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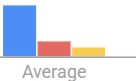
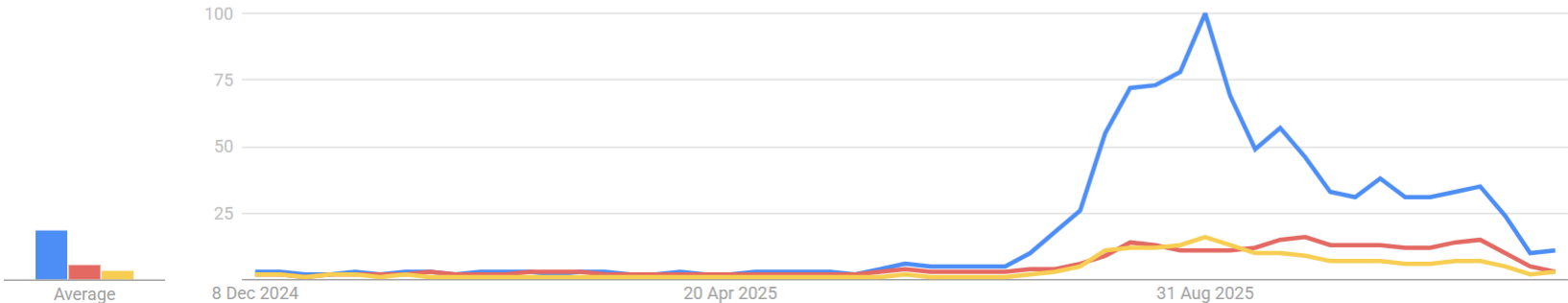


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StatsBomb Open Data

Welcome to the StatsBomb Open Data repository.

StatsBomb are committed to sharing new data and research publicly to enhance understanding of the game of Football. We want to actively encourage new research and analysis at all levels. Therefore we have made certain leagues of StatsBomb Data freely available for public use for research projects and genuine interest in football analytics.

StatsBomb are hoping that by making data freely available, we will extend the wider football analytics community and

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Hudl Statsbomb Open Data structure

The data is provided as **JSON files** exported from the Statsbomb Data API, in the following structure:

- competition and seasons stored in **competitions.json**
- matches for each competition and **season**, stored in the **matches** folder. Each folder within is named for a competition ID, each file is named for a season ID within that competition
- events and lineups for each match, stored in **events** and **lineups** respectively. Each file is named for a match ID

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```
1  [ {
2    "competition_id" : 9,
3    "season_id" : 281,
4    "country_name" : "Germany",
5    "competition_name" : "1. Bundesliga",
6    "competition_gender" : "male",
7    "competition_youth" : false,
8    "competition_international" : false,
9    "season_name" : "2023/2024",
10   "match_updated" : "2024-09-28T20:46:38.893391",
11   "match_updated_360" : "2025-07-06T04:26:07.636270",
12   "match_available_360" : "2025-07-06T04:26:07.636270",
13   "match_available" : "2024-09-28T20:46:38.893391"
14 }, {
15   "competition_id" : 9,
16   "season_id" : 27,
17   "country name" : "Germany",
```



Hudl Statsbomb: Competitions

statsbomb_0001.ipynb

Open in... Python 3 (ipykernel)

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests

[2]: pd.set_option("display.max.columns", None)
pd.set_option("display.max.rows", None)
```

Load competitions.json file from Hudl Statsbomb GitHub and transform to Pandas DataFrame

```
[3]: url = "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/statsbomb/open-data/refs/heads/master/data/competitions.json"
data = requests.get(url).json()
competitions = pd.json_normalize(data)
competitions.head(3)
```

	competition_id	season_id	country_name	competition_name	competition_gender	competition_youth	competition_international	season_name	match_updated	match_updated
0	9	281	Germany	1. Bundesliga	male	False	False	2023/2024	2024-07-15T14:15:54.671676	2024-07-15T14:17:00.1
1	9	27	Germany	1. Bundesliga	male	False	False	2015/2016	2024-05-19T11:11:14.192381	
2	1267	107	Africa	African Cup of Nations	male	False	True	2023	2024-06-13T07:51:02.452825	

Competitions with season_name, competition_id, and season_id

```
[4]: competitions[["competition_name", "season_name", "competition_id", "season_id"]].head(3)
```

	competition_name	season_name	competition_id	season_id
0	1. Bundesliga	2023/2024	9	281
1	1. Bundesliga	2015/2016	9	27
2	African Cup of Nations	2023	1267	107

Hudl Statsbomb: Matches

statsbomb_0002.ipynb

Open in... Python 3 (ipykernel)

