

RIGHT MIDFIELD / RIGHT WINGERS

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Willy REITGASSL (1936-1988)

1 A (1 goal), Germany, Outside Right

Cup finalist 1960

A quick and hard-shooting outside right and quite a dribbler on the right flank. Internationally, Reitgassl was picked as one of the players that were able to succeed Helmut Rahn on the right wing but Frankfurt's Richard Kress eventually won out.

League record

1954-55	-	-	Landshut (Div. 2)
1955-58	-	-	Coburg (Div. 2)
1958-59	26	9	Karlsruhe (Div. 1 – South)
1959-60	30	13	Karlsruhe (Div. 1 – South)
1960-61	21	8	Karlsruhe (Div. 1 – South)
1961-62	18	3	Karlsruhe (Div. 1 – South)
1962-63	28	16	1. FC Kaiserslautern (Div. 1 – Southwest)
1963-64	30	9	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1964-65	29	5	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1965-66	33	9	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1966-67	34	9	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1967-68	3	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1968-69	10	0	Sittard (Netherlands)

**Rudolf (Rudi) NAFZIGER** (1945-2008)

1 A, Germany, Outside Right

Cup winner 1966, 1967, 1969

CWC winner 1967

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.

League record

1964-65	36	12	Bayern München (Div. 2)
1965-66	32	10	Bayern München (BL)
1966-67	32	0	Bayern München (BL)
1967-68	25	0	Bayern München (BL)
1968-69	24	2	St. Gallen (Switzerland)
1969-70	24	7	St. Gallen (Switzerland)
1970-71	21	0	Hannover (BL)
1971-72	6	0	Hannover (BL)
1972-73	30	8	Linz ASK (Austria)
1973-74	29	0	Linz ASK (Austria)
1974-75	25	2	Linz ASK (Austria)



Heinz GRÜNDEL (b. 1957)

4 A, Germany, Right Wing/Midfielder

League champion 1983

Cup winner 1980, 1982, 1987

Cup finalist 1984

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.

League record

1976-77	4	1	Hertha BSC (BL)
1977-78	4	0	Hertha BSC (BL)
1978-79	30	5	Waterschei (Belgium)
1979-80	34	7	Waterschei (Belgium)
1980-81	28	10	Waterschei (Belgium)
1981-82	33	7	Waterschei (Belgium)
1982-83	30	7	Standard Liège (Belgium)
1983-84	33	7	Standard Liège (Belgium)
1984-85	30	5	Standard Liège (Belgium)
1985-86	30	11	Hamburg (BL)
1986-87	17	3	Hamburg (BL)
1987-88	15	0	Hamburg (BL)
1988-89	25	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1989-90	23	3	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1990-91	29	4	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1991-92	14	1	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)



Hans CIESLARCZYK (b. 1937)

7 A (3 goals), Germany, Inside Forward/Outside Right/Outside Left

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 prouess for injuries and couldn't live up to his earlier successes.

League record

1955-56	14	2	Sodingen (Div. 1 – West)
1956-57	30	5	Sodingen (Div. 1 – West)
1957-58	30	14	Sodingen (Div. 1 – West)
1958-59	13	3	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1959-60	8	1	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1960-61	10	1	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1961-62	3	0	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1962-63	-	-	Dortmund SC 95 (Div. 2)
1963-64	32	9	Herne (Div. 2)
1964-65	18	8	Karlsruhe (BL)
1965-66	21	2	Karlsruhe (BL)
1966-67	14	7	Karlsruhe (BL)
1967-68	13	1	Karlsruhe (BL)



Roger VAN GOOL

7 A (2 goals), Belgium, Right Wing

League champion 1976, 1978

League runner-up 1974

Cup winner 1977, 1978

Cup finalist 1980

UEFA Cup finalist 1976

A compact, brawny tempo dribbler on the right wing, not mainly a crosser but a winger who often opted to cut inside and who looked to score himself instead of providing. His time in Germany was quite a success although he always carried the burden of being Germany's first ever 1 million marks import and as a result the crowds expected him to be a wondertype of player, which he could not fulfill.

League record

1967-68	3	0	Antwerp (Belgium)
1968-69	-	-	Antwerp (Belgium – Div. 2)
1969-70	-	-	Antwerp (Belgium – Div. 2)
1970-71	25	2	Antwerp (Belgium)
1971-72	26	1	Antwerp (Belgium)
1972-73	30	12	Antwerp (Belgium)
1973-74	27	5	Antwerp (Belgium)
1974-75	32	9	Brugge (Belgium)
1975-76	36	14	Brugge (Belgium)
1976-77	32	10	Köln (BL)
1977-78	32	12	Köln (BL)
1978-79	32	12	Köln (BL)
1979-80	2	0	Köln (BL)
1979-80	8	0	Coventry (England)
1980-81	9	0	Coventry (England)
1981-82	20	0	Antwerp (Belgium)
1982-83	24	9	Nimes (France)
1983-84	-	-	no club
1984-85	10	0	St. Niklaas (Belgium – Div. 2)



Karl (Gaukler) SCHERM (1904-1977)

2 A (1 goal), Germany, Outside Right/Inside Left

A fast and hard-shooting outside right who was one of the best in that position during the second half of the 1920s and the early 1930s. Nicknamed "juggler", Scherm was unusual for an outside forward as his physicality was massive and one might have expected to see him deployed as a centre forward instead of a winger.

League record (incomplete)

1925-31	-	-	ASV Nürnberg
1931-32	15	23	FSV Mainz (Div. 1 – Hesse)
1932-33	18	20	FSV Mainz (Div. 1 – Hesse)
1933-34	21	23	FSV Mainz (Div. 1 – Southwest)
1934-39	-	-	ASV Nürnberg
1946-47	-	-	1901 Bamberg



Maximilian (Max) GABLONSKY (1890-1969)

4 A, Germany, Outside Right

An excellent outside right who was also successful at track-and-field. He almost made Germany's final squad for the 1912 Olympics for the 4 x 100 metres relay but had to eschew his participation because of a university exam. His number of caps was limited because at that time the FA officials preferred to call up many players from a few major clubs and in his club Bayern München Gablonsky was considered the only player valuable enough to play for Germany hence he was often overlooked as no Bayern block could be formed for the national team. Gablonsky's one lasting fame however is that he is Bayern's first international player.

League record

1908-09	4	0	Bayern München (Div. 1)
1909-10	20	1	Bayern München (Div. 1)
1910-11	24	6	Bayern München (Div. 1)
1911-12	17	4	Bayern München (Div. 1)
1912-13	11	0	Bayern München (Div. 1)
1913-14	8	0	Bayern München (Div. 1)
1914-15	1	0	Bayern München (Div. 1)



Karl-Heinz (Kalle) DEL'HAYE (b. 1955)

2 A, Germany, Right Wing

League champion 1975, 1976, 1977, 1981

League runner-up 1978

Cup winner 1982, 1984

UEFA Cup 1975, 1979

UEFA Cup finalist 1980

Euro winner 1980

In the late-1970s the lightweight Kalle 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.

