1961 broad circle [07/61] [#7 Half Back]
1961 considered [12/61] [Half Back]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Half Back]
1963 not considered
1964 not considered
1965 not considered [07/65]



Uwe SEELER

World class: 14 times
International class: 13 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 1 time

Honorary captain of the German national team and the first footballer ever to be decorated with the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, to this day Uwe Seeler occupies one of the most important places in the annals of German football. His rise to become arguably the most popular footballer ever in Germany began in 1953, when he impressed onlookers in the FIFA youth tournament at the age of 16. Already at this age he possessed the characteristic that would set him apart from all other players: his immense explosiveness, be it with very hard off-hand shots from all possible angles, spectacular diving headers or amazing bicycle kicks – Uwe knew how to wow the crowds. A reckless, compact center forward of small, stocky stature with the absolute will to score, always looking for the direct way to the goal, a clinical finisher who would score amazingly artistic goals but also was known as a real poacher. In early 1954 Seeler already made the headlines by scoring 12 goals in six games at the next installment of the FIFA youth tournament, which was held before the World Cup in Switzerland and according to legend, Sepp Herberger seriously contemplated taking young Uwe to Switzerland. In the end, Herberger probably considered Seeler too young and unproven at that level. But in Hamburg, there was no doubt that young Uwe was considered a really great promising talent and thus he made his first team debut in August 1954 in Oberliga North. At the end of his first season in topflight, he had scored 28 goals in 26 games. During his first nine seasons, he became top scorer of Oberliga North seven times, only in 1958 and 1963 was he beaten by another striker. Seeler soon rose to being one of the greatest stars on the pitches of Germany and managed to be a hugely popular player in all of Germany and in all stadiums that he played, hence his nickname ‘Our Uwe’. Seeler never dwelt long on the ball, he was not someone to caress the ball or who was able to dribble his way around several players. In fact, he considered it unsportsmanlike when a gifted player was bent on humiliating a less talented player and thus Uwe often was seen cautioning his outside left Gert Dörfel when he overdid his dribbling or when he saw Dörfel nutmegging his opponent. In Hamburg, Seeler became an absolute club legend by leading the club to nine successive championships in Oberliga North and one German championship in 1960. Two of his greatest games for Hamburg were the 1960 German championship final against Köln, where he scored two goals in a 3-2 win and the 1963 German Cup final, when he scored all three goals in a 3-0 win over Borussia Dortmund. Although Uwe already debuted in the German national team in October 1954 (aged 17), he initially found it hard to repeat his club success on the international level. His breakthrough was the 1958 World Cup in Sweden where Seeler scored his first goal in his fifth international game in the match against Argentina. From that point Seeler was the undisputed no. 1 forward in the German national team until his first resignation from international duties in spring 1968. Like no other player of his time, Seeler embodied virtues like diligence, a down-to-earth attitude, discipline and sincerity.

- 1955 **Internat. Cl.** [12/55] [#2 Center Forward]
- 1956 **Internat. Cl.** [07/56] [#3 Center Forward]
- 1956 **broad circle** [12/56] [#5 Center Forward]
- 1957 **broad circle** [07/57] [#3 Center Forward]
- 1957 **broad circle** [12/57] [#3 Center Forward]
- 1958 **Internat. Cl.** [1958] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1959 **World Class** [07/59] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1959 **World Class** [12/59] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1960 **World Class** [1960] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1961 **World Class** [07/61] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1961 **World Class** [12/61] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
- 1962 **World Class** [12/62] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1963 **Internat. Cl.** [07/63] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1963 **World Class** [12/63] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1964 **World Class** [07/64] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1964 **World Class** [12/64] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1965 **World Class** [07/65] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1965 **Internat. Cl.** [12/65] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1966 **World Class** [07/66] [#1 Central Forward]
- 1966 **World Class** [12/66] [#1 Central Forward]
- 1967 **Internat. Cl.** [07/67] [#2 Central Forward]
- 1967 **Internat. Cl.** [12/67] [#1 Central Forward]
- 1968 **Internat. Cl.** [07/68] [#3 Central Forward]
- 1968 **Internat. Cl.** [12/68] [#1 Central Forward]
- 1969 **Internat. Cl.** [07/69] [#2 Central Forward]

1969 Internat. Cl. [12/69] [#2 Central Forward]
1970 World Class [07/70] [#3 Midfielder]
1970 Internat. Cl. [07/70] [#2 Central Forward]
1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#2 Central Forward]
1970 World Class [12/70] [#4 Midfielder]
1971 considered [07/71] [Central Forward]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#10 Midfielder]
1971 broad circle [12/71] [#5 Central Forward]
1972 broad circle [07/72] [#7 Central Forward]



Günter SEIBOLD

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 4 time

Seibold was a very reliable left back who is mostly remembered for the eleven seasons he spent in Stuttgart between 1958 and 1969.

1958 considered [1958] [Full Back]
1959 not considered [07/59]
1959 broad circle [12/59] [#9 Full Back]
1960 broad circle [1960] [#8 Full Back]
1961 broad circle [07/61] [#6 Full Back]
1961 not considered [12/61]
1962 not considered
1963 not considered [07/63]
1963 considered [12/63] [Full Back]
1964 considered [07/64] [Full Back]
1964 considered [12/64] [Full Back]
1965 not considered
1966 not considered
1967 not considered
1968 not considered
1969 not considered
1970 not considered [07/70]



Rudolf SELIGER

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 6 time

Probably one of the last few 'classic' outside rights, fast, tricky, a dangerous finisher but definitely more a provider than a goalscorer. Rudi Seliger was a similar player to Düsseldorf's Wolfgang Seel who was technically more sound while Seliger was the more dynamic player who had a real punch.

1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered [07/72]

1972 considered [12/72] [Outside Right]
1973 not considered
1974 considered [07/74] [Outside Right]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#2 Outside Right]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Outside Right]
1976 considered [07/76] [Outside Right]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#5 Outside Right]
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#4 Outside Right]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#2 Outside Right]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered
1980 considered [07/80] [Outside Right]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 considered [12/81] [Outside Right]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]



Paulo SÉRGIO Silvestre do Nascimento

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 4 times

A technically skilled, very flexible forward and midfielder, by nature a support striker not a finisher. Two-footed, the Brazilian was known for his great reach of action. Constantly moving and changing position, he occupied all offensive positions and thus was hard to pin down by the opponent. With his great technique, stamina, pace and agility as well as his straightforward way of dribbling, Paulo Sergio could hold his own on the pitch, but his erratic nature meant that he could lose his form for weeks.

1993 played abroad [07/93]
1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#1 Wide Midfielder]
1994 broad circle [07/94] [#10 Forward]
1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#4 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 broad circle [07/97] [#8 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 played abroad [12/97]
1998 played abroad
1999 played abroad [07/99]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#13 Forward]
2000 Internat. Cl. [07/00] [#2 Forward]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered [07/01]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#4 Offensive Lateral]
2002 not considered [07/02]
2002 played abroad [12/02]



Stanislav ŠESTAK

International class: 1 time

Considered: 1 time

2007 played abroad [07/07]

2007 Internat. Cl. [12/07] [#2 Offensive Lateral]

2008 considered [07/08] [Forward]

2008 not considered [12/08]

2009 not considered

2010 not considered [07/10]

2010 played abroad [12/10]

2011 played abroad

2012 played abroad

2013 played abroad

2014 played abroad [07/14]

2014 not considered [12/14]

2015 not considered [07/15]

2015 played abroad [12/15]



Ciriaco SFORZA

International class: 7 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 2 times

1993 played abroad [07/93]

1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#3 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#4 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 Internat. Cl. [12/94] [#8 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1995 not considered [07/95]

1995 Internat. Cl. [12/95] [#2 Central Defensive Midfielder]

1996 not considered [07/96]

1996 played abroad [12/96]

1997 played abroad [07/97]

1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]

1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#1 Libero]

1999 broad circle [07/99] [#7 Libero]

1999 broad circle [12/99] [#10 Defensive Midfielder]

2000 broad circle [07/00] [#3 Libero]

2000 considered [12/00] [Libero]

2001 not considered

2002 not considered
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered
2005 considered [07/05] [Defensive Midfielder]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 not considered [07/96]



Wolfgang SIDKA

Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 8 times

An excellent midfielder who debuted in the Bundesliga at the age of 18 in 1972. A tall, technically sound central midfielder, good at heading and distributing the ball with mainly defensive duties.

1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered [07/74]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#13 Midfielder]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#9 Midfielder]
1975 broad circle [12/75] [#9 Midfielder]
1976 not considered
1977 considered [07/77] [Midfielder]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#15 Midfielder]
1978 considered [07/78] [Midfielder]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 considered [12/79] [Midfielder]
1980 considered [07/80] [Midfielder]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]
1982 not considered [07/82]
1982 considered [12/82] [Offensive Midfielder]
1983 broad circle [07/83] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]
1983 considered [12/83] [Offensive Midfielder]
1984 considered [07/84] [Offensive Midfielder]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#5 Midfielder]
1985 not considered
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered
1989 not considered
1990 not considered
1991 not considered
1992 not considered [07/92]



Gerhard SIEDL

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 4 times

A technically brilliant expert freekick taker who was known as an all-round forward who could be used in every offensive position and also as a defensive midfielder. One of the best German forwards of the 1950s, Siedl was attested by various of his managers that he was sluggish in training and lacked seriousness. He debuted in Bayern München's first team at the age of 15 in 1944 but had to leave the club in 1948 because of a 'violation of the club rules'. He briefly played in France and for Borussia Neunkirchen and then returned to Bayern in 1949 for two years. During the 1950s he played for a variety of clubs in Germany, Switzerland, Austria and the Netherlands. Due to his unruly nature and constant changing of clubs he never really settled in the national team.

1955 not considered [12/55]

1956 broad circle [07/56] [#5 Outside Right]

1956 considered [12/56] [Half Back]

1957 broad circle [07/57] [#4 Outside Right]

1957 considered [12/57] [Inside Forward]

1958 considered [1958] [Half Back]

1959 considered [07/59] [Half Back]

1959 broad circle [12/59] [#6 Half Back]

1959 Internat. Cl. [12/59] [#3 Inside Forward]

1960 played abroad [1960]

1961 played abroad

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 played abroad [12/62]

1963 played abroad [07/63]



Klaus-Dieter SIELOFF

International class: 10 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 5 times

A classic offensive libero, one of the strongest of the 1960s and early-1970s, a defensive anchor with a very strong personality and charisma who helped turn the young, naïve Mönchengladbach side of the 1960s into a serious international contender when he joined them in 1969. An excellent technical player with good positioning and reading of the game, Sieloff's distribution from the back played a vital part in his rise to stardom as did his surging ahead in a forceful, less elegant way than Beckenbauer, but with similar panache. Obviously Sieloff never had a real chance at a breakthrough in the national team, as even Beckenbauer himself did not get to play in his preferred position in the national team since Helmut Schön for a long time preferred a strictly defensive sweeper (Willi Schulz).

1960 not considered [1960]

1961 not considered

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 not considered [12/62]

1963 considered [07/63] [Center Half]

1963 broad circle [12/63] [#5 Center Half]

1964 Internat. Cl. [07/64] [#2 Center Half]

1964 Internat. Cl. [12/64] [#2 Center Half]

1965 Internat. Cl. [07/65] [#1 Center Half]

1965 Internat. Cl. [12/65] [#2 Center Half]

1966 Internat. Cl. [07/66] [#4 Central Defender]

1966 considered [12/66] [Central Defender]

1967 considered [07/67] [Central Defender]

1967 not considered [12/67]

1968 not considered

1969 considered [07/69] [Central Defender]

1969 Internat. Cl. [12/69] [#5 Central Defender]
1970 Internat. Cl. [07/70] [#6 Central Defender]
1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#5 Central Defender]
1971 Internat. Cl. [07/71] [#2 Libero]
1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#2 Libero]
1972 broad circle [07/72] [#3 Libero]
1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered [07/73]
1973 considered [12/73] [Libero]
1974 not considered [07/74]



Hans SIEMENSMAYER

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 13 times

A ball winner and a playmaker in one, Hans Siemensmeyer was an adventurous and industrious midfielder with a solid touch who started his career as an inside right in the late 1950s playing for RW Oberhausen in the first half of his career and for Hannover 96 in the second. During his time in Hannover he evolved into a really fine playmaker and became a symbolic figure for that club.

1959 not considered [12/59]
1960 not considered [1960]
1961 not considered
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 not considered [12/62]
1963 not considered
1964 considered [07/64] [Inside Forward]
1964 considered [12/64] [Inside Forward]
1965 considered [07/65] [#19 Inside Forward]
1965 considered [12/65] [Inside Forward]
1966 considered [07/66] [Central Forward]
1966 considered [12/66] [Midfielder]
1967 Internat. Cl. [07/67] [#5 Midfielder]
1967 Internat. Cl. [12/67] [#4 Midfielder]
1968 broad circle [07/68] [#6 Midfielder]
1968 considered [12/68] [Outside Left]
1969 considered [07/69] [Outside Left]
1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 not considered
1971 considered [07/71] [Midfielder]
1971 considered [12/71] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [07/72] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [12/72] [Midfielder]
1973 considered [07/73] [Midfielder]
1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered [07/76]



Asgeir SIGURVINSSON

World class: 1 time
International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 1 time

Certainly the finest footballer to come out of Iceland, together with Eyjolfur Sverrisson and Eidur Gudjohnsen. A central offensive midfielder who joined Bayern in 1981 but rarely played as he couldn't get past Paul Breitner, Sigurvinsson hit the big time playing for VfB Stuttgart between 1982 and 1990. A superb technical player who played very good diagonal passes and who would score himself oftentimes, but not a playmaker who would dictate the rhythm of a game. Before he came to play in Germany, Sigurvinsson had spent eight successful seasons in Belgium playing for Standard Liège.

1981 played abroad [07/81]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered
1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#3 Foreign player]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [12/83] [#2 Foreign player]
1984 **World Class** [07/84] [#1 Foreign player]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 **broad circle** [12/85] [#6 Foreign player]
1986 **Internat. Cl.** [07/86] [#4 Foreign player]
1986 not assessed [12/86]
1987 **considered** [07/87] [Foreign Player]
1987 **Internat. Cl.** [12/87] [#2 Foreign player]
1988 **Internat. Cl.** [07/88] [#5 Foreign player]
1988 **broad circle** [12/88] [#12 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 **broad circle** [12/89] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 not considered [07/90]



Allan SIMONSEN

World class: 3 times
International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 4 times

A very diminutive winger predominantly playing on the right wing but who loved to wander around the pitch looking to score goals himself as well as providing for others. A smart, nimble dribbler with great footballing instincts who initially struggled to find a place in the first team but soon became one of the best forwards in the history of the Bundesliga. Together with his countryman Henning Jensen and Jupp Heynckes, Mönchengladbach possessed one of the most goal hungry forward lines ever seen in German football. He joined Barcelona in 1979 where scored 31 goals in three seasons (in 98 games) but left the club in 1982 after the signing of Diego Maradona and Bernd Schuster.

1972 played abroad [07/72]
1972 not considered [12/72]

1973 not considered
1974 not considered [07/74]
1974 **Internat. Cl.** [12/74] [#2 Foreign player]
1975 **Internat. Cl.** [07/75] [#2 Foreign player]
1975 **World Class** [12/75] [#2 Foreign player]
1976 **broad circle** [07/76] [#8 Foreign player]
1976 **broad circle** [12/76] [#5 Foreign player]
1977 **World Class** [07/77] [#1 Foreign player]
1977 **World Class** [12/77] [#1 Foreign player]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [07/78] [#3 Foreign player]
1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#4 Foreign player]
1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#8 Foreign player]
1979 played abroad [12/79]



Josip ŠIMUNIĆ

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 3 times

1998 not considered [07/98]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered
2000 not considered
2001 not considered
2002 **broad circle** [07/02] [#8 Central Defender]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered
2004 **considered** [07/04] [Central Defender]
2004 **broad circle** [12/04] [#5 Central Defender]
2005 **broad circle** [07/05] [#6 Central Defender]
2005 **considered** [12/05] [Central Defender]
2006 not considered
2007 not considered [07/07]
2007 **considered** [12/07] [Central Defender]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 **Internat. Cl.** [12/08] [#1 Central Defender]
2009 **Internat. Cl.** [07/09] [#1 Central Defender]
2009 **broad circle** [12/09] [#5 Central Defender]
2010 not considered
2011 played abroad [12/11]



Didier SIX

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 3 times

A classic outside left but not a pure winger at that and also not a disguised goal hungry center forward, but a kind of hybrid. A fast dribbler with a

nose for the right moment to get into the box, where he would try to finish the move after sidestepping his opponents, shooting with his left foot. Didier Six was a very technically sound player of international class who did not appreciate rough treatment by his opponents. To reach a World Class level Six would have needed to be more robust, physically and mentally.

1981 played abroad [07/81]

1981 broad circle [12/81] [#5 Foreign player]

1982 broad circle [07/82] [#1 Foreign player]

1982 Internat. Cl. [12/82] [#4 Foreign player]

1983 broad circle [07/83] [#6 Foreign player]

1983 played abroad [12/83]



Włodzimierz SMOLAREK

International class: 1 time

Considered: 1 time

A very fast left winger who wasn't glued to the byline but who would cut inside at the earliest possible moment looking to finish his move with a goal. On the one side Smolarek was firmly looking for a finish, on the other side he was good in combination play and particularly one-twos. A gifted passer who liked to spend time on the ball dropping back to midfield. Not much of a header, his strength was on the ground with the ball at his feet.

1986 played abroad [07/86]

1986 not assessed [12/86]

1987 considered [07/87] [Foreign Player]

1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#10 Foreign player]

1988 not considered [07/88]

1988 played abroad [12/88]



Zvonimir SOLDO

International class: 9 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 4 times

1996 played abroad [07/96]

1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#2 Central Defensive Midfielder]

1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#1 Central Defensive Midfielder]

1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

1998 broad circle [12/98] [#10 Defensive Midfielder]

1999 considered [07/99] [Defensive Midfielder]

1999 Internat. Cl. [12/99] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

2000 broad circle [07/00] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]

2000 broad circle [12/00] [#4 Libero]

2001 broad circle [07/01] [#4 Libero]

2001 broad circle [12/01] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]

2002 considered [07/02] [Defensive Midfielder]

2002 broad circle [12/02] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]

2003 Internat. Cl. [07/03] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

2003 Internat. Cl. [12/03] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2004 Internat. Cl. [07/04] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2004 Internat. Cl. [12/04] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
2005 considered [12/05] [Defensive Midfielder]
2006 considered [07/06] [Defensive Midfielder]



SOKRATIS Papastathopoulos

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 1 time

2011 played abroad [07/11]
2011 not considered [12/11]
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#3 Central Defender]
2012 not considered [12/12]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#7 Central Defender]
2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#3 Central Defender]
2014 broad circle [07/14] [#4 Central Defender]
2014 Internat. Cl. [12/14] [#4 Central Defender]
2015 considered [07/15] [Central Defender]
2015 broad circle [12/15] [#13 Central Defender]
2016 broad circle [07/16] [#6 Central Defender]
2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#3 Central Defender]



Yann SOMMER

International class: 4 times

2014 played abroad [07/14]
2014 Internat. Cl. [12/14] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Paulo SOUSA

International class: 1 time

1996 played abroad [07/96]

1996 not considered [12/96]

1997 not considered [07/97]

1997 **Internat. Cl.** [12/97] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]



Martin SPANRING

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 4 times

Trained as a midfielder player, Martin Spanring almost exclusively played as a man-marker during his professional career. Because of his skills as a midfielder, Spanring was one of the technically better man-markers of his generation, an elegant defender who won many balls thanks to his good positioning and he was also a talented passer. Regarded as a big talent in his youth, he never managed to reach the highest level.

1988 not considered [12/88]

1989 not considered

1990 not considered

1991 not considered

1992 not considered

1993 not considered

1994 **broad circle** [07/94] [#10 Marker]

1994 **Internat. Cl.** [12/94] [#3 Marker]

1995 **broad circle** [07/95] [#5 Marker]

1995 **broad circle** [12/95] [#9 Marker]

1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#9 Marker]

1996 not considered [12/96]

1997 not considered

1998 not considered

1999 not considered

2000 not considered

2001 not considered

2002 not considered

2003 not considered [07/03]



Gintaras STAUČĖ

International class: 1 time

1997 played abroad [07/97]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 not considered
1999 **Internat. Cl.** [07/99] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 not considered
2001 not considered [07/01]
2001 played abroad [12/01]



Arno STEFFENHAGEN

Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 2 times

Steffenhagen was a very quick left winger who could also be used on the right side. In his position, Steffenhagen was one of the better players in the Bundesliga who was quite a promise when he started his professional career in 1968 playing for Hertha BSC. His career stalled due to his involvement in the Bundesliga scandal in 1971 when was suspended from playing in Germany and thus emigrated first to South Africa and then to the Netherlands where he spent three years playing for FC Ajax Amsterdam (58 games, 19 goals) between 1973 and 1976. A valuable winger who later returned to play in Germany, this time for Hamburg where he won the European Cup Winners Cup in 1977. In his two years in Hamburg, Steffenhagen was deployed on the right wing as Georg Volkert was preferred on the left wing. At the end of his career he spent six seasons in the NASL (60 goals in 119 games) before retiring in 1984.

1968 considered [12/68] [Outside Left]
1969 **broad circle** [07/69] [#4 Outside Left]
1969 **broad circle** [12/69] [#5 Outside Right]
1970 **broad circle** [07/70] [#5 Outside Right]
1970 **broad circle** [12/70] [#4 Outside Right]
1971 **broad circle** [07/71] [#6 Outside Left]
1971 **broad circle** [12/71] [#4 Outside Left]
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 played abroad [12/72]
1973 played abroad
1974 played abroad
1975 played abroad
1976 played abroad [07/76]
1976 considered [12/76] [Outside Right]
1977 **broad circle** [07/77] [#4 Outside Right]
1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 played abroad [12/78]
1979 played abroad
1980 played abroad
1981 played abroad
1982 played abroad
1983 played abroad [07/83]



Erwin STEIN

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 4 times

A center forward mostly remembered for his time spent with Eintracht Frankfurt, he was rated as one of the top marksmen in Germany at his peak. Stein scored two goals in the mythical 1960 European Cup final which Eintracht lost by 3 goals to 7 against Real Madrid in Glasgow. His peak came in the following season when he topped the goalscorers table of Oberliga South in 1961. Afterwards Stein's goal ratio slowly began to decrease and by the start of the Bundesliga in 1963 he was afflicted by long-lasting goal droughts. He retired in 1966 after he started only one game in the first team in season 1965-66.

1955 not considered [12/55]

1956 not considered

1957 not considered

1958 not considered

1959 broad circle [07/59] [#2 Center Forward]

1959 considered [12/59] [Center Forward]

1960 considered [1960] [Center Forward]

1961 considered [07/61] [Center Forward]

1961 broad circle [12/61] [#4 Center Forward]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 broad circle [12/62] [#4 Center Forward]

1963 broad circle [07/63] [#4 Center Forward]

1963 considered [12/63] [Center Forward]

1964 not considered

1965 not considered

1966 not considered

1967 not considered

1968 not considered

1969 not considered

1970 not considered [07/70]



Ulrich STEIN

World class: 1 time

International class: 20 times

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 8 times

One of Germany's all-time greatest goalkeepers who enjoyed an outstanding career in the Bundesliga despite inciting several scandals. Uli Stein must be rated as a truly complete goalkeeper, very strong in all aspects of goalkeeping, terrific on the line and at leaving his goal, in one-on-one situations, a very charismatic figure, a dominant person with an aggressive mentality. As a goalkeeper Stein was highly respected because he sustained a very high level over the course of two decades. An important personality in the teams he played for (Bielefeld, Hamburg, Frankfurt) but unfortunately also a loose cannon. Stein was extremely ambitious and without any humour, could not stand to lose and often had meltdowns on the pitch (knocking out players with a punch of his fist and even knocking down ball-boys as the most notable episodes; he also once refused to get back between the goalposts after conceding a controversial goal, the referee sent Stein off as he continued to refuse moving back to his goal despite the referee summoning him to do so). His international career ended in 1986 when he was kicked out of the national team during the 1986 World Cup for disrespectful behaviour towards Franz Beckenbauer. For Stein this probably was some sort of salvation as it must have been unbearable for him being only second keeper behind the equally ambitious and headstrong Harald Schumacher. Despite these scandals, Stein was still playing topflight football at the age of 42 when he finally retired in 1997.

1973 not considered [12/73]

1974 not considered

1975 not considered

1976 not considered [07/76]

1976 considered [12/76] [Goalkeeper]

1977 considered [07/77] [Goalkeeper]

1977 considered [12/77] [Goalkeeper]

1978 considered [07/78] [Goalkeeper]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1979 considered [12/79] [Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [07/80] [Goalkeeper]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 Internat. Cl. [12/81] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1983 Internat. Cl. [07/83] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1983 Internat. Cl. [12/83] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1984 Internat. Cl. [07/84] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1984 Internat. Cl. [12/84] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1985 Internat. Cl. [07/85] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1985 Internat. Cl. [12/85] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1986 Internat. Cl. [07/86] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1986 Internat. Cl. [12/86] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1987 Internat. Cl. [07/87] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1988 broad circle [12/88] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#10 Goalkeeper]
1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1990 Internat. Cl. [07/90] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1990 Internat. Cl. [12/90] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1991 broad circle [07/91] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1991 Internat. Cl. [12/91] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1992 Internat. Cl. [07/92] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1992 World Class [12/92] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1993 Internat. Cl. [12/93] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1994 Internat. Cl. [12/94] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 considered [12/95] [Goalkeeper]
1996 considered [07/96] [Goalkeeper]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1997 not considered [07/97]



Paul STEINER

International class: 2 times
 Broad circle: 13 times
 Considered: 10 times

Paul Steiner was an unyielding man-marker, pretty tall and extremely good at heading, very robust, a ruthless tackler and always glued to his man. It was Paul Steiner who (in 1980) fouled the former Köln international Heinz Flohe so brutally, that Flohe's leg was literally cut in two halves (fibula and shinbone broken). Flohe's career was over. Of all clubs, Steiner joined Köln just a year later. A mean, vicious player, who was 'promoted' to sweeper at the end of his career.

