

# Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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<b>Title of the thesis:</b>	<b>Determinants of Football Players' Market Value in the Czech Football League</b>

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

The thesis explores determinants of footballers' market value in the Czech football league. 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**

To the best of my knowledge, this is a first academic study to examine market values of football players in the Czech football league. Moreover, the author extends the previously applied models to incorporate data on participation and performance in youth international competitions, which is a novel improvement of the previous methodology. The finding that scoring (but not participation) in the international youth competitions increases the player's market value is one that has not been established by previous research.

### **Methods**

The author demonstrates the ability to use ordinary least squares regressions in the scope of academic research. The discussion of regression results clearly demonstrates author's satisfactory grasp of econometric techniques.

### **Literature**

The literature review is carefully executed and reviews previous academic literature which is relevant in the context of the research question.

### **Manuscript form**

The manuscript is well structured and satisfies the formatting needed in a bachelor thesis. The thesis is written using LaTeX, which results in a professional appearance. The English of the thesis is of a high level, both grammatically as well as stylistically.

### **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:

- Would you expect your results to hold in the same way in a model where transfer fees could be used as the dependent variable, or would you expect some explanatory variables to behave differently in such model?
- 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):

CATEGORY	POINTS
Contribution (max. 30 points)	27
Methods (max. 30 points)	27
Literature (max. 20 points)	20
Manuscript Form (max. 20 points)	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b> (max. 100 points)	<b>94</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**