League record

1973-74	24	4	Aachen (Div. 2)
1974-75	4	0	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1975-76	2	0	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1976-77	16	1	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1977-78	22	6	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1978-79	15	3	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1979-80	28	4	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1980-81	13	1	Bayern München (BL)
1981-82	8	0	Bayern München (BL)
1982-83	31	3	Bayern München (BL)
1983-84	22	3	Bayern München (BL)
1984-85	0	0	Bayern München (BL)
1985-86	14	0	Düsseldorf (BL)
1986-87	9	0	Düsseldorf (BL)



Gilbert GRESS (b. 1941)

3 A, France, Outside Right/Inside Right

League champion 1971, 1972

Cup winner 1966, 1972

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.

League record

1959-60	2	0	Strasbourg (France)
1960-61	26	6	Strasbourg (France)
1961-62	2	0	Strasbourg (France)
1962-63	23	5	Strasbourg (France)
1963-64	33	3	Strasbourg (France)
1964-65	34	3	Strasbourg (France)
1965-66	36	3	Strasbourg (France)
1966-67	34	3	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1967-68	33	8	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1968-69	31	7	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1969-70	34	5	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1970-71	17	2	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1970-71	19	4	Marseille (France)
1971-72	37	3	Marseille (France)
1972-73	34	1	Marseille (France)
1973-74	31	1	Strasbourg (France)
1974-75	38	5	Strasbourg (France)



Hasan (Brazzo) SALIHAMIDŽIĆ (b. 1977)

42 A (6 goals), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Right Wing/Right Back/Forward

League champion 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006

League runner-up 2004, 2009

Cup winner 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006

Cup finalist 1999

Champions Cup 2001

Champions Cup finalist 1999

Intercontinental Cup 2001

Bosnian Footballer 1998, 1999, 2000, 2004

An allrounder with emphasis on the offense. Right-side, left-side, at front, at the back: the lively Bosnian did well anywhere. His most common role was that of a right-sided midfielder, sometimes operating like a winger, sometimes like a full back. One of the most versatile players in the great Bayern team at the turn of the millennium, very temperamental and always dedicated to his task. His managers cherished Salihmadzic's industriousness, his strong will and positive charisma.

League record

1995-96	9	2	Hamburg (BL)
1996-97	32	7	Hamburg (BL)
1997-98	31	10	Hamburg (BL)
1998-99	30	4	Bayern München (BL)
1999-00	30	4	Bayern München (BL)
2000-01	31	4	Bayern München (BL)
2001-02	19	5	Bayern München (BL)
2002-03	12	2	Bayern München (BL)
2003-04	33	4	Bayern München (BL)
2004-05	29	2	Bayern München (BL)
2005-06	21	2	Bayern München (BL)
2006-07	29	4	Bayern München (BL)
2007-08	26	4	Juventus (Italy)
2008-09	11	1	Juventus (Italy)
2009-10	14	2	Juventus (Italy)
2010-11	10	0	Juventus (Italy)
2011-12	15	3	Wolfsburg (BL)

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Rudolf (Rudi) SELIGER (b. 1951)
2 A, Germany, Outside Right
Cup finalist 1975

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 with a real punch.

League record

1971-72	21	1	Duisburg (BL)
1972-73	29	7	Duisburg (BL)
1973-74	32	4	Duisburg (BL)
1974-75	25	5	Duisburg (BL)
1975-76	33	4	Duisburg (BL)
1976-77	32	6	Duisburg (BL)
1977-78	33	16	Duisburg (BL)
1978-79	12	1	Duisburg (BL)
1979-80	18	8	Duisburg (BL)
1980-81	25	3	Duisburg (BL)
1981-82	28	10	Duisburg (BL)
1982-83	13	1	Duisburg (Div. 2)

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Horst (Pille) GECKS (b. 1942)

Germany, Outside Right

League runner-up 1964

Cup winner 1970

Cup finalist 1966

A slender winger, very quick and nimble on the ball, a typical winger that like to to do "his thing" near the touchline but who was also capable of threatening the goal when he chose to cut inside.

League record

1962-63	6	0	Duisburg (Div. 1 – West)
1963-64	12	5	Duisburg (BL)
1964-65	21	6	Duisburg (BL)
1965-66	20	7	Duisburg (BL)
1966-67	18	3	Duisburg (BL)
1967-68	34	12	Duisburg (BL)
1968-69	34	8	Duisburg (BL)
1969-70	36	17	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 2)
1970-71	33	8	Kickers Offenbach (BL)
1971-72	33	13	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 2)
1972-73	31	11	RW Essen (Div. 2)
1973-74	20	4	RW Essen (BL)
1974-75	30	1	SW Essen (Div. 2)



Wolfgang (Sully) PETERS (1929-2003)

*1 A, Germany, Outside Right/Half Back
 League champion 1956, 1957, 1963
 League runner-up 1961
 Cup finalist 1963*

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.

League record

1947-54	-	-	Viktoria Dortmund (Div. 2)
1954-55	28	7	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1955-56	26	2	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1956-57	28	4	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1957-58	21	3	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1958-59	26	0	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1959-60	27	1	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1960-61	24	2	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1961-62	27	0	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)
1962-63	2	0	Dortmund (Div. 1 – West)



Jürgen MILEWSKI (b. 1957)

3 A, Germany, Right Wing

League champion 1982, 1983

League runner-up 1980, 1981, 1984

Champions Cup 1983

Champions Cup finalist 1980

UEFA Cup finalist 1982

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.

League record

1975-76	5	1	Hannover (BL)
1976-77	29	17	Hannover (Div. 2)
1977-78	38	15	Hannover (Div. 2)
1978-79	21	2	Hertha BSC (BL)
1979-80	15	2	Hertha BSC (BL)
1979-80	16	6	Hamburg (BL)
1980-81	20	5	Hamburg (BL)
1981-82	23	10	Hamburg (BL)
1982-83	31	14	Hamburg (BL)
1983-84	17	4	Hamburg (BL)
1984-85	23	9	Hamburg (BL)
1985-86	5	2	St-Etienne (France)



Zvezdan ČEBINAC (1939-2012)

*20 A (4 goals), Yugoslavia, Outside Right
League champion 1961, 1962, 1963, 1968*

The Serbian international embodied the type of the ingenious Balkan dribbler-and-crosser who loved to drive his marker nuts with his imaginative dribbling style. A very sensitive player who lacked defensive commitment which often led to quarrels with his managers, most notably Max Merkel in Nürnberg.