1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 considered [07/76] [Libero]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 considered [07/77] [Stopper]
1977 considered [12/77] [Stopper]
1978 considered [07/78] [Stopper]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 considered [07/79] [Stopper]

1979 considered [12/79] [Stopper]
1980 considered [07/80] [Stopper]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#4 Stopper]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#4 Stopper]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#4 Stopper]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#3 Stopper]
1983 Internat. Cl. [07/83] [#4 Stopper]
1983 broad circle [12/83] [#3 Stopper]
1984 broad circle [07/84] [#3 Stopper]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#4 Stopper]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#6 Libero]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defender]
1986 considered [07/86] [Defender]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 considered [07/87] [Libero]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#7 Libero]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#8 Libero]
1988 broad circle [12/88] [#4 Libero]
1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#4 Libero]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#6 Libero]
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#2 Libero]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 not considered [07/91]



Rudolf STEINER

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 3 times

A left back who was part of the successful 1960s TSV 1860 München side who had started out as an outside left. Despite that origin, he was soon known as a hard and pitiless defender.

1960 not considered [12/60]
1961 not considered
1962 not considered
1963 broad circle [07/63] [#7 Full Back]
1963 broad circle [12/63] [#7 Full Back]
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#3 Full Back]
1964 broad circle [12/64] [#4 Full Back]
1965 not considered
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 considered [12/66] [Full Back]
1967 considered [07/67] [Full Back]
1967 considered [12/67] [Full Back]
1968 not considered
1969 not considered [07/69]



Heinz STEINMANN

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 12 times

In the first half of his career Heinz Steinmann was predominantly deployed as a right half before he settled as a stopper in the second half. He made the 40-man roster for the 1962 World Cup but was not part of the final squad that travelled to Chile. Steinmann became one of the most solid and respected stoppers in the Bundesliga after he had joined Werder Bremen in 1964.

1956 not considered [12/56]

1957 not considered

1958 not considered

1959 not considered

1960 not considered

1961 not considered [07/61]

1961 **broad circle** [12/61] [#4 Center Half]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 **broad circle** [12/62] [#4 Center Half]

1963 **considered** [07/63] [Center Half]

1963 **considered** [12/63] [Half Back]

1964 **considered** [07/64] [Half Back]

1964 **considered** [12/64] [Half Back]

1965 **broad circle** [07/65] [#5 Half Back]

1965 **broad circle** [12/65] [#5 Center Half]

1965 **broad circle** [12/65] [#6 Half Back]

1966 **considered** [07/66] [Central Defender]

1966 **considered** [12/66] [Central Defender]

1967 **considered** [07/67] [Central Defender]

1967 **considered** [12/67] [Central Defender]

1968 **considered** [07/68] [Central Defender]

1968 **considered** [12/68] [Central Defender]

1969 not considered

1970 **considered** [07/70] [Central Defender]

1970 not considered [12/70]

1971 not considered [07/71]



Ulrich STIELIKE

International class: 6 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 1 time

One of Germany's most successful exports during the 1970s and 1980s. Stielike was basically a defensive midfielder who would have loved to play libero for his clubs but only got the chance to play that position in the national team. With Borussia Mönchengladbach and then Real Madrid Stielike won six successive domestic league championships between 1974-75 and 1979-80 which is the record for a German player. Uli Stielike was voted 'best foreign player' in Spain in four successive years (1978 to 1982). Stielike was one of the fiercest players around during his time, very

ambitious and systematic in his approach to the game. With Stielike you always knew that he would give his absolute best in every game. In his early days as a professional, many thought Stielike would one day become a classic playmaker, but that estimation proved to be unrealistic. Instead, he established himself as a highly-talented, hard-running and hard-working defensive midfielder with a penchant for adamant tackling. As a midfielder, Stielike was a destroyer and a creator at the same time, with an emphasis on destroying. Stielike was known for his very hard and precise shot, especially in Spain he scored plenty of goals that way (41 goals in 215 games for Real Madrid). One of the reasons why Stielike was so revered in Spain was because he was so consistent. It looked almost like Stielike could not play badly at all.

1972 not considered [12/72]

1973 not considered

1974 considered [07/74] [Midfielder]

1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#9 Midfielder]

1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#8 Midfielder]

1975 **Internat. Cl.** [12/75] [#5 Midfielder]

1976 **Internat. Cl.** [07/76] [#6 Midfielder]

1976 **Internat. Cl.** [12/76] [#4 Midfielder]

1977 **Internat. Cl.** [07/77] [#5 Midfielder]

1977 played abroad [12/77]

1978 played abroad

1979 played abroad

1980 played abroad

1981 played abroad

1982 **Internat. Cl.** [07/82] [#1 Libero]

1982 played abroad [12/82]

1983 played abroad

1984 **Internat. Cl.** [07/84] [#1 Libero]

1984 played abroad [12/84]

1985 played abroad

1986 played abroad

1987 played abroad

1988 played abroad [07/88]



Lars STINDL

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 3 times

2008 not considered

2009 not considered

2010 not considered

2011 considered [07/11] [Offensive Lateral]

2011 not considered [12/11]

2012 **broad circle** [07/12] [#6 Offensive Lateral]

2012 **broad circle** [12/12] [#14 Offensive Lateral]

2013 not considered [07/13]

2013 considered [12/13] [Defensive Midfielder]

2014 considered [07/14] [Offensive Midfielder]

2014 not considered [12/14]

2015 **Internat. Cl.** [07/15] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

2015 **Internat. Cl.** [12/15] [#4 Forward]

2016 **broad circle** [07/16] [#10 Forward]

2016 **broad circle** [12/16] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]



Georg STOLLENWERK

International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 1 times

Georg Stollenwerk was a very talented all-around utility player in the first few years of his career until he settled at the right back position where he truly found his best role and became one of the best in Germany during his active years. For Germany, Stollenwerk played as right half, inside right, center forward, inside left and of course as right back. In his clubs (first Düren, then Köln), he even was deployed as a goalkeeper if need be. Stollenwerk was a fast player with powerful heading. In 1953, Sepp Herberger wanted the promising player to join Kaiserslautern but Stollenwerk signed for Köln instead, which apparently aggrieved Herberger a little bit. In Köln, Stollenwerk continued to impress with his versatility until he finally settled as a right back by 1956. Herberger stopped ignoring Stollenwerk in 1955 and thus his international career picked up pace again. His peak as a footballer was taking part in the 1958 World Cup where he played as Germany's right back in all six games and was rated as one of Germany's best-performing defenders.

- 1955 **Internat. Cl.** [12/55] [#4 Inside Forward]
- 1956 **broad circle** [07/56] [#5 Center Forward]
- 1956 not considered [12/56]
- 1957 **broad circle** [07/57] [#10 Full Back]
- 1957 **broad circle** [07/57] [#6 Center Half]
- 1957 **broad circle** [12/57] [#3 Full Back]
- 1958 **Internat. Cl.** [1958] [#2 Full Back]
- 1959 **Internat. Cl.** [07/59] [#2 Full Back]
- 1959 **considered** [07/59] [Center Forward]
- 1959 **Internat. Cl.** [12/59] [#3 Full Back]
- 1960 **Internat. Cl.** [1960] [#3 Full Back]
- 1961 **broad circle** [07/61] [#7 Full Back]
- 1961 not considered [12/61]
- 1962 not considered
- 1963 not considered [07/63]



Gerhard STRACK

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 6 times

A huge defender who started as a stopper for Köln and later was 'promoted' to the libero position. In both roles he did fairly well and for a short time was Germany's standard libero (1982-1983). Gerd Strack was a very capable header of the ball and there was never a corner or freekick where he did not advance to the opposing penalty box. His technique was pretty solid for his type of player but in the end not quite good enough for a lasting international career.

- 1974 not considered [12/74]
- 1975 not considered
- 1976 not considered
- 1977 not considered [07/77]

1977 broad circle [12/77] [#5 Stopper]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#6 Stopper]
1978 considered [12/78] [Stopper]
1979 considered [07/79] [Stopper]
1979 considered [12/79] [Stopper]
1980 considered [07/80] [Stopper]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#8 Stopper]
1981 broad circle [07/81] [#5 Stopper]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#3 Libero]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#4 Libero]
1982 Internat. Cl. [12/82] [#1 Libero]
1983 Internat. Cl. [07/83] [#1 Libero]
1983 Internat. Cl. [12/83] [#3 Libero]
1984 considered [07/84] [Libero]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 played abroad [12/85]
1986 played abroad
1987 played abroad [07/87]
1987 considered [12/87] [Libero]
1988 not considered [07/88]



Martin STRANZL

International class: 2 time
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 2 times

1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered
2000 broad circle [07/00] [#13 Defensive Midfielder]
2000 not considered
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 not considered
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#8 Central Defender]
2005 considered [07/05] [Defensive Lateral]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 not considered [07/06]
2006 played abroad [12/06]
2007 played abroad
2008 played abroad
2009 played abroad
2010 played abroad
2011 broad circle [07/11] [#6 Central Defender]
2011 broad circle [12/11] [#5 Central Defender]
2012 broad circle [07/12] [#10 Central Defender]
2012 broad circle [12/12] [#8 Central Defender]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#9 Central Defender]
2013 broad circle [12/13] [#5 Central Defender]
2014 considered [07/14] [Central Defender]
2014 Internat. Cl. [12/14] [#3 Central Defender]
2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#3 Central Defender]
2015 not considered [12/15]
2016 not considered [07/16]



Heinz STREHL

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 5 times

An iconic player for Nürnberg, Heinz Strehl started out as a really goal hungry center forward but later in his career he became a sort of withdrawn no. 9 who was more renowned for his creativity than his goalscoring. During his early years Strehl was regarded as one of the most technically capable center forwards in Germany and soon he made use of his remarkable ball control and passing skills in a more and more withdrawn offensive midfield position. Nominally, Strehl was regarded as one of the two inside forward (central forwards) in the 4-2-4 tactic but de facto he was an offensive midfielder feeding the wingers and the central striker. Strehl was a fairly tall player who scored many goals in the early days with his heading his physical assertiveness. In fact physically Strehl resembled a classic 'tank' center forward. His international career started brightly in 1962 and 1963 but in the long run, there was no way Strehl could have ousted Uwe Seeler and as an offensive midfielder there were other players around (most notably Wolfgang Overath) who were regarded as better fits in that position. Thus Strehl stopped at only four caps (managing four goals) for Germany.

1958 not considered [12/58]

1959 not considered [07/59]

1959 broad circle [12/59] [#3 Center Forward]

1960 broad circle [1960] [#4 Center Forward]

1961 broad circle [07/61] [#2 Center Forward]

1961 broad circle [12/61] [#2 Center Forward]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 Internat. Cl. [12/62] [#2 Center Forward]

1963 broad circle [07/63] [#3 Center Forward]

1963 considered [12/63] [Center Forward]

1964 considered [07/64] [Center Forward]

1964 not considered [12/64]

1965 broad circle [07/65] [#4 Center Forward]

1965 broad circle [12/65] [#4 Center Forward]

1966 considered [07/66] [Central Forward]

1966 considered [12/66] [Central Forward]

1967 considered [07/67] [Central Forward]

1967 Internat. Cl. [12/67] [#3 Midfielder]

1968 broad circle [07/68] [#7 Central Forward]

1968 not considered [12/68]

1969 not considered

1970 not considered [07/70]



Thomas STRUNZ

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 4 times

Thomas Strunz was a technically very sound central midfielder with good offensive skills but predominantly a defensive player who in the mid-1990s also did quite well playing libero for Bayern München when Matthäus was injured. A cross between a ball winner and a buildup player who was very assured on the ball and a good passer. Not exactly a sprinter though. Strunz probably could have made more out of his career based on his capabilities.

1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered
1988 not considered
1989 not considered
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 considered [12/90] [Defensive Midfielder]
1991 not considered
1992 not considered
1993 considered [07/93] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 considered [12/93] [Wide Midfielder]
1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#3 Wide Midfielder]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#5 Wide Midfielder]
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#2 Libero]
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#6 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1997 not considered
1998 not considered [07/98]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#5 Lateral]
1999 considered [07/99] [Lateral]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 not considered
2001 not considered [07/01]



Klaus STÜRMER

Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 3 times

An elegant, technically versed inside right who spent the first half of his career playing for Hamburg and the rest in Switzerland. Klaus Stürmer was an important player in the rise of Uwe Seeler. When Stürmer died in 1971 of cancer, 'kicker' wrote: "Klaus Stürmer was the thinker – Uwe the executor. What Stürmer plotted, Uwe put into action. Seeler anticipated Stürmer's ideas. A harmonious duo in total unison. Rarely did two players complement each other like Klaus and Uwe."

1955 considered [12/55] [#10 Inside Forward]
1956 broad circle [07/56] [#7 Inside Forward]
1956 broad circle [12/56] [#7 Inside Forward]
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#6 Inside Forward]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#9 Inside Forward]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#11 Inside Forward]
1958 considered [1958] [Outside Left]
1959 broad circle [07/59] [#12 Inside Forward]
1959 considered [07/59] [Outside Left]
1959 not considered [12/59]
1960 broad circle [1960] [#8 Inside Forward]
1961 broad circle [07/61] [#5 Inside Forward]
1961 not considered [12/61]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 played abroad [12/62]

1963 played abroad
1964 played abroad
1965 played abroad
1966 played abroad
1967 played abroad
1968 played abroad
1969 played abroad
1970 played abroad [07/70]



Hans STURM

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 10 times

Hans Sturm's favourite position on the pitch was that of left half, but he could also play convincingly as center half or inside left. A technically sound midfielder with good short passing ability who was very valuable for Köln as a very hard-running and enduring ball carrier known for his long-range shooting. Bizarrely, Sturm managed to play in two World Cups (1958 and 1962) despite only playing in three international games altogether.

1955 not considered [12/55]
1956 not considered
1957 broad circle [07/57] [#6 Half Back]
1957 broad circle [12/57] [#10 Center Half]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#7 Half Back]
1958 broad circle [1958] [#7 Inside Forward]
1959 considered [07/59] [Half Back]
1959 considered [12/59] [Half Back]
1960 considered [1960] [Half Back]
1961 considered [07/61] [Half Back]
1961 broad circle [12/61] [#4 Half Back]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Half Back]
1963 Internat. Cl. [07/63] [#3 Half Back]
1963 Internat. Cl. [12/63] [#3 Half Back]
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#6 Half Back]
1964 broad circle [12/64] [#5 Half Back]
1965 not considered
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 considered [12/66] [Midfielder]
1967 not considered [07/67]
1967 considered [12/67] [Midfielder]
1968 considered [07/68] [Midfielder]
1968 not considered [12/68]
1969 not considered
1970 considered [07/70] [Midfielder]
1970 considered [12/70] [Midfielder]
1971 not considered [07/71]



Wilhelm STURM

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 1 time

A valuable teamplayer who spent most of his career as a solid defensive midfielder for Borussia Dortmund.

1961 not considered [12/61]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 broad circle [12/62] [#4 Half Back]

1963 broad circle [07/63] [#5 Half Back]

1963 broad circle [12/63] [#6 Half Back]

1964 broad circle [07/64] [#5 Half Back]

1964 broad circle [12/64] [#4 Half Back]

1965 broad circle [07/65] [#6 Half Back]

1965 considered [12/65] [Half Back]

1966 not considered

1967 not considered

1968 not considered

1969 not considered

1970 not considered

1971 not considered [07/71]



Neven SUBOTIĆ

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 1 time

2007 not considered [12/07]

2008 not considered [07/08]

2008 broad circle [12/08] [#5 Central Defender]

2009 not considered [07/09]

2009 considered [12/09] [Central Defender]

2010 not considered [07/10]

2010 broad circle [12/10] [#2 Central Defender]

2011 broad circle [07/11] [#3 Central Defender]

2011 not considered [12/11]

2012 broad circle [07/12] [#5 Central Defender]

2012 broad circle [12/12] [#4 Central Defender]

2013 Internat. Cl. [07/13] [#3 Central Defender]

2013 broad circle [12/13] [#7 Central Defender]

2014 not considered

2015 broad circle [07/15] [#6 Central Defender]

2015 not considered [12/15]

2016 not considered



Alain SUTTER

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 1 time

1993 played abroad [07/93]

1993 not considered [12/93]

1994 Internat. Cl. [07/94] [#6 Forward]

1994 not considered [12/94]

1995 not considered [07/95]

1995 considered [12/95] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1996 not considered [07/96]

1996 broad circle [12/96] [#11 Central Offensive Midfielder]

1997 not considered [07/97]

1997 played abroad [12/97]



Ádám SZALAI

International class: 1 time

2010 played abroad [07/10]

2010 not considered [12/10]

2011 not considered

2012 not considered

2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#12 Forward]

2013 not considered

2014 not considered

2015 not considered

2016 not considered



Horst SZYMANIAK

World class: 7 times

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 1 time

Horst Szymaniak was a technically outstanding left half who was very good at precise long passes but at the same time was a specialist tackler (his tackling was known as 'Schimmi tackle'), impressing with his stamina and commitment. At a time when most players were either offensive or defensive specialists, Szymaniak was considered a complete midfielder because he was a specialist for both offense and defense. Ever since his debut for Germany in November 1956 aged 22, Szymaniak was a starter for the national team. Astonishingly, when Szymaniak left Germany in 1961 to play in Italy, Sepp Herberger didn't drop him from the national team but continued to call him up, such was Herberger's esteem of Szymaniak.

1955 not considered [12/55]

1956 broad circle [07/56] [#8 Half Back]

1956 Internat. Cl. [12/56] [#1 Half Back]

1957 World Class [07/57] [#1 Half Back]

1957 World Class [12/57] [#1 Half Back]

1958 World Class [1958] [#1 Half Back]

1959 World Class [07/59] [#1 Half Back]

1959 World Class [12/57] [#1 Half Back]

1960 World Class [1960] [#1 Half Back]

1961 World Class [07/61] [#1 Half Back]

1961 played abroad [12/61]

1962 played abroad

1963 played abroad

1964 played abroad

1965 played abroad [07/65]

1965 Internat. Cl. [12/65] [#1 Half Back]

1966 not considered [07/66]

1966 played abroad [12/66]

1967 played abroad [07/67]



Jonathan TAH

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

2013 not considered [12/13]

2014 not considered

2015 not considered [07/15]

2015 broad circle [12/15] [#6 Central Defender]

2016 broad circle [07/16] [#7 Central Defender]

2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#2 Central Defender]



Franz-Josef TENHAGEN

Broad circle: 10 times

Considered: 9 times

Throughout his professional career, Jupp Tenhagen switched between midfield, stopper and libero. Nicknamed 'the soul of VfL Bochum', he was briefly among the candidates to replace Franz Beckenbauer in 1977-78 as libero for Germany. But in the long run, it was unlikely for a player so associated with an always struggling 'grey mouse' club like Bochum to enjoy a respectable international career. A very valuable player in all positions he was used in, technically gifted, aplomb and charismatic, Tenhagen was part of the Bundesliga's inventory for 15 straight seasons. In 1981 Tenhagen was sold to Borussia Dortmund for 1 million marks, which saved Bochum from enforced relegation due to severe financial problems.

1971 not considered [12/71]

1972 not considered [07/72]

1972 considered [12/72] [Midfielder]

1973 considered [07/73] [Midfielder]

1973 considered [12/73] [Midfielder]

1974 not considered [07/74]

1974 considered [12/74] [Midfielder]

1975 broad circle [07/75] [#6 Stopper]

1975 broad circle [12/75] [#2 Stopper]

1976 broad circle [07/76] [#9 Midfielder]

1976 broad circle [12/76] [#15 Midfielder]

1977 broad circle [07/77] [#12 Midfielder]

1977 broad circle [12/77] [#2 Libero]

1978 broad circle [07/78] [#5 Libero]

1978 considered [12/78] [Libero]

1979 considered [07/79] [Midfielder]

1979 broad circle [12/79] [#5 Libero]

1980 broad circle [07/80] [#12 Midfielder]

1980 not considered [12/80]

1981 broad circle [07/81] [#13 Midfielder]

1981 not considered [12/81]

1982 not considered [07/82]

1982 considered [12/82] [Defensive Midfielder]

1983 not considered

1984 not considered [07/84]

1984 considered [12/84] [Libero]

1985 not considered [07/85]

1985 considered [12/85] [Defensive Midfielder]

1986 not considered

1987 not considered

1988 not considered [07/88]



Marc-André TER STEGEN

International class: 7 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 1 time

2009 played abroad [12/09]

2010 not considered

2011 not considered [07/11]

2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#4 Goalkeeper]

2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2012 considered [12/12] [Goalkeeper]

2013 broad circle [07/13] [#12 Goalkeeper]

2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#3 Goalkeeper]

2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#5 Goalkeeper]

2014 not considered [12/14]

2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#1 German abroad]

2015 broad circle [12/15] [#3 German abroad]

2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#3 German abroad]

2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#2 German abroad]



THIAGO Alcântara do Nascimento

International class: 2 times

Broad circle : 2 times

Considered: 1 time

2013 played abroad [07/13]

2013 not considered [12/13]

2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

2014 not considered [12/14]

2015 broad circle [07/15] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]

2015 broad circle [12/15] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]

2016 considered [07/16] [Offensive Midfielder]

2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]



Karl-Heinz THIELEN

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 6 times

A dynamic and very fast outside right with a very hard shot, Thielen spent the second half of his career as an attacking right back, always playing for Köln. A very intelligent player, his 24 goals scored in Oberliga West 1961-62 played a big part in Köln winning the 1962 championship. In December 1963, Thielen became the first player ever to score five goals in one single Bundesliga game (against Kaiserslautern, 5-1 to Köln).

1959 not considered [12/59]

1960 not considered

1961 considered [07/61] [Outside Right]

1961 **broad circle** [12/61] [#3 Outside Right]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 **broad circle** [12/62] [#2 Outside Right]

1963 **broad circle** [07/63] [#1 Outside Right]

1963 **broad circle** [12/63] [#3 Outside Right]

1964 **broad circle** [07/64] [#2 Outside Right]

1964 **broad circle** [12/64] [#4 Outside Right]

1965 **broad circle** [07/65] [#4 Outside Right]

1965 **broad circle** [12/65] [#6 Outside Right]

1966 considered [07/66] [Outside Right]

1966 not considered [12/66]

1967 not considered

1968 not considered [07/68]

1968 considered [12/68] [Full Back]

1969 not considered

1970 considered [07/70] [Full Back]

1970 considered [12/70] [Full Back]

1971 considered [07/71] [Full Back]

1971 not considered [12/71]

1972 not considered

1973 not considered

1974 not considered [07/74]



Andreas THOM

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 5 times

A small, nimble, tricky dribbler with sound technique and a pull towards the goal, Andreas Thom was a cross between a support striker and an offensive midfielder. One of the very first stars of East Germany to move to West Germany in 1989-90, Thom was arguably the biggest name of all East German players in the late-80s and was thus expected to have quite an impact in the West, both for club but also for the unified German national team but he could not fulfill these great expectations.

1985 not considered [East G.]

1986 not considered [East G.]
1987 not considered [East G.]
1988 not considered [East G.]
1989 not considered [East G.] [12/89]
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#10 Forward]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#11 Forward]
1991 not considered [07/91]
1991 considered [12/91] [Forward]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#10 Forward]
1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#3 Forward]
1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#3 Forward]
1993 considered [12/93] [Forward]
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#6 German abroad]
1996 considered [07/96] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#6 German abroad]
1997 considered [07/97] [Wide Midfielder]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 not considered [07/98]
1998 considered [12/98] [Lateral]
1999 not considered
2000 not considered
2001 not considered [07/01]



Olaf THON

World class: 2 times
 International class: 8 times
 Broad circle: 12 times
 Considered: 4 times

A fairly small, technically brilliant dribbler with an eye for the goal, very adept at quick little turns in tight spaces, which made him very dangerous around the box and although he was quite small, he was pretty good at heading. A gifted offensive midfielder who wrongfully was seen by many as a playmaker, which he wasn't. It is generally hard to classify Thon's position during his early years: Not a real center forward but also not a real midfielder, more a cross between both types. He suffered a little from the outstanding start of his professional career in 1983-84 aged 17 playing for FC Schalke 04 in the second Division. He was an outright starter in his first season scoring 14 goals and was the main protagonist in the greatest ever German Cup game, the legendary 6-6 of FC Schalke 04 vs. Bayern München in the 1983-84 Cup semi final, where he scored three of Schalke's six goals, most importantly the 6-6 equalizer in the very last minute of extra-time. The fans and the media expected the greatest things of this 17 year old prodigy, which certainly was a big burden for the youngster. In the end, Thon managed a high-class professional career which lasted 19 years, but he would not be able to repeat the buzz he created at the age of 17. He did not become a global superstar as many had expected and after a few years was considered by many to be an unfinished talent. Thon joined Bayern München in 1988 and was reskilled as a creative, offensive Libero in late-1992. He did quite well in that unexpected role due to his splendid positioning, his skills at distributing and his solid heading ability.