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests
```

FIFA World Cup 2022

```
[2]: competition_id = 43
season_id = 106
```

```
[3]: url = f"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/statsbomb/open-data/refs/heads/master/data/matches/{competition_id}/{season_id}.json"
data = requests.get(url).json()
matches = pd.json_normalize(data)
matches.head(2)
```

	match_id	match_date	kick_off	home_score	away_score	match_status	match_status_360	last_updated	last_updated_360	match_week	...	competition_stage_id
0	3857256	2022-12-02	21:00:00.000	2	3	available	available	2023-02-17T23:45:15.306706	2023-04-26T23:49:58.956186	3	...	10
1	3869151	2022-12-03	21:00:00.000	2	1	available	available	2023-07-30T07:46:05.382784	2023-07-30T07:48:51.865595	4	...	33

2 rows × 42 columns

```
[4]: len(matches)
```

```
[4]: 64
```

```
[5]: for _, row in matches.head(2).iterrows():
    print(
        f"{row['home_team.home_team_name']} {row['away_team.away_team_name']} "
        f"{row['home_score']}:{row['away_score']} ({row['match_id']})"
    )
```

Serbia Switzerland 2:3 (3857256)
Argentina Australia 2:1 (3869151)

Hudl Statsbomb: Matches (filtered)

```
statsbomb_0003.ipynb x +
[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests

FIFA World Cup 2022

[2]: competition_id = 43
season_id = 106

[3]: url = f"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/statsbomb/open-data/refs/heads/master/data/matches/{competition_id}/{season_id}.json"
data = requests.get(url).json()
matches = pd.json_normalize(data)

Germany

[4]: team = "Germany"

filtered = matches[(matches["home_team.home_team_name"] == team) | (matches["away_team.away_team_name"] == team)]

for _, row in filtered.iterrows():
    print(
        f"{row['home_team.home_team_name']} {row['away_team.away_team_name']} "
        f"{row['home_score']}:{row['away_score']} ({row['match_id']})"
    )

Spain Germany 1:1 (3857263)
Germany Japan 1:2 (3857284)
Costa Rica Germany 2:4 (3857292)
```

Statsbomb event data

Hudl Statsbomb: Match events

```
statsbomb_0004.ipynb
```

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```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests

Costa Rica 2:4 Germany

[2]: match_id = 3857292

[3]: url = f"https://raw.githubusercontent.com/statsbomb/open-data/refs/heads/master/data/events/{match_id}.json"
data = requests.get(url).json()
events = pd.json_normalize(data)

[4]: len(events)

[4]: 3869

[5]: events.head(3)
```

	id	index	period	timestamp	minute	second	possession	duration	type.id	type.name	...	substitution.outcome.name	substitution.replacement.id	substitution.replacement
0	2194e9dd-089b-44f8-a5c7-60436a00f0f9	1	1	00:00:00.000	0	0	1	0.0	35	Starting XI	...	NaN	NaN	
1	1247d52e-3c53-4106-bcf9-36c14a0c352d	2	1	00:00:00.000	0	0	1	0.0	35	Starting XI	...	NaN	NaN	
2	5ba53280-4efe-4482-b727-1328f6654d2a	3	1	00:00:00.000	0	0	1	0.0	18	Half Start	...	NaN	NaN	

3 rows × 116 columns

```
[6]: events.to_pickle("events.pkl")
```

Hudl Statsbomb: Event types

```
statsbomb_0005.ipynb x +  
[1]: import pandas as pd  
[2]: events = pd.read_pickle("events.pkl")  
  
Event type frequency  
[3]: events["type.name"].value_counts().head(5)  
[3]: type.name  
Pass 1140  
Ball Receipt* 1062  
Carry 868  
Pressure 265  
Ball Recovery 105  
Name: count, dtype: int64  
  
Event type frequency (Germany)  
[4]: events_de = events.loc[events["possession_team.name"] == "Germany"]  
events_de["type.name"].value_counts().head(5)  
[4]: type.name  
Pass 776  
Ball Receipt* 733  
Carry 606  
Pressure 128  
Ball Recovery 66  
Name: count, dtype: int64  
[5]: events_de.to_pickle("events_de.pkl")
```

Hudl Statsbomb: Event types

```
statsbomb_0006.ipynb
```

Open in... Python 3 (ipykernel)

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
```

```
[2]: events_de = pd.read_pickle("events_de.pkl")
```

Passes (Germany)