League record

1958-59	13	1	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1959-60	17	3	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1960-61	0	0	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1961-62	14	3	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1962-63	16	0	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1963-64	26	2	Partizan (Yugoslavia)
1964-65	13	2	Crvena Zvezda (Yugoslavia)
1965-66	0	0	suspended
1966-67	31	5	Eindhoven (Netherlands)
1967-68	33	3	Nürnberg (BL)
1968-69	22	3	Nürnberg (BL)
1969-70	26	2	Hannover (BL)
1970-71	12	0	Hannover (BL)



Uwe REINDERS (b. 1955)

4 A (1 goal), Germany, Right Wing

League champion 1987

League runner-up 1983, 1985

Cup winner 1986, 1987

World Cup finalist 1982

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.

League record

1974-75	2	0	SW Essen (Div. 2)
1975-76	0	0	SW Essen (Div. 2)
1976-77	38	8	SW Essen (Div. 2)
1977-78	25	0	Bremen (BL)
1978-79	32	7	Bremen (BL)
1979-80	34	11	Bremen (BL)
1980-81	37	16	Bremen (Div. 2)
1981-82	34	18	Bremen (BL)
1982-83	20	8	Bremen (BL)
1983-84	33	11	Bremen (BL)
1984-85	28	12	Bremen (BL)
1985-86	35	15	Bordeaux (France)
1986-87	1	0	Bordeaux (France)
1987-88	10	0	Rennes (France)



Erwin WALDNER (1933-2015)

13 A (2 goals), Germany, Centre Forward/Outside Right

League runner-up 1953

Cup winner 1954, 1958

Erwin Waldner was a technically sound centre 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.

League record

1952-53	23	3	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1953-54	28	7	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1954-55	30	13	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1955-56	30	20	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1956-57	23	15	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1957-58	25	4	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1958-59	29	10	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1959-60	26	13	VfB Stuttgart (Div. 1 – South)
1960-61	26	27	FC Zürich (Switzerland)
1961-62	13	5	SPAL Ferrara (Italy)
1962-63	5	1	SPAL Ferrara (Italy)
1963-64	20	5	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1964-65	15	3	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1965-66	26	4	VfB Stuttgart (BL)
1966-67	2	0	VfB Stuttgart (BL)

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Willi KOSLOWSKI (b. 1937)

*3 A (1 goal), Germany, Outside Right
League champion 1958*

An outside right fast as an arrow and very dangerous because of his unpredictability.

League record

1955-56	18	6	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1956-57	5	1	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1957-58	28	9	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1958-59	28	7	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1959-60	26	10	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1960-61	18	2	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1961-62	30	14	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1962-63	29	9	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1963-64	23	5	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1964-65	16	7	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1965-66	31	9	RW Essen (Div. 2)
1966-67	25	3	RW Essen (BL)
1967-68	26	6	Eintracht Gelsenkirchen (Div. 2)
1968-69	33	9	Eintracht Gelsenkirchen (Div. 2)
1969-70	-	-	Eintracht Gelsenkirchen (Div. 3)
1970-71	27	7	Eintracht Gelsenkirchen (Div. 2)



Josef (Seppl) PIRRUNG (1949-2011)

2 A, Germany, Right Wing

Cup finalist 1972, 1981

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 on 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).

League record

1968-69	0	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1969-70	27	6	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1970-71	31	3	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1971-72	29	3	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1972-73	29	8	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1973-74	34	13	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1974-75	31	7	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1975-76	25	2	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1976-77	31	8	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1977-78	26	4	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1978-79	21	3	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1979-80	17	4	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1980-81	3	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1981-82	27	1	Worms (Div. 2)



Gerhard KAUFHOLD (1928-2009)

1 A, Germany, Outside Right/Inside Right

League runner-up 1950, 1959

A two-footed outside right and very fast with the ball at his feet, a neat and skillful dribbler who liked to roam from wide to an inside right position. Sometimes too much of an egotist dribbler, though. For Kickers Offenbach Kaufhold was goalgetter, winger and playmaker in one and thus indispensable for his team. Rumours have it that Sepp Herberger was not on very good terms with Offenbach's long-serving manager Paul Osswald which resulted in Offenbach players not getting called up for international games as often as one may have expected. Hence Kaufhold stopped at just one international appearance, as a consolation, that one game was played at Wembley stadium against England in 1954 (1-3). But maybe that rumour is false and Herberger was just not keen on Kaufhold's meandering dribble runs.

League record

1946-47	1	0	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1947-48	23	3	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1948-49	11	7	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1949-50	22	5	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1950-51	32	7	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1951-52	29	6	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1952-53	22	8	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1953-54	20	4	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1954-55	30	17	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1955-56	30	5	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1956-57	20	14	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1957-58	22	9	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1958-59	29	3	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1959-60	21	7	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1960-61	28	6	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1961-62	30	5	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1962-63	26	6	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1963-64	30	1	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 2)



Jakub (Kuba) BLASZCZYKOWSKI (b. 1985)

92 A (18 goals), Poland, Right Midfield

League champion 2005, 2011, 2012

League runner-up 2006, 2013, 2014

Cup winner 2012

Cup finalist 2008, 2014, 2015

Champions Cup finalist 2013

Polish Footballer 2008, 2010

A typical dribbler and provider, the physical robust Pole only lacks a knack for goalscoring. Nevertheless, his value is still high since he is very committed and effective defensively.

League record

2002-03 2 0 Czestochowa (Poland – Div. 3)

2003-04 13 5 Czestochowa (Poland – Div. 3)

2004-05 9 6 Czestochowa (Poland – Div. 3)

2004-05 11 1 Wisla Krakow (Poland)

2005-06 17 0 Wisla Krakow (Poland)

2006-07 23 2 Wisla Krakow (Poland)

2007-08 24 1 Dortmund (BL)

2008-09 27 3 Dortmund (BL)

2009-10 32 1 Dortmund (BL)

2010-11 29 3 Dortmund (BL)

2011-12 29 6 Dortmund (BL)

2012-13 27 11 Dortmund (BL)

2013-14 16 2 Dortmund (BL)

2014-15 13 0 Dortmund (BL)

2015-16 15 2 Fiorentina (Italy)

2016-17 28 0 Wolfsburg (BL)



Josef BERGMAIER (1909-1943)

8 A (1 goal), Germany, Outside Right

League champion 1932

The outside right of Bayern's first ever championship-winning side combined all virtues one demanded from a top class outside forward: he was fast, a strong dribbler, tricky, could shoot powerfully but was also calm and stoic in order to always choose the right option. Bergmaier died on his 34th birthday on the Eastern front.