1983 considered [12/83] [Central Forward]
1984 considered [07/84] [Central Forward]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#5 Central Forward]
1985 broad circle [12/85] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1987 Internat. Cl. [07/87] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1987 Internat. Cl. [12/87] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1988 Internat. Cl. [12/88] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]

1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 not considered
1992 not considered [07/92]
1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#2 Libero]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#3 Libero]
1993 not considered [12/93]
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#5 Libero]
1995 considered [07/95] [Libero]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#6 Libero]
1996 broad circle [07/96] [#3 Libero]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#3 Libero]
1997 World Class [07/97] [#1 Libero]
1997 World Class [12/97] [#1 Libero]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#1 Libero]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 Internat. Cl. [12/99] [#2 Libero]
2000 considered [07/00] [Libero]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered
2002 not considered [07/02]



Hans TILKOWSKI

World class: 6 times
 International class: 11 times
 Broad circle: 1 time
 Considered: 2 times

Hans Tilkowski is regarded by many to be the greatest German goalkeeper in the years between Heiner Stuhlfauth (around 1930) and Sepp Maier (around 1970). Nicknamed 'black Hans' because of his black outfit, he was renowned for his excellent positioning, lightning fast reflexes and good technical skills with his feet as well as his calming presence. He joined Westfalia Herne in 1955 aged 20 and immediately became their standard goalkeeper. 18 months later he played his first international game for Germany and after the 1958 World Cup, Tilkowski became the number one goalkeeper under Sepp Herberger. His international breakthrough season was 1958-59 due to his impressive record keeping the goal of Herne, when he only conceded 23 goals in 30 games, which was unheard of in those days. It came as a total shock to Tilkowski and anybody else when Sepp Herberger decided to make the young, unproven Wolfgang Fahrian the no. 1 goalkeeper of Germany for the 1962 World Cup in Chile. According to legend, the otherwise so prudent Tilkowski smashed the interior of his hotel chamber in a rage of anger. Apparently Sepp Herberger did not approve of that and for the next two years, Tilkowski and the German national team were strangers. In 1964, shortly before Herberger retired, the two made up again and Tilkowski returned to play in the German goal. During these years, Tilkowski was considered to be a goalkeeper sans-pareil in Germany. He was duly voted "German Footballer of the Year" in 1965, the first time this honour was bestowed upon a goalkeeper.

1955 not considered [12/55]
1956 not considered [07/56]
1956 broad circle [12/56] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1957 Internat. Cl. [07/57] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1957 Internat. Cl. [12/57] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1958 Internat. Cl. [1958] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1959 Internat. Cl. [07/59] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1959 World Class [12/59] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1960 World Class [1960] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1961 Internat. Cl. [07/61] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1961 Internat. Cl. [12/61] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 Internat. Cl. [12/62] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1963 Internat. Cl. [07/63] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1963 Internat. Cl. [12/63] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1964 Internat. Cl. [07/64] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1964 World Class [12/64] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1965 World Class [07/65] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1965 World Class [12/65] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1966 World Class [07/66] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1966 not considered [12/66]
1967 Internat. Cl. [07/67] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 considered [07/68] [Goalkeeper]
1968 considered [12/68] [Goalkeeper]
1969 not considered [07/69]



TITA Milton Queiroz da Paixão

International class: 1 time

1987 played abroad [07/87]
1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 Internat. Cl. [07/88] [#4 Foreign player]
1988 played abroad [12/88]



Stig TØFTING

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 3 times

1993 played abroad [07/93]
1993 not considered [12/93]
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 played abroad [12/95]
1996 played abroad
1996 played abroad [07/97]
1997 not considered [12/97]
1998 broad circle [07/98] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 Internat. Cl. [07/99] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]
1999 considered [12/99] [Offensive Midfielder]
2000 not considered [07/00]
2000 considered [12/00] [Defensive Midfielder]
2001 not considered [07/01]
2001 considered [12/01] [Defensive Midfielder]

2002 not considered [07/02]

2002 played abroad [12/02]



Luca TONI

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 1 time

2007 played abroad [07/07]

2007 **Internat. Cl.** [12/07] [#1 Forward]

2008 **Internat. Cl.** [07/08] [#1 Forward]

2008 **Internat. Cl.** [12/08] [#7 Forward]

2009 **broad circle** [07/09] [#9 Forward]

2009 played abroad [12/09]



Klaus TOPPMÖLLER

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 3 times

A player with two frequent roles in his club Kaiserslautern: that of a classic 'tank'-like center forward who scored many goals with his head, and that of a central defensive midfielder. Toppmöller's skill on the ground was useful but overall pedestrian, in midfield he functioned predominantly as an industrious ball winner and buffer due to his physique, with less duties in buildup. What is remarkable about Toppmöller is that he managed to keep his goalscoring record intact even over the long spells when he was playing as a defensive midfielder.

1970 not considered [12/70]

1971 not considered

1972 **considered** [07/72] [Central Forward]

1972 not considered [12/72]

1973 not considered [07/73]

1973 **considered** [12/73] [Midfielder]

1974 **broad circle** [07/74] [#8 Midfielder]

1974 not considered [12/74]

1975 not considered [07/75]

1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#4 Central Forward]

1976 **broad circle** [07/76] [#4 Central Forward]

1976 not considered [12/76]

1977 **considered** [07/77] [Central Forward]

1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#12 Midfielder]

1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#15 Midfielder]

1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#4 Central Forward]

1978 **broad circle** [12/78] [#2 Central Forward]

1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#4 Central Forward]

1979 not considered [12/79]

1980 not considered [07/80]

1980 played abroad [12/80]

1981 played abroad [07/81]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 not considered
1985 not considered
1986 not considered
1987 not considered [07/87]



Ömer TOPRAK

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 1 time

2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 broad circle [12/12] [#7 Central Defender]
2013 broad circle [07/13] [#8 Central Defender]
2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#4 Central Defender]
2014 broad circle [07/14] [#3 Central Defender]
2014 broad circle [12/14] [#6 Central Defender]
2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#4 Central Defender]
2015 not considered [12/15]
2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#5 Central Defender]
2016 considered [12/16] [Central Defender]

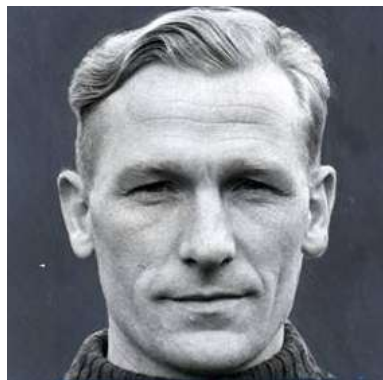


Kevin TRAPP

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 1 time

2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 broad circle [07/11] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2011 considered [12/11] [Goalkeeper]
2012 not considered [07/12]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2013 Internat. Cl. [07/13] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2013 broad circle [12/13] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2014 broad circle [07/14] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2014 not considered [12/14]

2015 broad circle [07/15] [#8 Goalkeeper]
2015 broad circle [12/15] [#2 German abroad]
2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#3 German abroad]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Bernhard TRAUTMANN

International class: 1 time

1955 played abroad [12/55]
1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1956 played abroad [12/56]
1957 played abroad
1958 played abroad
1959 played abroad
1960 played abroad
1961 played abroad
1962 played abroad
1963 played abroad
1964 played abroad [07/64]



Horst TRIMHOLD

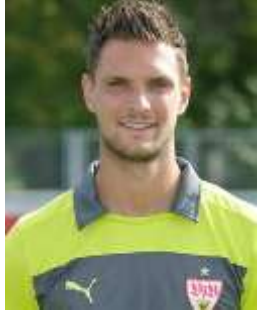
Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 9 times

Horst Trimhold began his career aged 18 in 1959 playing for SW Essen in the outside right position, in later years he moved to the inside right position. Playing for Frankfurt most of the 1960s, Trimhold's talent as an offensive midfielder unfolded under the tutelage of manager Elek Schwartz. The last six years of his professional career he spent playing for Borussia Dortmund. Trimhold was known for his thriftiness, hence his nickname 'the Scot'.

1959 considered [12/59] [Outside Right]
1960 considered [1960] [Outside Right]
1961 considered [07/61] [Outside Right]
1961 broad circle [12/61] [#4 Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#3 Inside Forward]
1963 considered [07/63] [Inside Forward]
1963 considered [12/63] [Inside Forward]
1964 broad circle [07/64] [#8 Inside Forward]
1964 broad circle [12/64] [#8 Inside Forward]
1965 considered [07/65] [#18 Inside Forward]
1965 considered [12/65] [Half Back]
1966 considered [07/66] [Midfielder]
1966 considered [12/66] [Midfielder]

1967 not considered
1968 not considered
1969 not considered
1970 not considered
1971 not considered
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered
1977 not considered
1978 not considered [07/78]



Sven ULREICH

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 1 time

2008 not considered [12/08]
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 **considered** [07/11] [Goalkeeper]
2011 **Internat. Cl.** [12/11] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2012 **broad circle** [07/12] [#8 Goalkeeper]
2012 **broad circle** [12/12] [#9 Goalkeeper]
2013 **broad circle** [07/13] [#11 Goalkeeper]
2013 **broad circle** [12/13] [#9 Goalkeeper]
2014 **broad circle** [07/14] [#8 Goalkeeper]
2014 not considered [12/14]
2015 not considered
2016 not considered



Lothar ULSASS

International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 7 times

Lothar Ulsass is an iconic player for Eintracht Braunschweig, the player most associated with their shocking 1967 German championship. An outstanding footballer who most liked to play as a withdrawn center forward so that he could make use of his playmaker qualities but still was close enough to the box to score himself. Ulsass was unlucky that players like Günter Netzer and Wolfgang Overath stood in his way of more international recognition thus he ended up with only ten international games in which he scored eight goals. His career in Germany ended abruptly in 1971 due to his involvement in the Bundesliga scandal. He left Germany to play in Austria for the remainder of his career.

1960 not considered
1961 not considered [07/61]
1961 considered [12/61] [Inside Forward]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 considered [12/62] [Inside Forward]
1963 considered [07/63] [Inside Forward]
1963 considered [12/63] [Inside Forward]
1964 considered [07/64] [Half Back]
1964 considered [12/64] [Inside Forward]
1965 broad circle [07/65] [#11 Inside Forward]
1965 Internat. Cl. [12/65] [#2 Inside Forward]
1966 broad circle [07/66] [#5 Central Forward]
1966 broad circle [12/66] [#4 Central Forward]
1967 Internat. Cl. [07/67] [#3 Central Forward]
1967 Internat. Cl. [12/67] [#4 Central Forward]
1968 broad circle [07/68] [#8 Central Forward]
1968 Internat. Cl. [12/68] [#4 Central Forward]
1968 Internat. Cl. [12/68] [#5 Midfielder]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#10 Midfielder]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#4 Central Forward]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Forward]
1970 not considered [07/70]
1970 broad circle [12/70] [#10 Midfielder]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#7 Midfielder]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 played abroad [12/72]
1973 played abroad
1974 played abroad [07/74]



Mark VAN BOMMEL

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 3 times

2006 played abroad [07/06]
2006 broad circle [12/06] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
2007 broad circle [07/07] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]
2007 considered [12/07] [Defensive Midfielder]
2008 Internat. Cl. [07/08] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
2008 considered [12/08] [Defensive Midfielder]
2009 considered [07/09] [Defensive Midfielder]
2009 broad circle [12/09] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]
2010 Internat. Cl. [07/10] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]
2010 not considered [12/10]
2011 not considered [07/11]
2011 played abroad [12/11]



Daniel VAN BUYTEN

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 4 times

2004 played abroad [07/04]

2004 broad circle [12/04] [#7 Central Defender]

2005 broad circle [07/05] [#7 Central Defender]

2005 Internat. Cl. [12/05] [#2 Central Defender]

2006 not considered [07/06]

2006 broad circle [12/06] [#5 Central Defender]

2007 not considered

2008 broad circle [07/08] [#5 Central Defender]

2008 not considered [12/08]

2009 not considered [07/09]

2009 Internat. Cl. [12/09] [#2 Central Defender]

2010 broad circle [07/10] [#7 Central Defender]

2010 not considered [12/10]

2011 not considered [07/11]

2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#3 Central Defender]

2012 not considered

2013 Internat. Cl. [07/13] [#4 Central Defender]

2013 not considered [12/13]

2014 not considered [07/14]



Rafael VAN DER VAART

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 2 times

2005 played abroad [07/05]

2005 Internat. Cl. [12/05] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2006 not considered

2007 Internat. Cl. [07/07] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

2007 Internat. Cl. [12/07] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2008 broad circle [07/08] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

2008 played abroad [12/08]

2009 played abroad

2010 played abroad

2011 played abroad

2012 played abroad [07/12]

2012 considered [12/12] [Offensive Midfielder]

2013 considered [07/13] [Offensive Midfielder]

2013 broad circle [12/13] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]

2014 not considered

2015 not considered [07/15]

2015 played abroad [12/15]



Rein VAN DUIJNHOFEN

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 1 time

1999 played abroad [07/99]

1999 not considered [12/99]

2000 not considered [07/00]

2000 **broad circle** [12/00] [#4 Goalkeeper]

2001 **considered** [07/01] [Goalkeeper]

2001 not considered [12/01]

2002 not considered [07/02]

2002 **broad circle** [12/02] [#6 Goalkeeper]

2003 **Internat. Cl.** [07/03] [#3 Goalkeeper]

2003 **broad circle** [12/03] [#6 Goalkeeper]

2004 **Internat. Cl.** [07/04] [#2 Goalkeeper]

2004 **broad circle** [12/04] [#9 Goalkeeper]

2005 not considered

2006 not considered [07/06]



Zoltan VARGA

International class: 2 times

Considered: 4 times

The Hungarian was a very gifted midfielder with qualities as a playmaker. What seriously hampered his career was a three-year suspension after fleeing Hungary in 1968, in the beginning of that suspension he was even forbidden to train like a professional to keep fit. When he finally got back on the pitch (playing for Hertha BSC in 1970), he got himself involved in the 1971 Bundesliga scandal.

1969 played abroad [07/69]

1969 not assessed [12/69]

1970 not assessed [07/70]

1970 **Internat. Cl.** [12/70] [#2 Foreign player]

1971 **Internat. Cl.** [07/71] [#1 Foreign player]

1971 **considered** [12/71] [Foreign Player]

1972 not considered [07/72]

1972 played abroad [12/72]

1973 played abroad

1974 played abroad [07/74]

1974 **considered** [12/74] [Foreign Player]

1975 **considered** [07/75] [Foreign Player]

1975 **considered** [12/75] [Foreign Player]

1976 not considered

1977 not considered [07/77]



Frank VERLAAT

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 1 time

1995 played abroad [07/95]

1995 broad circle [12/95] [#4 Libero]

1996 not considered [07/96]

1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#1 Libero]

1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#2 Libero]

1997 Internat. Cl. [12/97] [#2 Libero]

1998 broad circle [07/98] [#8 Libero]

1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#3 Libero]

1999 broad circle [07/99] [#5 Libero]

1999 played abroad [12/99]

2000 played abroad [07/00]

2000 not considered [12/00]

2001 considered [07/01] [Libero]

2001 broad circle [12/01] [#9 Central Defender]

2002 not considered [07/02]

2002 broad circle [12/02] [#2 Central Defender]

2003 not considered [07/03]

2003 played abroad [12/03]



Arturo VIDAL

World class: 1 time

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 3 times

2007 played abroad [07/07]

2007 broad circle [12/07] [#9 Defensive Midfielder]

2008 not considered

2009 not considered

2010 broad circle [07/10] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]

2010 Internat. Cl. [12/10] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

2011 Internat. Cl. [07/11] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

2011 played abroad [12/11]

2015 played abroad [07/15]

2015 broad circle [12/15] [#10 Offensive Midfielder]

2016 World Class [07/16] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]



Robert VITTEK

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time

- 2003 played abroad [07/03]
- 2003 not considered [12/03]
- 2004 not considered [07/04]
- 2004 **broad circle** [12/04] [#16 Forward]
- 2005 not considered
- 2006 **Internat. Cl.** [07/06] [#2 Forward]
- 2006 not considered [12/06]
- 2007 not considered
- 2008 not considered [07/08]
- 2008 played abroad [12/08]



Hans-Hubert VOGTS

World class: 11 times
International class: 12 times
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 2 times

Berti Vogts is remembered as a legendary right back who remained one of the best players in that position for roughly ten years despite his basic football equipment having been comparably limited. Vogts, who had lost both parents at the age of 12, found a father figure in Mönchengladbach’s manager Hennes Weisweiler. He is mostly known for having been a relentless, uncompromising marker who got his teeth into his opponent hence his nickname ‘Terrier’. Because of this outstanding quality as a marker, Vogts was often withdrawn from the right back position and deployed as a man-marker who would follow his opponent regardless of the zone. At the same time, Berti Vogts was a passionate instigator of his team’s offensive endeavours, very strong-willed and very unlikely ever to give up on his cause. When his team was in possession, Vogts was known to join the offense with a vengeance. In his first five Bundesliga seasons, Berti Vogts was one of the more dangerous full backs when going forward, scoring 21 goals in 170 Bundesliga games.

- 1965 considered [12/65] [Full Back]
- 1966 considered [07/66] [Full Back]
- 1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#4 Full Back]
- 1967 **Internat. Cl.** [07/67] [#3 Full Back]
- 1967 **Internat. Cl.** [12/67] [#3 Full Back]
- 1968 **Internat. Cl.** [07/68] [#2 Full Back]
- 1968 **World Class** [12/68] [#1 Full Back]
- 1969 **World Class** [07/69] [#1 Full Back]
- 1969 **Internat. Cl.** [07/69] [#3 Central Defender]
- 1969 **World Class** [12/69] [#1 Full Back]
- 1970 **World Class** [07/70] [#1 Full Back]
- 1970 **World Class** [12/70] [#1 Full Back]
- 1971 **World Class** [07/71] [#1 Full Back]
- 1971 **Internat. Cl.** [12/71] [#1 Full Back]
- 1972 not considered [07/72]

1972 Internat. Cl. [12/72] [#2 Full Back]
1973 Internat. Cl. [07/73] [#2 Full Back]
1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#3 Full Back]
1974 World Class [07/74] [#2 Full Back]
1974 World Class [12/74] [#1 Full Back]
1975 World Class [07/75] [#1 Full Back]
1975 World Class [12/75] [#1 Full Back]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#1 Full Back]
1976 World Class [12/76] [#1 Full Back]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#2 Full Back]
1977 Internat. Cl. [12/77] [#2 Full Back]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#3 Full Back]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#2 Libero]



Georg VOLKERT

International class: 5 times
 Broad circle: 14 times
 Considered: 7 times

Georg 'Schorsch' Volkert was a first-rate outside left who wasn't a wizard of dribble, but a straightforward sprinter who would swing in his precise crosses with aplomb and who was known as a capable goal scorer himself especially during the last five seasons of his career, which spanned 16 years in topflight (including two years in Switzerland). Capped 12 times (2 goals) between 1968 and 1977, Volkert was for many years hotly tipped as the 'great new hope' for the left wing position in the national team, but eventually it did not pan out that way.

1965 not considered [12/65]
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 considered [12/66] [Outside Left]
1967 considered [07/67] [Outside Left]
1967 broad circle [12/67] [#3 Outside Left]
1968 Internat. Cl. [07/68] [#1 Outside Left]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#3 Outside Left]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#5 Outside Left]
1969 played abroad [12/69]
1970 played abroad
1971 played abroad [07/71]
1971 broad circle [12/71] [#3 Outside Left]
1972 considered [07/72] [Outside Left]
1972 broad circle [12/72] [#3 Outside Left]
1973 considered [07/73] [Outside Left]
1973 considered [12/73] [Outside Left]
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#5 Outside Left]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#2 Outside Left]
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#2 Outside Left]
1975 broad circle [12/75] [#4 Outside Left]
1976 broad circle [07/76] [#4 Outside Left]
1976 considered [12/76] [Outside Left]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#1 Outside Left]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#2 Outside Left]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#4 Outside Left]
1978 Internat. Cl. [12/78] [#1 Outside Left]
1979 Internat. Cl. [07/79] [#1 Outside Left]
1979 Internat. Cl. [12/79] [#1 Outside Left]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#4 Outside Left]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#5 Outside Left]
1981 considered [07/81] [Outside Left]



Werner VOLLACK

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 15 times

Playing for Bayer 05 Uerdingen during their most successful years (1980s), Werner Volland was an agile goalkeeper, not very tall, whose strengths were on the goalline.

1974 not considered [12/74]

1975 not considered

1976 not considered [07/76]

1976 considered [12/76] [Goalkeeper]

1977 not considered

1978 not considered [07/78]

1978 considered [12/78] [Goalkeeper]

1979 not considered

1980 considered [07/80] [Goalkeeper]

1980 considered [12/80] [Goalkeeper]

1981 considered [07/81] [Goalkeeper]

1981 considered [12/81] [Goalkeeper]

1982 considered [07/82] [Goalkeeper]

1982 considered [12/82] [Goalkeeper]

1983 considered [07/83] [Goalkeeper]

1983 broad circle [12/83] [#5 Goalkeeper]

1984 broad circle [07/84] [#8 Goalkeeper]

1984 considered [12/84] [Goalkeeper]

1985 considered [07/85] [Goalkeeper]

1985 not considered [12/85]

1986 Internat. Cl. [07/86] [#3 Goalkeeper]

1986 broad circle [12/86] [#11 Goalkeeper]

1987 considered [07/87] [Goalkeeper]

1987 considered [12/87] [Goalkeeper]

1988 considered [07/88] [Goalkeeper]

1988 considered [12/88] [Goalkeeper]

1989 not considered

1990 not considered [07/90]



Kevin VOLLAND

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 3 times

2010 not considered [12/10]

2011 not considered

2012 not considered [07/12]

2012 considered [12/12] [Offensive Midfielder]

2013 considered [07/13] [Forward]
2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#6 Offensive Lateral]
2014 broad circle [07/14] [#8 Offensive Lateral]
2014 broad circle [12/14] [#8 Offensive Lateral]
2015 broad circle [07/15] [#9 Offensive Lateral]
2015 considered [12/15] [Forward]
2016 broad circle [07/16] [#8 Offensive Lateral]
2016 not considered [12/16]



Rüdiger VOLLBORN

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 11 times

Considered: 11 times

The long-running goalkeeper of Bayer 04 Leverkusen was of rather small stature for his position which he compensated for with his extraordinary jumping power.

1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered
1983 considered [07/83]
1983 considered [12/83] [Goalkeeper]
1984 considered [07/84] [Goalkeeper]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 considered [07/85] [Goalkeeper]
1985 considered [12/85] [Goalkeeper]
1986 considered [07/86] [Goalkeeper]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#12 Goalkeeper]
1987 considered [07/87] [Goalkeeper]
1987 considered [12/87] [Goalkeeper]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1988 broad circle [12/88] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#10 Goalkeeper]
1991 considered [07/91] [Goalkeeper]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1993 considered [12/93] [Goalkeeper]
1994 considered [07/94] [Goalkeeper]
1994 broad circle [12/94] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1995 not considered
1996 not considered
1997 not considered
1998 not considered [07/98]



Rudolf VÖLLER

World class: 4 times

International class: 16 times

Broad circle: 4 times

Considered: 5 times

A streetwise forward who was tipped by many already in his youngest days to become an international player one day. Contrary to most talents who were predicted to become great stars, Rudi Völler during his peak years actually was rated as one of the world's best forwards. Völler began as a fast right-footed left winger for Offenbach whose aim already in those days was getting inside the box, by the early-1980s he had evolved into a technically very sound and extremely dangerous second forward in a 3-5-2 system. Very good ball control and an unerring instinct for scoring goals, Völler was a quick thinker with very short reaction time and was a clinical finisher inside the box. His breakthrough season was 1981-82 when he scored 37 goals for TSV 1860 München in 37 games in the second Division and already in the following season, now playing for Werder Bremen in the Bundesliga, he became top scorer and 'German Footballer of the Year', a meteoric rise. Völler left Bremen in 1987 to play for AS Roma where he struggled immensely in his first year, only scoring three times in 21 games. But in the following years he overcame these difficulties and became one of Roma's most celebrated players.

1977 not considered [12/77]

1978 not considered

1979 considered [07/79] [Outside Left]

1979 considered [12/79] [Outside Left]

1980 considered [07/80] [Outside Left]

1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#2 Outside Left]

1981 considered [07/81] [Outside Left]

1981 not considered [12/81]

1982 considered [07/82] [Outside Left]

1982 **Internat. Cl.** [12/82] [#2 Central Forward]

1983 **Internat. Cl.** [07/83] [#1 Central Forward]

1983 **Internat. Cl.** [12/83] [#1 Central Forward]

1984 **Internat. Cl.** [07/84] [#1 Central Forward]

1984 **Internat. Cl.** [12/84] [#2 Central Forward]

1985 **World Class** [07/85] [#1 Central Forward]

1985 **Internat. Cl.** [12/85] [#1 Central Forward]

1986 **Internat. Cl.** [07/86] [#2 Forward]

1986 **Internat. Cl.** [12/86] [#3 Forward]

1987 **Internat. Cl.** [07/87] [#2 Forward]

1987 played abroad [12/87]

1988 **broad circle** [07/88] [#4 Forward]

1988 played abroad [12/88]

1989 played abroad

1990 **World Class** [07/90] [#1 Forward]

1990 **World Class** [12/90] [#3 German abroad]

1991 **World Class** [07/91] [#2 German abroad]

1991 **Internat. Cl.** [12/91] [#8 German abroad]

1992 **Internat. Cl.** [07/92] [#5 Forward]

1992 **Internat. Cl.** [12/92] [#8 German abroad]

1993 **Internat. Cl.** [07/93] [#7 German abroad]

1993 not considered [12/93]

1994 **Internat. Cl.** [07/94] [#8 German abroad]

1994 **broad circle** [12/94] [#8 Forward]

1995 **Internat. Cl.** [07/95] [#1 Forward]

1995 **Internat. Cl.** [12/95] [#4 Forward]

1996 **broad circle** [07/96] [#11 Forward]



Heinz VOLLMAR

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 11 times

Considered: 5 times

An outside left with many tricks who also was known as a regular goalscorer.