```
[3]: passes_de = events_de.loc[events_de['type.name'] == 'Pass']
     passes_de[["player.name", "pass.recipient.name", "location", "pass.end_location"]].head(3)
```

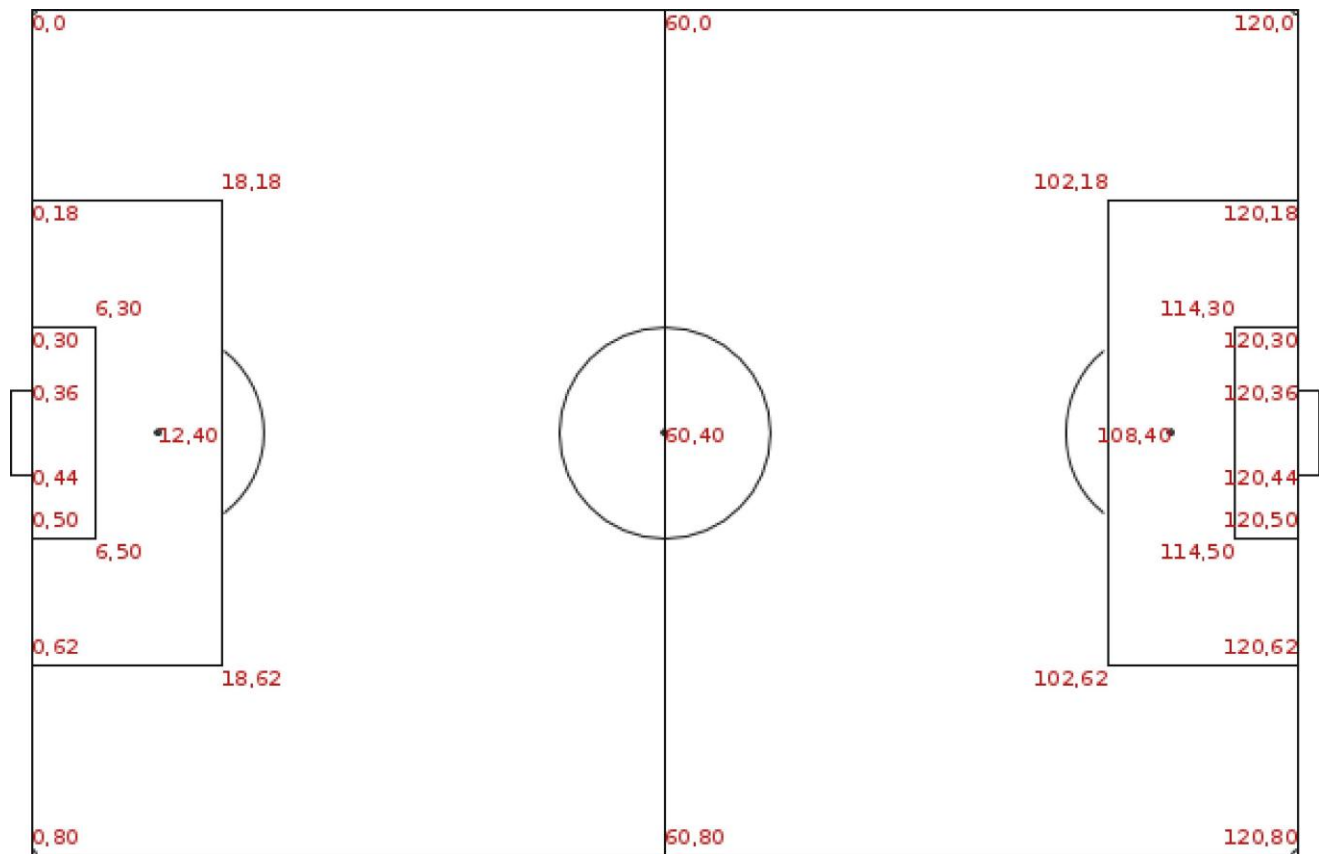
	player.name	pass.recipient.name	location	pass.end_location
4	Thomas Müller	Antonio Rüdiger	[61.0, 40.1]	[40.1, 36.2]
7	Antonio Rüdiger	Joshua Kimmich	[39.8, 36.4]	[40.6, 58.5]
10	Joshua Kimmich	Thomas Müller	[47.2, 62.2]	[89.9, 45.4]

Most frequent passing combinations between players

```
[4]: passes_de[["player.name", "pass.recipient.name"]].value_counts().head(10)
```

player.name	pass.recipient.name	
Joshua Kimmich	Niklas Süle	29
Niklas Süle	Joshua Kimmich	26
	Antonio Rüdiger	22
Antonio Rüdiger	Niklas Süle	20
Niklas Süle	İlkay Gündoğan	18
Antonio Rüdiger	David Raum	16
İlkay Gündoğan	Niklas Süle	15
David Raum	Antonio Rüdiger	15
Joshua Kimmich	Lukas Klostermann	14
Antonio Rüdiger	Joshua Kimmich	14

Name: count, dtype: int64



Hudl Statsbomb: Team's formation

