

The following is a look at the grades given by "sportmagazin" (August 1963 to November 1968) and since then by "kicker-sportmagazin". The lowest grade is the best (1= very good, 5=terrible). In this observation, the minimum number of graded games per season for an individual player must be 15; if a player in a particular season has less than 15 games that were graded, he will not be assessed in this. Additionally, a player has to have a minimum of three seasons per decade which were graded, otherwise he will not be included in this observation.

1963-1969

Strikers

avg. player
2.14 Seeler
2.38 Heynckes
2.43 G.Müller
2.52 Brungs
2.56 C.Müller
2.56 W.Solz
2.62 Rodekamp
2.66 Emmerich
2.66 Brunnenmeier
2.72 Löhr

Wingers

avg. player
1.87 Rupp
2.21 Held
2.27 H.Wimmer
2.42 Hornig
2.44 Volkert
2.46 Gerwien
2.46 Neuburger
2.47 G.Dörfel
2.50 Grabowski
2.52 Maas
2.52 Cebinac

Withdrawn Forwards/ Offensive Midfielders

avg. player
1.82 Netzer
2.04 Krämer
2.18 Gress
2.25 Overath
2.26 A.Schmidt
2.28 Ulsass
2.32 Zaczek
2.33 Konietzka
2.33 Siemensmeyer
2.35 Strehl

Half Backs/ Defensive Midfielders

avg. player
1.80 Marx
1.89 W.Schmidt
1.95 Perusic
2.10 H.Sturm
2.10 H.J.Neumann
2.22 van Haaren
2.22 Neuser
2.23 Nolden
2.24 Kurrat
2.30 Larsson

Stoppers

avg. player
2.09 Weber
2.17 Kaack
2.36 L.Müller
2.36 Olk
2.38 Lindner
2.41 Horst
2.44 Assauer
2.45 Menne
2.48 Reich
2.49 Schwager

Sweepers

avg. player
1.68 Beckenbauer
1.86 Fichtel
1.99 Bäse
2.03 Wenauer
2.16 Witlatschil
2.20 Schulz
2.20 Sieloff
2.21 Steinmann
2.46 Entenmann
2.47 W.Paul

Full Backs

avg. player
1.86 Vogts
2.15 Höttges
2.20 Jusufi
2.20 Lutz
2.20 Saida
2.21 Heidemann
2.22 Patzke
2.25 Kafka
2.35 Sabath
2.36 Rausch

Goalkeepers

avg. player
1.78 Sawitzki
1.88 Wolter
1.89 Maier
1.97 Tilkowski
1.97 M.Paul
1.98 Radenkovic
2.00 Wabra
2.05 Manglitz
2.09 Kunter
2.20 Schnarr

1970-1979**Strikers**

avg. player
2.46 Seeler
2.64 Jensen
2.72 G.Müller
2.77 Fischer
2.79 Kaczor
2.82 Walitza
2.84 Burgsmüller
2.84 Budde
2.86 Toppmöller
2.93 Keller

Notable absentees:

2.99 Hrubesch
3.11 D.Müller
3.12 Kostedde

Wingers

avg. player
2.38 Simonsen
2.43 Popivoda
2.59 Libuda
2.61 Hölzenbein
2.63 Held
2.63 Heynckes
2.63 E.Kremers
2.71 U.Hoeness
2.72 Lippens
2.73 Rupp
2.73 Le Fevre

Notable absentees:

2.74 Volkert
2.75 K.Allofs
2.81 K.Rummenigge
2.98 Löhr

Offensive Midfielders

avg. player

2.07 Netzer
2.28 Grabowski
2.29 Friedrich
2.30 Breitner
2.36 Seel
2.46 Overath
2.51 Flohe
2.54 Oblak
2.57 Beer
2.60 Zaczyk

Notable absentees:

2.09 Keegan (not included because only 2 full seasons)
2.36 H.Müller (dito)
2.70 Bongartz
2.87 Magath

Defensive Midfielders

avg. player

2.38 Bonhof
2.44 H.Wimmer
2.53 Tenhagen
2.53 Kurrat
2.59 van Haaren
2.59 Pavlic
2.62 Linssen
2.66 Danner
2.69 Stielike
2.73 Schäfer

