

RIGHT BACKS

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Hans-Josef (Jupp) HELLINGRATH (b. 1940)
Germany, Right Back/Midfielder

Jupp Hellingrath started out as an inside forward but by the mid-1960s he had evolved into a defensive player, mainly a right back but also occasionally in central defense. A key player for Düsseldorf and Hannover for about 10 years. He never missed a game between 1968 and 1972 until an injury struck him down.

League record

1958-61	-	-	Neuss (Div. 2)
1961-62	15	3	Düsseldorf (Div. 1 – West)
1962-63	16	1	Düsseldorf (Div. 1 – West)
1963-64	21	2	Düsseldorf (Div. 2)
1964-65	34	3	Düsseldorf (Div. 2)
1965-66	34	0	Düsseldorf (Div. 2)
1966-67	30	1	Düsseldorf (BL)
1967-68	33	0	Hannover (BL)
1968-69	34	1	Hannover (BL)
1969-70	34	1	Hannover (BL)
1970-71	34	1	Hannover (BL)
1971-72	34	0	Hannover (BL)
1972-73	30	0	Hannover (BL)
1973-74	8	0	TSV 1860 München (Div. 2)

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Bernd KRAUSS (b. 1957)
22 A, Austria, Right Back
League champion 1982, 1983
League runner-up 1978
Cup winner 1983
Cup finalist 1984

Bernd Krauss was a German right back with immense offensive potential who gained Austrian citizenship so that he could play for Austria as he was considered better than any Austrian in that position. A very fast player who often advanced very far upfront where he swung in good crosses.

League record

1976-77	1	0	Dortmund (BL)
1977-78	36	4	Rapid Wien (Austria)
1978-79	24	3	Rapid Wien (Austria)
1979-80	36	4	Rapid Wien (Austria)
1980-81	34	3	Rapid Wien (Austria)
1981-82	31	1	Rapid Wien (Austria)
1982-83	30	3	Rapid Wien (Austria)
1983-84	31	1	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1984-85	28	2	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1985-86	16	1	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1986-87	28	1	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1987-88	17	1	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1988-89	27	2	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1989-90	20	0	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)

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Fritz LABAND (1925-1982)

4 A, Germany, Right Back

World Cup winner 1954

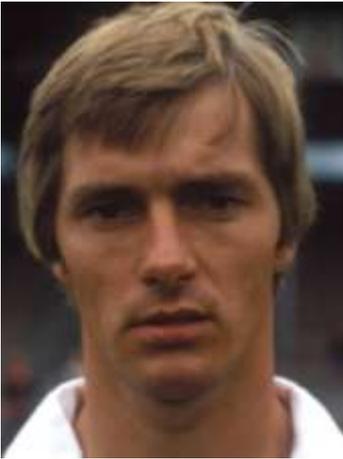
Cup finalist 1956

An uncompromising defensive right back who was a starter at the 1954 World Cup but lost his place to Jupp Posipal who had performed badly in his usual role as centre half but Sepp Herberger didn't want to bench him thus he moved Posipal to right back at the expense of Fritz Laband, who had played quite well up to that point. Plagued by several injuries from 1954 onwards, Laband's career halted quickly.

League record

1945-50	-	-	Anker Wismar (East Germany)
1950-51	29	0	Hamburg (Div. 1 – North)
1951-52	27	0	Hamburg (Div. 1 – North)
1952-53	28	0	Hamburg (Div. 1 – North)
1953-54	29	0	Hamburg (Div. 1 – North)
1954-55	0	0	Hamburg (Div. 1 – North)
1955-56	9	0	Hamburg (Div. 1 – North)
1956-57	10	0	Bremen (Div. 1 – North)
1957-61	-	-	GW Hamburg (Div. 3)

#47



Heiner BALTES (b. 1949)

Germany, Right back

Cup winner 1979, 1980

Cup finalist 1978

CWC finalist 1979

In his young days as a professional Heiner Baltès was considered a bit of a full back prodigy but in the long run he proved to be a rather defensive, hard but fair player.

League record

1970-71	2	0	Düsseldorf (Div. 2)
1971-72	34	4	Düsseldorf (BL)
1972-73	7	1	Düsseldorf (BL)
1973-74	28	0	Düsseldorf (BL)
1974-75	32	2	Düsseldorf (BL)
1975-76	34	1	Düsseldorf (BL)
1976-77	34	0	Düsseldorf (BL)
1977-78	34	2	Düsseldorf (BL)
1978-79	34	1	Düsseldorf (BL)
1979-80	33	0	Düsseldorf (BL)
1980-81	9	0	Düsseldorf (BL)



Friedrich (Fritz) POTT (1939-2015)

3 A, Germany, Right Back

League champion 1962, 1964

League runner-up 1960, 1963, 1965

Cup winner 1968

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.

League record

1959-60	1	0	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1960-61	13	0	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1961-62	30	2	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1962-63	24	1	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1963-64	27	1	Köln (BL)
1964-65	21	0	Köln (BL)
1965-66	33	3	Köln (BL)
1966-67	21	2	Köln (BL)
1967-68	25	1	Köln (BL)
1968-69	24	0	Köln (BL)

#45



Wolfgang WOLF (b. 1957)
Germany, Right Back
Cup finalist 1981

Mostly a right back but at home at every defensive position. Wolfgang Wolf was a hard-running and determined, aggressive defender and as such a typical Kaiserslautern player of that time period.

League record

1978-79	15	1	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1979-80	16	2	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1980-81	24	1	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1981-82	31	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1982-83	33	2	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1983-84	29	3	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1984-85	29	1	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1985-86	32	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1986-87	14	1	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1987-88	25	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1988-89	32	5	Kickers Stuttgart (BL)
1989-90	35	4	Kickers Stuttgart (Div. 2)
1990-91	36	0	Kickers Stuttgart (Div. 2)
1991-92	28	0	Kickers Stuttgart (BL)

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Horst (Leo) LEUPOLD (b. 1942)

Germany, Right Back

League champion 1961, 1968

League runner-up 1962

Cup winner 1962

Leo Leupold was one of the first attacking full backs in German football in the early-/mid-1960s and part of Nürnberg's last championship-winning side in 1968. A committed fighter and one of the key players of his team during the 1960s.