```
statsbomb_0007.ipynb x +
[1]: import pandas as pd

[2]: events_de = pd.read_pickle("events_de.pkl")

Team's formation (Germany)

[3]: events_de['type.id'].isin([35]).any() # starting eleven

[3]: False

[4]: events_de['type.id'].isin([36]).any() # tactical shift

[4]: True

[5]: ', '.join(sorted(events_de['type.name'].unique()))

[5]: '50/50, Ball Receipt*, Ball Recovery, Block, Carry, Clearance, Dispossessed, Dribble, Dribbled Past, Duel, Foul Committed, Foul Won, Goal Keeper, Injury Stoppage, I
interception, Miscontrol, Offside, Pass, Pressure, Referee Ball-Drop, Shot, Substitution, Tactical Shift'

[6]: tactical_shifts = events_de[events_de['type.id'] == 36]
tactical_shifts = tactical_shifts.copy()
tactical_shifts["tactics.formation"] = tactical_shifts["tactics.formation"].astype(int).astype(str)

[7]: tactical_shifts[["type.name", "tactics.formation"]]

[7]:
   type.name  tactics.formation
2384 Tactical Shift             442
2757 Tactical Shift             352
3492 Tactical Shift             343

[8]: tactical_shifts.to_pickle("tactical_shifts.pkl")
```

Hudl Statsbomb: Team's formation

statsbomb_0008.ipynb

Open in... Python 3 (ipykernel)

```
[1]: import pandas as pd

[2]: tactical_shifts = pd.read_pickle("tactical_shifts.pkl")