1955 not considered [12/55]

1956 **Internat. Cl.** [07/56] [#1 Outside Left]

1956 **broad circle** [12/56] [#1 Outside Left]

1957 **broad circle** [07/57] [#1 Outside Left]

1957 **broad circle** [12/57] [#1 Outside Left]

1958 not considered [1958]

1959 **broad circle** [07/59] [#4 Outside Right]

1959 **broad circle** [07/59] [#3 Outside Left]

1959 **broad circle** [12/59] [#4 Outside Left]

1960 **broad circle** [1960] [#1 Outside Right]

1960 **broad circle** [1960] [#2 Outside Left]

1961 **broad circle** [07/61] [#4 Outside Right]

1961 **broad circle** [07/61] [#3 Outside Left]

1961 **considered** [07/61] [Center Forward]

1961 **broad circle** [12/61] [#3 Outside Left]

1961 **considered** [12/61] [Center Forward]

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 **considered** [12/62] [Outside Right]

1963 **considered** [07/63] [Outside Right]

1963 not considered [12/63]

1964 not considered [07/64]

1964 **considered** [12/64] [Outside Left]

1965 not considered [07/65]



Thomas VON HEESEN

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 10 times

A lightfooted, technically very good midfielder who became Felix Magath's successor as playmaker for Hamburg. With his good footwork he was able to free himself in tight situations, was a neat passer and freekick taker and a passable scorer of goals. Interestingly he was never once capped by Germany, probably because he lacked the absolute will and rigor to be an all-dominating boss in midfield.

1980 not considered [12/80]

1981 not considered

1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#12 Midfielder]

1982 **considered** [12/82] [Offensive Midfielder]

1983 not considered

1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 broad circle [12/84] [#5 Central Forward]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1985 considered [12/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
1986 not considered [07/86]
1986 Internat. Cl. [12/86] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [12/87] [Offensive Midfielder]
1988 considered [07/88] [Offensive Midfielder]
1988 Internat. Cl. [12/88] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 Internat. Cl. [07/89] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
1989 Internat. Cl. [12/89] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1990 considered [07/90] [Offensive Midfielder]
1990 considered [12/90] [Offensive Midfielder]
1991 not considered [07/91]
1991 considered [12/91] [Offensive Midfielder]
1992 not considered [07/92]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#6 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#12 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#4 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 considered [07/94] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 considered [12/95] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 considered [07/96] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 not considered [07/97]



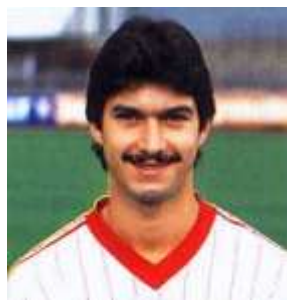
Miroslav VOTAVA

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 9 times
 Considered: 17 times

One of the longest-serving professionals with 20 consecutive seasons in topflight (17 in the Bundesliga, three in Spain's Primera Division). His great consistency as a professional is documented by the fact that he played at least 30 games in 18 of these 20 seasons (only in his first 1976-77 and his last 1995-96 did he play less than 30 games). He started out as a central offensive midfielder but not in the mould of a playmaker but like an offensive ball winner, very straightforward in his actions and someone who covered a lot of ground with his stamina. The longer his career lasted, the more defensive he became in his approach. Not a hugely creative player more someone who was important for the structure of his team's actions.

1974 considered [12/74] [Midfielder]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Midfielder]
1976 not considered
1977 not considered
1978 not considered [07/78]
1978 considered [12/78] [Midfielder]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#6 Midfielder]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#9 Midfielder]
1980 broad circle [12/80] [#5 Midfielder]
1981 considered [07/81] [Midfielder]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#20 Midfielder]
1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]
1982 played abroad [12/82]

1983 played abroad
1984 played abroad
1985 played abroad [07/85]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defensive Midfielder]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#8 Defensive Midfielder]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]
1987 considered [07/87] [Defensive Midfielder]
1987 broad circle [12/87] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]
1988 Internat. Cl. [08/88] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
1988 considered [12/88] [Defensive Midfielder]
1989 not considered
1990 considered [07/90] [Defensive Midfielder]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
1991 considered [07/91] [Defensive Midfielder]
1991 considered [12/91] [Marker]
1992 not considered [07/92]
1992 considered [12/92] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 not considered [07/93]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#9 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1994 considered [07/94] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1994 considered [12/94] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 considered [07/95] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 considered [12/95] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1996 considered [07/96] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 not considered [07/97]



Herbert WAAS

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 3 times
 Considered: 9 times

A very gifted forward who initially was positioned on the wing but soon became a second forward in the 3-5-2 system which ruled the 1980s Bundesliga. He started out very brightly as a young professional playing for TSV 1860 München (second Division) before joining Bayer 04 Leverkusen in 1982 for whom he became a very regular goalscorer over the next five seasons. A groin injury in 1987 threw him off the track, though. He would never again reach the same level from before that injury. Herbert Waas was a fast and agile, technically very sound goalgetter who was compare to Rudi Völler during his early days.

1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered
1982 considered [07/82] [Central Forward]
1982 considered [12/82] [Winger]
1983 broad circle [07/83] [#3 Winger]
1983 broad circle [12/83] [#3 Winger]
1984 not considered [07/84]
1984 considered [12/84] [Central Forward]
1985 considered [07/85] [Central Forward]
1985 considered [12/85] [Forward]
1986 broad circle [07/86] [#13 Forward]
1986 Internat. Cl. [12/86] [#1 Forward]
1987 considered [07/87] [Forward]
1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 not considered
1989 not considered [07/89]
1989 played abroad [12/89]
1990 played abroad
1991 considered [07/91] [Forward]
1991 not considered [12/91]
1992 not considered [07/92]

1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered [07/93]
1993 considered [12/93] [Forward]
1994 considered [07/94] [Forward]
1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered [07/95]



Sandro WAGNER

International class: 2 times

Considered: 1 time

2006 not considered
2007 not considered
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 not considered
2013 not considered
2014 not considered
2015 not considered [07/15]
2015 considered [12/15] [Forward]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [07/16] [#5 Forward]
2016 **Internat. Cl.** [12/16] [#5 Forward]



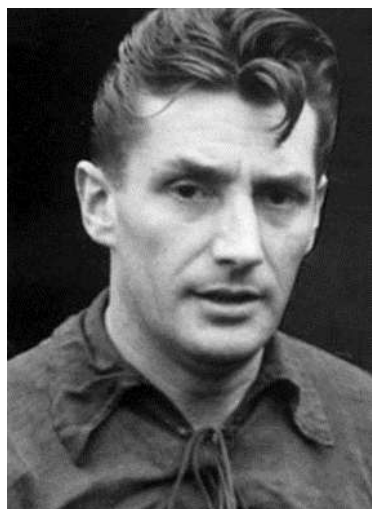
Erwin WALDNER

Broad circle: 8 times

Erwin Waldner was a technically sound center forward in the early 1950s who found his best role as an outside right by the mid-1950s. He was also often seen playing in the role of an inside right. He was counted among the closer circle of the national team for several years without managing a break through.

1955 **broad circle** [1955] [#3 Outside Right]
1955 **broad circle** [1955] [#4 Outside Left]
1956 **broad circle** [07/56] [#3 Outside Right]
1956 **broad circle** [12/56] [#1 Outside Right]
1957 **broad circle** [07/57] [#2 Outside Right]
1957 **broad circle** [12/57] [#3 Outside Right]
1958 **broad circle** [1958] [#2 Outside Right]
1959 **broad circle** [07/59] [#2 Outside Right]
1959 not considered [12/59]
1960 played abroad
1961 played abroad
1962 played abroad

1963 played abroad [07/63]
1963 not considered [12/63]
1964 not considered
1965 not considered
1966 not considered
1967 not considered [07/67]



Fritz WALTER

World class: 1 time

International class: 6 times

An elegant virtuoso on the ball, the humble and almost shy Fritz Walter occupies one of the most important places in the history of German football. Walter became a starter in Kaiserslautern's first team in 1938-39 and already in that first season he scored an incredible 81 goals in all competitions for his club. He debuted for Germany in May 1940 and scored three goals in a 9-3 victory over Romania. With such a bright start to his career, no wonder that he soon would be regarded among the greatest legends of the game in Germany. Capped 24 times by November 1942, his career would stall for the next four years due to World War II and his time as a Soviet prisoner of war. As soon as he was back in Kaiserslautern he was back on the pitch. His preferred position was that of an inside left, where he was known as the conductor of his team but also as one of its most clinical finishers. Jupp Posipal of Hamburg once said about Walter: "He wasn't playing for the gallery, he brought his perfect ball control into service for the team, never showboating. When he used a trick then only because it was the best option to solve a situation, never art for art's sake. His passes put disarray into the opponent and opened gaps for his teammates. We orientated ourselves towards him, our team's performances depended on his performance, in good and bad. Our efforts weren't always going well with Fritz at the helm, but without him, they almost never went well."

The sensational victory against Hungary in the 1954 World Cup final made Fritz Walter a legend for good, in the immediate years prior to that, he (and Sepp Herberger) had to face much criticism by the media who were arguing that Fritz Walter was way too old already (he was 33 in 1954) to build a team around him. Fritz Walter was always someone who questioned himself a lot thus he took this banging of the drum against him by the media to the heart. Even after this greatest possible triumph, Fritz Walter remained an active player for both Germany and his club for the next 4-5 years until he retired aged 38 in 1959. Sepp Herberger actually tried to re-activate Walter's career right before the 1962 World Cup, such was his trust in Walter's abilities as a footballer. In Sepp Herberger's vision of the 'ideal team', Fritz Walter always was the closest that came to the 'ideal player' which Herberger had in mind. Herberger always looked for players that were technically perfect but at the same time hard-working team players. Herberger always had to nurse Walter's oversensitive mentality. For example, when Germany played its first international game after World War II in 1950, Herberger had selected Fritz Walter among the players.

Like often in the following years, there were voices raised that criticized Walter's selection by stating that he was too old, too slow and too injury prone. Walter heard these voices and immediately retreated to his snail's shell by declaring that he was injured and couldn't play anyway (he wasn't injured at all). Often in the following years Fritz Walter would talk to Sepp Herberger in a most earnest voice declaring 'chief, I will resign from the national team tomorrow' to which Herberger replied 'don't talk bollocks, the team needs you for many more years!' Herberger soon instructed Walter's Italian wife Italia to make sure that her husband does not read any newspapers after a game he played in to cushion his low self-esteem. During the 1954 World Cup, Fritz Walter's best motivation was a letter by his wife where she wrote: 'Darling, show the whole world that you are not an old man and that you can kick a ball.' After his retirement, Fritz Walter was cluttered with accolades, becoming the first ever 'honorary captain of the German national team' among other awards.

1955 **World Class** [12/55] [#1 Inside Forward]
1956 **Internat. Cl.** [07/56] [#1 Inside Forward]
1956 **Internat. Cl.** [12/56] [#1 Inside Forward]
1957 **Internat. Cl.** [07/57] [#2 Inside Forward]
1957 **Internat. Cl.** [12/57] [#1 Inside Forward]
1958 **Internat. Cl.** [1958] [#1 Inside Forward]
1959 **Internat. Cl.** [07/59] [#1 Inside Forward]



Fritz WALTER

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 7 times
Considered: 12 times

Inherently a winger coming from the left side, the little, stocky Fritz Walter evolved into a second forward in the 3-5-2 system known for his poacher's instinct. Despite his small stature he was excellent at heading and generally very shrewd in the box.

- 1978 not considered [12/78]
- 1979 not considered
- 1980 not considered
- 1981 not considered
- 1982 not considered [07/82]
- 1982 considered [12/82] [Central Forward]
- 1983 considered [07/83] [Winger]
- 1983 considered [12/83] [Winger]
- 1984 considered [07/84] [Central Forward]
- 1984 not considered [12/84]
- 1985 not considered
- 1986 considered [07/86] [Forward]
- 1986 not considered [12/86]
- 1987 **broad circle** [07/87] [#6 Forward]
- 1987 **broad circle** [12/87] [#4 Forward]
- 1988 **broad circle** [07/88] [#7 Forward]
- 1988 considered [12/88] [Forward]
- 1989 considered [07/89] [Forward]
- 1989 **broad circle** [12/89] [#6 Forward]
- 1990 considered [07/90] [Forward]
- 1990 not considered [12/90]
- 1991 **broad circle** [07/91] [#8 Forward]
- 1991 **broad circle** [12/91] [#2 Forward]
- 1992 **Internat. Cl.** [07/92] [#2 Forward]
- 1992 **broad circle** [12/92] [#10 Forward]
- 1993 not considered [07/93]
- 1993 considered [12/93] [Forward]
- 1994 considered [07/94] [Forward]
- 1994 not considered [12/94]
- 1995 not considered [07/95]
- 1995 considered [12/95] [Forward]
- 1996 considered [07/96] [Forward]
- 1996 not considered [12/96]
- 1997 not considered
- 1998 not considered
- 1999 not considered [07/99]



Ottmar WALTER

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 4 times

Fritz Walter's younger brother, a very different type of player and character, robust and hard-boiled, he was hard to upset and had a daredevil attitude on the pitch. An excellent header of the ball with a hard shot, Ottmar Walter resembled the typical 'tank' center forward of the time and was a very prolific goalgetter for Kaiserslautern and Germany. Technically versed, Ottmar Walter was assertive and clinical in the box, a constant source of unrest.

- 1955 **Internat. Cl.** [12/55] [#1 Center Forward]
- 1956 **Internat. Cl.** [07/56] [#2 Center Forward]
- 1956 **broad circle** [12/56] [#2 Center Forward]
- 1957 **considered** [07/57] [Center Forward]
- 1957 **considered** [12/57] [Center Forward]
- 1958 **considered** [1958] [Center Forward]
- 1959 **considered** [07/59] [Center Forward]



Wolfgang WEBER

World class: 4 times
International class: 13 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 3 times

A physically strong stopper nicknamed 'bull' who was extremely good at headers, had excellent positioning and anticipation, not a brute but a relatively skilled defender, albeit one of the harder ones around. One of the most legendary episodes was him continuing to play with a broken calfbone (which he was unaware of) in the 1964-65 European Cup quarterfinal of Köln vs. Liverpool. He broke his leg in a collision with Gordon Milne in the 30 th minute, was treated behind the byline for the rest of the first half. During half-time, the team doctor made him jump from a table to see if the leg would break, it didn't, so it was decided that Weber would continue playing (on the left wing) as substitutions were not allowed at the time. Weber felt a strong pain but soldiered on even during extra-time and almost scored a goal in the process. Weber began as a right half in 1963 but soon was withdrawn to central defense where he replaced long-time center half Leo Wilden in 1965 and immediately was regarded as the strongest player in that position in Germany. In the 1970s he suffered several injuries and illnesses (cardiac irregularity) which set back his national and international career.

- 1963 **broad circle** [12/63] [#5 Half Back]
- 1964 **Internat. Cl.** [07/64] [#2 Half Back]
- 1964 **considered** [12/64] [Center Half]
- 1964 **broad circle** [12/64] [#2 Half Back]
- 1965 **Internat. Cl.** [07/65] [#1 Half Back]
- 1965 **World Class** [12/65] [#1 Center Half]

1965 Internat. Cl. [12/65] [#3 Half Back]
1966 World Class [07/66] [#2 Central Defender]
1966 World Class [12/66] [#2 Central Defender]
1967 Internat. Cl. [07/67] [#3 Central Defender]
1967 Internat. Cl. [12/67] [#2 Central Defender]
1968 World Class [07/68] [#2 Central Defender]
1968 Internat. Cl. [12/68] [#3 Central Defender]
1969 Internat. Cl. [07/69] [#4 Central Defender]
1969 broad circle [12/69] [#6 Central Defender]
1970 Internat. Cl. [07/70] [#5 Central Defender]
1970 Internat. Cl. [12/70] [#7 Central Defender]
1971 Internat. Cl. [07/71] [#1 Stopper]
1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#1 Stopper]
1972 not considered
1973 broad circle [07/73] [#3 Stopper]
1973 Internat. Cl. [12/73] [#1 Stopper]
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#3 Stopper]
1974 considered [12/74] [Stopper]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Stopper]
1976 considered [07/76] [Stopper]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#1 Stopper]
1977 not considered
1978 not considered [07/78]



Bernd WEHMEYER

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 10 times

Bernd Wehmeyer spent most of his professional career on the right wing, however today he is mostly remembered for being the left-sided full back of the successful Hamburg side of the early-1980s. Wehmeyer was a good crosser of the ball but not tricky enough for a really good winger hence he was withdrawn to a more defensive role either as a wide midfielder or later as a full back. In these new roles, Wehmeyer impressed as a hard runner and worker who almost made it into the national team in 1982-83 as left back. A technically good player, Wehmeyer was an offensive and defensively quality full back during his peak.

1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 considered [07/73] [Outside Right]
1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 not considered [07/74]
1974 considered [12/74] [Outside Right]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Outside Right]
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 considered [12/76] [Outside Right]
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 considered [12/77] [Outside Right]
1978 not considered
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 considered [12/79] [Outside Left]
1980 considered [07/80] [Outside Left]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 considered [07/81] [Outside Right]
1981 broad circle [12/81] [#9 Full Back]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#7 Full Back]

1982 Internat. Cl. [12/82] [#2 Full Back]
1983 Internat. Cl. [07/83] [#3 Full Back]
1983 considered [12/83] [Full Back]
1984 not considered
1985 considered [07/85] [Full Back]



Roman WEIDENFELLER

World class: 1 time
International class: 9 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 4 times

1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 not considered
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#11 Goalkeeper]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 not considered [07/04]
2004 broad circle [12/04] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2005 Internat. Cl. [07/05] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2005 broad circle [12/05] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2006 not considered [07/06]
2006 Internat. Cl. [12/06] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2007 considered [07/07] [Goalkeeper]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered [07/08]
2008 considered [12/08] [Goalkeeper]
2009 broad circle [07/09] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2009 not considered [12/09]
2010 broad circle [07/10] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2010 Internat. Cl. [12/10] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2011 Internat. Cl. [07/11] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2011 Internat. Cl. [12/11] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2012 Internat. Cl. [12/12] [#3 Goalkeeper]
2013 World Class [07/13] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2013 Internat. Cl. [12/13] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2014 considered [12/14] [Goalkeeper]
2015 considered [07/15] [Goalkeeper]
2015 not considered [12/15]
2016 not considered



Hans WEINER

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 10 times

A defensive utility player who switched between central defense and full back, mostly remembered for his time as libero and right back for Bayern München in the early-1980s. Weiner established himself as a young player for Hertha BSC coming from Tennis Borussia Berlin after many of Hertha's star players were suspended following the 1971 Bundesliga scandal. Predominantly a defensive ball winner in those years but equipped with a solid touch. Bought by Bayern in 1979, Weiner spent his first season there as the successor to the injured Georg Schwarzenbeck as sweeper but lost this position to Kurt Niedermayer the following season, when Weiner was deployed as right back (instead of Wolfgang Dremmler, who had moved to midfield). In 1981 and 1982 he would continue to switch between these two roles until he left to play in the NASL in 1982.

1969 not considered [12/69]

1970 considered [07/70] [Full Back]

1970 not considered [12/70]

1971 considered [07/71] [Full Back]

1971 considered [12/71] [Stopper]

1972 considered [07/72] [Stopper]

1972 not considered [12/72]

1973 not considered

1974 not considered

1975 considered [07/75] [Full Back]

1975 not considered [12/75]

1976 not considered

1977 considered [07/77] [Full Back]

1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#6 Full Back]

1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#7 Full Back]

1978 considered [12/78] [Full Back]

1979 considered [07/79] [Stopper]

1979 considered [12/79] [Libero]

1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#2 Libero]

1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#7 Full Back]

1981 **broad circle** [07/81] [#2 Libero]

1981 considered [12/81] [Libero]

1982 not considered [07/82]

1982 played abroad [12/82]

1983 played abroad

1984 played abroad [07/84]

1984 not considered [12/84]

1985 not considered

1986 not considered [07/86]



Gerhard WELZ

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 12 times

Gerhard Welz was a tall and solid goalkeeper known for his time in Köln, by 1973 Welz was rated as a potential successor to Sepp Maier but a head injury interrupted his rise and during the time he was out, his young deputy Harald Schumacher took the chance and remained in Köln's goal even after Welz was fit again.

1965 not considered [12/65]

1966 not considered

1967 not considered

1968 not considered [07/68]

1968 considered [12/68] [Goalkeeper]

1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Goalkeeper]
1970 considered [07/70] [Goalkeeper]
1970 considered [12/70] [Goalkeeper]
1971 considered [07/71] [Goalkeeper]
1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 considered [07/72] [Goalkeeper]
1972 broad circle [12/72] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1973 Internat. Cl. [07/73] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1973 broad circle [12/73] [#8 Goalkeeper]
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 considered [07/76] [Goalkeeper]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 considered [12/77] [Goalkeeper]
1978 considered [07/78] [Goalkeeper]
1978 considered [12/78] [Goalkeeper]
1979 considered [07/79] [Goalkeeper]
1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 not considered
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 considered [12/81] [Goalkeeper]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered [07/83]



Ferdinand WENAUER

International class: 1 time
 Broad circle: 9 times
 Considered: 12 times

Of tall stature, Ferdinand Wenaus was an athletic center half and later sweeper who played 14 seasons in the first team of Nürnberg and is one of the players associated with their successful side during the 1960s. Very good at positioning and one-on-one situations, Wenaus was an almost purely defensive player, regarded as one of the best in Germany during the early-1960s. Together with Ludwig Müller, Wenaus formed one of the strongest central defensive partnerships in German football during the 1960s.

1958 considered [1958] [Center Half]
1959 considered [07/59] [Center Half]
1959 broad circle [12/59] [#3 Center Half]
1960 broad circle [1960] [#6 Center Half]
1961 broad circle [07/61] [#3 Center Half]
1961 Internat. Cl. [12/61] [#3 Center Half]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 broad circle [12/62] [#5 Center Half]
1963 broad circle [07/63] [#4 Center Half]
1963 broad circle [12/63] [#3 Center Half]
1964 not considered [07/64]
1964 considered [12/64] [Center Half]
1965 considered [07/65] [#8 Center Half]
1965 considered [12/65] [Center Half]
1966 considered [07/66] [Central Defender]
1966 considered [12/66] [Central Defender]
1967 considered [07/67] [Central Defender]
1967 broad circle [12/67] [#6 Central Defender]
1968 broad circle [07/68] [#8 Central Defender]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#7 Central Defender]
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Defender]
1970 considered [07/70] [Central Defender]

1970 considered [12/70] [Central Defender]

1971 considered [07/71] [Libero]

1971 not considered [12/71]

1972 not considered [07/72]



Benny WENDT

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 5 times

The Swede Benny Wendt was a tall, physical left winger then eventually a central forward and quite a goalscoring threat. Not a hugely technically skilled player, Wendt was a hard-working runner and fighter with a good left-footed shot, a ghost in the penalty box. Wendt's second season as a professional in Germany was to be his absolute peak when he scored 20 goals for lowly Tennis Borussia Berlin in 1976-77. He then joined Kaiserslautern where he did well but would not reach the same numbers like he did for Berlin.

1975 played abroad [07/75]

1975 not considered [12/75]

1976 not considered [07/76]

1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#4 Foreign player]

1977 broad circle [07/77] [#6 Foreign player]

1977 considered [12/77] [Foreign Player]

1978 considered [07/78] [Foreign Player]

1978 not considered [12/78]

1979 considered [07/79] [Foreign Player]

1979 considered [12/79] [Foreign Player]

1980 broad circle [07/80] [#10 Foreign player]

1980 not considered [12/80]

1981 considered [07/81] [Foreign Player]

1981 played abroad [12/81]



Jürgen WERNER

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 2 times

Jürgen Werner was an intelligent and elegant half back for Hamburg who was a controller with intriguing self-assuredness and a good distributor of the ball. A very tall player, Werner was known as a specialist freekick taker and was a member of Germany's 1962 World Cup squad, but did not play in the starting team. Werner was known to be an ethic and intellectual authority for his teammates and one of the most intelligent and educated players ever to play for Germany. In 1963, the year when professional football was introduced in Germany with the implementation of the Bundesliga, Jürgen Werner had become one of Germany's best half backs, but he decided to retire in the summer of that year at the age of 28

because he was not willing to be associated with football professionalism as he had strong objections against that.

- 1955 not considered [12/55]
- 1956 considered [07/56] [#13 Half Back]
- 1956 not considered [12/56]
- 1957 not considered
- 1958 broad circle [1958] [#10 Half Back]
- 1959 broad circle [07/59] [#6 Half Back]
- 1959 considered [12/59] [Half Back]
- 1960 broad circle [1960] [#9 Half Back]
- 1961 Internat. Cl. [07/61] [#2 Half Back]
- 1961 not considered [12/61]
- 1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
- 1962 Internat. Cl. [12/62] [#2 Half Back]
- 1963 Internat. Cl. [07/63] [#2 Half Back]



Timo WERNER

International class: 1 time
Considered: 2 times

- 2013 considered [12/13] [Offensive Lateral]
- 2014 not considered
- 2015 not considered [07/15]
- 2015 considered [12/15] [Forward]
- 2016 not considered [07/16]
- 2016 Internat. Cl. [12/16] [#4 Forward]



Heinz WEWERS

International class: 3 times
Broad circle: 1 time
Considered: 6 times

Nicknamed 'long tall Heinz', Wewers was a defensive center half with excellent aerial presence and superb in man-to-man duels. A determined defensive enforcer who for many years was a massive physical presence in the successful team of RW Essen during the 1950s.