League record

1960-61	0	0	Nürnberg (Div. 1 – South)
1961-62	0	0	Nürnberg (Div. 1 – South)
1962-63	23	0	Nürnberg (Div. 1 – South)
1963-64	23	0	Nürnberg (BL)
1964-65	30	0	Nürnberg (BL)
1965-66	25	0	Nürnberg (BL)
1966-67	28	1	Nürnberg (BL)
1967-68	34	1	Nürnberg (BL)
1968-69	27	0	Nürnberg (BL)
1969-70	25	1	Nürnberg (Div. 2)
1970-71	3	0	Nürnberg (Div. 2)
1971-72	5	0	Nürnberg (Div. 2)

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Peter REICHEL (b. 1951)
2 A, Germany, Right Back
Cup winner 1974, 1975

A right back who was also often seen in the right-sided midfield position and thus maybe a prototype wingback. Peter Reichel was extremely hard-running, good in build-up and a very steadily performing player for Frankfurt in the 1970s. His level was not quite high enough to establish himself in the national team, though.

League record

1970-71	24	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1971-72	28	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1972-73	24	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1973-74	32	2	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1974-75	29	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1975-76	30	2	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1976-77	30	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1977-78	27	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1979-79	1	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)

#42



Jürgen SOBIERAY (b. 1950)
Germany, Right Back
League runner-up 1972, 1977
Cup winner 1972

A hard fighter on the right side, his involvement in the 1971 Bundesliga scandal meant that he was never considered to play for Germany during his peak years.

League record

1969-70	17	1	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1970-71	29	0	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1971-72	32	4	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1972-73	0	0	suspended
1973-74	32	3	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1974-75	15	0	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1975-76	34	5	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1976-77	31	1	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1977-78	10	0	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1978-79	10	0	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1979-80	31	1	Wanne-Eickel (Div. 2)
1980-81	1	0	Dortmund (BL)
1981-82	12	1	Dortmund (BL)
1982-83	18	0	Schloss Neuhaus (Div. 2)

#41



Wolfgang GRZYB (1940-2004)

Germany, Right Back

League champion 1967

A small, robust and resilient right back who was a crucial player for Braunschweig for many years. Grzyb was a gifted defender who liked to thrust into unoccupied territory, connected with his midfielders and was a good crosser from the right wing.

League record

1966-67	15	2	Braunschweig (BL)
1967-68	31	1	Braunschweig (BL)
1968-69	33	2	Braunschweig (BL)
1969-70	27	4	Braunschweig (BL)
1970-71	34	3	Braunschweig (BL)
1971-72	33	2	Braunschweig (BL)
1972-73	34	0	Braunschweig (BL)
1973-74	36	6	Braunschweig (Div. 2)
1974-75	33	3	Braunschweig (BL)
1975-76	30	1	Braunschweig (BL)
1976-77	30	1	Braunschweig (BL)
1977-78	5	0	Braunschweig (BL)

#40



Michael SZIEDAT (b. 1952)

Germany, Right Back

League runner-up 1975

Cup winner 1981

Cup finalist 1977, 1979

A very solid right back and occasionally defensive midfielder, quite a good footballer who kept a pretty high performance level over many seasons.

League record

1971-72	29	0	Hertha BSC (BL)
1972-73	33	4	Hertha BSC (BL)
1973-74	33	3	Hertha BSC (BL)
1974-75	31	3	Hertha BSC (BL)
1975-76	33	1	Hertha BSC (BL)
1976-77	29	0	Hertha BSC (BL)
1977-78	34	0	Hertha BSC (BL)
1978-79	32	0	Hertha BSC (BL)
1979-80	26	1	Hertha BSC (BL)
1980-81	27	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1981-82	29	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1982-83	26	2	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1983-84	17	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1984-85	18	0	Hertha BSC (Div. 2)

#39



Dieter ZEMBSKI (b. 1946)
1 A, Germany, Right Back/Stopper

An intelligent player who excelled as a fanatical fighter, very aggressive but also technically sound. Not quite good enough to establish himself in the national team, where Berti Vogts or Horst Hötftges remained unsurpassed. He also was an accomplished rhythm guitarist whose band "The Mushrooms" managed to play at festivals that also featured the Rolling Stones and the Kinks.

League record

1968-69	1	0	Bremen (BL)
1969-70	19	0	Bremen (BL)
1970-71	34	2	Bremen (BL)
1971-72	30	1	Bremen (BL)
1972-73	31	1	Bremen (BL)
1973-74	34	0	Bremen (BL)
1974-75	30	0	Bremen (BL)
1975-76	14	0	Braunschweig (BL)
1976-77	34	0	Braunschweig (BL)
1977-78	33	0	Braunschweig (BL)
1978-79	34	0	Braunschweig (BL)
1979-80	7	0	Braunschweig (BL)



Werner SCHNEIDER (b. 1954)
 Germany, *Right Back/Right Midfielder*
Cup finalist 1975

A small, compact and robust right back and right wing, covered a lot of ground on the right flank and proved to be a very offensively-minded full back at his peak. He was known to bomb down the flank completing his spectacular runs with expertly swung-in crosses. Due to his heading ability he was also known to be a goal threat at set-pieces. In the mid-table teams Duisburg and Dortmund he was always one of the defining players.

League record

1971-72	2	0	Duisburg (BL)
1972-73	24	2	Duisburg (BL)
1973-74	33	1	Duisburg (BL)
1974-75	33	1	Duisburg (BL)
1975-76	33	2	Duisburg (BL)
1976-77	32	1	Duisburg (BL)
1977-78	26	0	Dortmund (BL)
1978-79	34	4	Dortmund (BL)
1979-80	33	2	Dortmund (BL)
1980-81	28	1	Dortmund (BL)
1981-82	1	0	Dortmund (BL)
1981-82	26	0	Hertha BSC (Div. 2)
1982-83	34	4	Hertha BSC (BL)

#37



Hans (Hasse) BORG (b. 1953)
49 A (4 goals), Sweden, Right Back/Stopper
League champion 1986, 1988
Cup winner 1984, 1986

The Swede was a tall, noticeable and dominant defender who proved to be valuable also in build up.

League record

1974-75	26	1	Örebro (Sweden)
1975-76	26	1	Örebro (Sweden)
1976-77	25	4	Örebro (Sweden)
1977-78	26	1	Braunschweig (BL)
1978-79	34	1	Braunschweig (BL)
1979-80	33	3	Braunschweig (BL)
1980-81	33	2	Braunschweig (BL)
1981-82	17	0	Braunschweig (BL)
1982-83	29	0	Braunschweig (BL)
1982-83	13	4	Malmö (Sweden)
1983-84	22	2	Malmö (Sweden)
1984-85	22	4	Malmö (Sweden)
1985-86	23	0	Malmö (Sweden)
1986-87	1	0	Malmö (Sweden)
1987-88	11	0	Malmö (Sweden)



Arne FRIEDRICH (b. 1979)
 82 A (1 goal), Germany, Right Back/Centre-Back
 Euro finalist 2008

Reliable, strong in defensive one-on-one situations, fast and a great header of the ball. Good positioning and reliable in defense. Flawed was his lack of offensive strengths, not a good crosser and also not a very refined passer. Arne Friedrich was much more suited for a central defensive role but since there was a lack of good right backs in his club and in Germany (Philipp Lahm was still playing as left back in the 2000s), he had to content with having to play in the demanding full back role.