[3]: exploded = tactical_shifts.explode('tactics.lineup').reset_index(drop=True)
normalized = pd.json_normalize(exploded["tactics.lineup"])
pd.concat([exploded[["type.name", "tactics.formation"]], normalized], axis=1).head(11)
```

	type.name	tactics.formation	jersey_number	player.id	player.name	position.id	position.name
0	Tactical Shift	442	1	5570	Manuel Neuer	1	Goalkeeper
1	Tactical Shift	442	16	8507	Lukas Klostermann	2	Right Back
2	Tactical Shift	442	15	6322	Niklas Süle	3	Right Center Back
3	Tactical Shift	442	2	3167	Antonio Rüdiger	5	Left Center Back
4	Tactical Shift	442	3	12034	David Raum	6	Left Back
5	Tactical Shift	442	14	39565	Jamal Musiala	9	Right Defensive Midfield
6	Tactical Shift	442	6	5579	Joshua Kimmich	11	Left Defensive Midfield
7	Tactical Shift	442	19	3053	Leroy Sané	12	Right Midfield
8	Tactical Shift	442	10	8400	Serge Gnabry	16	Left Midfield
9	Tactical Shift	442	9	8546	Niclas Füllkrug	22	Right Center Forward
10	Tactical Shift	442	13	5562	Thomas Müller	24	Left Center Forward

position number	position abbreviation	position name
1	GK	Goalkeeper
2	RB	Right Back
3	RCB	Right Center Back
4	CB	Center Back
5	LCB	Left Center Back
6	LB	Left Back
7	RWB	Right Wing Back
8	LWB	Left Wing Back
9	RDM	Right Defensive Midfield
10	CDM	Center Defensive Midfield
11	LDM	Left Defensive Midfield
12	RM	Right Midfield
13	RCM	Right Center Midfield
14	CM	Center Midfield
15	LCM	Left Center Midfield

position number	position abbreviation	position name
16	LM	Left Midfield
17	RW	Right Wing
18	RAM	Right Attacking Midfield
19	CAM	Center Attacking Midfield
20	LAM	Left Attacking Midfield
21	LW	Left Wing
22	RCF	Right Center Forward
23	ST	Striker
24	LCF	Left Center Forward
25	SS	Secondary Striker

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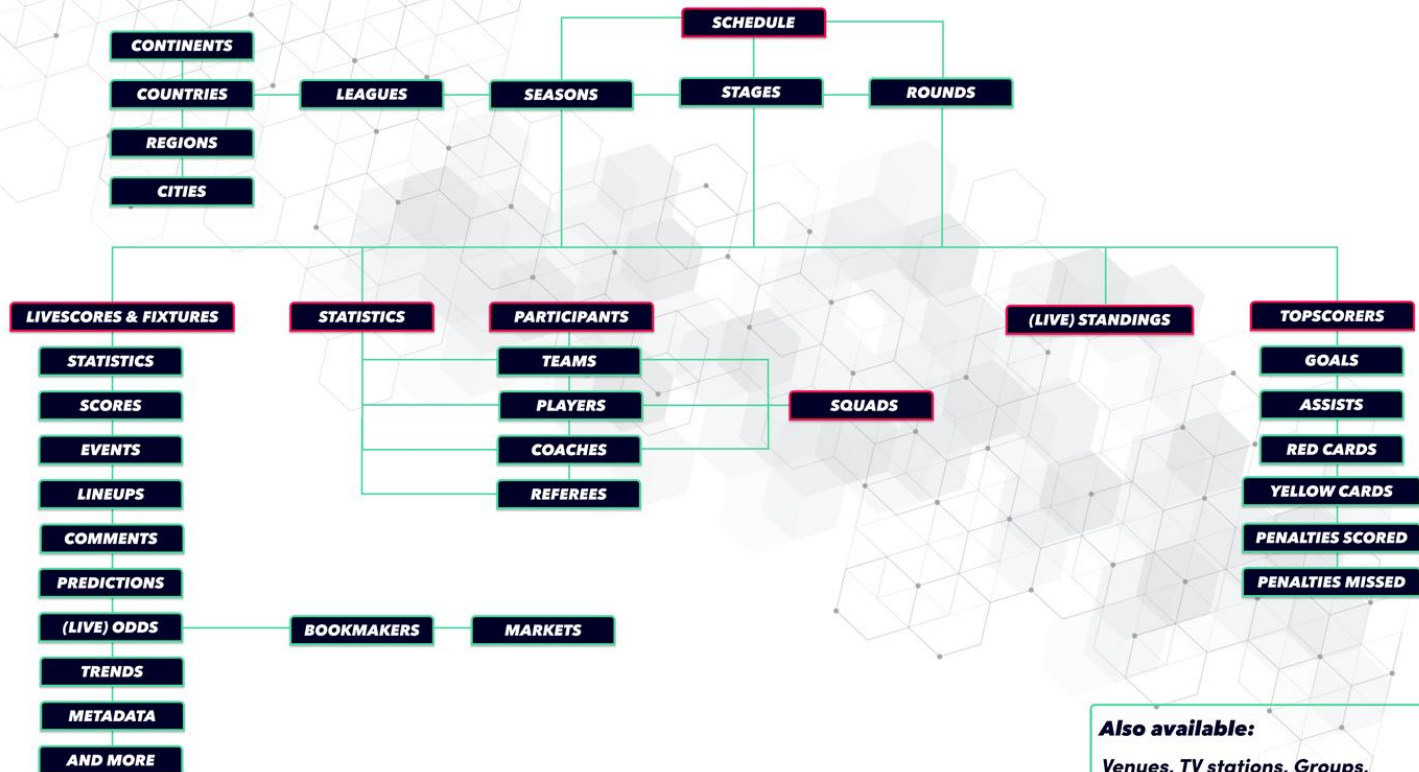
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Sportmonks: Leagues and countries

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```

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests

[2]: API_TOKEN = "tqz8BHX208tyVADTRuvyBaGmLVrZkwcwrhfbRjR9T5ZAQWXovTUEBytl4onZ"
params = {"api_token": API_TOKEN}

Get leagues

[3]: leagues = requests.get("https://api.sportmonks.com/v3/football/leagues", params=params).json()["data"]
len(leagues)

[3]: 4

[4]: country_ids = set()
for league in leagues:
    country_id = league["country_id"]
    country_ids.add(country_id)

[5]: country_ids

[5]: {320, 1161}

Get countries

[6]: for country_id in country_ids:
    name = requests.get(f"https://api.sportmonks.com/v3/core/countries/{country_id}", params=params).json()["data"]["name"]
    print(name)

Denmark
Scotland
```

Sportmonks: Fixtures (matches) by date



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```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests
```

```
[2]: API_TOKEN = "tqz8BHX200tyVADTRuvyBaGmLVrZkwcwrhfbRjR9T5ZAQWXovTUEByt14onZ"
      params = {"api token": API_TOKEN}
```

Fixtures (matches) by date (YYYY-MM-DD)

```
[3]: date = "2025-04-21"
data= requests.get(f"https://api.sportmonks.com/v3/football/fixtures/date/{date}", params=params).json()["data"]
matches = pd.json_normalize(data)
matches
```