- 1955 considered [12/55] [#6 Center Half]
- 1956 Internat. Cl. [07/56] [#4 Center Half]
- 1956 Internat. Cl. [12/56] [#1 Center Half]
- 1957 broad circle [07/57] [#3 Center Half]
- 1957 Internat. Cl. [12/57] [#1 Center Half]
- 1958 considered [1958] [Center Half]
- 1959 considered [07/59] [Center Half]

1959 not considered [12/59]
1960 considered [1960] [Center Half]
1961 considered [07/61] [Center Half]
1961 considered [12/61] [Center Half]
1962 not considered [07/62]



Tim WIESE

International class: 5 times
Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 5 times

1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 not considered
2001 not considered
2002 not considered
2003 **Internat. Cl.** [07/03] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2003 not considered [12/03]
2004 **broad circle** [07/04] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2004 **broad circle** [12/04] [#6 Goalkeeper]
2005 not considered
2006 considered [07/06] [Goalkeeper]
2006 **broad circle** [12/06] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2007 **broad circle** [07/07] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2007 considered [12/07] [Goalkeeper]
2008 considered [07/08] [Goalkeeper]
2008 considered [12/08] [Goalkeeper]
2009 **Internat. Cl.** [07/09] [#1 Goalkeeper]
2009 **Internat. Cl.** [12/09] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2010 **Internat. Cl.** [07/10] [#2 Goalkeeper]
2010 **Internat. Cl.** [12/10] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2011 **broad circle** [07/11] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2011 considered [12/11] [Goalkeeper]
2012 **broad circle** [07/12] [#9 Goalkeeper]
2012 not considered [12/12]
2013 not considered
2014 not considered



Leo WILDEN

International class: 7 times
Considered: 8 times

Leo Wilden became a regular starter in Köln's first team during his second season there (1959-60), playing as center half. As a defensive center half, he was primarily occupied with marking the center forward, doing well with his excellent positioning and uncompromising marking who was also useful in buildup. Soon, Leo Wilden was regarded as one of the best – if not the best – center halves in German football. After Herbert Erhardt

had retired from international duties in 1962, Wilden's time as the no. 1 central defender had come. One of Wilden's best performances was neutralizing Nürnberg's center forward Heinz Strehl in the 1962 German championship final, which Köln won 4-0. In 1965 Wilden lost his starting place in Köln's first team as the young talent Wolfgang Weber was drawn back into central defense. Wilden moved to Leverkusen in 1966 where he successfully resumed his stopper role.

1955 not considered [12/55]
1956 not considered
1957 not considered
1958 not considered
1959 not considered [07/59]
1959 considered [12/59] [Center Half]
1960 **Internat. Cl.** [1960] [#2 Center Half]
1961 **Internat. Cl.** [07/61] [#2 Center Half]
1961 **Internat. Cl.** [12/61] [#1 Center Half]
1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]
1962 **Internat. Cl.** [12/62] [#1 Center Half]
1963 **Internat. Cl.** [07/63] [#1 Center Half]
1963 **Internat. Cl.** [12/63] [#1 Center Half]
1964 **Internat. Cl.** [07/64] [#3 Center Half]
1964 considered [12/64] [Center Half]
1965 considered [07/65] [#9 Center Half]
1965 not considered [12/65]
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 considered [12/66] [Central Defender]
1967 considered [07/67] [Central Defender]
1967 considered [12/67] [Central Defender]
1968 considered [07/68] [Central Defender]
1968 considered [12/68] [Central Defender]
1969 not considered [07/69]



Holger WILLMER

Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 1 time

A left winger who was successfully reskilled as an offensive left back. A tall and sturdy player with a good left foot who was close to the top level but eventually didn't crack the highest level.

1977 not considered [12/77]
1978 not considered
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 considered [12/79] [Outside Left]
1980 not considered
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#5 Full Back]
1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#5 Full Back]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered
1984 not considered
1985 **broad circle** [07/85] [#4 Full Back]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 not considered
1987 not considered
1988 not considered
1989 not considered
1990 not considered
1991 not considered
1992 not considered

1993 not considered
1994 not considered
1995 not considered
1996 not considered [07/96]



Marc WILMOTS

International class: 2 times
Broad circle: 3 times
Considered: 2 times

1996 played abroad [07/96]
1996 **broad circle** [12/96] [#10 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 **broad circle** [07/97] [#10 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 **Internat. Cl.** [12/97] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 **broad circle** [07/98] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered [07/99]
1999 **considered** [12/99] [Offensive Midfielder]
2000 **considered** [07/00] [Offensive Midfielder]
2000 played abroad [12/00]
2001 played abroad [07/01]
2001 not considered [12/01]
2002 **Internat. Cl.** [07/02] [#4 Offensive Midfielder]
2002 not considered [12/02]
2003 not considered [07/03]



Herbert WIMMER

International class: 7 times
Broad circle: 17 times
Considered: 2 times

The hardest-running Bundesliga player of the 1970s with the greatest stamina and energy reserves, Herbert 'Hacki' Wimmer began his career in Mönchengladbach in 1966 at the age of 21 as an outside right, but by 1969, Wimmer had evolved into either a holding midfielder or a wide midfielder, mostly on the right side. One of the most important players of the great Borussia Mönchengladbach side of the 1970s, his biggest moment for Germany came in the 1972 European championship when he scored a goal in the final at Brussels vs. the Soviet Union. A never-tiring presence in his club for 12 successive seasons, Wimmer was a skilled player with good passing and distribution, when in defense his good positioning allowed him not having to tackle too often and in offense, he was a lightfooted runner who would act as a capable crosser. A player wonderfully suited to quick counter-attacking football.

1964 not considered [12/64]
1965 not considered
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 **considered** [12/66] [Outside Right]
1967 **broad circle** [07/67] [#4 Outside Right]
1967 **broad circle** [12/67] [#2 Outside Right]

1968 broad circle [07/68] [#5 Outside Right]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#7 Midfielder]
1968 broad circle [12/68] [#3 Outside Right]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#5 Midfielder]
1969 broad circle [07/69] [#3 Outside Right]
1969 broad circle [12/69] [#4 Outside Right]
1970 broad circle [07/70] [#3 Outside Right]
1970 considered [12/70] [Outside Right]
1971 broad circle [07/71] [#5 Midfielder]
1971 Internat. Cl. [12/71] [#3 Midfielder]
1972 Internat. Cl. [07/72] [#2 Midfielder]
1972 Internat. Cl. [12/72] [#2 Midfielder]
1973 Internat. Cl. [07/73] [#2 Midfielder]
1973 broad circle [12/73] [#7 Midfielder]
1974 broad circle [07/74] [#5 Midfielder]
1974 broad circle [12/74] [#12 Midfielder]
1975 Internat. Cl. [07/75] [#1 Midfielder]
1975 Internat. Cl. [12/75] [#1 Midfielder]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#5 Midfielder]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#8 Midfielder]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#8 Midfielder]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#6 Midfielder]
1978 broad circle [07/78] [#17 Midfielder]



Rudolf WIMMER

Broad circle: 3 times
 Considered: 28 times

A spectacular 'flier' with excellent reflexes but of below average height and thus never considered for the absolute top level during his time. Rudi Wimmer spent his professional career in Offenbach and Karlsruhe, two clubs that only occasionally played in the first division, he could have had a career of bigger impact had he not declined so many offers from bigger clubs during the 1970s.

1963 not considered [12/63]
1964 not considered
1965 not considered
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 considered [12/66] [Goalkeeper]
1967 considered [07/67] [Goalkeeper]
1967 broad circle [12/67] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1968 considered [07/68] [Goalkeeper]
1968 considered [12/68] [Goalkeeper]
1969 considered [07/69] [Goalkeeper]
1969 considered [12/69] [Goalkeeper]
1970 considered [07/70] [Goalkeeper]
1970 considered [12/70] [Goalkeeper]
1971 considered [07/71] [Goalkeeper]
1971 considered [12/71] [Goalkeeper]
1972 not considered [07/72]
1972 considered [12/72] [Goalkeeper]
1973 not considered [07/73]
1973 considered [12/73] [Goalkeeper]
1974 considered [07/74] [Goalkeeper]
1974 considered [12/74] [Goalkeeper]
1975 considered [07/75] [Goalkeeper]
1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 considered [07/76] [Goalkeeper]

1976 considered [12/76] [Goalkeeper]
1977 considered [07/77] [Goalkeeper]
1977 considered [12/77] [Goalkeeper]
1978 considered [07/78] [Goalkeeper]
1978 considered [12/78] [Goalkeeper]
1979 considered [07/79] [Goalkeeper]
1979 considered [12/79] [Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [07/80] [Goalkeeper]
1980 considered [12/80] [Goalkeeper]
1981 considered [07/81] [Goalkeeper]
1981 considered [12/81] [Goalkeeper]
1982 broad circle [07/82] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1982 broad circle [12/82] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1983 considered [07/83] [Goalkeeper]



Jürgen WITTKAMP

International class: 3 times
 Broad circle: 3 times
 Considered: 7 times

A 'classic' defensive libero for most of his career, Jürgen Wittkamp began as a central forward in the mid-1960s but soon was retrained as a libero around 1970. Despite his beginnings as a forward, as libero Wittkamp was not known to foray much into the opposing half as he liked to confine himself (or was told so by his manager) to defensive tasks. In his role as a defensively-minded libero, Wittkamp impressed with his good control and his good eye. He was very strong in the air and a focal point of the Borussia Mönchengladbach team of the 1970s.

1965 not considered [12/65]
1966 not considered
1967 not considered
1968 considered [07/68] [Central Forward]
1968 considered [12/68] [Central Forward]
1969 not considered [07/69]
1969 considered [12/69] [Central Defender]
1970 broad circle [07/70] [#8 Central Defender]
1970 considered [12/70] [Central Defender]
1971 not considered
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 broad circle [07/75] [#4 Libero]
1975 broad circle [12/75] [#3 Libero]
1976 Internat. Cl. [07/76] [#2 Libero]
1976 Internat. Cl. [12/76] [#2 Libero]
1977 Internat. Cl. [07/77] [#2 Libero]
1977 considered [12/77] [Libero]
1978 considered [07/78] [Libero]
1978 not considered [12/78]
1979 not considered
1980 not considered [07/80]
1980 considered [12/80] [Libero]
1981 not considered [07/81]



Roland WOHLFARTH

Broad circle: 8 times

Considered: 10 times

Roland Wohlfarth started out as a very promising talent, a fast, beefy left winger who evolved into a second forward in the 3-5-2 system of the 1980s. Due to his poacher's instinct, he was renowned as a player who felt most at home in the penalty box. Not an outstanding footballer and only average in the air, Wohlfarth unfortunately often was lethargic for long spells and thus never a candidate for the highest level of his profession. He was twice top scorer of the Bundesliga and could be labelled Bayern's 'forgotten' goalgetter of the 1980s.

1981 not considered [12/81]

1982 not considered

1983 considered [07/83] [Central Forward]

1983 considered [12/83] [Central Forward]

1984 considered [07/84] [Central Forward]

1984 considered [12/84] [Central Forward]

1985 considered [07/85] [Central Forward]

1985 not considered [12/85]

1986 broad circle [07/86] [#6 Forward]

1986 broad circle [12/86] [#7 Forward]

1987 considered [07/87] [Forward]

1987 considered [12/87] [Forward]

1988 not considered [07/88]

1988 broad circle [12/88] [#5 Forward]

1989 considered [07/89] [Forward]

1989 considered [12/89] [Forward]

1990 not considered [07/90]

1990 broad circle [12/90] [#3 Forward]

1991 broad circle [07/91] [#4 Forward]

1991 not considered [12/91]

1992 broad circle [07/92] [#11 Forward]

1992 not considered [12/92]

1993 not considered [07/93]

1993 considered [12/93] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1994 broad circle [07/94] [#3 German abroad]

1994 broad circle [12/94] [#6 German abroad]

1995 not considered

1996 not considered

1997 not considered

1998 not considered

1999 not considered

2000 not considered [07/00]



Horst WOLTER

International class: 7 times

Broad circle: 2 times

Considered: 4 times

A goalkeeper of below average height, Horst Wolter was still regarded as one of the best of his profession in the late-1960s and for a short time seriously rivalled Sepp Maier as Germany's no. 1 goalkeeper. Horst Wolter set the record for fewest goals conceded with 27 (four of them conceded by his reserve keeper) in Braunschweig's 1966-67 championship-winning season. A record which stood for 21 years until it was broken by Werder Bremen's Oliver Reck in 1987-88. In 1971 Wolter was ousted from the Braunschweig goal by young talent Bernd Franke. Wolter returned to his native Berlin joining Hertha BSC.

1961 not considered [12/61]
1962 not considered
1963 not considered
1964 not considered
1965 not considered [07/65]
1965 considered [12/65] [Goalkeeper]
1966 considered [07/66] [Goalkeeper]
1966 **broad circle** [12/66] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1967 **broad circle** [07/67] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1967 **Internat. Cl.** [12/67] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1968 **Internat. Cl.** [07/68] [#1 Goalkeeper]
1968 **Internat. Cl.** [12/68] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1969 **Internat. Cl.** [07/69] [#2 Goalkeeper]
1969 **Internat. Cl.** [12/69] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [07/70] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1970 **Internat. Cl.** [12/70] [#3 Goalkeeper]
1971 not considered [07/71]
1971 considered [12/71] [Goalkeeper]
1972 not considered
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 considered [12/75] [Goalkeeper]
1976 not considered
1977 not considered [07/77]



Anthony WOODCOCK

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 2 times
Considered: 3 times

Tony Woodcock joined Köln in 1979 following Kevin Keegan as the second high-priority import from England. A fast and dynamic two-footed forward who had a certain presence inside the box, but felt more at home in an inside forward position, drifting around the box and good at breaking out on the wings. Most of Woodcock's actions he initiated coming from a midfield position, where he liked to start his runs towards the box with the ball close at his feet. For that type of player, he scored a good number of goals for Nottingham, Köln and Arsenal.

1979 played abroad [07/79]
1979 not considered [12/79]
1980 **Internat. Cl.** [07/80] [#3 Foreign player]
1980 considered [12/80] [Foreign Player]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 **broad circle** [12/81] [#6 Foreign player]
1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#3 Foreign player]
1982 played abroad [12/82]
1983 played abroad
1984 played abroad
1985 played abroad
1986 played abroad [07/86]
1986 not assessed [12/86]
1987 considered [07/87] [Foreign Player]

1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 not considered [07/88]
1988 considered [12/88] [Forward]
1989 not considered
1990 not considered [07/90]



Ronald WORM

Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 11 times

In his early days as a youth, Ronald Worm was a goalkeeper but as time progressed his talent proved to be better suited to an outfield player and Worm made his name initially as an outside left for MSV Duisburg in the early-1970s after having been used as a center forward in his days as a junior player. By some the young Ronnie Worm was predicted to become a 'second Uwe Seeler' as he resembled Seeler's explosiveness and gung-ho mentality. During his days as a left winger, Worm was not a typical dribbler but someone who always looked for the shortest way to the goal. Known for his good left foot and aerial expertise and a goalgetter's instinct, by the mid-1970s Worm was back playing central forward for Duisburg and in this role he managed to be capped for Germany as well. For a real international breakthrough Worm lacked the necessary technique, but as a club goalgetter he continued to be among the Bundesliga's best marksman right into the early-1980s (altogether scoring 119 goals in 380 Bundesliga games for Duisburg and Braunschweig).

1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 considered [07/72] [Outside Left]
1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 **broad circle** [07/73] [#4 Outside Left]
1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 considered [07/74] [Outside Left]
1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#8 Central Forward]
1975 not considered [07/75]
1975 **broad circle** [12/75] [#3 Central Forward]
1976 considered [07/76] [Central Forward]
1976 considered [12/76] [Central Forward]
1977 considered [07/77] [Central Forward]
1977 considered [12/77] [Central Forward]
1978 **broad circle** [07/78] [#2 Outside Left]
1978 considered [12/78] [Central Forward]
1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#7 Central Forward]
1979 considered [12/79] [Outside Left]
1980 not considered [07/80]
1980 considered [12/80] [Outside Left]
1981 considered [07/81] [Outside Left]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 **broad circle** [07/82] [#5 Central Forward]
1982 not considered [12/82]
1983 not considered
1984 not considered
1985 not considered [07/85]
1985 considered [12/85] [Defender]
1986 not considered
1987 not considered [07/87]



Reinhold WOSAB

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 6 times

Reinhold Wosab played for Borussia Dortmund from 1962 to 1971, where he began as an industrious, constantly moving outside right with great stamina who ended up as a right back by the end of the decade. In the 1960s, Wosab was one of Dortmund's most dangerous goalscorers right behind Lothar Emmerich and Friedhelm Konietzka.

1958 not considered

1959 not considered

1960 not considered

1961 not considered

1962 no ranking iss. [07/62]

1962 considered [12/62] [Outside Right]

1963 **broad circle** [07/63] [#3 Outside Right]

1963 **broad circle** [12/63] [#5 Outside Right]

1964 **broad circle** [07/64] [#5 Outside Right]

1964 not considered [12/64]

1965 not considered [07/65]

1965 considered [12/65] [Full Back]

1966 not considered

1967 not considered

1968 not considered [07/68]

1968 considered [12/68] [Full Back]

1969 not considered

1970 not considered

1971 not considered

1972 considered [07/72] [Midfielder]

1972 considered [12/72] [Full Back]

1973 not considered [07/73]

1973 considered [12/73] [Full Back]

1974 not considered

1975 not considered [07/75]



Dariusz WOSZ

World class: 1 time

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 11 times

1986 not considered [East G.]

1987 not considered [East G.]

1988 not considered [East G.]

1989 not considered [East G.]

1990 not considered [East G.] [07/90]

1990 considered [12/90] [Offensive Midfielder]
1991 considered [07/91] [Offensive Midfielder]
1991 considered [12/91] [Offensive Midfielder]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]
1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#12 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1993 considered [12/93] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 considered [07/94] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1994 considered [12/94] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 considered [12/95] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 considered [07/96] [Central Offensive Midfielder]
1996 Internat. Cl. [12/96] [#3 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 World Class [07/97] [#1 Central Offensive Midfielder]
1997 broad circle [12/97] [#12 Offensive Midfielder]
1998 considered [07/98] [Offensive Midfielder]
1998 considered [12/98] [Offensive Midfielder]
1999 broad circle [07/99] [#7 Offensive Midfielder]
1999 broad circle [12/99] [#5 Offensive Midfielder]
2000 considered [07/00] [Offensive Midfielder]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered
2002 not considered [07/02]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
2003 not considered
2004 broad circle [07/04] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
2004 not considered [12/04]
2005 not considered
2006 not considered
2007 not considered [07/07]



Christian WÖRNS

International class: 3 times
 Broad circle: 17 times
 Considered: 9 times

Christian Wörns was a rather atypical man-marker for his time in that he would not go rigorously into a one-on-one situation, no bone-breaker, but a technically pretty good defender who liked to play clean without much tackling. Tidy at buildup, Wörns's drawbacks were weaknesses in positioning, which were exposed especially at the highest international level. Despite his 66 international games for Germany between 1992 and 2006, Wörns was never fully established in the national team. Known as a humble, intelligent player, he was not someone the general football public got easily used to, preferring rougher players like Jürgen Kohler in defense instead.

1989 not considered [12/89]
1990 not considered [07/90]
1990 considered [12/90] [Marker]
1991 considered [07/91] [Marker]
1991 broad circle [12/91] [#5 Marker]
1992 broad circle [07/92] [#4 Marker]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#4 Marker]
1993 considered [07/93] [Marker]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#3 Marker]
1994 considered [07/94] [Marker]
1994 not considered [12/94]
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#4 Marker]
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 broad circle [12/96] [#5 Marker]
1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#3 Marker]

1997 broad circle [12/97] [#4 Marker]
1998 Internat. Cl. [07/98] [#1 Marker]
1998 broad circle [12/98] [#5 German abroad]
1999 broad circle [07/99] [#5 German abroad]
1999 not considered [12/99]
2000 considered [07/00] [Defender]
2000 considered [12/00] [Defender]
2001 broad circle [07/01] [#11 Defender]
2001 broad circle [12/01] [#6 Central Defender]
2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#3 Central Defender]
2002 broad circle [12/02] [#6 Central Defender]
2003 broad circle [07/03] [#12 Central Defender]
2003 broad circle [12/03] [#5 Central Defender]
2004 broad circle [07/04] [#6 Central Defender]
2004 considered [12/04] [Central Defender]
2005 broad circle [07/05] [#8 Central Defender]
2005 not considered [12/05]
2006 broad circle [07/06] [#4 Central Defender]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 considered [07/07] [Central Defender]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 considered [07/08] [Central Defender]



Jan WOUTERS

International class: 2 times
 Broad circle: 1 time
 Considered: 1 time

A no-nonsense holding midfielder, very industrious and committed, the Dutchman Jan Wouters was a classic teamplayer without claims for leadership. Not a very technical player or accomplished passer, Wouters was mostly valuable because of his never tiring commitment.

1992 considered [07/92] [Defensive Midfielder]
1992 Internat. Cl. [12/92] [#1 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#1 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#11 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 played abroad [12/94]



Klaus WUNDER

Broad circle: 5 times
 Considered: 6 times

A technically sound forward who could be used in the center forward position or as an offensive midfielder with a nose for the goal. Klaus Wunder was a good finisher with his fine left foot but was more valuable as a combination player around the box or coming from a wide position. His best years were playing for MSV Duisburg between 1971 and 1974, a time in which he became an international for Germany. Bayern München bought

him in 1974 but there he was used as a left winger since Gerd Müller was occupying the center forward position, a position that wasn't ideal for him. He left Bayern the following season and enjoyed good success with Werder Bremen in the late-1970s but was not an option for the national team anymore.

1969 not considered [12/69]

1970 not considered [07/70]

1970 considered [12/70] [Midfielder]

1971 considered [07/71] [Midfielder]

1971 broad circle [12/71] [#7 Central Forward]

1972 broad circle [07/72] [#6 Central Forward]

1972 broad circle [12/72] [#3 Central Forward]

1973 broad circle [07/73] [#2 Central Forward]

1973 considered [12/73] [Central Forward]

1974 broad circle [07/74] [#5 Central Forward]

1974 considered [12/74] [Outside Left]

1975 not considered

1976 not considered [07/76]

1976 considered [12/76] [Midfielder]

1977 not considered

1978 considered [07/78] [Outside Left]

1978 considered [12/78] [Central Forward]

1979 not considered

1980 not considered

1981 not considered

1982 not considered

1983 not considered

1984 not considered

1985 not considered [07/85]



Wolfram WUTTKE

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 3 times

Considered: 10 times

One of the most talented but also most complicated players of his time. Gifted with extraordinary talent, Wolfram Wuttke was an extremely technical player, an inspired dribbler very good at picking up the ball in tight space and getting out of trouble with his fluent and wicked footwork. Starting out as a left winger, Wuttke found his ideal role as a central offensive midfielder where he became pretty close to a classic midfield conductor due to his intelligent play, good short passing skills and lightfootedness. When Wuttke was on the ball he looked good. What he lacked though was a professional attitude, the ability to integrate himself into the fabric of the team and the patience to sustain his very high level for a long period. Wuttke always wanted to be at the center of attention, too much of an individualist and almost at every club he played he was quarreling with his managers. Due to all this, he simply lacked the consistency for a great professional career.

1979 not considered [12/79]

1980 not considered [07/80]

1980 considered [12/80] [Outside Right]

1981 not considered

1982 considered [07/82] [Outside Left]

1982 considered [12/82] [Winger]

1983 broad circle [07/83] [#6 Winger]

1983 not considered [12/83]

1984 considered [07/84] [Winger]

1984 considered [12/84] [Winger]

1985 not considered

1986 considered [07/86] [Offensive Midfielder]

1986 Internat. Cl. [12/86] [#2 Offensive Midfielder]

1987 Internat. Cl. [07/87] [#1 Offensive Midfielder]

1987 considered [12/87] [Offensive Midfielder]

1988 broad circle [07/88] [#9 Offensive Midfielder]

1988 Internat. Cl. [12/88] [#3 Offensive Midfielder]

1989 considered [07/89] [Offensive Midfielder]

1989 played abroad [12/89]

1990 played abroad [07/90]

1990 broad circle [12/90] [#11 German abroad]

1991 considered [07/91] [Offensive Midfielder]

1991 not considered [12/91]

1992 not considered [07/92]

1992 considered [12/92] [Central Offensive Midfielder]

1993 not considered [07/93]



Granit XHAKA

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 2 times

2012 played abroad [07/12]

2012 not considered [12/12]

2013 not considered [07/13]

2013 broad circle [12/13] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]

2014 not considered [07/14]

2014 broad circle [12/14] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]

2015 Internat. Cl. [07/15] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#3 Defensive Midfielder]

2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

2016 played abroad [12/16]



Didier YA KONAN

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 1 time

Considered: 3 times

2009 played abroad [07/09]

2009 considered [12/09] [Forward]

2010 considered [07/10] [Forward]

2010 Internat. Cl. [12/10] [#5 Forward]

2011 broad circle [07/11] [#11 Forward]

2011 not considered [12/11]

2012 considered [07/12] [Forward]

2012 not considered [12/12]

2013 not considered

2014 not considered [07/14]

2014 played abroad [12/14]

2015 not considered

2016 not considered



Anthony YEBOAH

World class: 1 time
International class: 4 times
Broad circle: 5 times
Considered: 3 times

One of the most phenomenal strikers of the Bundesliga. A center forward type, the Ghanaian Yeboah was very beefy and physical, technically supreme with a lethal instinct in front of the goal who could hit balls really hard but also with a lot of feeling. Due to his physicality, Anthony Yeboah was a very forceful player in and around the box who was incredibly hard to contain and due to his technical skills he could also drop back into midfield if need be. While playing for Eintracht Frankfurt in the early-1990s, Yeboah blended in very well with Uwe Bein who would assist many of Yeboah's goals with his deadly short through balls. And then there were also Antoine 'Jay Jay' Okocha and Andreas Möller, all of them hugely talented offensive players which made that Eintracht side one of the most joyful and hard to contain attractions ever in Bundesliga history. In Frankfurt, Yeboah had his own fan club called 'Yeboah's witnesses'.