League record

2000-01	25	1	Bielefeld (BL)
2001-02	22	0	Bielefeld (BL)
2002-03	33	5	Hertha BSC (BL)
2003-04	30	2	Hertha BSC (BL)
2004-05	25	3	Hertha BSC (BL)
2005-06	31	1	Hertha BSC (BL)
2006-07	26	2	Hertha BSC (BL)
2007-08	30	0	Hertha BSC (BL)
2008-09	25	0	Hertha BSC (BL)
2009-10	31	0	Hertha BSC (BL)
2010-11	15	0	Wolfsburg (BL)
2011-12	0	0	Wolfsburg (BL)
2011-12	23	1	Chicago Fire (United States)
2012-13	0	0	Chicago Fire (United States)



Reinhold WOSAB (b. 1938)
 Germany, *Right Back/Outside Right*
League champion 1963
League runner-up 1966
Cup winner 1965
CWC finalist 1966

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.

League record

1956-60	-	-	Marl (Div. 2)
1960-61	0	0	Marl (Div. 1 – West)
1961-62	0	0	Marl (Div. 1 – West)
1962-63	29	14	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1963-64	22	6	Dortmund (BL)
1964-65	22	10	Dortmund (BL)
1965-66	20	5	Dortmund (BL)
1966-67	25	15	Dortmund (BL)
1967-68	30	12	Dortmund (BL)
1968-69	28	2	Dortmund (BL)
1969-70	29	9	Dortmund (BL)
1970-71	22	2	Dortmund (BL)
1971-72	34	5	Bochum (BL)
1972-73	25	4	Bochum (BL)
1973-74	31	15	Lüdenscheid (Div. 2)



Bernd MARTIN (b. 1955)
1 A, Germany, Right Back
League champion 1985
League runner-up 1979
Cup winner 1984
Cup finalist 1985

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.

League record

1973-74	16	0	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1974-75	19	1	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1975-76	33	4	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 2)
1976-77	32	7	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 2)
1977-78	32	1	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1978-79	29	2	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1979-80	29	5	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1980-81	21	2	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1981-82	8	1	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1982-83	3	0	Bayern München (BL)
1983-84	5	0	Bayern München (BL)
1984-85	8	0	Bayern München (BL)

#33



Manfred BOCKENFELD (b. 1949)

1 A, Germany, Right Back

League Champion 1993

Cup winner 1991, 1994

Cup finalist 1989

CWC winner 1992

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.

League record

1980-81	41	14	Bocholt (Div. 2)
1981-82	23	0	Düsseldorf (BL)
1982-83	28	6	Düsseldorf (BL)
1983-84	34	5	Düsseldorf (BL)
1984-85	32	1	Düsseldorf (BL)
1985-86	32	5	Düsseldorf (BL)
1986-87	29	3	Düsseldorf (BL)
1987-88	32	5	Mannheim (BL)
1988-89	32	7	Mannheim (BL)
1989-90	30	2	Bremen (BL)
1990-91	14	0	Bremen (BL)
1991-92	25	0	Bremen (BL)
1992-93	17	0	Bremen (BL)
1993-94	8	0	Bremen (BL)

#32



Manfred RITSCHHEL (b. 1946)
3 A (1 goal), Germany, Right Back/Right Wing

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.

League record

1968-69	34	6	Regensburg (Div. 2)
1969-70	36	10	Regensburg (Div. 2)
1970-71	34	6	Dortmund (BL)
1971-72	23	0	Dortmund (BL)
1972-73	34	6	Kickers Offenbach (BL)
1973-74	34	8	Kickers Offenbach (BL)
1974-75	32	8	Kickers Offenbach (BL)
1975-76	28	3	Kickers Offenbach (BL)
1976-77	23	2	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1977-78	1	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1977-78	22	0	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1978-79	25	1	Fürth (Div. 2)
1979-80	37	2	Fürth (Div. 2)
1980-81	33	4	Fürth (Div. 2)
1981-82	13	2	Fürth (Div. 2)

#31



Lothar HUBER (b. 1952)
Germany, Right Back
Cup finalist 1972

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.

League record

1970-71	1	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1971-72	8	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1972-73	32	1	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1973-74	22	1	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1974-75	37	8	Dortmund (Div. 2)
1975-76	38	10	Dortmund (Div. 2)
1976-77	34	8	Dortmund (BL)
1977-78	34	5	Dortmund (BL)
1978-79	34	4	Dortmund (BL)
1979-80	28	3	Dortmund (BL)
1980-81	25	3	Dortmund (BL)
1981-82	34	3	Dortmund (BL)
1982-83	31	2	Dortmund (BL)
1983-84	12	0	Dortmund (BL)
1984-85	13	0	Dortmund (BL)
1985-86	9	0	Dortmund (BL)



Marcio Rafael RAFINHA Ferreira de Souza (b. 1985)

4 A, Brazil, Right Back

League champion 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

League runner-up 2007, 2010, 2012

Cup winner 2013, 2014, 2016

Champions Cup 2013

Champions Cup finalist 2012

Intercontinental Cup 2013

Dynamic thrusts, a good dribbler and crosser and a hard shooter – these were the main reasons why Rafinha was considered a legitimate prospect in following up Cafú. His positioning is not his best asset and in the first few years of his career a lack of discipline was notable. Rafinha's strength is the offensive, in defense he is only average. His lack of really good positioning and lack of general defensive reliability leads Rafinho to commit fouls more often than necessary.

League record

2005-06	29	0	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
2006-07	31	2	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
2007-08	32	2	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
2008-09	30	2	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
2009-10	31	1	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
2010-11	34	2	Genoa (Italy)
2011-12	24	0	Bayern München (BL)
2012-13	13	2	Bayern München (BL)
2013-14	28	0	Bayern München (BL)
2014-15	26	0	Bayern München (BL)
2015-16	25	0	Bayern München (BL)
2016-17	20	1	Bayern München (BL)

#29



Sigmund (Sigi) HARINGER (1908-1975)
15 A, Germany, Right Back/Left Back
League champion 1932

Began his senior career as an inside right but achieved fame as a thoroughgoing full back, mostly on the right side. He was noted for his long passes. His positioning and combative spirit were highly regarded at the time. His specialty were thunderously executed penalties and freekicks.