League record

1929-30	28	26	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Southwest Bavaria)
1930-31	21	8	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Southwest Bavaria)
1931-32	35	16	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Southwest Bavaria)
1932-33	29	10	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Southwest Bavaria)
1933-34	22	5	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Bavaria)
1934-35	14	8	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Bavaria)
1935-36	18	7	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Bavaria)
1936-37	11	3	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Bavaria)
1937-38	11	5	Bayern München (Div. 1 - Bavaria)



Felix (Fiffi) GERRITZEN (1927-2007)

4 A (1 goal), Germany, Outside Right

League runner-up 1951

Top Scorer 1955

Swift as an arrow (100 metres in 11.1 seconds) and a hard shooter, Fiffi Gerritzen was one of the most popular wingers in Germany from the late-1940s to the mid-1950s. A very skillful player who often tried and succeeded in scoring from corner kicks using the outside of his foot and a specialist at bicycle kicks, Gerritzen quickly had a reputation as a spectacular player that could draw crowds with his name. He was hopeful to make the squad for the 1954 World Cup but an injury thwarted his plans. That injury's late complications led to a drop in his performance level and by 1958 his career in top flight had ended. After his retirement he received some recognition as a sculptor.

League record

1945-49	-	-	Oldenburg (Div. 2)
1949-50	28	14	Oldenburg (Div. 1 – North)
1950-51	24	12	Münster (Div. 1 – West)
1951-52	27	11	Münster (Div. 1 – West)
1952-53	26	11	Münster (Div. 1 – West)
1953-54	27	14	Münster (Div. 1 – West)
1954-55	27	21	Münster (Div. 1 – West)
1955-56	23	11	Münster (Div. 1 – West)
1956-57	6	1	Münster (Div. 1 – West)
1957-58	6	2	Münster (Div. 1 – West)
1958-64	-	-	Saxonia (Div. 2)



Richard KRESS (1925-1996)

9 A (2 goals), Germany, Outside Right

League champion 1959

Cup finalist 1964

Champions Cup finalist 1960

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.

League record

1945-53	-	-	Horas
1953-54	30	17	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1954-55	30	8	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1955-56	27	3	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1956-57	25	4	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1957-58	30	4	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1958-59	23	6	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1959-60	24	7	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1960-61	28	12	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1961-62	30	4	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1962-63	30	3	Eintracht Frankfurt (Div. 1 – South)
1963-64	17	2	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)



Karl-Heinz (Kalli) THIELEN (b. 1940)
2 A, Germany, Outside Right/Right Back
League champion 1964
League runner-up 1960, 1963, 1965, 1973
Cup winner 1968
Cup finalist 1970, 1971, 1973
Top Scorer Championship 1962

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 a single Bundesliga game (against Kaiserslautern, 5-1 to Köln).

League record

1959-60	2	1	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1960-61	22	10	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1961-62	29	24	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1962-63	21	9	Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1963-64	25	16	Köln (BL)
1964-65	22	12	Köln (BL)
1965-66	29	11	Köln (BL)
1966-67	16	3	Köln (BL)
1967-68	20	3	Köln (BL)
1968-69	29	1	Köln (BL)
1969-70	24	2	Köln (BL)
1970-71	29	4	Köln (BL)
1971-72	15	2	Köln (BL)
1972-73	12	2	Köln (BL)



Klaus GERWIEN (b. 1940)

6 A (1 goal), Germany, Outside Right

League Champion 1967

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 centre forward, his best position however was as an outside right.

League record

1958-59	13	4	Wolfsburg (Div. 1 – North)
1959-60	-	-	Wolfsburg (Div. 2)
1960-61	-	-	Wolfsburg (Div. 2)
1961-62	28	8	Braunschweig (Div. 1 – North)
1962-63	26	5	Braunschweig (Div. 1 – North)
1963-64	15	3	Braunschweig (BL)
1964-65	18	4	Braunschweig (BL)
1965-66	33	6	Braunschweig (BL)
1966-67	21	4	Braunschweig (BL)
1967-68	30	3	Braunschweig (BL)
1968-69	23	2	Braunschweig (BL)
1969-70	29	4	Braunschweig (BL)
1970-71	23	1	Braunschweig (BL)
1971-72	30	4	Braunschweig (BL)
1972-73	15	0	Braunschweig (BL)
1973-74	6	1	Braunschweig (Div. 2)



Carl-Heinz RÜHL (b. 1939)

Germany, Outside Right

Cup winner 1968

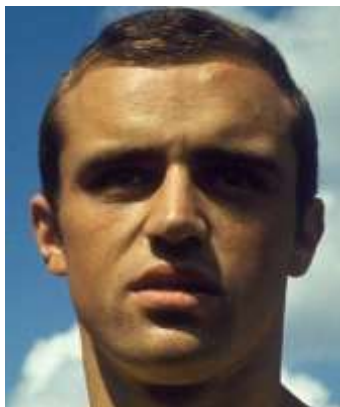
Cup finalist 1966, 1970

Top Scorer CWC 1969

Carl-Heinz Rühl was a combative outside right with a hard shot who was rated among the most productive wingers during his time. An intelligent and dynamic player who also was often seen performing defensive duties if need be.

League record

1959-60	3	0	Viktoria Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1960-61	29	14	Viktoria Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1961-62	29	14	Viktoria Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1962-63	24	14	Viktoria Köln (Div. 1 – West)
1963-64	28	6	Hertha BSC (BL)
1964-65	26	3	Hertha BSC (BL)
1965-66	33	10	Duisburg (BL)
1966-67	32	10	Duisburg (BL)
1967-68	28	13	Köln (BL)
1968-69	30	14	Köln (BL)
1969-70	27	8	Köln (BL)
1969-70	0	0	Daring (Belgium – Div. 2)
1970-71	25	11	Daring (Belgium – Div. 2)
1971-72	28	5	Daring (Belgium – Div. 2)
1972-73	29	6	Daring (Belgium – Div. 2)



Bernd DÖRFEL (b. 1944)

15 A (2 goals), Germany, Outside Right/Inside Right

Cup winner 1971

Cup finalist 1967

CWC finalist 1968

Top Scorer 1972

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.

League record

1962-63	0	0	Hamburg (Div. 1 – North)
1963-64	5	1	Hamburg (BL)
1964-65	10	2	Hamburg (BL)
1965-66	29	7	Hamburg (BL)
1966-67	32	6	Hamburg (BL)
1967-68	12	1	Hamburg (BL)
1968-69	34	4	Braunschweig (BL)
1969-70	17	0	Braunschweig (BL)
1970-71	26	11	Servette (Switzerland)
1971-72	23	18	Servette (Switzerland)
1972-73	11	3	Servette (Switzerland)



Danilo POPIVODA (b. 1947)

20 A (5 goals), Yugoslavia, Right Wing

Cup finalist 1970

Top Scorer 1974

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.