Stoppers

avg. player

2.21 Witt
2.32 L.Müller
2.33 Rüssmann
2.39 Kliemann
2.48 Weber
2.55 Kaack
2.58 G.Zimmermann
2.63 Diehl
2.64 Anders
2.65 Pirsig
2.65 Jakobs

Notable absentees:

2.30 K.Förster (not included because only 2 full seasons)
2.69 Körbel
2.71 Schwarzenbeck

Sweepers

avg. player

1.83 Beckenbauer
2.24 Fichtel
2.30 Sieloff
2.43 Wittkamp
2.45 K.Franke
2.47 Damjanoff
2.49 Schulz
2.49 Neuberger
2.50 Schmitt
2.51 Lutz

Notable absentees:

2.52 Zewe
2.62 Roentved
2.65 Cullmann

Full Backs*avg. player*

1.97 Vogts
2.34 Breitner
2.42 Dietz
2.43 Heidemann
2.44 Höttges
2.50 H.Zimmerman
2.51 Kaltz
2.58 H.Kremers
2.59 Groh
2.60 Grzyb

Notable absentees:

2.54 Briegel (not included because only 2 full seasons)
2.71 Hansen
2.78 B.Förster

Goalkeepers*avg. player*

2.03 Hellström
2.06 Nigbur
2.07 B.Franke
2.12 Burdenski
2.18 Maier
2.20 Bernard
2.21 Gross
2.22 Kunter
2.27 Scholz
2.29 Heinze

Notable absentees:

2.33 Kargus
2.41 Kleff
2.50 Schumacher

1980-1989**Strikers***avg. player*

2.87 Völler
3.08 Mill
3.21 Klinsmann
3.22 Waas
3.26 Abel
3.29 Hrubesch
3.31 Fischer
3.35 Pinkall
3.37 T.Allofs
3.41 Walter

Notable absentees:

3.47 Riedle
3.51 Kuntz
3.57 D.Hoeness
3.60 Wohlfarth

Wingers*avg. player*

2.31 K.Rummenigge
2.98 Cha
3.00 Del'Haye
3.01 Littbarski
3.03 K.Allofs
3.03 Hässler
3.05 Milewski
3.11 Reinders
3.14 Wuttke
3.22 Seliger

Offensive Midfielders

avg. player

2.21 Breitner
2.74 Nickel
2.76 Magath
2.80 Meier
2.83 Thon
2.84 Dorfner
2.84 Hintermaier
2.84 Bracht
2.85 Bold
2.87 Allgöwer

Notable absentees:

2.91 Raducanu
2.96 Sigurvinsson
3.17 Burgsmüller
3.19 Möller
3.20 Woodcock

Defensive Midfielders

avg. player

2.69 Matthäus
2.76 Lerby
2.94 Dürnberger
2.95 Olsen
2.96 Möhlmann
2.97 Kraus
2.99 Hadewicz
3.00 Rolff
3.00 Sidka
3.00 Niedermayer

Stoppers

avg. player

2.43 K.Förster
2.73 Kohler
2.74 Buchwald
2.76 Hollmann
2.80 Körbel
2.85 Steiner
2.85 Grobe
2.94 Siegmann
2.94 Gruber
2.96 Koch

Sweepers

avg. player

2.48 Bast
2.62 Neues
2.63 Dietz
2.66 Hieronymus
2.71 Herget
2.71 Strack
2.73 Augenthaler
2.75 Jakobs
2.75 Bratseth
2.77 Pezzey
2.77 Sebert
2.77 Wohlers

Full Backs

avg. player

2.36 Briegel
2.73 Kaltz
2.75 B.Förster
2.82 Horsmann
2.85 Reuter
2.87 Huber
2.93 Dremmler
2.95 Brehme
2.95 Elmer
2.98 Pflügler

Notable absentee:

3.21 Berthold

Goalkeepers

avg. player

2.26 Hellström
2.42 Schumacher
2.43 Kamps
2.47 Stein
2.50 R. Wimmer
2.51 Köpke
2.51 Kargus
2.52 Kneib
2.55 Roleder
2.55 Greiner

Notable absentees:

2.56 Pfaff
2.56 Immel
2.68 Illgner

The following is a look at the average grades of the observed players (not *all* players that were graded by *sportmagazin* respectively *kicker-sportmagazine*, only those that were in the top 20 of each season for the positions goalkeeper, defense, midfield, forwards - the categories the kicker website allows you to filter).