- 1988 played abroad [07/88]
- 1988 not considered [12/88]
- 1989 considered [07/89] [Forward]
- 1989 considered [12/89] [Forward]
- 1990 considered [07/90] [Forward]
- 1990 not considered [12/90]
- 1991 not considered [07/91]
- 1991 **broad circle** [12/91] [#3 Forward]
- 1992 **Internat. Cl.** [07/92] [#5 Forward]
- 1992 **Internat. Cl.** [12/92] [#2 Forward]
- 1993 **Internat. Cl.** [07/93] [#2 Forward]
- 1993 **World Class** [12/93] [#1 [Forward]
- 1994 **Internat. Cl.** [07/94] [#3 Forward]
- 1994 **broad circle** [12/94] [#10 Forward]
- 1995 not considered [07/95]
- 1995 played abroad [12/95]
- 1996 played abroad
- 1997 played abroad [07/07]
- 1997 not considered [12/07]
- 1998 not considered [07/98]
- 1998 **broad circle** [12/98] [#7 Forward]
- 1999 **broad circle** [07/99] [#7 Forward]
- 1999 **broad circle** [12/99] [#9 Forward]
- 2000 not considered
- 2001 not considered [07/01]
- 2001 played abroad [12/01]



Klaus ZACZYK

Broad circle: 8 times
Considered: 13 times

For roughly a decade Klaus Zaczyk was a household name among Bundesliga midfielders, technically very good, lightfooted and intelligent with an eye for the goal. His specialty were his calmly played short passes by which he gave structure to his team's efforts. He tended to play wide more than centrally. Because of the great competition in midfield during his time, he was capped only once, since he lacked the genius of Overath or Netzer. Zaczyk preferred to operate in the background as link between defense and offense, avoiding the gestures of the great conductors. But in that role, the national team preferred more hard working, intensely running players like Herbert Wimmer or Uli Hoeness, not a ball distributor like Zaczyk, preferred were players that would surge forward with the ball instead of passing it. Klaus Zaczyk himself was not a flashy player, but on a national level one of the most valuable midfielders year after year who maintained a very high level with high consistency.

1963 not considered [12/632]
1964 not considered
1965 not considered
1966 not considered [07/66]
1966 considered [12/66] [Midfielder]
1967 **broad circle** [07/67] [#7 Midfielder]
1967 not considered [12/67]
1968 considered [07/68] [Central Forward]
1968 **broad circle** [12/68] [#9 Midfielder]
1969 **broad circle** [07/69] [#7 Midfielder]
1969 **broad circle** [12/69] [#4 Midfielder]
1970 **broad circle** [07/70] [#10 Midfielder]
1970 **broad circle** [12/70] [#14 Midfielder]
1971 **broad circle** [07/71] [#9 Midfielder]
1971 **broad circle** [12/71] [#9 Midfielder]
1972 considered [07/72] [Midfielder]
1972 considered [12/72] [Midfielder]
1973 considered [07/73] [Midfielder]
1973 considered [12/73] [Midfielder]
1974 considered [07/74] [Midfielder]
1974 considered [12/74] [Midfielder]
1975 considered [07/75] [Midfielder]
1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 considered [07/76] [Midfielder]
1976 considered [12/76] [Midfielder]
1977 not considered
1978 not considered
1979 not considered
1980 not considered
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]
1982 considered [07/82] [Midfielder]



Thomas ZANDER

Broad circle: 4 times
Considered: 9 times

1971 not considered [12/71]
1972 not considered
1973 considered [07/73] [Goalkeeper]
1973 considered [12/73] [Goalkeeper]
1974 considered [07/74] [Goalkeeper]
1974 **broad circle** [12/74] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1975 **broad circle** [07/75] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 not considered

1977 not considered [07/77]
1977 **considered** [12/77] [Goalkeeper]
1978 **considered** [07/78] [Goalkeeper]
1978 **considered** [12/78] [Goalkeeper]
1979 not considered [07/79]
1979 **considered** [12/79] [Goalkeeper]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1980 **broad circle** [12/80] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 **considered** [12/81] [Goalkeeper]
1982 **considered** [07/82] [Goalkeeper]



Sergio ZARATE

International class: 1 time
Considered: 1 times

1990 played abroad [07/90]
1990 not considered [12/90]
1991 not considered
1992 **Internat. Cl.** [07/92] [#6 Forward]
1992 played abroad [12/92]
1993 not considered [07/93]
1993 **considered** [12/93] [Forward]
1994 not considered



Nedijeljko ZELIC

International class: 1 time
Broad circle: 1 time

1992 played abroad [07/92]
1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 **Internat. Cl.** [07/93] [#2 Libero]
1993 not considered [12/93]
1994 not considered
1995 not considered [07/95]
1995 played abroad [12/95]
1996 not considered [07/96]
1996 played abroad [12/96]
1997 played abroad
1998 played abroad [07/98]
1998 not considered [12/98]
1999 not considered
2000 **broad circle** [07/00] [#2 Libero]
2000 not considered [12/00]
2001 not considered

2002 not considered [07/02]

2002 played abroad [12/02]



ZÉ ROBERTO José Roberto da Silva Júnior

International class: 8 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 4 times

1998 played abroad [07/98]

1998 Internat. Cl. [12/98] [#2 Lateral]

1999 considered [07/99] [Forward]

1999 broad circle [12/99] [#2 Lateral]

2000 Internat. Cl. [07/00] [#1 Forward]

2000 not considered [12/00]

2001 not considered [07/01]

2001 Internat. Cl. [12/01] [#1 Offensive Lateral]

2002 Internat. Cl. [07/02] [#2 Offensive Lateral]

2002 considered [12/02] [Offensive Lateral]

2003 broad circle [07/03] [#3 Offensive Lateral]

2003 considered [12/03] [Offensive Lateral]

2004 broad circle [07/04] [#1 Offensive Lateral]

2004 considered [12/04] [Offensive Lateral]

2005 broad circle [07/05] [#4 Offensive Lateral]

2005 broad circle [12/05] [#1 Offensive Lateral]

2006 broad circle [07/06] [#1 Offensive Lateral]

2006 played abroad [12/06]

2007 played abroad [07/07]

2007 Internat. Cl. [12/07] [#2 Defensive Midfielder]

2008 Internat. Cl. [07/08] [#4 Defensive Midfielder]

2008 Internat. Cl. [12/08] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

2009 broad circle [07/09] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]

2009 Internat. Cl. [12/09] [#1 Defensive Midfielder]

2010 not considered

2011 not considered [07/11]

2011 played abroad [12/11]



Gerhard ZEWE

International class: 3 times

Broad circle: 7 times

Considered: 12 times

Gerd Zewe was a defensive midfielder with great ball control, overview and playmaker qualities. He gradually evolved into Fortuna Düsseldorf's libero by the mid-1970s who would switch to attack as soon as he was in possession. In Düsseldorf, Zewe for many years was one of the most important players and the brain of the team. In the late-1970s Zewe was among the handful of players who were fancied as successors of Franz Beckenbauer in the national team.

1969 not considered [12/69]
1970 considered [07/70] [Midfielder]
1970 not considered [12/70]
1971 not considered
1972 considered [07/72] [Midfielder]
1972 **broad circle** [12/72] [#10 Midfielder]
1973 **broad circle** [07/73] [#9 Midfielder]
1973 not considered [12/73]
1974 considered [07/74] [Stopper]
1974 considered [12/74] [Midfielder]
1975 considered [07/75] [Midfielder]
1975 not considered [12/75]
1976 considered [07/76] [Liberio]
1976 not considered [12/76]
1977 considered [07/77] [Midfielder]
1977 **broad circle** [12/77] [#4 Liberio]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [07/78] [#1 Liberio]
1978 **Internat. Cl.** [12/78] [#1 Liberio]
1979 **broad circle** [07/79] [#3 Liberio]
1979 considered [12/79] [Liberio]
1980 **broad circle** [07/80] [#5 Liberio]
1980 considered [12/80] [Liberio]
1981 not considered [07/81]
1981 considered [12/81] [Midfielder]
1982 not considered
1983 **broad circle** [07/83] [#3 Liberio]
1983 **Internat. Cl.** [12/83] [#2 Liberio]
1984 considered [07/84] [Liberio]
1984 not considered [12/84]
1985 considered [07/85] [Liberio]
1985 not considered [12/85]
1986 **broad circle** [07/86] [#8 Offensive Midfielder]
1986 not considered [12/86]
1987 not considered [07/87]



Mohamed ZIDAN

International class: 1 time

Broad circle: 2 times

2005 not considered
2006 **broad circle** [07/06] [#7 Forward]
2006 not considered [12/06]
2007 **Internat. Cl.** [07/07] [#2 Forward]
2007 not considered [12/07]
2008 not considered
2009 not considered
2010 not considered
2011 not considered
2012 **broad circle** [07/12] [#10 Forward]
2012 not considered [12/12]



Christian ZIEGE

International class: 5 times

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 4 times

Born and raised directly next to the Berlin Wall, Christian Ziege was a technically skilled left wing back with great offensive potential. He was a firm crosser of the ball but was also a goal threat himself with his headers and his hard left-footed shot. Troubled by injuries for long spells, Ziege lacked the absolute self-assuredness to achieve more than he did, despite his 72 international games he didn't really manage to break through to the highest level. He came closest in 1996 when he played a good role in the German team that won the European Championship. His preferred position was left of center in midfield.

1990 not considered [12/90]

1991 not considered

1992 not considered [07/92]

1992 broad circle [12/92] [#2 Wide Midfielder]

1993 Internat. Cl. [07/93] [#1 Wide Midfielder]

1993 considered [12/93] [Wide Midfielder]

1994 not considered

1995 Internat. Cl. [07/95] [#2 Wide Midfielder]

1995 broad circle [12/95] [#4 Wide Midfielder]

1996 Internat. Cl. [07/96] [#1 Wide Midfielder]

1996 considered [12/96] [Wide Midfielder]

1997 Internat. Cl. [07/97] [#2 Wide Midfielder]

1997 broad circle [12/97] [#5 German abroad]

1998 not considered

1999 not considered [07/99]

1999 Internat. Cl. [12/99] [#1 German abroad]

2000 broad circle [07/00] [#4 Lateral]

2000 considered [12/00] [Lateral]

2001 considered [07/01] [Lateral]

2001 broad circle [12/01] [#6 German abroad]

2002 not considered

2003 not considered

2004 not considered

2005 not considered [07/05]



Ron-Robert ZIELER

International class: 4 times

Broad circle: 6 times

Considered: 2 times

2009 not considered [12/09]

2010 not considered

2011 broad circle [07/11] [#4 Goalkeeper]

2011 broad circle [12/11] [#6 Goalkeeper]

2012 Internat. Cl. [07/12] [#3 Goalkeeper]

2012 considered [12/12] [Goalkeeper]

2013 broad circle [07/13] [#9 Goalkeeper]
2013 broad circle [12/13] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2014 broad circle [07/14] [#7 Goalkeeper]
2014 Internat. Cl. [07/14] [#4 Goalkeeper]
2015 broad circle [07/15] [#10 Goalkeeper]
2015 Internat. Cl. [12/15] [#5 Goalkeeper]
2016 Internat. Cl. [07/16] [#9 Goalkeeper]
2016 considered [12/16] [Goalkeeper]



Gerhard ZIMMERMANN

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 5 times

Considered: 8 times

Remembered today mostly because he was the only player who could rival Rainer Bonhof in shooting the ball very hard, Gerd Zimmermann of Düsseldorf was a towering central defender with a very firm header. Zimmermann struck fear into his opponents when he advanced into midfield getting in a position to unleash one of his super hard shots. Defensively, Zimmermann was a tough tackling marker but not a pure destroyer.

1968 not considered [12/68]

1969 not considered

1970 not considered

1971 considered [07/71] [Stopper]

1971 not considered [12/71]

1972 considered [07/72] [Stopper]

1972 considered [12/72] [Stopper]

1973 considered [07/73] [Stopper]

1973 broad circle [12/73] [#3 Stopper]

1974 broad circle [07/74] [#4 Stopper]

1974 not considered [12/74]

1975 broad circle [07/75] [#4 Stopper]

1975 broad circle [12/75] [Stopper]

1976 considered [07/76] [Stopper]

1976 considered [12/76] [Stopper]

1977 considered [07/77] [Stopper]

1977 considered [12/77] [Stopper]

1978 broad circle [07/78] [#5 Stopper]

1978 Internat. Cl. [12/78] [#3 Stopper]

1979 Internat. Cl. [07/79] [#2 Stopper]

1980 not considered [12/79]

1980 not considered [07/80]



Herbert ZIMMERMANN

International class: 2 times

Broad circle: 9 times

A technically strong offensive left back who was known for his very well swung crosses and who was a valuable buildup player in midfield. Herbert Zimmermann was troubled by his spinal disc throughout his career and by the early-1980s he was sidelined more often than that he was playing and had to retire in 1984 aged 29.

1972 not considered [12/72]
1973 not considered
1974 not considered
1975 not considered
1976 not considered [07/76]
1976 broad circle [12/76] [#3 Stopper]
1977 broad circle [07/77] [#4 Full Back]
1977 broad circle [12/77] [#3 Full Back]
1978 Internat. Cl. [07/78] [#4 Full Back]
1978 broad circle [12/78] [#4 Full Back]
1979 broad circle [07/79] [#4 Full Back]
1979 Internat. Cl. [07/79] [#1 Midfielder]
1979 broad circle [12/79] [#12 Midfielder]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#4 Full Back]
1980 broad circle [07/80] [#18 Midfielder]
1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 not considered
1982 not considered
1983 broad circle [07/83] [#12 Full Back]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 not considered [07/84]



Michael ZORC

Broad circle: 13 times

Considered: 8 times

One of the most goal hungry midfielders in the history of the Bundesliga, Zorc was one of the pillars of Borussia Dortmund for some 16 successive seasons. A classic holding midfielder and ball winner who went about his job with great stamina and determination, Michael Zorc was a strategist on the pitch with excellent aerial skills and a very secure penalty taker. He managed to keep up a very consistent level throughout his career.

1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered
1983 not considered
1984 considered [07/84] [Liberò]
1984 considered [12/84] [Defensive Midfielder]
1985 considered [07/85] [Liberò]
1985 considered [12/85] [Offensive Midfielder]
1986 considered [07/86] [Offensive Midfielder]
1986 considered [12/86] [Offensive Midfielder]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#6 Offensive Midfielder]
1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
1988 broad circle [12/88] [#10 Defensive Midfielder]
1989 broad circle [07/89] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
1989 broad circle [12/89] [#5 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 broad circle [07/90] [#7 Defensive Midfielder]
1990 broad circle [12/90] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
1991 not considered

1992 broad circle [07/92] [#6 Defensive Midfielder]
1992 broad circle [12/92] [#3 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 broad circle [07/93] [#2 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1993 broad circle [12/93] [#10 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1994 not considered [07/94]
1994 considered [12/94] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 considered [07/95] [Central Defensive Midfielder]
1995 broad circle [12/95] [#5 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1996 broad circle [07/96] [#3 Central Defensive Midfielder]
1996 not considered [12/96]
1997 not considered
1998 not considered [07/98]



Ralf ZUMDICK

Broad circle: 6 times
Considered: 8 times

1980 not considered [12/80]
1981 considered [07/81] [Goalkeeper]
1981 not considered [12/81]
1982 not considered [07/82]
1982 considered [12/82] [Goalkeeper]
1983 considered [07/83] [Goalkeeper]
1983 not considered [12/83]
1984 broad circle [07/84] [#7 Goalkeeper]
1984 considered [12/84] [Goalkeeper]
1985 broad circle [07/85] [#4 Goalkeeper]
1985 considered [12/85] [Goalkeeper]
1986 not considered [07/86]
1986 broad circle [12/86] [#13 Goalkeeper]
1987 broad circle [07/87] [#5 Goalkeeper]
1987 not considered [12/87]
1988 broad circle [07/88] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1988 broad circle [12/88] [#6 Goalkeeper]
1989 not considered
1990 not considered
1991 considered [07/91] [Goalkeeper]
1991 considered [12/91] [Goalkeeper]
1992 considered [07/92] [Goalkeeper]
1992 not considered [12/92]
1993 not considered
1994 not considered [07/94]

RECORDS SECTION

Most often

- World Class

27x Franz Beckenbauer
14x Uwe Seeler
11x Hans-Hubert Vogts
9x Gerhard Müller
9x Harald Schumacher
8x Karl-Heinz Schnellinger
8x Wolfgang Overath

8x Karl-Heinz Rummenigge
8x Oliver Kahn
8x Manuel Neuer
7x Horst Szymaniak
7x Paul Breitner
7x Jürgen Klinsmann
7x Arjen Robben
6x Hans Tilkowski
6x Willibald Schulz
6x Josef Maier
6x Jürgen Kohler
6x Andreas Köpke
6x Franck Ribéry
5x Lothar Matthäus
5x Phillip Lahm
4x Wolfgang Weber
4x Günter Netzer
4x Kevin Keegan
4x Rudolf Völler
4x Thomas Hässler
4x Bastian Schweinsteiger
4x Thomas Müller
4x Matthias Sammer
4x Robert Lewandowski
3x Erich Juskowiak
3x Allan Simonsen
3x Manfred Kaltz
3x Bruno Pezzey
3x Karlheinz Förster
3x Jean-Marie Pfaff
3x Rune Bratseth
3x Lúcio
3x Jerome Boateng

- International Class

21x Josef Maier
20x Lothar Matthäus
20x Ulrich Stein
19x Jürgen Grabowski
16x Rudolf Völler
15x Josef Heynckes
15x Norbert Nigbur
15x Jürgen Kohler
15x Bodo Illgner
15x Oliver Kahn
14x Wolfgang Overath
14x Horst-Dieter Höttinges
14x Klaus Fichtel
14x Hans-Peter Briegel
13x Herbert Erhardt
13x Uwe Seeler
13x Manfred Kaltz
13x Karl-Heinz Rummenigge
13x Karlheinz Förster
13x Eike Immel
13x Andreas Brehme
13x Thomas Hässler
13x Wolfgang Weber
12x Sigfried Held
12x Hans-Hubert Vogts
12x Bernd Franke
12x Alfred Schmidt
12x Guido Buchwald
12x Andreas Köpke
12x Andreas Möller
12x Stefan Effenberg
11x Hans Tilkowski
11x Willibald Schulz

11x Bernd Patzke
11x Bernd Hölzenbein
11x Ronnie Hellström
11x Michael Ballack
11x Frank Rost
11x Phillip Lahm
10x Klaus-Dieter Sieloff
10x Günter Netzer
10x Gerhard Müller
10x Rainer Bonhof
10x Bernard Dietz
10x Rudolf Kargus
10x Jens Lehmann
10x Stefan Klos
10x Mesut Özil
9x Paul Breitner
9x Klaus Allofs
9x Jürgen Klinsmann
9x Uwe Bein
9x Ulf Kirsten
9x Zvonimir Soldo
9x Marcelo Bordon
9x Roman Weidenfeller
9x René Adler
8x Friedrich Herkenrath
8x Hans Schäfer
8x Dieter Burdenski
8x Wolfgang-Felix Magath
8x Pierre Littbarski
8x Olaf Thon
8x Thomas Helmer
8x Élber
8x Zé Roberto
8x Manuel Neuer
8x Franck Ribéry
8x Sami Khedira
8x Bernd Leno
7x Ludwig Müller
7x Günter Sawitzki
7x Albert Brülls
7x Franz Beckenbauer
7x Horst Wolter
7x Herbert Wimmer
7x Heinz Flohe
7x Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck
7x Bernhard Cullmann
7x Klaus Fischer
7x Hans-Peter Müller
7x Bruno Pezzey
7x Ditmar Jakobs
7x Rune Bratseth
7x Ciriaco Sforza
7x Oliver Bierhoff
7x Miroslav Klose
7x Robert Enke
7x Robert Lewandowski
7x David Alaba
7x Thomas Müller
7x Mats Hummels
7x Marc-Andre ter Stegen
6x Wolfgang Kleff
6x Fritz Walter
6x Horst Eckel
6x Erich Juskowiak
6x Leo Wilden
6x Helmut Haller
6x Hans Nowak
6x Werner Krämer
6x Ulrich Hoeness
6x Erich Beer

6x Ulrich Stielike
6x Manfred Burgsmüller
6x Harald Schumacher
6x Klaus Augenthaler
6x Matthias Herget
6x Stefan Reuter
6x Mehmet Scholl
6x Patrik Andersson
6x Bixente Lizarazu
6x Torsten Frings
6x Per Mertesacker
6x Mario Götze
6x Stefan Kiessling
6x Marco Reus
6x Lúcio
6x Claudio Pizarro

- Broad Circle

19x Karl-Heinz Körbel
18x Willi Neuberger
17x Herbert Wimmer
17x Dieter Burdenski
17x Christian Wörns
16x Klaus Fischer
16x Eike Immel
16x Stefan Reuter
15x Alfred Lutz
15x Alfred Heiss
14x Georg Volkert
14x Rolf Rüssmann
14x Reiner Geye
14x Stefan Klos
13x Manfred Kaltz
13x Ditmar Jakobs
13x Paul Steiner
13x Michael Zorc
13x Sigfried Held
13x Oliver Reck
13x Miroslav Klose
12x Horst Köppel
12x Engelbert Krause
12x Maximilian Lorenz
12x Wolfgang Seel
12x Hannes Bongartz
12x Klaus Augenthaler
12x Guido Buchwald
12x Olaf Thon
12x Gerald Ehrmann
12x Stefan Kuntz
12x Jens Lehmann
12x Jens Nowotny
12x Jürgen Grabowski
11x Heinz Vollmar
11x Reinhard Libuda
11x Klaus Fichtel
11x Michael Bella
11x Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck
11x Norbert Nigbur
11x Bernard Dietz
11x Karl Allgöwer
11x Pierre Littbarski
11x Uwe Kamps
11x Mehmet Scholl
11x Thomas Linke
11x Kevin Kuranyi
11x Per Mertesacker
10x Gert Dörfel
10x Horst-Dieter Höttinges

10x Manfred Manglitz
10x Josef Heynckes
10x Bernd Hölzenbein
10x Bernhard Cullmann
10x Franz-Josef Tenhagen
10x Wolfgang Rolff
10x Thomas Berthold
10x Andreas Möller
10x Manfred Binz
10x Richard Golz
10x Markus Babbel
10x Fabian Ernst
10x Claudio Pizarro
10x Bastian Schweinsteiger

- Considered

28x Rudolf Wimmer
20x Werner Görts
17x Helmut Kapitulski
17x Jürgen Rynio
17x Uwe Klieemann
17x Miroslav Votava
16x Peter Kunter
16x Karl-Heinz Handschuh
16x Bernd Nickel
16x Dieter Herzog
16x Michael Lameck
16x Frank Mill
16x Ludwig Kögl
15x Wolfgang Fahrian
15x Horst Schnoor
15x Lorenz Horr
15x Winfried Schäfer
15x Manfred Burgsmüller
15x Reiner Geye
15x Friedhelm Funkel
15x Werner Vollack
14x Werner Krämer
14x Carl-Heinz Rühl
14x Rainer Ohlhauser
14x Gerhard Heinze
14x Dieter Bast
14x Wolfgang Kneib
14x Rudolf Bommer
14x Norbert Nachtweih
13x Hans Siemensmeyer
13x Klaus Zaczyk
13x Heinz-Josef Koitka
13x Manfred Ritschel
13x Harald Konopka
13x Lothar Huber
13x Rüdiger Abramczik
13x Ewald Lienen
13x Walter Junghans
13x Jonny Otten
13x Thomas Kempe

– mentioned most often [all categories combined]

40x Franz Beckenbauer [27/7/3/3]
37x Ulrich Stein [1/20/8/8]
36x Sigfried Held [-/12/13/11]
36x Lothar Matthäus [5/20/9/2]
35x Guido Buchwald [1/12/12/10]
35x Andreas Köpke [6/12/7/10]
34x Uwe Seeler [14/13/6/1]
34x Klaus Fichtel [-/14/11/9]
34x Manfred Kaltz [3/13/13/5]
34x Oliver Kahn [8/15/8/3]
34x Jens Lehmann [1/10/12/11]
33x Josef Maier [6/21/-/6]
33x Willi Neuberger [-/5/18/10]
33x Eike Immel [-/13/16/4]
33x Jürgen Kohler [6/15/7/5]
32x Jürgen Grabowski [1/19/12/-]
32x Karl-Heinz Körbel [-/1/19/12]
31x Horst-Dieter Höttges [1/14/10/6]
31x Rudolf Wimmer [-/-/3/28]
31x Norbert Nigbur [-/15/11/5]
31x Ditmar Jakobs [-/7/13/11]
30x Josef Heynckes [-/15/10/5]
30x Dieter Burdenski [-/8/17/5]
29x Klaus Fischer [-/7/16/6]
29x Reiner Geyer [-/-/14/15]
29x Rudolf Völler [4/16/4/5]
29x Christian Wörns [-/3/17/9]
28x Willibald Schulz [6/11/8/3]
28x Alfred Lutz [-/3/15/10]
28x Wolfgang Overath [8/14/4/2]
28x Werner Görts [-/-/8/20]
28x Bernd Franke [-/12/6/10]
28x Frank Mill [-/4/8/16]
28x Andreas Brehme [1/13/5/9]
28x Thomas Hässler [4/13/8/3]
28x Andreas Möller [1/Dec 10/5]
27x Wolfgang Kleff [-/6/9/12]
27x Hans-Hubert Vogts [11/12/2/2]
27x Gerhard Müller [9/10/4/5]
27x Bernard Dietz [1/10/11/5]
27x Karl-Heinz Rummenigge [8/13/5/1]
27x Miroslav Votava [-/1/9/17]
27x Pierre Littbarski [2/8/11/6]
27x Jürgen Klinsmann [7/9/5/6]
27x Stefan Reuter [-/6/15/6]
26x Herbert Wimmer [-/7/17/2]
26x Georg Volkert [-5/14/7]
26x Manfred Burgsmüller [-/6/5/15]
26x Dieter Bast [-/4/8/14]
26x Karl Allgöwer [-/5/11/10]
26x Wolfgang Rolff [-/4/10/12]
26x Olaf Thon [2/8/12/4]
26x Oliver Reck [-/1/13/12]
26x Stefan Klos [-/10/14/2]
25x Wolfgang Weber [4/13/5/3]
25x Harald Schumacher [9/6/5/5]
25x Klaus Augenthaler [-/6/12/7]
25x Paul Steiner [-/2/13/10]
25x Stefan Effenberg [1/Dec 8/4]
25x Thomas Linke [-/2/11/12]