League record

1927-28	17	13	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Southwest Bavaria)
1928-29	23	15	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Southwest Bavaria)
1929-30	26	6	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Southwest Bavaria)
1930-31	24	13	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Southwest Bavaria)
1931-32	21	2	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Southwest Bavaria)
1932-33	31	0	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Southwest Bavaria)
1933-34	17	1	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Bavaria)



Andreas HINKEL (b. 1982)

21 A, Germany, Right Back

League champion 2008

League runner-up 2003, 2009, 2010, 2011

Cup winner 2007, 2011

UEFA Cup 2007

A strong instigator of offensive actions on the right wing, Andreas Hinkel was fast, tricky, reliable and strong in defense. An intelligent and downhome professional who in the long run did not meet the high expectations people had of him at the start of his career.

League record

2000-01	10	0	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
2001-02	30	0	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
2002-03	33	0	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
2003-04	28	0	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
2004-05	29	1	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
2005-06	26	0	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
2006-07	13	0	Sevilla (Spain)
2007-08	2	0	Sevilla (Spain)
2007-08	16	1	Celtic (Scotland)
2008-09	32	0	Celtic (Scotland)
2009-10	31	0	Celtic (Scotland)
2010-11	0	0	Celtic (Scotland)
2011-12	7	0	SC Freiburg (BL)

#27



Karlheinz GEILS (b. 1955)
Germany, Full Back/Stopper
UEFA Cup finalist 1986

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

League record

1974-75	6	0	Bremen (BL)
1975-76	1	0	Bremen (BL)
1976-77	28	0	Bremen (BL)
1977-78	32	1	Bremen (BL)
1978-79	31	1	Bremen (BL)
1979-80	34	0	Bremen (BL)
1980-81	34	5	Bielefeld (BL)
1981-82	32	5	Bielefeld (BL)
1982-83	33	4	Bielefeld (BL)
1983-84	32	3	Bielefeld (BL)
1984-85	26	0	Köln (BL)
1985-86	30	1	Köln (BL)
1986-87	25	2	Köln (BL)
1987-88	32	0	Hannover (BL)
1988-89	29	2	Hannover (BL)
1989-90	35	1	Hannover (Div. 2)



Werner OLK (b. 1938)

1 A, Germany, Right Back/Half Back/Stopper

League champion 1969

League runner-up 1970

Cup winner 1966, 1967, 1969

CWC winner 1967

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.

League record

1957-60	-	-	Arminia Hannover (Div. 2)
1960-61	27	2	Bayern München (Div. 1 – South)
1961-62	29	0	Bayern München (Div. 1 – South)
1962-63	20	0	Bayern München (Div. 1 – South)
1963-64	17	0	Bayern München (Div. 2)
1964-65	29	0	Bayern München (Div. 2)
1965-66	28	0	Bayern München (BL)
1966-67	32	1	Bayern München (BL)
1967-68	32	0	Bayern München (BL)
1968-69	34	1	Bayern München (BL)
1969-70	18	0	Bayern München (BL)



Karl (Karlchen) SCHMIDT (b. 1932)
9 A, Germany, Right Back/Left Back

Karl 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.

League record

1951-52	-	-	Kassel (Div. 3 – South)
1952-53	32	9	Kassel (Div. 2 – South)
1953-54	25	7	Kassel (Div. 1 – South)
1954-55	30	3	Kassel (Div. 1 – South)
1955-56	25	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (Div. 1 – Southwest)
1956-57	29	3	1. FC Kaiserslautern (Div. 1 – Southwest)
1957-58	27	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (Div. 1 – Southwest)
1958-59	14	3	1. FC Kaiserslautern (Div. 1 – Southwest)
1959-60	21	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (Div. 1 – Southwest)
1960-61	28	0	Pirmasens (Div. 1 – Southwest)
1961-62	25	0	Pirmasens (Div. 1 – Southwest)
1962-63	7	0	Pirmasens (Div. 1 – Southwest)
1963-64	-	-	SC Baden Baden (Div. 3)

#24



Hans (Bubi) ROHDE (1914-1979)
25 A, Germany, Right Back/Centre-Half

Noted for his diligence and stoic calm, Bubi Rohde was a fair but robust fighter in defense yet creative when he engaged in link-up play. If need be, he was occasionally deployed as a centre forward. Respectfully nicknamed "iron Hans", Rohde played a major part in lowly Elmsbüttel managing to challenge northern giants Hamburg regularly during the 1930s and 40s. Between 1935 and 1942 his team won the northern German championship an impressive five times at the expense of Hamburg. Sepp Herberger stated: "One could always rely on Hans. When I told him before the game, I don't want to see your opponent during the first 30 minutes, then I didn't get to see him."

Senior clubs

1933-42 Elmsbüttel
1949-51 Elmsbüttel

#23



Łukasz PISZSCEK (b. 1985)

50 A (2 goals), Poland, Right Back

League champion 2007, 2011, 2012

League runner-up 2013, 2014, 2016

Cup winner 2012, 2017

Cup finalist 2005, 2006, 2014, 2015, 2016

Champions Cup finalist 2013

Originally a forward, the Pole is reliable at the back and knows how to attack with verve and gusto. An explosive and effective right back, "the Machine" Piszczek goes up and down on the right flank. Good crosser who had to learn defensive skills as he was no defender by trade. At his very best in 2012 he was rated by many as a better right back than even Philipp Lahm. The Pole is absolutely reliable defensively, inspiring in offense, athletically top and strong on the ball.

League record

2004-05	11	2	Lubin (Poland)
2005-06	28	1	Lubin (Poland)
2006-07	30	11	Lubin (Poland)
2007-08	24	1	Hertha BSC (BL)
2008-09	13	0	Hertha BSC (BL)
2009-10	31	2	Hertha BSC (BL)
2010-11	33	0	Dortmund (BL)
2011-12	32	4	Dortmund (BL)
2012-13	29	2	Dortmund (BL)
2013-14	19	3	Dortmund (BL)
2014-15	22	0	Dortmund (BL)
2015-16	20	0	Dortmund (BL)
2016-17	25	5	Dortmund (BL)



Hartmut (Hatte) HEIDEMANN (b. 1941)

3 A, Germany, Right Back/Sweeper

League runner-up 1964

Cup finalist 1966

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.

League record

1959-60	11	6	Duisburg (Div. 1 – West)
1960-61	25	1	Duisburg (Div. 1 – West)
1961-62	25	2	Duisburg (Div. 1 – West)
1962-63	24	5	Duisburg (Div. 1 – West)
1963-64	29	1	Duisburg (BL)
1964-65	28	0	Duisburg (BL)
1965-66	32	2	Duisburg (BL)
1966-67	30	1	Duisburg (BL)
1967-68	33	5	Duisburg (BL)
1968-69	19	2	Duisburg (BL)
1969-70	30	2	Duisburg (BL)
1970-71	32	5	Duisburg (BL)
1971-72	29	0	Duisburg (BL)
1972-73	0	0	Duisburg (BL)

#21



Harald KONOPKA (b. 1952)

2 A, Germany, Right Back

League champion 1978

League runner-up 1973, 1982

Cup winner 1977, 1978, 1983

Cup finalist 1980

A compact right 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.