```
[3]: id sport_id league_id season_id stage_id group_id aggregate_id round_id state_id venue_id name starting_at result_info leg details length placeholder has_odds has
```

0	19404981	1	271	23584	77471147	None	None	369912	5	4832	Vejle Boldklub vs Silkeborg IF	2025-04-21 12:00:00	Silkeborg IF won after full-time.	1/1	None	90	False	True
1	19404982	1	271	23584	77471147	None	None	369912	5	1467	Viborg FF vs Lyngby Boldklub	2025-04-21 12:00:00	Game ended in draw.	1/1	None	90	False	True
2	19404953	1	271	23584	77471146	None	None	369902	5	5659	Brøndby IF vs Randers FC	2025-04-21 14:00:00	Brøndby IF won after full-time.	1/1	None	90	False	True
3	19404954	1	271	23584	77471146	None	None	369902	5	5655	FC København vs AGF	2025-04-21 16:00:00	FC København won after full-time.	1/1	None	90	False	True

Sportmonks: Fixtures (matches) by date range

sportmonks_0003.ipynb

Open in... Python 3 (ipykernel)

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests
```

```
[2]: API_TOKEN = "tqz8BHX200tyVADTRuvyBaGmLVrZkwcwrhfbRjR9T5ZAQWXovTUEByt14onZ"
```

Fixtures (matches) by date range (max 100 days)

```
[3]: start_date = "2025-01-01"
end_date = "2025-04-01"

data = []
page = 1
has_more = True

while has_more:
    params = {"api_token": API_TOKEN, "per_page": 50, "page": page}
    r = requests.get(f"https://api.sportmonks.com/v3/football/fixtures/between/{start_date}/{end_date}", params=params).json()
    data.extend(r["data"])
    has_more = r["pagination"]["has_more"]
    page += 1
```

```
[4]: matches = pd.json_normalize(data)
matches.head(2)
```

```
[4]:
```

	id	sport_id	league_id	season_id	stage_id	group_id	aggregate_id	round_id	state_id	venue_id	name	starting_at	result_info	leg	details	length	placeholder	has_odds	ha
0	19146817	1	501	23690	77471570	None	None	340593	5	8928	Aberdeen vs Ross County	2025-01-02 15:00:00	Ross County won after full-time.	1/1	None	90	False	True	
1	19146818	1	501	23690	77471570	None	None	340593	5	336296	Hearts vs Motherwell	2025-01-02 15:00:00	Hearts won after full-time.	1/1	None	90	False	True	

Sportmonks: Fixture (match) by ID

```
sportmonks_0004.ipynb
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Python 3 (ipykernel)

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests

[2]: API_TOKEN = "tqz8BHX200tyVADTRuvyBaGmLVrZkwcwrhfbRjR9T5ZAQWXovTUEBytl4onZ"
params = {"api_token": API_TOKEN}

Aberdeen vs Ross County ( 19146817 )

[3]: data = requests.get("https://api.sportmonks.com/v3/football/fixtures/19146817", params=params).json()["data"]

[4]: match = pd.json_normalize(data)

[5]: match.columns

[5]: Index(['id', 'sport_id', 'league_id', 'season_id', 'stage_id', 'group_id',
        'aggregate_id', 'round_id', 'state_id', 'venue_id', 'name',
        'starting_at', 'result_info', 'leg', 'details', 'length', 'placeholder',
        'has_odds', 'has_premium_odds', 'starting_at_timestamp'],
        dtype='object')
```

Sportmonks: Fixture (match) statistics

sportmonks_0005.ipynb

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Python 3 (ipykernel)

Code

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```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests

[2]: API_TOKEN = "tqz8BHX200tyVADTRuvyBaGmLVrZkwcwrhfbRjR9T5ZAQWXovTUEBytl4onZ"
params = {"api_token": API_TOKEN, "include": "statistics.type;events;formations;timeline;lineups.details.type"}

[3]: data = requests.get("https://api.sportmonks.com/v3/football/fixtures/19146817", params=params).json()["data"]
match = pd.json_normalize(data)
match.columns

[3]: Index(['id', 'sport_id', 'league_id', 'season_id', 'stage_id', 'group_id',
        'aggregate_id', 'round_id', 'state_id', 'venue_id', 'name',
        'starting_at', 'result_info', 'leg', 'details', 'length', 'placeholder',
        'has_odds', 'has_premium_odds', 'starting_at_timestamp', 'statistics',
        'events', 'formations', 'timeline', 'lineups'],
        dtype='object')

[4]: statistics = pd.json_normalize(match.statistics[0])

