Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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Student:	Jan Cvrček
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Title of the thesis:	Determinants of Footbal Players' Market Value

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

Contribution

Thesis achieves several goals from the proposal. Promised progression of the market values during a player's carrier is not studied or mentioned in the thesis. Contribution is more than adequate for a bachelor thesis.

Methods

Author uses cross-section data from Season 2018/2019. Appropriate method is chosen from the selection based on valid arguments. Robustness check is well thought and reasoned.

Literature

Thesis uses appropriate and modern literature. Citations are done in a proper way.

Manuscript form

Thesis manuscript has following formatting issues:
1. Bookmarks in the pdf are not well done, the whole text of the thesis is under '"List of Tables" bookmark.
2. Abstract/Acknowledgments are not block formatted.

Author uses a lot of language that make his thesis seems very casual and not serious (ex. p12 – "Covid pandemic hitting the life on Earth", "deep dive into their numerical neighbors"). Text uses a very high amount of linking words (Yet, Therefore, Thenceforth, Furthermore, Nevertheless, Moreover, Thus…). Several paragraphs can be restructured to limit their usage and make the text easier to read and follow. Nevertheless, thesis text is understandable.

Including the motto of the website in 3.1. Sources is patently redundant and does not add any conceivable value.

Misspellings and typographical errors are rare. Providing the graphs and additional models in the Appendix is welcomed.

The results of the Urkund analysis do not indicate significant text similarity with other available sources.

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Summary and suggested questions for the discussion during the defense

Thesis satisfies all requirements for a bachelor thesis and is recommended for defense. Grade B is recommended.

1. In the 5.2. Robustness Check you write *"Both the R-squared and the adjusted R-squared measures diminished in all models by roughly 8%, indicating that the initial ones worked better."* Defend your statement, paraphrasing, "**the higher the R-squared the better the model**".

2. Let us say you want to include data also for Season 2017/2018. How would you extend the existing model? What additional issues it will bring? How would you solve them?

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

CATEGORY		POINTS
Contribution	*(max. 30 points)*	25
Methods	*(max. 30 points)*	30
Literature	*(max. 20 points)*	20
Manuscript Form	*(max. 20 points)*	10
TOTAL POINTS	*(max. 100 points)*	**85**
GRADE	**(A – B – C – D – E – F)**	**B**

NAME OF THE REFEREE: ***Ing. Jan Vávra***

DATE OF EVALUATION: *01/06/2021*

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Referee Signature

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES AND SCALE:

CONTRIBUTION: *The author presents original ideas on the topic demonstrating critical thinking and ability to draw conclusions based on the knowledge of relevant theory and empirics. There is a distinct value added of the thesis.*

METHODS: *The tools used are relevant to the research question being investigated, and adequate to the author's level of studies. The thesis topic is comprehensively analyzed.*

LITERATURE REVIEW: *The thesis demonstrates author's full understanding and command of recent literature. The author quotes relevant literature in a proper way.*

MANUSCRIPT FORM: *The thesis is well structured. The student uses appropriate language and style, including academic format for graphs and tables. The text effectively refers to graphs and tables and disposes with a complete bibliography.*

Overall grading:

TOTAL	GRADE
91 – 100	A
81 - 90	B
71 - 80	C
61 – 70	D
51 – 60	E
0 – 50	F