League record

1971-72	33	1	Köln (BL)
1972-73	28	1	Köln (BL)
1973-74	29	2	Köln (BL)
1974-75	32	3	Köln (BL)
1975-76	33	5	Köln (BL)
1976-77	30	2	Köln (BL)
1977-78	31	3	Köln (BL)
1978-79	34	2	Köln (BL)
1979-80	19	0	Köln (BL)
1980-81	24	1	Köln (BL)
1981-82	26	1	Köln (BL)
1982-83	15	0	Köln (BL)
1983-84	1	0	Köln (BL)
1983-84	17	0	Dortmund (BL)

#20



Josef (Sepp) PIONTEK (b. 1940)

6 A, Germany, Right Back

League champion 1965

League runner-up 1968

Cup winner 1961

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 centre 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.

League record

1960-61	21	1	Bremen (Div. 1 – North)
1961-62	28	0	Bremen (Div. 1 – North)
1962-63	26	0	Bremen (Div. 1 – North)
1963-64	30	0	Bremen (BL)
1964-65	28	3	Bremen (BL)
1965-66	33	2	Bremen (BL)
1966-67	30	2	Bremen (BL)
1967-68	31	4	Bremen (BL)
1968-69	27	2	Bremen (BL)
1969-70	23	2	Bremen (BL)
1970-71	0	0	Bremen (BL)
1971-72	1	0	Bremen (BL)



Gonzalo CASTRO Randón (b. 1987)
5 A, Germany, Right Back/Right Midfielder
League runner-up 2011, 2016
Cup winner 2017
Cup finalist 2009, 2016

Physically and stylewise the young Gonzalo Castro resembled the young Lothar Matthäus: fast, tricky, strong in one-on-one situations, defensively capable but also outfitted with an urge towards the opposing goal. Two-footed, self-confident, good positioning, a good crosser and a top player already at 19. For many years, Castro was reliability incarnate. Rarely makes mistakes, plays cleverly, knows to play on both sides. Then, what stopped his rise to the very top in this position? Now and then a little phlegmatic, lacking the absolute iron will, has difficulty concentrating over a long period and thus not a really consistent player. Additionally, Gonzalo Castro is arguably more suited to play as a bonafide winger instead of a right back, at least Castro himself stated that he preferred a more offensive alignment. It's true that his enormous potential as a footballer fully qualifies him to act as a wide or central midfielder, which is his most common role today.

League record

2004-05	13	0	Leverkusen (BL)
2005-06	21	0	Leverkusen (BL)
2006-07	26	3	Leverkusen (BL)
2007-08	33	1	Leverkusen (BL)
2008-09	27	2	Leverkusen (BL)
2009-10	29	1	Leverkusen (BL)
2010-11	23	3	Leverkusen (BL)
2011-12	31	2	Leverkusen (BL)
2012-13	31	6	Leverkusen (BL)
2013-14	30	5	Leverkusen (BL)
2014-15	22	2	Leverkusen (BL)
2015-16	25	3	Dortmund (BL)
2016-17	28	3	Dortmund (BL)

**Willy SAGNOL** (b. 1977)*59 A, France, Right Back**League champion 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008**League runner-up 2004, 2009**Cup winner 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008**Champions Cup 2001**Intercontinental Cup 2001**World Cup finalist 2006*

Defensively not as competent as his countryman Lizarazu, Willy Sagnol was more impressive as a disguised right winger. Dynamic and technically sound albeit sometimes a little phlegmatic. His greatest asset was his crossing. His crosses were delivered from a slightly inside position, not close to the sideline. One of Bayern's most effective weapons, Sagnol would curl them with great precision towards the box, where Michael Ballack was the main beneficiary with his aerial prowess.

League record

1995-96	10	0	St. Etienne (France)
1996-97	36	1	St. Etienne (France – Div. 2)
1997-98	25	0	Monaco (France)
1998-99	20	0	Monaco (France)
1999-00	26	0	Monaco (France)
2000-01	27	0	Bayern München (BL)
2001-02	28	1	Bayern München (BL)
2002-03	23	2	Bayern München (BL)
2003-04	21	1	Bayern München (BL)
2004-05	22	1	Bayern München (BL)
2005-06	31	1	Bayern München (BL)
2006-07	23	1	Bayern München (BL)
2007-08	9	0	Bayern München (BL)
2008-09	0	0	Bayern München (BL)

#17



Johnny HANSEN (b. 1943)
45 A (3 goals), Denmark, Right Back
League champion 1972, 1973, 1974, 1978
League runner-up 1971
Cup winner 1971, 1977
Champions Cup 1974, 1975, 1976
Danish Footballer 1967

A Danish right back of 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.

League record

1963-68	150	1	Vejle (Denmark)
1968-69	21	0	Nürnberg (BL)
1969-70	34	5	Nürnberg (Div. 2)
1970-71	30	1	Bayern München (BL)
1971-72	32	4	Bayern München (BL)
1972-73	34	1	Bayern München (BL)
1973-74	32	1	Bayern München (BL)
1974-75	23	0	Bayern München (BL)
1975-76	13	0	Bayern München (BL)
1976-78	64	3	Vejle (Denmark)

#16



Ivan BULJAN (b. 1949)

36 A (2 goals), Yugoslavia, Sweeper/Stopper/Full Back

League Champion 1971, 1974, 1975, 1979, 1982

League runner-up 1976, 1980, 1981

Cup winner 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976

Cup finalist 1969

Yugoslavian Footballer 1975

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.

League record

1967-68	1	0	Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)
1968-69	15	3	Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)
1969-70	21	1	Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)
1970-71	16	1	Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)
1971-72	26	0	Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)
1972-73	22	2	Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)
1973-74	25	2	Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)
1974-75	33	1	Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)
1975-76	33	4	Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)
1976-77	0	0	Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia)
1977-78	19	2	Hamburg (BL)
1978-79	32	5	Hamburg (BL)
1979-80	24	7	Hamburg (BL)
1980-81	28	8	Hamburg (BL)
1980-81	17	3	New York Cosmos (United States)
1981-82	16	2	New York Cosmos (United States)

#15



Wolfgang DREMMLER (b. 1954)
27 A (3 goals), Germany, Right Back/Midfielder
League champion 1980, 1981, 1985, 1986
Cup winner 1982, 1984, 1986
Cup finalist 1985
Champions Cup finalist 1982
World Cup finalist 1982

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.