[5]: statistics.head(5)
```

	id	fixture_id	type_id	participant_id	location	data.value	type.id	type.name	type.code	type.developer_name	type.model_type	type.stat_group
0	207022998	19146817	34	273	home	9	34	Corners	corners	CORNERS	statistic	offensive
1	207023003	19146817	84	273	home	2	84	Yellowcards	yellowcards	YELLOWCARDS	statistic	overall
2	207023280	19146817	1605	273	home	33	1605	Successful Dribbles Percentage	successful-dribbles-percentage	SUCCESSFUL_DRIBBLES_PERCENTAGE	statistic	offensive
3	207023287	19146817	1605	246	away	38	1605	Successful Dribbles Percentage	successful-dribbles-percentage	SUCCESSFUL_DRIBBLES_PERCENTAGE	statistic	offensive
4	207023271	19146817	45	273	home	66	45	Ball Possession %	ball-possession	BALL_POSSESSION	statistic	overall

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Sportmonks: Fixture (match) events

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Python 3 (ipykernel)

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[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests

[2]: API_TOKEN = "tqz8BHX200tyVADTRuvyBaGmLVrZkwcwrhfbRjR9T5ZAQWXovTUEBytl4onZ"
params = {"api_token": API_TOKEN, "include": "events"}

[3]: data = requests.get("https://api.sportmonks.com/v3/football/fixtures/19146817", params=params).json()["data"]
match = pd.json_normalize(data)

[4]: events = pd.json_normalize(match.events[0])
len(events)

[4]: 17

[5]: events.head(5)
```

[5]:

	id	fixture_id	period_id	participant_id	type_id	section	player_id	related_player_id	player_name	related_player_name	...	info	addition	minute	extra_minute	injured	on_ber
0	148273586	19146817	5800865	273	18	event	173059	464190.0	Kevin Nisbet	Ester Sokler	...	None	1st Substitution	30	NaN	None	Fa
1	148273591	19146817	5800865	246	19	event	123690	NaN	James Brown	None	...	Foul	2nd Yellowcard	31	NaN	None	Fa
2	148273534	19146817	5800865	273	19	event	37344344	NaN	T. Keskinen	None	...	Foul	1st Yellowcard	23	NaN	None	Fa
3	148273728	19146817	5800865	273	14	event	173059	NaN	Kevin Nisbet	None	...	Field Goal	2nd Goal	45	11.0	None	Fa
4	148273645	19146817	5800865	246	18	event	4893665	546803.0	George Harmon	Michee Efete	...	None	2nd Substitution	44	NaN	None	Fa

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Sportmonks: Fixture (match) timeline

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[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests

[2]: API_TOKEN = "PTdd20P9btERR0PcRSTXpxLtfL2iIwz70Wi8LrLg9jhw51Mt0C9CtTuWzP6Y"
params = {"api_token": API_TOKEN, "include": "timeline"}

[3]: data = requests.get("https://api.sportmonks.com/v3/football/fixtures/19146817", params=params).json()["data"]
match = pd.json_normalize(data)

[4]: timeline = pd.json_normalize(match.timeline[0])
len(timeline)

[4]: 17

[5]: def head_skip_all_nan(df, n):
    return df.dropna(axis=1, how='all').head(n)

head_skip_all_nan(timeline, 5)

[5]:
```

	id	fixture_id	period_id	participant_id	type_id	section	addition	minute	extra_minute	on_bench	sort_order
0	148273597	19146817	5800865	246	126	timeline	3rd Corner	37	NaN	False	3
1	148273435	19146817	5800865	246	126	timeline	1st Corner	6	NaN	False	1
2	148273535	19146817	5800865	246	126	timeline	2nd Corner	24	NaN	False	2
3	148273629	19146817	5800865	273	126	timeline	6th Corner	38	NaN	False	6
4	148273735	19146817	5800865	273	126	timeline	8th Corner	45	NaN	False	8

Sportmonks: Formations

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```

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```
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import requests

[2]: API_TOKEN = "tqz8BHX200tyVADTRuvyBaGmLVrZkwcwrhfbRjR9T5ZAQWXovTUEBytl4onZ"
params = {"api_token": API_TOKEN, "include": "formations"}

[3]: data = requests.get("https://api.sportmonks.com/v3/football/fixtures/19146817", params=params).json()["data"]
match = pd.json_normalize(data)

[4]: formations = pd.json_normalize(match.formations[0])

[5]: formations.head(5)
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	id	fixture_id	participant_id	formation	location
0	8387600	19146817	246	3-5-1-1	away
1	8387601	19146817	273	4-2-3-1	home

Sportmonks: Fixture (match) lineups

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```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests

[2]: API_TOKEN = "PTdd20P9btERrQPcRSTXpxLtfL2iIwz70Wi8LrLg9jhw51Mt0C9CtTuWzP6Y"
params = {"api_token": API_TOKEN, "include": "lineups.details.type"}

[3]: data = requests.get("https://api.sportmonks.com/v3/football/fixtures/19146817", params=params).json()["data"]
match = pd.json_normalize(data)

[4]: lineups = pd.json_normalize(match.lineups[0])
len(lineups)

[4]: 40

[5]: def head_skip_all_nan(df, n):
    return df.dropna(axis=1, how='all').head(n)

head_skip_all_nan(lineups.drop('details', axis=1), 5)

[5]:
```