Per decade:

2.39 (1960s)
2.66 (1970s)
3.02 (1980s)

average grade altogether: 2.69

per season:

1963-64 2.39
1964-65 2.43
1965-66 2.36
1966-67 2.36
1967-68 2.35
1968-69 2.44

1969-70 2.59
1970-71 2.58
1971-72 2.60
1972-73 2.67
1973-74 2.68
1974-75 2.66
1975-76 2.65
1976-77 2.67
1977-78 2.73
1978-79 2.77

1979-80 2.80
1980-81 2.90
1981-82 2.87
1982-83 2.94
1983-84 3.05
1984-85 3.15
1985-86 2.96
1986-87 3.14
1987-88 3.18
1988-89 3.20

This is the overview of all observed players. I tried to eliminate uneven grades per decade as far as possible by adjusting all grades of all players to the average grade 2.69. I think it is still skewed in favor of 1960s players but not that strongly.

1963-1989

Strikers

avg. player
2.49 Seeler
2.54 Völler
2.64 Jensen
2.71 Mill
2.74 G.Müller
2.77 Klinsmann
2.81 K.Täuber
2.80 Waas
2.83 Burgsmüller
2.84 Toppmöller
2.85 Brungs
2.87 Walitza
2.89 Solz
2.90 C.Müller
2.91 Fischer
2.92 R.Budde
2.94 Walter
2.94 Riedle
2.94 Pohlschmidt
2.97 Rodekamp
2.97 Kostedde
2.99 Neubarth
2.99 Criens
3.00 Emmerich
3.00 Keller
3.00 Wenzel
3.00 Brunnenmeier
3.00 T.Allofs
3.01 Wendt
3.02 Hrubesch
3.03 Kuntz
3.03 Worm
3.04 Löhr
3.04 Svensson
3.10 Wegmann
3.10 Wohlfarth
3.10 Pinkall
3.12 Leifeld
3.14 D.Hoeness
3.15 Reichert
3.16 Ökland
3.16 Kaczor
3.17 Klotz
3.18 Remark
3.18 Frank
3.21 Reimann
3.24 Furtok
3.24 D.Müller
3.27 Matischak
3.27 Andersen
3.30 Edvaldsson
3.31 Dickel
3.33 Weiss

Wingers

avg. player
2.36 Simonsen
2.46 K.Rummenigge
2.46 Rupp
2.56 Held
2.58 Hornig
2.60 E.Kremers
2.62 Hässler
2.62 Maas
2.62 Hölzenbein
2.64 Popivoda
2.65 Cha
2.67 Heynckes
2.69 Thielen
2.70 Littbarski

2.70 Riedl
2.72 Del'Haye
2.73 U.Hoeness
2.73 Steffenhagen
2.73 Heiss
2.75 K.Allofs
2.77 Volkert
2.78 Libuda
2.78 Lippens
2.79 Kögl
2.79 Rühl
2.80 Wuttke
2.81 Geye
2.81 Pirrung
2.83 Cebinac
2.83 Milewski
2.84 Le Fevre
2.85 Görts
2.87 Lienen
2.89 Rebele
2.90 Herzog
2.92 Gecks
2.93 G.Dörfel
2.93 Eckstein
2.94 Wosab
2.94 Eggeling
2.97 van Gool
2.99 Brenninger
3.00 Kentschke
3.00 Seliger
3.01 Sandberg
3.01 Reinders
3.01 Gründel
3.01 Kitzmann
3.02 Abramczik
3.05 Simmes
3.05 Bühler
3.06 Kelsch
3.08 Ordenewitz
3.14 Wunder
3.16 Mathy
3.20 Turowski

Offensive Midfielders

avg. player
2.10 Netzer
2.20 Breitner
2.23 Keegan
2.37 H.Müller
2.44 Thon
2.45 Oblak
2.45 Dorfner
2.46 Meier
2.49 Gayer
2.50 Grabowski
2.51 Overath
2.51 Krämer
2.54 Allgöwer
2.54 A.Schmidt
2.54 Gress
2.55 Raducanu
2.57 Sigurvinsson
2.57 Hintermaier
2.59 Bold
2.60 Ulsass
2.62 Huberts
2.63 Konietzka
2.63 Zaczek
2.63 Hermann
2.64 Strehl
2.67 Magath
2.68 Seel
2.68 von Heesen
2.68 Lux
2.69 Siemensmeyer
2.69 Horr
2.69 Nickel
2.69 Weller