League record

1965-66	4	0	Ljubljana (Yugoslavia)
1966-67	11	2	Ljubljana (Yugoslavia)
1967-68	11	1	Ljubljana (Yugoslavia)
1968-69	29	3	Ljubljana (Yugoslavia)
1969-70	25	4	Ljubljana (Yugoslavia)
1970-71	23	6	Ljubljana (Yugoslavia)
1971-72	25	7	Ljubljana (Yugoslavia)
1972-73	34	8	Ljubljana (Yugoslavia)
1973-74	32	17	Ljubljana (Yugoslavia)
1974-75	32	10	Ljubljana (Yugoslavia)
1975-76	15	4	Braunschweig (BL)
1976-77	26	9	Braunschweig (BL)
1977-78	29	7	Braunschweig (BL)
1978-79	34	5	Braunschweig (BL)
1979-80	22	5	Braunschweig (BL)
1980-81	3	0	Braunschweig (Div. 2)
1981-82	1	0	Ljubljana (Yugoslavia)



Bernhard (Bernd) DÜRNBERGER (b. 1953)

Germany, Midfielder/Full Back/Winger

League Champion 1973, 1974, 1980, 1981, 1985

Cup winner 1982, 1984

Cup finalist 1985

Champions Cup 1974, 1975, 1976

Champions Cup finalist 1982

Intercontinental Cup 1976

Bernd Dürnberger was a starter for Bayern München at the age of 18 playing on the wing. A year later he was retrained as a wide midfielder and also occasionally performed well as an offensive full back (on both sides). Bernd 'Wipf' Dürnberger always stood in the shadow of the big stars at Bayern, rarely made headlines himself. He was quick off the mark, very industrious, diligent and dynamic and for many seasons an indispensable player for Bayern. A technically refined allrounder who probably would have been called up many times for the national team if he had been born 20 years later.

League record

1972-73	31	3	Bayern München (BL)
1973-74	30	8	Bayern München (BL)
1974-75	31	0	Bayern München (BL)
1975-76	32	5	Bayern München (BL)
1976-77	17	4	Bayern München (BL)
1977-78	27	2	Bayern München (BL)
1978-79	32	5	Bayern München (BL)
1979-80	31	3	Bayern München (BL)
1980-81	33	3	Bayern München (BL)
1981-82	31	0	Bayern München (BL)
1982-83	27	2	Bayern München (BL)
1983-84	33	1	Bayern München (BL)
1984-85	20	2	Bayern München (BL)



Hans-Josef (Jupp) KAPPELLMANN (b. 1949)

5 A, Germany, Right Back/Right Midfielder

League champion 1974

League runner-up 1969, 1973

Cup finalist 1971, 1973

Champions Cup 1974, 1975, 1976

Intercontinental Cup 1976

World Cup winner 1974

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.

League record

1968-69	21	2	Aachen (BL)
1969-70	21	6	Aachen (BL)
1970-71	27	1	Köln (BL)
1971-72	32	2	Köln (BL)
1972-73	32	8	Köln (BL)
1973-74	20	2	Bayern München (BL)
1974-75	33	4	Bayern München (BL)
1975-76	29	6	Bayern München (BL)
1976-77	31	4	Bayern München (BL)
1977-78	24	0	Bayern München (BL)
1978-79	28	1	Bayern München (BL)
1979-80	33	0	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1980-81	7	0	TSV 1860 München (BL)



Engelbert (Berti) KRAUS (1934-2016)

9 A (3 goals), Germany, Outside Right

League runner-up 1959

Cup winner 1964

CWC finalist 1965

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.

League record

1952-53	10	5	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1953-54	19	8	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1954-55	30	7	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1955-56	25	7	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1956-57	26	15	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1957-58	28	5	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1958-59	23	16	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1959-60	27	9	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1960-61	30	7	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1961-62	28	11	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1962-63	29	11	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 1 – South)
1963-64	17	8	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1964-65	5	1	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1965-66	30	6	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 2)
1966-67	3	0	Kickers Offenbach (Div. 2)

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Alfred (Fred) HEISS (b. 1940)

8 A (2 goals), Germany, Outside Right/Outside Left

League champion 1966

League runner-up 1967

Cup winner 1964

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

League record

1959-60	22	5	TSV 1860 München (Div. 1 – South)
1960-61	22	4	TSV 1860 München (Div. 1 – South)
1961-62	1	0	TSV 1860 München (Div. 1 – South)
1962-63	29	10	TSV 1860 München (Div. 1 – South)
1963-64	27	6	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1964-65	30	7	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1965-66	31	10	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1966-67	17	4	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1967-68	21	6	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1968-69	25	6	TSV 1860 München (BL)
1969-70	18	1	TSV 1860 München (BL)

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Reiner GEYE (1949-2002)

*4 A (1 goal), Germany, Right Wing/Midfielder
Cup finalist 1981*

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.

League record

1968-69	26	10	Düsseldorf (Div. 2)
1969-70	31	15	Düsseldorf (Div. 2)
1970-71	34	25	Düsseldorf (Div. 2)
1971-72	34	8	Düsseldorf (BL)
1972-73	32	16	Düsseldorf (BL)
1973-74	32	16	Düsseldorf (BL)
1974-75	33	15	Düsseldorf (BL)
1975-76	32	7	Düsseldorf (BL)
1976-77	32	4	Düsseldorf (BL)
1977-78	33	6	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1978-79	32	5	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1979-80	33	17	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1980-81	34	11	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1981-82	30	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1982-83	32	3	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1983-84	32	2	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1984-85	31	2	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1985-86	33	2	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)



Rüdiger ABRAMCZIK (b. 1956)
19 A (2 goals), Germany, Right Wing
League runner-up 1977

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 strikers instead of three and the abolishment of the classic winger.

League record

1973-74	14	3	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1974-75	31	2	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1975-76	26	3	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1976-77	31	10	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1977-78	30	5	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1978-79	34	18	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1979-80	32	3	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1980-81	33	9	Borussia Dortmund (BL)
1981-82	30	5	Borussia Dortmund (BL)
1982-83	27	16	Borussia Dortmund (BL)
1983-84	24	3	Nürnberg (BL)
1984-85	30	9	Galatasaray (Turkey)
1985-86	24	6	Oberhausen (Div. 2)
1986-87	23	3	Oberhausen (Div. 2)
1987-88	4	0	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1988-89	9	5	Wormatia Worms (Div. 3)



Oliver NEUVILLE (b. 1973)

69 A (10 goals), Germany, Right Wing/Forward

League champion 1994

League runner-up 2000, 2002

Cup finalist 2002

Champions Cup finalist 2002

World Cup finalist 2002

Euro finalist 2008

Far from a goalgetter, the small and bustling all-round forward Oliver Neuville was a regular for the German national team during its most dire phase in the early 2000s. A very quick player with great ball control in high tempo. Always full of eager and zest, constantly moving, digging, bustling and thus often creating space by drawing defenders his way .