League record

1973-74	32	6	Braunschweig (Div. 2)
1974-75	10	0	Braunschweig (BL)
1975-76	31	3	Braunschweig (BL)
1976-77	32	1	Braunschweig (BL)
1977-78	34	3	Braunschweig (BL)
1978-79	31	2	Braunschweig (BL)
1979-80	26	0	Bayern München (BL)
1980-81	33	1	Bayern München (BL)
1981-82	31	2	Bayern München (BL)
1982-83	27	1	Bayern München (BL)
1983-84	22	1	Bayern München (BL)
1984-85	29	1	Bayern München (BL)
1985-86	4	0	Bayern München (BL)

#14



Hans NOWAK (1937-2012)
15 A, Germany, Right Back/Inside Right
Cup winner 1966, 1967
CWC winner 1967

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 switch 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.

League record

1955-58	-	-	Eintracht Gelsenkirchen (Div. 2)
1958-59	16	13	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1959-60	15	6	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1960-61	15	2	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1961-62	27	0	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1962-63	25	3	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1963-64	22	0	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1964-65	25	3	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1965-66	6	2	Bayern München (BL)
1966-67	17	1	Bayern München (BL)
1967-68	14	1	Bayern München (BL)
1968-69	12	0	Kickers Offenbach

#13



Georg (Schorsch) STOLLENWERK (1930-2014)

23 A (2 goals), Germany, Right Back/Right Half/Inside Forward/Centre Forward

League champion 1962, 1964

League runner-up 1960, 1963

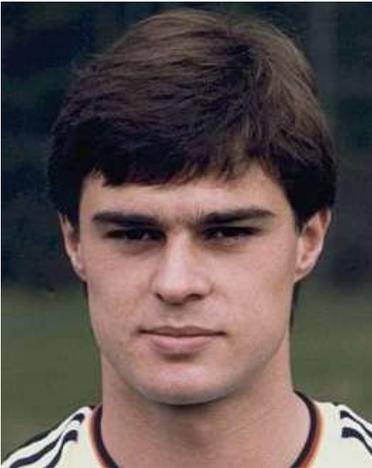
Cup finalist 1954

Top Scorer Championship 1954

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, centre 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.

League record

1948-53	74	14	Düren (Div. 2)
1953-54	29	13	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1954-55	18	7	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1955-56	28	8	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1956-57	30	0	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1957-58	29	4	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1958-59	29	8	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1959-60	30	1	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1960-61	27	0	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1961-62	12	0	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1962-63	7	0	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1963-64	0	0	Köln (BL)



Thomas BERTHOLD (b. 1964)
62 A (1 goal), Germany, Right Back/Sweeper/Man-Marker
League runner-up 1993
Cup winner 1991, 1997
UEFA Cup finalist 1991
CWC finalist 1998
World Cup winner 1990
World Cup finalist 1986

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 Eintracht 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.

League record

1982-83	7	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1983-84	28	3	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1984-85	30	7	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1985-86	25	2	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1986-87	21	4	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1987-88	28	1	Verona (Italy)
1988-89	24	1	Verona (Italy)
1989-90	32	2	Roma (Italy)
1990-91	30	1	Roma (Italy)
1991-92	30	1	Bayern München (BL)
1992-93	0	0	Bayern München (BL)
1993-94	31	0	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1994-95	29	1	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1995-96	27	0	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1996-97	28	2	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1997-98	31	1	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1998-99	22	0	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1999-00	23	0	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
2000-01	5	0	Adanaspor (Turkey)

#11



Alfred (Friedel) LUTZ (b. 1939)
12 A, Germany, Right Back/Sweeper
League champion 1959
League runner-up 1967
Cup finalist 1964
Champions Cup finalist 1960

A very fast right back who also did well as a centre-half. Friedel Lutz was unlucky in picking up injuries regularly, for example he missed the 1962 World Cup because of a skull fracture.

League record

1957-58	1	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1958-59	25	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1959-60	28	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1960-61	28	2	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1961-62	20	2	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1962-63	22	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1963-64	21	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1964-65	21	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1965-66	32	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1966-67	11	0	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1967-68	3	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1968-69	26	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1969-70	29	2	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1970-71	32	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1971-72	32	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1972-73	4	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)

#10



Bernd PATZKE (b. 1943)
24 A, Germany, Full Back/Sweeper/Stopper
League champion 1963, 1966
League runner-up 1967
CWC finalist 1965
World Cup finalist 1966

A predominantly defensive full 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.

League record

1960-61	-	-	Minerva Berlin (Div. 2)
1961-62	-	-	Minerva Berlin (Div. 2)
1962-63	22	2	Standard Liège (Belgium)
1963-64	27	0	Standard Liège (Belgium)
1964-65	27	0	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1965-66	28	0	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1966-67	30	0	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1967-68	20	0	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1968-69	31	2	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1969-70	32	3	Hertha BSC (BL)
1970-71	34	1	Hertha BSC (BL)
1971-72	0	0	Hertha BSC (BL)
1971-72	-	-	Hellenic (South Africa)
1972-73	-	-	Hellenic (South Africa)
1973-74	11	0	TSV 1860 München (Div. 2)

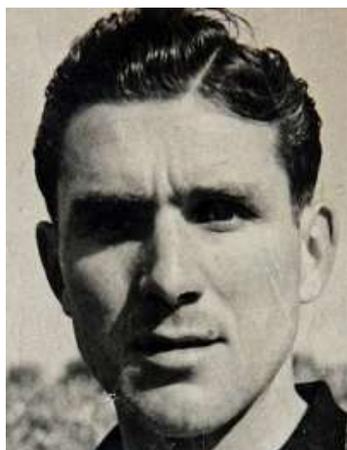


Fahrudin JUSUFI (b. 1939)
55 A, Yugoslavia, Right Back
League champion 1961, 1962, 1963, 1965
Champions Cup finalist 1966
Euro finalist 1960
Olympic Gold 1960

An early example of an offensive full back, who managed to win four Yugoslavian championships being part of the famous "Partizan babies" and who reached the European Cup final in 1966 against Real Madrid. The Kosovan was a supremely technical player, a temperamental dribbler but also undying fighter and instigator and thus a crowd favorite during his time in Frankfurt.

League record

1957-58	4	0	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1958-59	22	0	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1959-60	22	1	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1960-61	22	0	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1961-62	21	0	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1962-63	25	0	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1963-64	6	0	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1964-65	18	0	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1965-66	22	0	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1966-67	33	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1967-68	34	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1968-69	30	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1969-70	14	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)



Erich RETTER (1925-2014)
14 A, Germany, Right Back
League champion 1950, 1952
League runner-up 1953
Cup winner 1954

A right back that along with Robert Schlienz was the greatest idol of VfB Stuttgart in the 1950s. A starter for Stuttgart in 11 successive seasons, 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 3-2-2-3 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.