2.70 Beer
2.70 Möller
2.71 Herrmann
2.72 Küppers
2.72 Harforth
2.74 Bongartz
2.74 Ohlhauser
2.74 Hosić
2.75 Köppel
2.76 Bracht
2.76 F.Funkel
2.77 Schreier
2.77 Koulmann
2.78 Schwabl
2.79 Hönig
2.80 Wrenger
2.82 Flohe
2.84 Bittcher
2.85 Huttary
2.85 Hickersberger
2.87 Gaudino
2.88 Hochstätter
2.89 Bechtold
2.89 Gersdorff
2.89 Kulik
2.89 Memering
2.90 Trimhold
2.90 Scheer
2.91 Rahn
2.94 Ettmayer
2.94 Engels
2.95 Handschuh
2.95 Kapitulski
2.95 Woodcock
2.96 Götz
2.97 Wild
2.93 Borchers
3.00 Pagelsdorf
3.01 Kobluhn
3.05 Bein
3.06 M.Rummenigge
3.09 Laumen
3.14 H.Neumann

Defensive Midfielders

avg. player
2.03 Marx
2.12 W.Schmidt
2.36 Perusic
2.37 H.Sturm
2.37 H.J.Neumann
2.43 Lerby
2.44 Matthäus
2.50 Olsen
2.51 Nolden
2.52 H.Wimmer
2.53 Friedrich
2.55 Schuster
2.56 Neuser
2.57 Kurrat
2.58 Kapellmann
2.60 van Haaren
2.60 Larsson
2.61 Rolff
2.63 Groh
2.63 Reisch
2.63 Luttrup
2.66 Hoffmann
2.67 Tenhagen
2.67 Linssen
2.67 Drehsen
2.68 D.Danner
2.69 Nachtweih
2.70 Falkenmayer
2.70 Stielike
2.71 Bonhof
2.71 Dietrich
2.73 Kalb
2.74 Kohlars

2.76 Hesse
2.76 Hadewicz
2.77 Lorenz
2.79 A.Schütz
2.79 Pavlic
2.79 Kraus
2.79 M.Müller
2.79 Dürnberger
2.80 Geisert
2.80 Woelk
2.80 Hartwig
2.81 Sidka
2.82 Niedermayer
2.84 Hattenberger
2.84 Dooley
2.85 Zorc
2.86 Simmet
2.86 Hermandung
2.86 Zobel
2.87 Ferner
2.87 Weikl
2.88 Lütkebohmert
2.98 Kroth
2.91 Möhlmann
2.92 Votava
2.93 Björnmoose
2.94 Roth
2.95 H.Schulz
2.96 Dugend
2.96 Heese
2.97 Lorant
3.07 Bommer
3.11 W.Sturm
3.12 W.Schäfer
3.14 Okudera

Stoppers

avg. player
2.19 Witt
2.23 K.Förster
2.34 Rüssmann
2.36 Kohler
2.38 Buchwald
2.41 Kliemann
2.44 Weber
2.51 L.Müller
2.53 Jakobs
2.54 Kaack
2.54 Steiner
2.56 G.Zimmermann
2.57 W.Funkel
2.59 Körbel
2.59 G.Schäfer
2.62 Strack
2.62 Plessers
2.63 Hollmann
2.64 Diehl
2.67 A.Reinhardt
2.68 Gruber
2.68 Kutowski
2.69 Schlindwein
2.69 Giske
2.70 Kriegler
2.71 Tsionanis
2.71 Beiersdorfer
2.72 Horst
2.73 Reich
2.73 Eder
2.73 Koch
2.73 Hupe
2.74 Kree
2.74 Assauer
2.75 Olk
2.76 Zech
2.76 Menne
2.77 Lindner
2.77 Siegmann
2.78 Schwager
2.78 Grahammer

2.78 Dusek
2.79 Anders
2.80 Schwarzenbeck
2.80 Pirsig
2.81 Grobe
2.83 Kutzop
2.85 Giesemann
2.87 Moser
2.90 Blusch
3.02 Wörmer