League record

1992-93	28	4	Servette (Switzerland – Div. 1)
1993-94	32	16	Servette (Switzerland – Div. 1)
1994-95	14	6	Servette (Switzerland – Div. 1)
1994-96	34	15	Servette (Switzerland – Div. 1)
1996-97	33	5	Terenife (Spain – Div. 1)
1997-98	17	8	Rostock (BL)
1998-99	33	14	Rostock (BL)
1999-00	33	4	Leverkusen (BL)
2000-01	34	15	Leverkusen (BL)
2001-02	33	13	Leverkusen (BL)
2002-03	33	4	Leverkusen (BL)
2003-04	32	6	Leverkusen (BL)
2004-05	32	12	Mönchengladbach (BL)
2005-06	34	10	Mönchengladbach (BL)
2006-07	16	4	Mönchengladbach (BL)
2007-08	34	15	Mönchengladbach (Div. 2)
2008-09	23	1	Mönchengladbach (BL)
2009-10	12	0	Mönchengladbach (BL)
2010-11	12	2	Bielefeld (Div. 2)



Ernst KALWITZKI (1909-1991)

Germany, Outside Right

League champion 1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1942

League runner-up 1933, 1938, 1941

Cup winner 1937

Cup finalist 1935, 1936, 1941, 1942

Top Scorer Championship 1937, 1939, 1943

Quite possibly the greatest German player that never was capped. It is one of the great mysteries why both Otto Nerz and Sepp Herberger disregarded Kalwitzki despite his great exploits on the right wing for FC Schalke 04. Admittedly in Ernst Lehner there was a player that was considered even better but that should not have prevented Kalwitzki getting at least a handful of caps instead of none. Kalwitzki was a very prolific winger, a real goalgetter for FC Schalke 04, who kept a high level from the mid-1930s to the early-1940s. Kalwitzki was also able to play as centre forward. He was fast, tricky yet straightforward in his ways. His greatest game came in 1939 when he scored five times in the final of the German championship against Admira Wien. Kalwitzki was a very mobile player who did not stick to the right flank but roaming the offensive half of the pitch, often playing in the centre or in an inside position. World War II ended his career as he was severely injured on the Eastern Front as his upper thigh was hit by a retained missile and his knee was penetrated by a gun shot wound.

Senior clubs

1933-34	-	8	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 - Westphalia)
1934-35	-	10	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 - Westphalia)
1935-36	25	21	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 - Westphalia)
1936-37	24	26	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 - Westphalia)
1937-38	26	19	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 - Westphalia)
1938-39	26	15	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 - Westphalia)
1939-40	15	14	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 - Westphalia)
1940-41	21	9	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 - Westphalia)
1941-42	23	22	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 - Westphalia)
1942-43	11	11	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 - Westphalia)
1943-44	1	0	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 - Westphalia)
1944-45	0	0	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 - Westphalia)

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Mario BASLER (b. 1968)

30 A (2 goals), Germany, Right Midfielder

League champion 1997, 1999

League runner-up 1995, 1998

Cup winner 1994, 1998

Cup finalist 1989, 1999

Euro winner 1996

Top Scorer 1995

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.

League record

1988-89	1	0	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
1989-90	20	0	RW Essen (Div. 2)
1990-91	34	6	RW Essen (Div. 2)
1991-92	30	5	Hertha BSC (Div. 2)
1992-93	44	12	Hertha BSC (Div. 2)
1993-94	29	5	Bremen (BL)
1994-95	33	20	Bremen (BL)
1995-96	30	11	Bremen (BL)
1996-97	27	8	Bayern München (BL)
1997-98	22	5	Bayern München (BL)
1998-99	27	5	Bayern München (BL)
1999-00	2	0	Bayern München (BL)
1999-00	18	1	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
2000-01	21	4	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
2001-02	29	2	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
2002-03	23	1	1. FC Kaiserslautern (BL)
2003-04	15	2	Al-Rayyan (Qatar)

#12



Ernst ALBRECHT (1907-1976)

*17 A (4 goals), Germany, Outside Right
League champion 1933
League runner-up 1936
Cup finalist 1937*

He debuted as an outside right in 1924 at 17 for Fortuna Düsseldorf and had established himself as the best player in that position in Germany by 1928. Together with centre-half Knöd Bender, Albrecht was instrumental in establishing the unsung Fortuna Düsseldorf as one of the best west German clubs of the era. Albrecht was an exceptionally fast winger and a very precise crosser from high tempo but also a goal threat of his own. He remained a fixture at outside right for Germany between 1928 and 1934 but of all things right before the 1934 World Cup he was replaced by the sensational newcomer Ernst Lehner due to an injury.

Senior club

1923-44 Düsseldorf



Bernd (Schnix) SCHNEIDER (b. 1973)

81 A (4 goals), Germany, Right Midfielder/Right Back

League runner-up 2000, 2002

Cup finalist 2002, 2009

Champions Cup finalist 2002

World Cup finalist 2002

Equipped with subtle ball control Bernd Schneider was one of the few technically really outstanding German players at the turn of the millennium. His name was synonymous with technique, intelligence and versatility. One of those players that always wants to have the ball at his feet. Schneider was playfulness incarnate at a time when one could get the impression that most Germans wanted to keep a certain distance from the ball. At his best he was a right winger with real guts to try the unexpected, skilled at dribbling and deliverer of subtly weighed crosses. Later in his career Schneider also became valuable defensively, oftentimes even acting as a right back. He was also excellent as a central offensive midfielder. Schneider was not the most consistent player, it has to be said. Fluctuations in his form were not rare. A competent passer and also capable to score himself.

League record

1991-92	4	0	Jena (Div. 2)
1992-93	21	0	Jena (Div. 2)
1993-94	2	0	Jena (Div. 2)
1994-95	34	7	Jena (Div. 3)
1995-96	33	7	Jena (Div. 2)
1996-97	31	1	Jena (Div. 2)
1997-98	33	6	Jena (Div. 2)
1998-99	33	4	Eintracht Frankfurt (BL)
1999-00	32	3	Leverkusen (BL)
2000-01	31	2	Leverkusen (BL)
2001-02	30	5	Leverkusen (BL)
2002-03	28	2	Leverkusen (BL)
2003-04	33	10	Leverkusen (BL)
2004-05	33	3	Leverkusen (BL)
2005-06	29	4	Leverkusen (BL)
2006-07	31	6	Leverkusen (BL)
2007-08	15	0	Leverkusen (BL)
2008-09	1	0	Leverkusen (BL)



Bernhard (Berni) KLODT (1926-1996)

19 A (3 goals), Germany, Outside Right

League champion 1958

Cup finalist 1955

World Cup winner 1954

Top Scorer Championship 1958

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 while 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."

