

# Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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<b>Title of the thesis:</b>	<b>Platová diskriminácia v najlepších európskych futbalových ligách</b>

## **OVERALL ASSESSMENT** (provided in English, Czech, or Slovak):

The thesis studies racial wage discrimination in top European football leagues. I have consulted the study extensively during its writing and all substantial comments were addressed before the thesis was finalized. Hence, I only provide the evaluation and minor comments. The student spent substantial time on the thesis.

### **Contribution**

The thesis builds on a body of previous literature by including multiple leagues and thus applying a consistent model to analyze the leagues in the same time period and using the same methodology. The results show an interesting finding that player's wages are determined by three-year averages, which has not been established by previous research in the context of European football.

### **Methods**

The author demonstrates the ability to use ordinary least squares regressions in the scope of academic research. The regression models are enhanced by use of clustered standard errors, which demonstrates a satisfactory grasp of econometric techniques. The discussion of results contains application of delta method to obtain standard errors of inferred estimates which is a technique not usually covered in the bachelor econometrics curriculum.

### **Literature**

The review of literature is carefully written and includes a thorough overview of the relevant studies.

### **Manuscript form**

The manuscript is well structured and satisfies the formatting needed in a bachelor thesis. There are some very minor discrepancies in mathematical notations of equations in Chapter 4, however, these are negligible in the sense that the thesis is clear on which methodology is applied.

### **Summary and suggested questions for the discussion during the defense**

The thesis is well written and, in my opinion, satisfies the conditions to pass the defense as a bachelor thesis. It is visible that the author spent extensive time on the thesis. I recommend the thesis for a defense with the grade A.

I would suggest the following questions for the defense:

- Interestingly, your results show that wages are better explained by average performance over the previous three years rather than the most recent season. Describe the economic intuition behind this finding.
- Which other variables would you like to include in your models if they were available?

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## **SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED** (for details, see below):

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points)	25
<i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points)	27
<i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points)	20
<i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points)	19
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b> (max. 100 points)	<b>91</b>
<b>GRADE</b> (A – B – C – D – E – F)	<b>A</b>

**NAME OF THE REFEREE:** Radek Janhuba

**DATE OF EVALUATION:** May 24, 2020



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**Referee Signature**