Sweepers

avg. player
2.18 Beckenbauer
2.22 Fichtel
2.28 Wenauer
2.30 Bäse
2.34 Bratseth
2.36 Holcer
2.42 Sieloff
2.42 Sebert
2.43 Witlatschil
2.43 K.Franke
2.48 Schmitt
2.49 Hieronymus
2.50 Bast
2.52 W.Schulz
2.53 Zewe
2.53 Damjanoff
2.57 Augenthaler
2.58 Foda
2.61 Roentved
2.61 Versen
2.62 Neues
2.64 Steinmann
2.65 Fach
2.66 Neuberger
2.66 Hörster
2.66 Hannes
2.66 Buljan
2.67 Pezzey
2.67 Weyerich
2.67 Wohlers
2.69 Binz
2.70 Eisele
2.70 Struth
2.71 Biskup
2.71 Melzer
2.72 Herget
2.72 Martinelli
2.72 T.Wild
2.73 Trinklein
2.73 Haebermann
2.74 Sauer
2.75 Wittkamp
2.76 Kempe
2.78 Gelsdorf
2.79 Cullmann
2.79 Brück
2.81 Hellingrath
2.81 Bruns
2.82 Bregman
2.87 R.Gerber
2.89 W.Paul
2.89 Demuth
2.97 Loose

Full Backs

avg. player
2.05 Vogts
2.33 Briegel
2.42 Dietz
2.44 Höttges
2.46 Reuter
2.47 Kaltz
2.48 Jusufi
2.48 Saida
2.50 Bleidick
2.51 Heidemann

2.53 Lutz
2.55 Patzke
2.57 Pflügler
2.57 Kafka
2.61 Brehme
2.61 H.Zimmermann
2.62 B.Förster
2.64 Weiner
2.64 Borowka
2.65 Sabath
2.66 Wittmann
2.69 Fromm
2.69 Otten
2.70 Seibold
2.70 Bella
2.70 Elmer
2.71 Piontek
2.71 Martin
2.73 Stiller
2.73 Helmer
2.73 Sobieray
2.74 Grzyb
2.74 Geils
2.74 Schaaf
2.75 Koppenhöfer
2.75 Reichel
2.75 Hansen
2.76 Huber
2.76 Görtz
2.76 Prestin
2.77 Zembski
2.78 Merkhoffer
2.78 Gerland
2.78 Baltes
2.78 Lameck
2.78 Rausch
2.78 Konopka
2.80 Wöhrlin
2.80 Regh
2.81 Sziedat
2.81 Wehmeyer
2.81 K.Meyer
2.81 Berthold
2.82 Nowak
2.82 Hein
2.82 Coordes
2.84 Winkhold
2.84 Ritschel
2.85 Redder
2.85 Wolf
2.85 Köhnen
2.85 Horsmann
2.85 Dremmler
2.86 W.Schneider
2.86 Hidien
2.86 Schmidradner
2.89 Bandura
2.89 Semlitsch
2.90 Ferschl
2.91 Borg
2.95 Krauss
3.01 H.Kremers
3.04 J.Täuber
3.24 Willmer

Goalkeepers

avg. player
2.02 Franke
2.02 Sawitzki
2.05 Hellström
2.06 Gross
2.06 Kamps
2.12 Burdenski
2.13 Köpke
2.13 Radenkovic
2.14 Stein
2.17 Maier
2.21 M.Paul
2.22 Tilkowski

2.24 De Beer
2.25 Pfaff
2.25 Ehrmann
2.26 Roleder
2.26 Wolter
2.26 Wabra
2.27 Nigbur
2.27 Illgner
2.28 Scholz
2.28 Rynio
2.28 Immel
2.29 Kargus
2.29 Manglitz
2.32 Schumacher
2.32 Zander
2.32 Kunter
2.32 Linders
2.33 Vollack
2.33 Vollborn
2.33 R. Wimmer
2.34 Welz
2.34 U. Zimmermann
2.36 Koitka
2.36 Zumdick
2.36 Greiner
2.37 Kneib
2.38 V. Danner
2.40 M. Müller
2.42 Daniel
2.44 Bernard
2.43 Kleff
2.52 Schnoor
2.53 Schnarr
2.57 Öczan
2.57 Heinze
2.65 Sude
2.90 Podlasly