League record

1942-43	4	2	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1)
1943-44	11	5	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1)
1944-45	0	0	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1)
1945-47	-	-	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1947-48	24	8	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1948-49	24	10	Horst-Emscher (Div. 1 – West)
1949-50	29	8	Horst-Emscher (Div. 1 – West)
1950-51	26	8	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1951-52	28	15	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1952-53	26	9	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1953-54	29	12	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1954-55	26	5	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1955-56	28	13	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1956-57	28	12	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1957-58	27	15	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1958-59	28	9	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1959-60	20	4	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1960-61	14	6	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1961-62	25	12	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)
1962-63	0	0	FC Schalke 04 (Div. 1 – West)

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Prof. Karl WEGELE (1887-1960)
15 A (2 goals), Germany, Outside Right
League champion 1909

A very temperamental and eminently fast player who bedazzled his opponents with his constant change of position. Karl Wegele was one of the outstanding protagonists of German football before World War 1. Not much of a fighter, Wegele was in a class of his own regarding his intelligence on the pitch, often outmanoeuvring his opponents evading physical contact. Wegele was an early advocate of passing moves in triangles, which aimed at a constant switching of positions between outside and inside forwards by means of swiftly executed passes and quick change of positions.

Senior club
1903-22 Phönix Karlsruhe



Herbert (Hacki) WIMMER (b. 1944)

36 A (4 goals), Germany, Right Wing/Right Midfielder

League champion 1970, 1971, 1975, 1976, 1977

League runner-up 1974, 1978

Cup winner 1973

UEFA Cup 1975

UEFA Cup finalist 1973

World Cup winner 1974

Euro winner 1972

Euro finalist 1976

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.

League record

1966-67	34	3	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1967-68	33	9	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1968-69	34	7	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1969-70	30	6	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1970-71	26	3	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1971-72	29	7	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1972-73	28	5	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1973-74	28	2	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1974-75	29	1	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1975-76	34	3	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1976-77	31	2	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1977-78	30	3	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)



Reinhard (Stan) LIBUDA (1943-1996)
26 A (3 goals), Germany, Outside Right
League runner-up 1966, 1972
Cup winner 1972
Cup finalist 1969
CWC winner 1966

"Nobody can get 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, often 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 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.

League record

1962-63	25	8	FC Schalke (Div. 1 – West)
1963-64	27	4	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1964-65	24	3	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1965-66	30	3	Dortmund (BL)
1966-67	22	2	Dortmund (BL)
1967-68	22	3	Dortmund (BL)
1968-69	32	5	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1969-70	31	0	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1970-71	31	5	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1971-72	30	3	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1972-73	16	3	Strasbourg (France)
1973-74	0	0	Strasbourg (France)
1973-74	10	0	FC Schalke 04 (BL)
1974-75	5	0	FC Schalke 04 (BL)



Ernst LEHNER (1912-1986)

65 A (30 goals), Germany, Outside Right

Ernst Lehner was one of the paciest and most skilled outside rights of the mid-/late-1930s. His specialty were corner kicks, as he gained a reputation for often trying (and succeeding) in converting them directly. In a 1937 World Cup qualifier against Estonia, Germany trailed 0-1 at half-time. But after the break Germany collected 18 corner kicks, two of them Lehner converted directly and two other corners of his were headed into the Estonian goal by Jupp Gauchel – Germany won 4-1. Not few experts considered Lehner the best outside right of the 1934 World Cup in Italy, others touted him "the best amateur player in Europe" (as professionalism was not allowed in Germany in the 1930s). He was one of the players selected to represent Western Europe against Central Europe in 1937. Lehner was an explosive type of player, an offensive all-rounder with incredibly hard shot, spirited in his moves, an expert dribbler and a magnificent header of the ball. His most famous trademark was his swiftness. His club exploits remained unsatisfying because his club Schwaben Augsburg was not an elite team and Lehner was by and large the only player of real class in that club. Apart from his habit of dangerous corner kicks he also excelled at freekicks. A special achievement was that Lehner scored the 300th **and** the 400th goal in the history of the German national team.

League record (incomplete)

1929-40	-	-	Schwaben Augsburg
1940-42	-	-	BW 90 Berlin
1942-47	-	-	Schwaben Augsburg
1947-48	33	2	Aschaffenburg (Div. 1 – South)
1948-51	-	-	Aschaffenburg (Div. 2)



Allan SIMONSEN (b. 1952)

55 A (20 goals), Denmark, Right Wing

League champion 1971, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1984

League runner-up 1974, 1978, 1982

Cup winner 1972, 1973, 1981

UEFA Cup 1975, 1979

CWC winner 1982

Ballon d'Or 1977

Top Scorer Champions Cup 1978

Top Scorer UEFA Cup 1979

A very diminutive winger predominantly playing on the right wing but who loved to roam 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 productive forward lines ever seen in German football. He joined Barcelona in 1979 where he scored 31 goals in three seasons (in 98 games) but left the club in 1982 after the signing of Diego Maradona and Bernd Schuster.

League record

1969-72	-	-	Vejle (Denmark)
1972-73	8	0	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1973-74	9	2	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1974-75	34	18	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1975-76	34	16	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1976-77	34	12	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1977-78	31	17	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1978-79	28	11	Bor. Mönchengladbach (BL)
1979-80	32	10	Barcelona (Spain)
1980-81	33	10	Barcelona (Spain)
1981-82	33	11	Barcelona (Spain)
1982-83	28	13	Vejle (Denmark)
1983-84	13	6	Vejle (Denmark)
1984-85	30	16	Vejle (Denmark)
1985-86	24	13	Vejle (Denmark)
1986-87	25	13	Vejle (Denmark)
1987-88	23	4	Vejle (Denmark)
1988-89	23	5	Vejle (Denmark)



Thomas (Icke) HÄSSLER (b. 1966)
 101 A (11 goals), Germany, Right Midfielder
 League runner-up 1989, 1990
 Cup finalist 1993, 1996
 UEFA Cup finalist 1986
 World Cup winner 1990
 Euro winner 1996
 Euro finalist 1992
 German Footballer 1989, 1992

Thomas 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.