Rated ,World Class' most consecutively

16x Franz Beckenbauer [July 1968 to July 1973]
7x Horst Szymaniak [July 1957 to July 1961]
7x Franz Beckenbauer [July 1974 to July 1977]
6x Uwe Seeler [July 1959 to Dec 1962]
6x Hans-Hubert Vogts [Dec 1968 to July 1971]
6x Gerhard Müller [July 1970 to Dec 1972]
6x Karl-Heinz Rummenigge [Dec 1979 to Dec 1981]
6x Oliver Kahn [Dec 1999 to July 2002]
5x Josef Maier [July 1975 to July 1977]
5x Harald Schumacher [Dec 1982 to Dec 1984]
5x Jürgen Klinsmann [July 1994 to July 1996]
5x Arjen Robben [July 2013 to July 2015]
4x Uwe Seeler [Dec 1963 to July 1965]
4x Hans Tilkowski [Dec 1964 to July 1966]
4x Hans-Hubert Vogts [July 1974 to Dec 1975]
4x Kevin Keegan [July 1978 to Dec 1979]
4x Paul Breitner [Dec 1979 to July 1981]
4x Matthias Sammer [Dec 1994 to July 1996]
4x Andreas Köpke [July 1996 to Dec 1997]
4x Philipp Lahm [July 2013 to Dec 2014]
3x Karl-Heinz Schnellinger [1960 to Dec 1961]
3x Willibald Schulz [July 1966 to July 1967]
3x Willibald Schulz [Dec 1968 to Dec 1969]
3x Wolfgang Overath [July 1966 to July 1967]
3x Wolfgang Overath [Dec 1969 to Dec 1970]
3x Bruno Pezzey [Dec 1980 to Dec 1981]
3x Harald Schumacher [Dec 1980 to Dec 1981]
3x Lothar Matthäus [July 1990 to July 1991]
3x Rudolf Völler [July 1990 to July 1991]
3x Franck Ribéry [Dec 2007 to Dec 2008]
3x Franck Ribéry [Dec 2012 to Dec 2013]
3x Manuel Neuer [Dec 2015 to Dec 2016]

Rated ,International Class' most consecutively

16x Josef Maier [July 1966 to Dec 1973]
13x Herbert Erhardt [July 1956 to Dec 1961]
12x Klaus Fichtel [July 1967 to July 1972]
12x Hans-Peter Briegel [Dec 1979 to Dec 1983]
11x Josef Heynckes [Dec 1970 to July 1974]
10x Sigfried Held [July 1966 to July 1970]
10x Jürgen Grabowski [July 1970 to Dec 1972]
10x Rudolf Kargus [Dec 1974 to Dec 1977]
9x Horst-Dieter Höttges [Dec 1966 to Dec 1970]
9x Ulrich Stein [July 1983 to July 1988]
8x Friedrich Herkenrath [July 1956 to 1960]
8x Uwe Seeler [July 1967 to Dec 1970]
8x Bernd Hölzenbein [Dec 1975 to July 1978]
8x Norbert Nigbur [Dec 1976 to July 1980]
7x Alfred Schmidt [Dec 1957 to Dec 1959]
7x Günter Netzer [July 1967 to July 1970]
7x Horst Wolter [Dec 1967 to Dec 1970]
7x Wolfgang Overath [July 1971 to July 1974]
7x Hans-Peter Müller [July 1978 to July 1981]
7x Karlheinz Förster [Dec 1978 to Dec 1981]
7x Thomas Hässler [Dec 1992 to Dec 1995]
7x Bodo Illgner [July 1989 to July 1992]
7x Jürgen Kohler [July 1992 to July 1995]
7x Ulf Kirsten [Dec 1996 to Dec 1999]
6x Fritz Walter [July 1956 to July 1959]
6x Horst Eckel [July 1956 to July 1959]
6x Leo Wilden [1960 to July 1964]
6x Hans Tilkowski [July 1961 to July 1964]
6x Hans Nowak [Dec 1962 to July 1965]
6x Werner Krämer [Dec 1963 to July 1966]
6x Jürgen Grabowski [Dec 1973 to July 1976]
6x Rainer Bonhof [July 1976 to July 1978]

6x Ronnie Hellström [Dec 1978 to July 1981]
6x Andreas Brehme [July 1984 to July 1986]
6x Stefan Reuter [July 1989 to Dec 1991]
6x Guido Buchwald [Dec 1991 to July 1994]
6x Stefan Effenberg [July 1991 to Dec 1993]
6x Frank Rost [July 2001 to Dec 2003]

Rated inside the 'Broad Circle' most consecutively

12x Alfred Heiss [Dec 1962 to July 1965]
10x Michael Bella [Dec 1968 to Dec 1972]
9x Herbert Wimmer [July 1967 to July 1970]
8x Alfred Lutz [July 1961 to Dec 1964]
8x Karl-Heinz Thielen [Dec 1961 to Dec 1965]
8x Karl-Heinz Körbel [Dec 1978 to July 1982]
7x Heinz Vollmar [Dec 1956 to July 1961]
7x Bernhard Klodt [Dec 1956 to July 1959]
7x Helmut Faeder [July 1957 to July 1961]
7x Klaus Zaczyk [Dec 1968 to Dec 1971]
7x Reiner Geyse [Dec 1972 to Dec 1975]
7x Franz-Josef Tenhagen [July 1975 to July 1978]
7x Wolfgang Seel [Dec 1976 to July 1979]
7x Hermann Ohlicher [July 1978 to July 1981]
7x Rudolf Kargus [Dec 1979 to Dec 1982]
7x Wolfgang Rolff [Dec 1983 to Dec 1986]
7x Franco Foda [Dec 1989 to Dec 1992]
7x Jörg Heinrich [Dec 1997 to Dec 2000]

Categories

Best Goalkeeper

Most often

23x Josef Maier
14x Oliver Kahn
13x Harald Schumacher
12x Manuel Neuer
11x Hans Tilkowski
7x Andreas Köpke
5x Friedrich Herkenrath
5x René Adler
4x Ulrich Stein

Most consecutively

13x Harald Schumacher [July 1980 to July 1986]
12x Oliver Kahn [Dec 1996 to July 2002]
11x Josef Maier [July 1974 to July 1979]
7x Josef Maier [July 1970 to July 1973]
6x Manuel Neuer [July 2014 to Dec 2016]
5x Hans Tilkowski [July 1959 to Dec 1961]
5x Hans Tilkowski [July 1964 to July 1966]
5x Manuel Neuer [July 2010 to July 2012]

Best Full Back / Wide Midfielder / Lateral / Defensive Lateral

Most often

14x Phillip Lahm
12x Hans-Hubert Vogts
6x Karl-Heinz Schnellinger
6x Manfred Kaltz
6x Bixente Lizarazu
5x Erich Juskowiak
4x Hans Nowak
4x Horst-Dieter Höttges
4x Paul Breitner
4x David Alaba

Most consecutively

7x Hans-Hubert Vogts [Dec 1968 to Dec 1971]
6x Philipp Lahm [July 2008 to Dec 2010]
5x Erich Juskowiak [July 1957 to Dec 1959]
5x Hans-Hubert Vogts [Dec 1974 to Dec 1976]
4x David Alaba [Dec 2013 to July 2015]

Best Center Half / Central Defender / Libero

Most often

20x Franz Beckenbauer
6x Herbert Erhardt
5x Rune Bratseth
5x Lothar Matthäus
4x Matthias Herget
4x Matthias Sammer

Most consecutively

19x Franz Beckenbauer [July 1968 to July 1977]
5x Herbert Erhardt [1958 to July 1961]
4x Matthias Sammer [Dec 1994 to July 1996]

Best Half Back / Defensive Midfielder

Most often

8x Horst Szymaniak
5x Willibald Schulz
5x Michael Ballack
4x Guido Buchwald
4x Stefan Reuter
4x Zvonimir Soldo
4x Bastian Schweinsteiger

Most consecutively

8x Horst Szymaniak [Dec 1956 to July 1961]
5x Willibald Schulz [Dec 1962 to Dec 1964]

Best Stopper / Defender / Marker / Central Defender

Most often

12x Karlheinz Förster
11x Jürgen Kohler
7x Lúcio
6x Jerome Boateng
5x Mats Hummels
4x Hans-Georg Schwarzenbeck
4x Rolf Rüssmann
4x Marcelo Bordon

Most consecutively

5x Karlheinz Förster [July 1981 to July 1983]
5x Jürgen Kohler [July 1987 to July 1989]
4x Rolf Rüssmann [July 1977 to Dec 1978]
4x Jerome Boateng [Dec 2014 to July 2016]

Best Inside Forward / Midfielder / Offensive Midfielder

Most often

8x Franz Beckenbauer
7x Paul Breitner
6x Fritz Walter
5x Werner Krämer

5x Günter Netzer
4x Albert Brülls
4x Pierre Littbarski
4x Andreas Möller
4x Diego
4x Thomas Müller

Most consecutively

7x Paul Breitner [Dec 1979 to Dec 1982]
5x Werner Krämer [Dec 1963 to Dec 1965]
5x Günter Netzer [July 1971 to July 1973]
4x Albert Brülls [Dec 1959 to Dec 1961]

Best Outside Left

Most often

7x Josef Heynckes
5x Gert Dörfel
5x Heinz Hornig
5x Georg Volkert
4x Johannes Löhr

Most consecutively

4x Heinz Hornig [Dec 1964 to July 1966]
4x Josef Heynckes [July 1975 to Dec 1976]
3x Heinz Vollmar [July 1956 to July 1957]
3x Erwin Kremers [July 1972 to July 1973]
3x Georg Volkert [Dec 1978 to Dec 1979]

Best Outside Right

Most often

10x Jürgen Grabowski
6x Helmut Rahn
4x Reinhard Libuda
4x Bernd Dörfel
4x Bernd Hölzenbein

Most consecutively

9x Jürgen Grabowski [July 1970 to July 1974]
3x Helmut Rahn [1958 to Dec 1959]
3x Rudolf Brunnenmeier [Dec 1964 to Dec 1965]
3x Bernd Dörfel [July 1968 to July 1969]

Best Offensive Lateral

Most often

7x Franck Ribéry
5x Arjen Robben
4x Zé Roberto

Most consecutively

4x Franck Ribéry [Dec 2007 to July 2009]

Best Center Forward / Central Forward / Forward

Most often

17x Uwe Seeler
15x Gerhard Müller
7x Rudolf Völler
7x Robert Lewandowski
6x Karl-Heinz Rummenigge

6x Miroslav Klose
5x Jürgen Klinsmann
4x Klaus Fischer
4x Ulf Kirsten

Most consecutively

15x Uwe Seeler [1958 to Dec 1966]
12x Gerhard Müller [July 1969 to Dec 1974]
5x Karl-Heinz Rummenigge [Dec 1979 to Dec 1981]
4x Robert Lewandowski [Dec 2012 to July 2014]

Best Foreign Player

Most often

4x Jean-Marie Pfaff
3x Roland Sandberg
3x Kevin Keegan
3x Bruno Pezzey
3x Søren Lerby

Most consecutively

3x Roland Sandberg [July 1974 to July 1975]
3x Bruno Pezzey [Dec 1980 to Dec 1981]
3x Jean-Marie Pfaff [Dec 1982 to Dec 1983]

Best German abroad

Most often

8x Stefan Klos
5x Mesut Özil
4x Michael Ballack
4x Jens Lehmann
3x Jürgen Klinsmann
3x Andreas Köpke
3x Bodo Illgner

Most consecutively

6x Stefan Klos [July 2002 to Dec 2004]
3x Andreas Köpke [Dec 1996 to Dec 1997]
3x Bodo Illgner [July 1998 to July 1999]

Best Goalkeeper

1955-b Fritz **Herkenrath** (WC)
1956-1 Fritz **Herkenrath**
1956-2 Fritz **Herkenrath**
1957-1 Hans **Tilkowski**
1957-2 Fritz **Herkenrath**
1958-b Fritz **Herkenrath**
1959-1 Hans **Tilkowski**
1959-2 Hans **Tilkowski** (WC)
1960-b Hans **Tilkowski** (WC)
1961-1 Hans **Tilkowski**
1961-2 Hans **Tilkowski**
1962-1 not issued
1962-2 Wolfgang **Fahrian**
1963-1 Wolfgang **Fahrian**
1963-2 Wolfgang **Fahrian**
1964-1 Hans **Tilkowski**
1964-2 Hans **Tilkowski** (WC)
1965-1 Hans **Tilkowski** (WC)
1965-2 Hans **Tilkowski** (WC)
1966-1 Hans **Tilkowski** (WC)
1966-2 Josef **Maier**
1967-1 Josef **Maier**
1967-2 Josef **Maier**
1968-1 Horst **Wolter**
1968-2 Josef **Maier**
1969-1 Josef **Maier**
1969-2 Manfred **Manglitz**
1970-1 Josef **Maier**
1970-2 Josef **Maier**
1971-1 Josef **Maier**
1971-2 Josef **Maier**
1972-1 Josef **Maier**
1972-2 Josef **Maier**
1973-1 Josef **Maier**
1973-2 Wolfgang **Kleff**
1974-1 Josef **Maier** (WC)
1974-2 Josef **Maier**
1975-1 Josef **Maier** (WC)
1975-2 Josef **Maier** (WC)
1976-1 Josef **Maier** (WC)
1976-2 Josef **Maier** (WC)
1977-1 Josef **Maier** (WC)
1977-2 Josef **Maier**
1978-1 Josef **Maier**
1978-2 Josef **Maier**
1979-1 Josef **Maier**
1979-2 Norbert **Nigbur**
1980-1 Harald **Schumacher**
1980-2 Harald **Schumacher** (WC)
1981-1 Harald **Schumacher** (WC)
1981-2 Harald **Schumacher** (WC)
1982-1 Harald **Schumacher**
1982-2 Harald **Schumacher** (WC)
1983-1 Harald **Schumacher** (WC)
1983-2 Harald **Schumacher** (WC)
1984-1 Harald **Schumacher** (WC)
1984-2 Harald **Schumacher** (WC)
1985-1 Harald **Schumacher**
1985-2 Harald **Schumacher**
1986-1 Harald **Schumacher** (WC)
1986-2 Ulrich **Stein**
1987-1 Ulrich **Stein**
1987-2 Andreas **Köpke**
1988-1 Eike **Immel**
1988-2 Raimond **Aumann**
1989-1 Bodo **Illgner**

1989-2 Ulrich **Stein**
1990-1 Bodo **Illgner**
1990-2 Ulrich **Stein**
1991-1 Andreas **Köpke**
1991-2 Bodo **Illgner**
1992-1 Eike **Immel**
1992-2 Andreas **Köpke** (WC)
1993-1 Andreas **Köpke** (WC)
1993-2 Oliver **Kahn**
1994-1 Raimond **Aumann**
1994-2 Andreas **Köpke**
1995-1 Andreas **Köpke**
1995-2 Stefan **Klos**
1996-1 Andreas **Köpke** (WC)
1996-2 Oliver **Kahn** (WC)
1997-1 Oliver **Kahn** (WC)
1997-2 Oliver **Kahn**
1998-1 Oliver **Kahn**
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1999-1 Oliver **Kahn**
1999-2 Oliver **Kahn** (WC)
2000-1 Oliver **Kahn** (WC)
2000-2 Oliver **Kahn** (WC)
2001-1 Oliver **Kahn** (WC)
2001-2 Oliver **Kahn** (WC)
2002-1 Oliver **Kahn** (WC)
2002-2 Jens **Lehmann**
2003-1 Jens **Lehmann**
2003-2 Timo **Hildebrand**
2004-1 Timo **Hildebrand**
2004-2 Frank **Rost**
2005-1 Roman **Weidenfeller**
2005-2 Oliver **Kahn**
2006-1 Jens **Lehmann** (WC)
2006-2 Markus **Pröll**
2007-1 Manuel **Neuer**
2007-2 René **Adler**
2008-1 René **Adler**
2008-2 René **Adler**
2009-1 Tim **Wiese**
2009-2 René **Adler**
2010-1 Manuel **Neuer**
2010-2 Manuel **Neuer** (WC)
2011-1 Manuel **Neuer** (WC)
2011-2 Manuel **Neuer**
2012-1 Manuel **Neuer**
2012-2 René **Adler**
2013-1 Roman **Weidenfeller** (WC)
2013-2 Bernd **Leno**
2014-1 Manuel **Neuer** (WC)
2014-2 Manuel **Neuer** (WC)
2015-1 Manuel **Neuer**
2015-2 Manuel **Neuer** (WC)
2016-1 Manuel **Neuer** (WC)
2016-2 Manuel **Neuer** (WC)

Best Full Back

1955-b Josef **Posipal**
1956-1 Josef **Posipal**
1956-2 Karl **Schmidt**
1957-1 Erich **Juskowiak**
1957-2 Erich **Juskowiak**
1958-b Erich **Juskowiak** (WC)
1959-1 Erich **Juskowiak** (WC)
1959-2 Erich **Juskowiak** (WC)
1960-b Karl-Heinz **Schnellinger** (WC)
1961-1 Karl-Heinz **Schnellinger** (WC)
1961-2 Karl-Heinz **Schnellinger** (WC)

1962-1 not issued
1962-2 Karl-Heinz **Schnellinger** (WC)
1963-1 Karl-Heinz **Schnellinger** (WC)
1963-2 Hans **Nowak**
1964-1 Hans **Nowak**
1964-2 Hans **Nowak**
1965-1 Hans **Nowak**
1965-2 Horst-Dieter **Höttges**
1966-1 Karl-Heinz **Schnellinger** (WC)
1966-2 Horst-Dieter **Höttges**
1967-1 Bernd **Patzke**
1967-2 Bernd **Patzke**
1968-1 Horst-Dieter **Höttges**
1968-2 Hans-Hubert **Vogts** (WC)
1969-1 Hans-Hubert **Vogts** (WC)
1969-2 Hans-Hubert **Vogts** (WC)
1970-1 Hans-Hubert **Vogts** (WC)
1970-2 Hans-Hubert **Vogts** (WC)
1971-1 Hans-Hubert **Vogts** (WC)
1971-2 Hans-Hubert **Vogts**
1972-1 Paul **Breitner** (WC)
1972-2 Paul **Breitner**
1973-1 Paul **Breitner**
1973-2 Horst-Dieter **Höttges**
1974-1 Paul **Breitner** (WC)
1974-2 Hans-Hubert **Vogts**
1975-1 Hans-Hubert **Vogts** (WC)
1975-2 Hans-Hubert **Vogts** (WC)
1976-1 Hans-Hubert **Vogts**
1976-2 Hans-Hubert **Vogts** (WC)
1977-1 Manfred **Kaltz**
1977-2 Bernard **Dietz** (WC)
1978-1 Harald **Konopka**
1978-2 Bernard **Dietz**
1979-1 Bernard **Dietz**
1979-2 Manfred **Kaltz** (WC)
1980-1 Manfred **Kaltz**
1980-2 Manfred **Kaltz**
1981-1 Hans-Peter **Briegel**
1981-2 Manfred **Kaltz** (WC)
1982-1 Hans-Peter **Briegel**
1982-2 Bernd **Förster**
1983-1 Manfred **Kaltz**
1983-2 Manfred **Bockenfeld**
1984-1 Hans-Peter **Briegel**
1984-2 Karl-Heinz **Wöhrlin**
1985-1 Andreas **Brehme**

Category merged with “Defensive Midfielders” between 1985-2 and 1992-1

Best Wide Midfielder

1992-2 Knut **Reinhardt**
1993-1 Christian **Ziege**
1993-2 Paulo **Sérgio**
1994-1 **Jorginho** (WC)
1994-2 Mario **Basler**
1995-1 Mario **Basler**
1995-2 Stefan **Reuter**
1996-1 Christian **Ziege**
1996-2 Jörg **Heinrich**
1997-1 Jörg **Heinrich**

Best Lateral

1997-2 Jörg **Heinrich**
1998-1 Bixente **Lizarazu**
1998-2 Bixente **Lizarazu**

1999-1 Martin **Groth**
1999-2 Michael **Tarnat**
2000-1 Bixente **Lizarazu**
2000-2 Jörg **Böhme**
2001-1 Bixente **Lizarazu**

Best Defensive Lateral

2001-2 Bixente **Lizarazu**
2002-1 Diego **Placente**
2002-2 Markus **Münch**
2003-1 Willy **Sagnol**
2003-2 Bixente **Lizarazu**
2004-1 Philipp **Lahm**
2004-2 Bernd **Schneider**
2005-1 Arne **Friedrich**
2005-2 Willy **Sagnol**
2006-1 Philipp **Lahm**
2006-2 Clemens **Fritz**
2007-1 Javier **Pinola**
2007-2 Gonzalo **Castro**
2008-1 Philipp **Lahm**
2008-2 Philipp **Lahm**
2009-1 Philipp **Lahm**
2009-2 Philipp **Lahm**
2010-1 Philipp **Lahm**
2010-2 Philipp **Lahm**
2011-1 Lukasz **Piszczek**
2011-2 Philipp **Lahm**
2012-1 Lukasz **Piszczek**
2012-2 Philipp **Lahm**
2013-1 Philipp **Lahm** (WC)
2013-2 David **Alaba**
2014-1 David **Alaba**
2014-2 David **Alaba**
2015-1 David **Alaba**
2015-2 Philipp **Lahm**
2016-1 Philipp **Lahm** (WC)
2016-2 Philipp **Lahm**

Best Center Half

1955-b Werner **Liebrich** (WC)
1956-1 Werner **Liebrich**
1956-2 Heinz **Wewers**
1957-1 Rudolf **Hoffmann**
1957-2 Heinz **Wewers**
1958-b Herbert **Erhardt**
1959-1 Herbert **Erhardt**
1959-2 Herbert **Erhardt**
1960-b Herbert **Erhardt**
1961-1 Herbert **Erhardt**
1961-2 Leo **Wilden**
1962-1 not issued
1962-2 Herbert **Erhardt**
1963-1 Leo **Wilden**
1963-2 Leo **Wilden**
1964-1 Willi **Gieseemann**
1964-2 Willi **Gieseemann**
1965-1 Klaus-Dieter **Sieloff**
1965-2 Wolfgang **Weber** (WC)

Best Central Defender

1966-1 Willi **Schulz** (WC)
1966-2 Willi **Schulz** (WC)
1967-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1967-2 Willi **Schulz**

1968-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1968-2 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1969-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1969-2 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1970-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1970-2 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)

Best Libero

1971-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1971-2 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1972-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1972-2 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1973-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1973-2 Franz **Beckenbauer**
1974-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1974-2 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1975-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1975-2 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1976-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1976-2 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1977-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1977-2 Manfred **Kaltz**
1978-1 Gerd **Zewe**
1978-2 Gerd **Zewe**
1979-1 Klaus **Fichtel**
1979-2 Bernhard **Cullmann**
1980-1 Wilfried **Hannes**
1980-2 Kurt **Niedermayer**
1981-1 Wilfried **Hannes**
1981-2 Wilfried **Hannes**
1982-1 Ulrich **Stielike**
1982-2 Gerhard **Strack**
1983-1 Gerhard **Strack**
1983-2 Matthias **Herget**
1984-1 Ulrich **Stielike**
1984-2 Matthias **Herget**
1985-1 Matthias **Herget**
1985-2 Klaus **Augenthaler**
1986-1 Ditmar **Jakobs**
1986-2 Thomas **Hörster**
1987-1 Ditmar **Jakobs**
1987-2 Norbert **Nachtweih**
1988-1 Matthias **Herget**
1988-2 Rune **Bratseth** (WC)
1989-1 Klaus **Augenthaler**
1989-2 Rune **Bratseth**
1990-1 Klaus **Augenthaler**
1990-2 Thomas **Helmer**
1991-1 Miroslav **Kadlec**
1991-2 Manfred **Binz**
1992-1 Rune **Bratseth**
1992-2 Rune **Bratseth** (WC)
1993-1 Rune **Bratseth** (WC)
1993-2 Lothar **Matthäus**
1994-1 Lothar **Matthäus**
1994-2 Matthias **Sammer** (WC)
1995-1 Matthias **Sammer** (WC)
1995-2 Matthias **Sammer** (WC)
1996-1 Matthias **Sammer** (WC)
1996-2 Frank **Verlaat**
1997-1 Olaf **Thon** (WC)
1997-2 Olaf **Thon** (WC)
1998-1 Olaf **Thon**
1998-2 Ciriaco **Sforza**
1999-1 Lothar **Matthäus** (WC)
1999-2 Lothar **Matthäus**
2000-1 Lothar **Matthäus**
2000-2 Jens **Nowotny**
2001-1 Patrik **Andersson**

Best Stopper

1971-1 Wolfgang **Weber**
1971-2 Wolfgang **Weber**
1972-1 Georg **Schwarzenbeck**
1972-2 Georg **Schwarzenbeck**
1973-1 Bernhard **Cullmann**
1973-2 Wolfgang **Weber**
1974-1 Georg **Schwarzenbeck**
1974-2 Uwe **Kliemann**
1975-1 Uwe **Kliemann**
1975-2 Georg **Schwarzenbeck**
1976-1 Georg **Schwarzenbeck**
1976-2 Wolfgang **Weber**
1977-1 Rolf **Rüssmann**
1977-2 Rolf **Rüssmann**
1978-1 Rolf **Rüssmann**
1978-2 Rolf **Rüssmann**
1979-1 Karlheinz **Förster**
1979-2 Karlheinz **Förster**
1980-1 Karlheinz **Förster**
1980-2 Hans-Peter **Briegel** (WC)
1981-1 Karlheinz **Förster**
1981-2 Karlheinz **Förster**
1982-1 Karlheinz **Förster** (WC)
1982-2 Karlheinz **Förster**
1983-1 Karlheinz **Förster** (WC)
1983-2 Ditmar **Jakobs**
1984-1 Karlheinz **Förster**
1984-2 Karlheinz **Förster**
1985-1 Karlheinz **Förster**