	id	sport_id	fixture_id	player_id	team_id	position_id	type_id	formation_position	player_name	jersey_number
0	14597927439	1	19146817	123690	246	26	11	5.0	James Brown	2
1	14597927412	1	19146817	580993	246	25	11	4.0	Ryan David Leak	3
2	14597927435	1	19146817	9654	246	25	11	2.0	Akil Wright	4
3	14597927126	1	19146817	174741	246	26	12	NaN	Scott Allardice	6
4	14597927130	1	19146817	34422813	246	26	12	NaN	Victor Loturi	7

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[6]: lineups.to_pickle("lineups.pkl")
```

Sportmonks: Fixture (match) lineups details

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Python 3 (ipykernel)

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import requests

[2]: lineups = pd.read_pickle("lineups.pkl")

[3]: exploded = lineups.explode('details').reset_index(drop=True)
normalized = pd.json_normalize(exploded["details"])
pd.concat([exploded.drop('details', axis=1), normalized[["data.value", "type.name"]]], axis=1)
```

	id	sport_id	fixture_id	player_id	team_id	position_id	formation_field	type_id	formation_position	player_name	jersey_number	data.value	type.name
0	14597927439	1	19146817	123690	246	26	None	11	5.0	James Brown	2	75	Accurate Passes Percentage
1	14597927439	1	19146817	123690	246	26	None	11	5.0	James Brown	2	6	Total Duels
2	14597927439	1	19146817	123690	246	26	None	11	5.0	James Brown	2	2	Fouls Drawn
3	14597927439	1	19146817	123690	246	26	None	11	5.0	James Brown	2	4	Duels Won
4	14597927439	1	19146817	123690	246	26	None	11	5.0	James Brown	2	12	Accurate Passes
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
880	14597927129	1	19146817	37344344	273	26	None	11	8.0	Topi Keskinen	81	1	Big Chances Missed
881	14597927129	1	19146817	37344344	273	26	None	11	8.0	Topi Keskinen	81	27	Possession Lost
882	14597927129	1	19146817	37344344	273	26	None	11	8.0	Topi Keskinen	81	1	Passes In Final Third
883	14597927129	1	19146817	37344344	273	26	None	11	8.0	Topi Keskinen	81	8	Backward Passes
884	14597927129	1	19146817	37344344	273	26	None	11	8.0	Topi Keskinen	81	5	Turn Over

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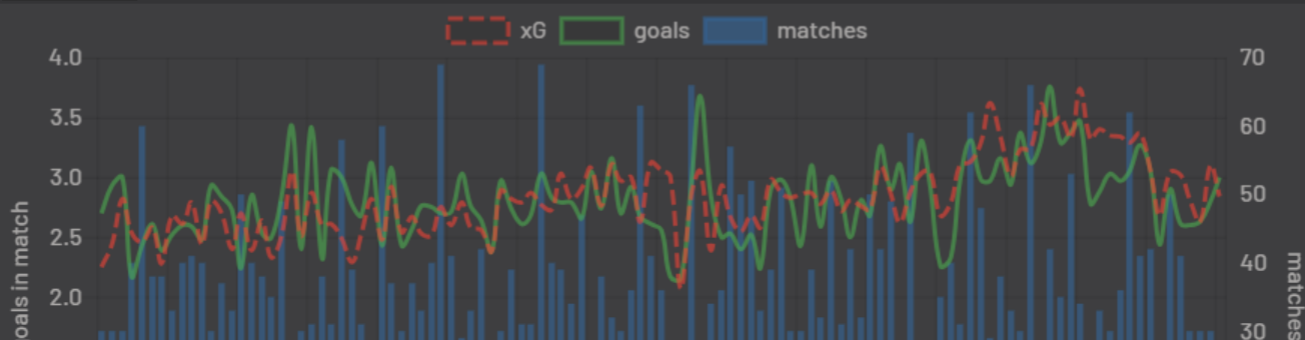
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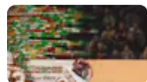
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