League record

1984-85	6	0	Köln (BL)
1985-86	21	0	Köln (BL)
1986-87	21	1	Köln (BL)
1987-88	34	5	Köln (BL)
1988-89	33	5	Köln (BL)
1989-90	34	6	Köln (BL)
1990-91	32	1	Juventus (Italy)
1991-92	32	3	Roma (Italy)
1992-93	26	6	Roma (Italy)
1993-94	30	2	Roma (Italy)
1994-95	33	3	Karlsruhe (BL)
1995-96	34	8	Karlsruhe (BL)
1996-97	17	5	Karlsruhe (BL)
1997-98	34	12	Karlsruhe (BL)
1998-99	18	2	Dortmund (BL)
1999-00	33	8	TSV 1860 München (BL)
2000-01	32	7	TSV 1860 München (BL)
2001-02	29	6	TSV 1860 München (BL)
2002-03	21	0	TSV 1860 München (BL)
2003-04	19	1	Salzburg (Austria)



Pierre LITTBARSKI (b. 1960)

73 A (18 goals), Germany, Right Wing/Midfielder

League runner-up 1982, 1989, 1990

Cup winner 1983

Cup finalist 1980

UEFA Cup finalist 1986

World Cup winner 1990

World Cup finalist 1982, 1986

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 Willi 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.

League record

1978-79	16	4	Köln (BL)
1979-80	34	7	Köln (BL)
1980-81	32	6	Köln (BL)
1981-82	33	15	Köln (BL)
1982-83	34	16	Köln (BL)
1983-84	33	17	Köln (BL)
1984-85	28	16	Köln (BL)
1985-86	24	8	Köln (BL)
1986-87	32	4	Racing Paris (France)
1987-88	2	0	Racing Paris (France)
1987-88	31	8	Köln (BL)
1988-89	30	5	Köln (BL)
1989-90	34	8	Köln (BL)
1990-91	15	2	Köln (BL)
1991-92	36	1	Köln (BL)
1992-93	26	3	Köln (BL)
1993-94	35	9	JEF United (Japan)
1994-95	28	1	JEF United (Japan)
1995-96	27	5	Brummell Sendai (Japan – Div. 2)
1996-97	2	0	Brummell Sendai (Japan – Div. 2)



Helmut RAHN

40 A (21 goals), Germany, Outside Right

League champion 1955

League runner-up 1960, 1964

Cup winner 1953

World Cup winner 1954

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.

League record

1950-51	30	7	Katernberg (Div. 1 - West)
1951-52	29	20	RW Essen (Div. 1 - West)
1952-53	28	9	RW Essen (Div. 1 - West)
1953-54	30	18	RW Essen (Div. 1 - West)
1954-55	19	5	RW Essen (Div. 1 - West)
1955-56	24	9	RW Essen (Div. 1 - West)
1956-57	21	19	RW Essen (Div. 1 - West)
1957-58	27	8	RW Essen (Div. 1 - West)
1958-59	23	9	RW Essen (Div. 1 - West)
1959-60	29	11	Köln (Div. 1 - West)
1960-61	27	14	Enschede (Netherlands)
1961-62	21	12	Enschede (Netherlands)
1962-63	21	13	Enschede (Netherlands)
1963-64	18	8	Duisburg (BL)
1964-65	1	0	Duisburg (BL)



Arjen ROBBEN (b. 1984)

96 A (37 goals), Netherlands, Right Winger

League champion 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

League runner-up 2007, 2009, 2012

Cup winner 2007, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016

Cup finalist 2012

Champions Cup 2013

Champions Cup finalist 2010, 2012

Intercontinental Cup 2013

World Cup finalist 2010

The best foreign player in the history of German football? Many people would agree. His closest competitor is his longtime teammate Franck Ribéry. But even the wonderful Frenchman could not sustain a brilliantly high peak level as Arjen Robben did in his most outstanding period between 2013 and 2015. Definitely one of the most spectacular players ever to wear the dress of a German club, one struggles to find a comparable period of dominance of a single offensive player even if the circle includes German players. Günter Netzer for Borussia Mönchengladbach between 1970 and 1972 might be the only comparable offensive player in terms of sustaining a very high peak level over a number of seasons.

Astonishingly, Robben managed a very high level in all competitions (Champions League, Bundesliga, German Cup) as well as for the Dutch national team – arguably an unprecedented level of domination. 2014 was the best year in his entire career (his own words). Virtually everything he did was characterised by incredible dynamism, playful finesse and stunning determination. Even in a Bayern side that was star-studded and arguably the best team in the world and easily the best German club team in history, the Dutchman managed to stand out. In this period Arjen Robben showed what an incredible player of world class he is when he is fully fit and injury-free over a longer period of time. Injuries – that is the cue that leads to Robben's one big flaw.

Rarely has there been a player as frail and fragile as Robben with his crystalline muscles and bones. It was close to a real wonder that Robben played roughly two years injury free from early 2013 to early 2015. Robben is the incarnation of the high quality tempo dribbler, a world class combination of supreme technical skill and high pace. Not a classic winger swinging in crosses but a player that is really world class in scoring himself when he cuts inside from the right side to score with his wonderful left foot. His willingness to score himself often led to conflicts with various central strikers in his club Bayern (Mario Gomez, Mario Mandzukic, Robert Lewandowski). Robben was often considered too egoistical for a wide player.

Robben's shooting technique is marvellous, as is his ball control, his short offensive dribblings are extremely fast and dangerous and he has a good eye. One of the most productive wingers but also – despite occasional critique – one of the best providers. In his approach Robben is a more one-dimensional player than his twin on the left wing, Franck Ribéry. Yet although Robben's main weapon (cutting inside from the right wing and shooting with his left foot) is no secret and well-known to any defender in the world, he does this so well that no team has managed to devise an effective counter strategy. Someone like Robben even at the age of 33 is still playing on a world class level, because he is never full, never lacking in ambition, he still wants it all. It will be interesting to see what the future has still in store for Arjen Robben.

League record

2000-01	18	2	Groningen (Netherlands)
2001-02	28	6	Groningen (Netherlands)
2002-03	33	12	Eindhoven (Netherlands)
2003-04	23	5	Eindhoven (Netherlands)
2004-05	18	7	Chelsea (England)
2005-06	28	6	Chelsea (England)
2006-07	21	2	Chelsea (England)

2007-08	21	4	Real Madrid (Spain)
2008-09	29	7	Real Madrid (Spain)
2009-10	24	16	Bayern München (BL)
2010-11	14	12	Bayern München (BL)
2011-12	24	12	Bayern München (BL)
2012-13	16	5	Bayern München (BL)
2013-14	28	11	Bayern München (BL)
2014-15	21	17	Bayern München (BL)
2015-16	15	4	Bayern München (BL)
2016-17	26	13	Bayern München (BL)