Best Defender

1985-2 Norbert **Eder**
1986-1 Karlheinz **Förster** (WC)
1986-2 Guido **Buchwald**
1987-1 Jürgen **Kohler**
1987-2 Jürgen **Kohler**
1988-1 Jürgen **Kohler**
1988-2 Jürgen **Kohler** (WC)
1989-1 Jürgen **Kohler**
1989-2 Guido **Buchwald**
1990-1 Jürgen **Kohler** (WC)

Best Marker

1990-2 Jürgen **Kohler**
1991-1 Dietmar **Beiersdorfer**
1991-2 Martin **Kree**
1992-1 Michael **Schulz**
1992-2 Guido **Buchwald**
1993-1 Michael **Schulz**
1993-2 Torsten **Wohlert**
1994-1 Jürgen **Kohler**
1994-2 Júlio **César**
1995-1 Patrik **Andersson**
1995-2 Thomas **Helmer**
1996-1 Thomas **Helmer**
1996-2 Jürgen **Kohler** (WC)
1997-1 Jürgen **Kohler** (WC)
1997-2 Thomas **Helmer**
1998-1 Christian **Wörns**

Best Defender

1998-2 Jürgen **Kohler**
1999-1 Robert **Kovac**

1999-2 Frank **Baumann**
2000-1 Jens **Nowotny**
2000-2 Tomasz **Waldoch**
2001-1 **Lúcio**
2001-2 **Lúcio** (WC)
2002-1 **Lúcio** (WC)

Best Central Defender

2002-2 Thomas **Linke**
2003-1 Thomas **Linke**
2003-2 Marcelo **Bordon**
2004-1 **Lúcio**
2004-2 Marcelo **Bordon**
2005-1 **Lúcio**
2005-2 **Lúcio** (WC)
2006-1 **Lúcio**
2006-2 **Naldo**
2007-1 Marcelo **Bordon**
2007-2 Marcelo **Bordon**
2008-1 Martin **Demichelis**
2008-2 Josip **Simunic**
2009-1 Josip **Simunic**
2009-2 Sami **Hyypiä**
2010-1 Arne **Friedrich**
2010-2 Mats **Hummels**
2011-1 Mats **Hummels**
2011-2 Holger **Badstuber**
2012-1 Mats **Hummels**
2012-2 **Dante**
2013-1 Jerome **Boateng**
2013-2 Jerome **Boateng**
2014-1 Mats **Hummels** (WC)
2014-2 Jerome **Boateng** (WC)
2015-1 Jerome **Boateng**
2015-2 Jerome **Boateng** (WC)
2016-1 Jerome **Boateng** (WC)
2016-2 Mats **Hummels**

Best Half Back

1955-b Horst **Eckel** (WC)
1956-1 Horst **Eckel**
1956-2 Horst **Szymaniak**
1957-1 Horst **Szymaniak** (WC)
1957-2 Horst **Szymaniak** (WC)
1958-b Horst **Szymaniak** (WC)
1959-1 Horst **Szymaniak** (WC)
1959-2 Horst **Szymaniak** (WC)
1960-b Horst **Szymaniak** (WC)
1961-1 Horst **Szymaniak** (WC)
1961-2 Karl-Heinz **Schnellinger**
1962-1 not issued
1962-2 Willi **Schulz**
1963-1 Willi **Schulz**
1963-2 Willi **Schulz**
1964-1 Willi **Schulz**
1964-2 Willi **Schulz**
1965-1 Wolfgang **Weber**
1965-2 Horst **Szymaniak**

Best Midfielder

1966-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1966-2 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1967-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1967-2 Wolfgang **Overath**
1968-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1968-2 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1969-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)

1969-2 Wolfgang **Overath** (WC)
1970-1 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1970-2 Franz **Beckenbauer** (WC)
1971-1 Günter **Netzer** (WC)
1971-2 Günter **Netzer**
1972-1 Günter **Netzer** (WC)
1972-2 Günter **Netzer** (WC)
1973-1 Günter **Netzer**
1973-2 Ulrich **Hoeness**
1974-1 Wolfgang **Overath**
1974-2 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1975-1 Herbert **Wimmer**
1975-2 Herbert **Wimmer**
1976-1 Rainer **Bonhof** (WC)
1976-2 Rainer **Bonhof**
1977-1 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1977-2 Jürgen **Grabowski** (WC)
1978-1 Heinz **Flohe**
1978-2 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge**
1979-1 Herbert **Zimmermann**
1979-2 Paul **Breitner** (WC)
1980-1 Paul **Breitner** (WC)
1980-2 Paul **Breitner** (WC)
1981-1 Paul **Breitner** (WC)
1981-2 Paul **Breitner**
1982-1 Paul **Breitner**

Best Offensive Midfielder

1982-2 Paul **Breitner** (WC)
1983-1 Felix **Magath** (WC)
1983-2 Norbert **Meier**
1984-1 Felix **Magath**
1984-2 Uwe **Rahn**
1985-1 Uwe **Rahn**
1985-2 Norbert **Meier**
1986-1 Lothar **Matthäus** (WC)
1986-2 Uwe **Rahn**
1987-1 Wolfram **Wuttke**
1987-2 Pierre **Littbarski**
1988-1 Lothar **Matthäus**
1988-2 Thomas **Hässler** (WC)
1989-1 Pierre **Littbarski**
1989-2 Pierre **Littbarski**
1990-1 Pierre **Littbarski**
1990-2 Andreas **Möller**
1991-1 Thomas **Doll**
1991-2 Andreas **Möller**
1992-1 Thomas **Hässler** (WC)

Best Central Offensive Midfielder

1992-2 Andreas **Herzog**
1993-1 Andreas **Herzog**
1993-2 Jordan **Letchkov**
1994-1 Carlos **Dunga**
1994-2 Andreas **Möller**
1995-1 Piotr **Nowak**
1995-2 Andreas **Möller**
1996-1 Mehmet **Scholl**
1996-2 Thomas **Hässler** (WC)
1997-1 Dariusz **Wosz** (WC)

Best Offensive Midfielder

1997-2 Krassimir **Balakov** (WC)
1998-1 Ciriaco **Sforza**
1998-2 Stefan **Beinlich**

1999-1 Stefan **Effenberg**
1999-2 Rodolfo **Cardoso**
2000-1 Stefan **Effenberg** (WC)
2000-2 Mehmet **Scholl**
2001-1 Mehmet **Scholl**
2001-2 **Lincoln**
2002-1 Torsten **Frings**
2002-2 Tomas **Rosicky**
2003-1 **Marcelinho**
2003-2 Johan **Micoud**
2004-1 Michael **Ballack**
2004-2 **Marcelinho**
2005-1 Michael **Ballack**
2005-2 Tim **Borowski**
2006-1 Michael **Ballack**
2006-2 **Diego**
2007-1 Bernd **Schneider**
2007-2 **Diego**
2008-1 **Diego**
2008-2 Zvezdan **Misimovic**
2009-1 **Diego**
2009-2 Mesut **Özil**
2010-1 Thomas **Müller** (WC)
2010-2 Shinji **Kagawa**
2011-1 Thomas **Müller**
2011-2 Toni **Kroos**
2012-1 Shinji **Kagawa** (WC)
2012-2 Mario **Götze** (WC)
2013-1 Mario **Götze**
2013-2 Toni **Kroos**
2014-1 Toni **Kroos** (WC)
2014-2 Kevin **De Bruyne** (WC)
2015-1 Kevin **De Bruyne** (WC)
2015-2 Thomas **Müller** (WC)
2016-1 Thomas **Müller**
2016-2 Emil **Forsberg**

Best Defensive Midfielder

1982-2 Hans-Peter **Briegel**
1983-1 Wolfgang **Rolff**
1983-2 Jürgen **Groh**
1984-1 Guido **Buchwald**
1984-2 Andreas **Brehme**
1985-1 Lothar **Matthäus**
1985-2 Andreas **Brehme**
1986-1 Hans-Peter **Briegel**
1986-2 Norbert **Nachtweih**
1987-1 Norbert **Nachtweih**
1987-2 Mirko **Votava**
1988-1 Armin **Görtz**
1988-2 Srečko **Katanec**
1989-1 Stefan **Reuter**
1989-2 Stefan **Reuter**
1990-1 Guido **Buchwald** (WC)
1990-2 Stefan **Reuter**
1991-1 Stefan **Reuter**
1991-2 Guido **Buchwald**
1992-1 Guido **Buchwald**

Best Central Defensive Midfielder

1992-2 Jan **Wouters**
1993-1 Jan **Wouters**
1993-2 Andreas **Brehme**
1994-1 Ioan **Lupescu**
1994-2 Pavel **Hapal**
1995-1 Dieter **Eilts**
1995-2 Dieter **Eilts**
1996-1 Dieter **Eilts**

1996-2 Sunday **Oliseh**
1997-1 Zvonimir **Soldo**

Best Defensive Midfielder

1997-2 Zvonimir **Soldo**
1998-1 Zvonimir **Soldo**
1998-2 Jens **Jeremies**
1999-1 Stefan **Effenberg**
1999-2 **Emerson**
2000-1 **Emerson** (WC)
2000-2 Niko **Kovac**
2001-1 Jens **Jeremies**
2001-2 Michael **Ballack**
2002-1 Michael **Ballack** (WC)
2002-2 Michael **Ballack**
2003-1 Michael **Ballack**
2003-2 Zvonimir **Soldo**
2004-1 Frank **Baumann**
2004-2 Michael **Ballack**
2005-1 Fabian **Ernst**
2005-2 Torsten **Frings**
2006-1 Torsten **Frings** (WC)
2006-2 Trosten **Frings**
2007-1 Pavel **Pardo**
2007-2 Simon **Rolfes**
2008-1 Mark **van Bommel**
2008-2 **Zé Roberto**
2009-1 Jermaine **Jones**
2009-2 **Zé Roberto**
2010-1 Bastian **Schweinsteiger** (WC)
2010-2 Nuri **Sahin**
2011-1 Arturo **Vidal**
2011-2 Bastian **Schweinsteiger** (WC)
2012-1 Ilkay **Gündogan**
2012-2 Bastian **Schweinsteiger**
2013-1 Bastian **Schweinsteiger** (WC)
2013-2 Philipp **Lahm** (WC)
2014-1 Philipp **Lahm** (WC)
2014-2 Philipp **Lahm** (WC)
2015-1 Gonzalo **Castro**
2015-2 Xabi **Alonso**
2016-1 Arturo **Vidal** (WC)
2016-2 Naby **Keita**

Best Inside Forward

1955-b Fritz **Walter** (WC)
1956-1 Fritz **Walter**
1956-2 Fritz **Walter**
1957-1 Willi **Schröder**
1957-2 Fritz **Walter**
1958-b Fritz **Walter**
1959-1 Fritz **Walter**
1959-2 Albert **Brülls**
1960-b Albert **Brülls**
1961-1 Albert **Brülls**
1961-2 Albert **Brülls**
1962-1 not issued
1962-2 Jürgen **Schütz**
1963-1 Jürgen **Schütz**
1963-2 Werner **Krämer**
1964-1 Werner **Krämer**
1964-2 Werner **Krämer**
1965-1 Werner **Krämer**
1965-2 Werner **Krämer**

Best Outside Left

1955-b Hans **Schäfer**

1956-1 Heinz **Vollmar**
1956-2 Heinz **Vollmar**
1957-1 Heinz **Vollmar**
1957-2 Hans **Schäfer**
1958-b Helmut **Rahn**
1959-1 Helmut **Rahn**
1959-2 Heinz **Hornig**
1960-b Gert **Dörfel**
1961-1 Gert **Dörfel**
1961-2 Albert **Brülls**
1962-1 not issued
1962-2 Gert **Dörfel**
1963-1 Alfred **Heiss**
1963-2 Gert **Dörfel**
1964-1 Gert **Dörfel**
1964-2 Heinz **Hornig**
1965-1 Heinz **Hornig**
1965-2 Heinz **Hornig**
1966-1 Heinz **Hornig**
1966-2 Sigfried **Held**
1967-1 Johannes **Löhr**
1967-2 Johannes **Löhr**
1968-1 Georg **Volkert**
1968-2 Klaus **Gerwien**
1969-1 Dieter **Brenninger**
1969-2 Erich **Maas**
1970-1 Johannes **Löhr**
1970-2 Johannes **Löhr**
1971-1 Josef **Heynckes**
1971-2 Josef **Heynckes**
1972-1 Erwin **Kremers**
1972-2 Erwin **Kremers**
1973-1 Erwin **Kremers**
1973-2 Josef **Heynckes**
1974-1 Bernd **Hölzenbein**
1974-2 Sigfried **Held**
1975-1 Josef **Heynckes**
1975-2 Josef **Heynckes**
1976-1 Josef **Heynckes**
1976-2 Josef **Heynckes**
1977-1 Georg **Volkert**
1977-2 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge**
1978-1 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge**
1978-2 Georg **Volkert**
1979-1 Georg **Volkert**
1979-2 Georg **Volkert**
1980-1 Ewald **Lienen**
1980-2 Werner **Dressel**
1981-1 Karl **Allgöwer**
1981-2 Norbert **Meier**
1982-1 Pierre **Littbarski**

Best Outside Right

1955-b Helmut **Rahn**
1956-1 Helmut **Rahn**
1956-2 Erwin **Waldner**
1957-1 Helmut **Rahn**
1957-2 Wolfgang **Peters**
1958-b Helmut **Rahn** (WC)
1959-1 Helmut **Rahn**
1959-2 Helmut **Rahn** (WC)
1960-b Heinz **Vollmar**
1961-1 Richard **Kress**
1961-2 Richard **Kress**
1962-1 not issued
1962-2 Engelbert **Kraus**
1963-1 Karl-Heinz **Thielen**
1963-2 Reinhard **Libuda**
1964-1 Reinhard **Libuda**

1964-2 Rudolf **Brunnenmeier**
1965-1 Rudolf **Brunnenmeier**
1965-2 Rudolf **Brunnenmeier**
1966-1 Albert **Brülls**
1966-2 Bernd **Dörfel**
1967-1 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1967-2 Reinhard **Libuda**
1968-1 Bernd **Dörfel**
1968-2 Bernd **Dörfel**
1969-1 Bernd **Dörfel**
1969-2 Reinhard **Libuda**
1970-1 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1970-2 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1971-1 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1971-2 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1972-1 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1972-2 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1973-1 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1973-2 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1974-1 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1974-2 Reiner **Geye**
1975-1 Manfred **Ritschel**
1975-2 Bernd **Hölzenbein**
1976-1 Bernd **Hölzenbein**
1976-2 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge**
1977-1 Rüdiger **Abramczik**
1977-2 Bernd **Hölzenbein**
1978-1 Bernd **Hölzenbein**
1978-2 Rüdiger **Abramczik**
1979-1 Rüdiger **Abramczik**
1979-2 Peter **Geyer**
1980-1 Karl **Del'Haye**
1980-2 Reiner **Geye**
1981-1 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge**
1981-2 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge** (WC)
1982-1 Pierre **Littbarski** (WC)

Best Wingers

1982-2 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge** (WC)
1983-1 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge**
1983-2 Klaus **Allofs**
1984-1 Klaus **Allofs**
1984-2 Klaus **Täuber**
1985-1 Pierre **Littbarski** (WC)

Best Offensive Lateral

2001-2 **Zé Roberto**
2002-1 Bernd **Schneider**
2002-2 Paul **Freier**
2003-1 Mehdi **Mahdavi**
2003-2 Marko **Babić**
2004-1 **Zé Roberto**
2004-2 Delron **Buckley**
2005-1 Bastian **Schweinsteiger**
2005-2 **Zé Roberto**
2006-1 **Zé Roberto**
2006-2 Albert **Streit**
2007-1 Roberto **Hilbert**
2007-2 Franck **Ribéry** (WC)
2008-1 Franck **Ribéry** (WC)
2008-2 Franck **Ribéry** (WC)
2009-1 Franck **Ribéry**
2009-2 Toni **Kroos**
2010-1 Arjen **Robben** (WC)
2010-2 Mario **Götze**
2011-1 Arjen **Robben** (WC)
2011-2 Marco **Reus**
2012-1 Franck **Ribéry**

2012-2 Franck **Ribéry** (WC)
2013-1 Thomas **Müller** (WC)
2013-2 Franck **Ribéry** (WC)
2014-1 Thomas **Müller** (WC)
2014-2 Arjen **Robben** (WC)
2015-1 Arjen **Robben** (WC)
2015-2 Douglas **Costa** (WC)
2016-1 Henrich **MCHITARJAN**
2016-2 Arjen **Robben**

Best Center Forward

1955-b Ottmar **Walter**
1956-1 Ulrich **Biesinger**
1956-2 Alfred **Kelbassa**
1957-1 Alfred **Kelbassa**
1957-2 Alfred **Kelbassa**
1958-b Uwe **Seeler**
1959-1 Uwe **Seeler** (WC)
1959-2 Uwe **Seeler** (WC)
1960-b Uwe **Seeler** (WC)
1961-1 Uwe **Seeler** (WC)
1961-2 Uwe **Seeler** (WC)
1962-1 not issued
1962-2 Uwe **Seeler** (WC)
1963-1 Uwe **Seeler**
1963-2 Uwe **Seeler** (WC)
1964-1 Uwe **Seeler** (WC)
1964-2 Uwe **Seeler** (WC)
1965-1 Uwe **Seeler** (WC)
1965-2 Uwe **Seeler**

Best Central Forwards

1966-1 Uwe **Seeler** (WC)
1966-2 Uwe **Seeler** (WC)
1967-1 Gerd **Müller**
1967-2 Uwe **Seeler**
1968-1 Sigfried **Held**
1968-2 Uwe **Seeler**
1969-1 Gerd **Müller**
1969-2 Gerd **Müller**
1970-1 Gerd **Müller** (WC)
1970-2 Gerd **Müller** (WC)
1971-1 Gerd **Müller** (WC)
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1973-1 Gerd **Müller**
1973-2 Gerd **Müller**
1974-1 Gerd **Müller** (WC)
1974-2 Gerd **Müller**
1975-1 Jürgen **Grabowski**
1975-2 Klaus **Fischer**
1976-1 Gerd **Müller** (WC)
1976-2 Gerd **Müller** (WC)
1977-1 Klaus **Fischer**
1977-2 Klaus **Fischer**
1978-1 Dieter **Müller**
1978-2 Klaus **Fischer**
1979-1 Klaus **Allofs**
1979-2 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge** (WC)
1980-1 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge** (WC)
1980-2 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge** (WC)
1981-1 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge** (WC)
1981-2 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge** (WC)
1982-1 Horst **Hrubesch**
1982-2 Karl-Heinz **Rummenigge** (WC)
1983-1 Rudolf **Völler**

1983-2 Rudolf **Völler**
1984-1 Rudolf **Völler**
1984-2 Klaus **Allofs**
1985-1 Rudolf **Völler** (WC)

Best Forward

1985-2 Rudolf **Völler**
1986-1 Klaus **Allofs**
1986-2 Herbert **Waas**
1987-1 Uwe **Rahn**
1987-2 Frank **Mill**
1988-1 Jürgen **Klinsmann**
1988-2 Jürgen **Klinsmann** (WC)
1989-1 Karlheinz **Riedle**
1989-2 Wynton **Rufer**
1990-1 Rudolf **Völler** (WC)
1990-2 Brian **Laudrup**
1991-1 Jan **Furtok**
1991-2 Stéphane **Chapuisat**
1992-1 Stéphane **Chapuisat** (WC)
1992-2 Stéphane **Chapuisat** (WC)
1993-1 Ulf **Kirsten**
1993-2 Anthony **Yeboah** (WC)
1994-1 Jürgen **Klinsmann** (WC)
1994-2 Ulf **Kirsten**
1995-1 Rudolf **Völler**
1995-2 Jürgen **Klinsmann** (WC)
1996-1 Jürgen **Klinsmann** (WC)
1996-2 Sean **Dundee**
1997-1 Ulf **Kirsten**
1997-2 Ulf **Kirsten**
1998-1 Oliver **Bierhoff** (WC)
1998-2 **Élber**
1999-1 Michael **Preetz**
1999-2 Youri **Djorkaeff**
2000-1 **Zé Roberto**
2000-2 Ebbe **Sand**
2001-1 Claudio **Pizarro** (WC)
2001-2 **Élber**
2002-1 Miroslav **Klose**
2002-2 **Ailton**
2003-1 **Élber**
2003-2 **Ailton**
2004-1 Roy **Makaay**
2004-2 Miroslav **Klose**
2005-1 Roy **Makaay**
2005-2 Miroslav **Klose**
2006-1 Miroslav **Klose** (WC)
2006-2 Miroslav **Klose**
2007-1 Theofanis **Gekas**
2007-2 Luca **Toni**
2008-1 Luca **Toni**
2008-2 Vedad **Ibisevic** (WC)
2009-1 Edin **Dzeko** (WC)
2009-2 Stefan **Kiessling**
2010-1 Edin **Dzeko** (WC)
2010-2 Mario **Gomez**
2011-1 Mario **Gomez** (WC)
2011-2 Mario **Gomez** (WC)
2012-1 Jan-Klaas **Huntelaar**
2012-2 Robert **Lewandowski**
2013-1 Robert **Lewandowski** (WC)
2013-2 Robert **Lewandowski**
2014-1 Robert **Lewandowski**
2014-2 Alexander **Meier**
2015-1 Robert **Lewandowski**
2015-2 Robert **Lewandowski** (WC)
2016-1 Robert **Lewandowski** (WC)
2016-2 Pierre-Emerick **Aubameyang** (WC)

Best Foreign players

1970-2 Willi **Lippens**
1971-1 Zoltan **Varga**
1971-2 Ulrik **Le Fevre**
1972-1 Idriz **Hosic**
1972-2 Idriz **Hosic**
1973-1 Henning **Jensen**
1973-2 Johann **Ettmayer**
1974-1 Roland **Sandberg**
1974-2 Roland **Sandberg**
1975-1 Roland **Sandberg**
1975-2 Henning **Jensen** (WC)
1976-1 Henning **Jensen**
1976-2 Branko **Oblak**
1977-1 Allan **Simonsen** (WC)
1977-2 Allan **Simonsen** (WC)
1978-1 Ronnie **Hellström** (WC)
1978-2 Kevin **Keegan** (WC)
1979-1 Kevin **Keegan** (WC)
1979-2 Bum-Kun **Cha** (WC)
1980-1 Kevin **Keegan**
1980-2 Bruno **Pezzey** (WC)
1981-1 Bruno **Pezzey** (WC)
1981-2 Bruno **Pezzey** (WC)
1982-1 Didier **Six**
1982-2 Jean-Marie **Pfaff**
1983-1 Jean-Marie **Pfaff** (WC)
1983-2 Jean-Marie **Pfaff** (WC)
1984-1 Asgeir **Sigurvinsson** (WC)
1984-2 Sören **Lerby**
1985-1 Sören **Lerby**
1985-2 Bruno **Pezzey**
1986-1 Sören **Lerby** (WC)
1986-2 Miroslaw **Okonski**
1987-1 Jean-Marie **Pfaff**
1987-2 Rune **Bratseth**
1988-1 Lajos **Detari**

Best German abroad

1990-2 Thomas **Hässler** (WC)
1991-1 Lothar **Matthäus** (WC)
1991-2 Jürgen **Kohler** (WC)
1992-1 Bernd **Schuster**
1992-2 Jürgen **Kohler**
1993-1 Jürgen **Klinsmann** (WC)
1993-2 Andreas **Möller** (WC)
1994-1 Falko **Götz**
1994-2 Jürgen **Klinsmann** (WC)
1995-1 Jürgen **Klinsmann** (WC)
1995-2 Oliver **Bierhoff**
1996-1 Eike **Immel**
1996-2 Andreas **Köpke** (WC)
1997-1 Andreas **Köpke** (WC)
1997-2 Andreas **Köpke** (WC)
1998-1 Bodo **Illgner**
1998-2 Bodo **Illgner**
1999-1 Bodo **Illgner**
1999-2 Christian **Ziege**
2000-1 Stefan **Klos**
2000-2 Stefan **Klos**
2001-1 Markus **Babbel**
2001-2 Dietmar **Hamann**
2002-1 Stefan **Klos**
2002-2 Stefan **Klos**
2003-1 Stefan **Klos**
2003-2 Stefan **Klos**

2004-1 Stefan **Klos**
2004-2 Stefan **Klos**
2005-1 Jens **Lehmann**
2005-2 Jens **Lehmann**
2006-1 Thomas **Linke**
2006-2 Jens **Lehmann**
2007-1 Jens **Lehmann**
2007-2 Dietmar **Hamann**
2008-1 Michael **Ballack**
2008-2 Michael **Ballack**
2009-1 Fabian **Ernst**
2009-2 Michael **Ballack**
2010-1 Michael **Ballack**
2010-2 Mesut **Özil**
2011-1 Mesut **Özil**
2011-2 Miroslav **Klose**
2012-1 Sami **Khedira**
2012-2 Sami **Khedira**
2013-1 Mesut **Özil**
2013-2 Per **Mertesacker**
2014-1 Per **Mertesacker**
2014-2 Toni **Kroos** (WC)
2015-1 Marc-Andre **ter Stegen**
2015-2 Mesut **Özil**
2016-1 Toni **Kroos** (WC)
2016-2 Mesut **Özil** (WC)