League record

1947-48	20	0	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1948-49	28	0	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1949-50	28	0	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1950-51	33	0	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1951-52	30	0	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1952-53	28	1	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1953-54	30	2	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1954-55	23	2	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1955-56	30	1	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1956-57	30	0	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1957-58	30	0	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1958-59	0	0	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1959-60	15	0	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1960-61	18	0	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1961-62	11	0	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)

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JORGINHO José de Amorim Campos (b. 1964)

64 A (3 goals), Brazil, Right Back

League champion 1987, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000

League runner-up 1993

Cup winner 1997

World Cup winner 1994

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.

League record

1982-83	8	0	America (Brazil)
1983-84	12	0	America (Brazil)
1984-85	12	0	Flamengo (Brazil)
1985-86	21	1	Flamengo (Brazil)
1986-87	15	1	Flamengo (Brazil)
1987-88	7	0	Flamengo (Brazil)
1988-89	0	0	Flamengo (Brazil)
1989-90	20	2	Leverkusen (BL)
1990-91	30	2	Leverkusen (BL)
1991-92	37	5	Leverkusen (BL)
1992-93	33	3	Bayern München (BL)
1993-94	24	2	Bayern München (BL)
1994-95	10	1	Bayern München (BL)
1994-95	29	8	Kashima (Japan)
1995-96	26	2	Kashima (Japan)
1996-97	31	5	Kashima (Japan)
1997-98	17	2	Kashima (Japan)
1998-99	18	1	Sao Paulo (Brazil)
1999-00	28	1	Vasco da Gama (Brazil)
2000-01	6	1	Vasco da Gama (Brazil)
2001-02	4	0	Fluminense (Brazil)



Stefan REUTER (b. 1966)

69 A (2 goals), Germany, Right Back/Libero/Defensive Midfielder

League champion 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996, 2002

League runner-up 1991, 1992

Cup finalist 1992

Champions Cup 1997

UEFA Cup finalist 2002

Intercontinental Cup 1997

World Cup winner 1990

Euro winner 1996

Euro finalist 1992

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 and relied heavily on his athletic abilities as a football professional being a starter in all his teams throughout his career.

League record

1984-85	25	3	Nürnberg (Div. 2)
1985-86	33	2	Nürnberg (BL)
1986-87	33	6	Nürnberg (BL)
1987-88	34	2	Nürnberg (BL)
1988-89	32	0	Bayern München (BL)
1989-90	33	0	Bayern München (BL)
1990-91	30	4	Bayern München (BL)
1991-92	28	0	Juventus (Italy)
1992-93	26	0	Dortmund (BL)
1993-94	21	0	Dortmund (BL)
1994-95	33	4	Dortmund (BL)
1995-96	26	6	Dortmund (BL)
1996-97	27	1	Dortmund (BL)
1997-98	28	0	Dortmund (BL)
1998-99	25	0	Dortmund (BL)
1999-00	26	0	Dortmund (BL)
2000-01	5	0	Dortmund (BL)
2001-02	28	0	Dortmund (BL)
2002-03	31	0	Dortmund (BL)
2003-04	31	0	Dortmund (BL)



Horst-Dieter HÖTTGES (b. 1943)

66 A (1 goal), Germany, Full Back/Stopper/Sweeper

League champion 1965

League runner-up 1968

World Cup winner 1974

World Cup finalist 1966

Euro winner 1972

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 mark - scored three goals in the World Cup final and in 1977 Dieter Müller who Höttges was assigned to mark scored six goals in a Bundesliga game against Bremen, still the all-time Bundesliga record (in the 1966 World Cup final he played despite an injury).

League record

1963-64	30	0	Bor. Mönchengladbach (Div. 2)
1964-65	29	1	Bremen (BL)
1965-66	31	5	Bremen (BL)
1966-67	30	3	Bremen (BL)
1967-68	33	9	Bremen (BL)
1968-69	31	6	Bremen (BL)
1969-70	31	3	Bremen (BL)
1970-71	22	1	Bremen (BL)
1971-72	28	3	Bremen (BL)
1972-73	29	3	Bremen (BL)
1973-74	31	6	Bremen (BL)
1974-75	31	6	Bremen (BL)
1975-76	30	4	Bremen (BL)
1976-77	32	2	Bremen (BL)
1977-78	32	3	Bremen (BL)



Manfred (Manni) KALTZ (b. 1953)

69 A (8 goals), Germany, Right Back/Wing Back/Libero

League champion 1979, 1982, 1983

League runner-up 1976, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1987, 1990

Cup winner 1976, 1987

Cup finalist 1974

Champions Cup 1983

Champions Cup finalist 1980

CWC winner 1977

UEFA Cup finalist 1982

Euro winner 1980

Euro finalist 1976

World Cup finalist 1982

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, preferrably 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 positioning, 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 positioning 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.

League record

1971-72	32	4	Hamburg (BL)
1972-73	33	2	Hamburg (BL)
1973-74	34	2	Hamburg (BL)
1974-75	33	0	Hamburg (BL)
1975-76	26	2	Hamburg (BL)
1976-77	34	1	Hamburg (BL)
1977-78	34	1	Hamburg (BL)
1978-79	34	6	Hamburg (BL)
1979-80	32	5	Hamburg (BL)
1980-81	34	7	Hamburg (BL)
1981-82	32	9	Hamburg (BL)
1982-83	31	8	Hamburg (BL)
1983-84	27	9	Hamburg (BL)
1984-85	29	4	Hamburg (BL)
1985-86	24	2	Hamburg (BL)
1986-87	32	4	Hamburg (BL)
1987-88	33	7	Hamburg (BL)
1988-89	34	3	Hamburg (BL)
1989-90	1	0	Bordeaux (France)
1989-90	12	0	Mulhouse (France)
1990-91	13	0	Hamburg (BL)



Paul JANES (1912-1987)

71 A (7 goals), Germany, Right Back/Right Half

League champion 1933

League runner-up 1936

Cup finalist 1937

One of the best full backs of his era, Paul Janes established a record for most German caps which wasn't broken until 1970. Janes started out as a right half, but during the 1934 World Cup he debuted as right back and stayed at that position for the rest of his career. He was injured during the 1936 Olympics and thus was spared of the embarrassing defeat of Germany by Norway. During the latter half of the 1930s, Germany possessed one of the strongest full back pairings in European football with Paul Janes and Reinhold Münzenberg. Vittorio Pozzo, the coach of World Champions Italy, nominated Janes for a 1937 continental selection, but Janes could not participate due to an injury. One of Janes' best assets was his powerful yet accurate shooting ability, which gave him the neat nickname "World champion of precision". His trademark were hard shots from all possible angles, his seven goals for Germany all came from either freekicks (4) or penalties (3).

He was also a very calm player that kept his cool even in nerve-wrecking situations. Sepp Herberger said the following about Janes' characteristics: "He rarely was caught off-guard on the pitch, as he had the ability to anticipate what the opponent was planning and he interpreted defensive play always as the first step in building up the next attack." Despite his calmness and overall cleverness, Janes was renowned for an extravaganza that he had imported from South America: He was the first German footballer to specialize in the acrobatic 'bicycle kick'. He captained Germany 31 times. Despite his age of 38, Janes almost would have had a comeback for Germany in the first international game after WWII in 1950, but he broke his foot shortly before and thus had to finish his career. Janes was known to be a silent man who didn't divulge in too much talking. In 1934, he was asked about how it was like playing in the World Cup in Italy, his response was: 'warm'.

League record (incomplete)

1930-40	-	-	Düsseldorf
1940-41	-	-	Wilhelmshaven
1941-42	-	-	Düsseldorf
1942-44	-	-	Hamburg
1943-44	-	-	Glückstadt
1945-46	-	-	Düsseldorf
1945-46	2	0	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1946-47	-	-	Düsseldorf (Div. 1 – West)
1947-48	21	3	Düsseldorf (Div. 1 – West)
1948-49	22	3	Düsseldorf (Div. 1 – West)
1949-50	-	-	Düsseldorf (Div. 2)
1950-51	-	-	Düsseldorf (Div. 2)



Philipp LAHM (b. 1983)

113 A (5 goals), Germany, Right Back/Left Back/Midfielder
League champion 2006, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
League runner-up 2009, 2012
Cup winner 2006, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016
Cup finalist 2012
Champions Cup 2013
Champions Cup finalist 2010, 2012
Intercontinental Cup 2012
World Cup winner 2014
Euro finalist 2008
German Footballer 2017

Fast, tricky, agile, self-confident and tactically well-versed – the slender defender with the little boy face is one of the all-time best players in German football history. Good at crossing even with his weak left foot, Lahm arguably is one of the most complete full backs in football history. Lahm could read a game very well and as a full back knew when the right moment was to move more centrally, or to move more backwards or when the time was ripe to attack. A great full back usually is a quite complete player and Lahm was probably the closest to complete in the history of German full backs.

Very cultured at short passing and a competent dribbler over short distances and not only a superb tackler, but probably the only German player whose tackling could be described as 'sophisticated'. Philipp Lahm is the only German that managed to reach a level of world class in three distinctly different tactical roles: left back, right back and defensive midfielder. Lahm felt immediately at home when Pep Guardiola moved him from the fringes of a lateral player to the centre of the game in midfield. There, Lahm shaped Bayern's game with breathtaking consistency.

In some games during 2013-14, Lahm's interpretation of the defensive midfielder was close to perfection (against Manchester City at Maine Road, in Leverkusen and in Dortmund). He could rely on his lightning fast instincts and supreme football intelligence, knew how to switchover in a manner of seconds, extremely assured in his passing and general ball control, equipped with outstanding vision and a sense for the rhythm of the game. As a central defensive midfielder, Lahm was even more influential than as a full back. Joachim Löw was hesitant in the beginning to follow Guardiola's decision of giving Lahm a midfield role but soon he followed suit. That Lahm would switch back to a full back in the following years was mostly due to the lack of quality in that position, both at Bayern and the national team.

Thus Lahm's incarnation as a world class defensive midfielder was eventually just an episode in his illustrious career but it showed what a remarkable player Philipp Lahm was. As a right-footed player Lahm never loved playing as left back, as adjusting to the "wrong" side sometimes took him a few important seconds. Sprinting, stopping, cutting inside, crossing or shooting – it all takes longer when you're trying to use your stronger foot on the wrong side of the pitch. It also made Lahm calculable. The only positive was that he was more dangerous when he shot on goal with his right after cutting inside from the left side. An iconic Lahm move: seizing the ball at the touchline via anticipation, dynamic thrust forward, looking up, cutting inside, energetic shot – goal! It didn't happen regularly but often enough to become his signature move. It was the culmination of his offensive potential. Coupled with his defensive excellence, Lahm has become the posterboy of the offensively and defensively highly skilled full back.

Lahm was mostly playing as a left back during the 2000s, at the turn of the decade, Louis van Gaal finally moved him to the right back position, a role Lahm always clearly favored. Initially and surprisingly, Lahm did not do that well at the start as he had to re-adjust to his youth role after years of perfecting his skill as a right-footed left back. The full back role is possibly the most demanding job in football, it is a sign of a great player if he does great in this role consistently season by season. It is quite a sight seeing him address a pass over 40 metres pinpoint and perfectly weighted onto the boot of a teammate. During the late-2000s, only Englishman Ashley Cole was a comparable full back. The greatest compliment was made by Pep Guardiola, who stated that Lahm is the most intelligent professional he ever worked with. And that Lahm is the first right back that dominated his team from that position. In doing that, said Guardiola, Lahm is on the same level as Bayern legends Franz Beckenbauer, Gerd Müller, Uli Hoeness and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

League record

2003-04	31	1	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
2004-05	22	1	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
2005-06	20	0	Bayern München (BL)
2006-07	34	1	Bayern München (BL)
2007-08	22	0	Bayern München (BL)
2008-09	28	3	Bayern München (BL)
2009-10	34	0	Bayern München (BL)
2010-11	34	3	Bayern München (BL)
2011-12	31	0	Bayern München (BL)
2012-13	29	0	Bayern München (BL)
2013-14	28	1	Bayern München (BL)
2014-15	20	2	Bayern München (BL)
2015-16	26	1	Bayern München (BL)
2016-17	26	1	Bayern München (BL)



Hans-Hubert (Berti) VOGTS (b. 1946)

96 A (1 goal), Germany, Right Back/Stopper

League champion 1970, 1971, 1975, 1976, 1977

League runner-up 1974, 1978

Cup winner 1973

UEFA Cup 1975, 1979

UEFA Cup finalist 1973

World Cup winner 1974

Euro winner 1972

Euro finalist 1976

German Footballer 1971, 1979

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 by 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.

League record

1965-66	34	0	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1966-67	34	1	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1967-68	34	6	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1968-69	34	9	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1969-70	34	5	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1970-71	34	1	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1971-72	19	1	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1972-73	34	3	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1973-74	27	3	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1974-75	34	0	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1975-76	34	1	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1976-77	27	1	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1977-78	34	2	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1978-79	6	0	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)