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SAM: Hey FPL managers, welcome back to FPL Fulcrum! I'm Sam, and today we're diving into a fun and somewhat surprising topic: Are professional footballers any good at playing Fantasy Premier League? Spoiler alert: Most of them are pretty terrible! Stick around as we look at some famous footballers' FPL records and find out who's actually good at it. If you enjoy the video, don't forget to like and subscribe for more FPL insights!

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SAM: So, do professional footballers dominate Fantasy Premier League just like they do on the pitch? The short answer is a resounding "no." Let's dive into the details and see just how bad some of your favorite players are at FPL.

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SAM: First up, let's talk about Diogo Jota. The Portuguese forward, who has played for Wolves and currently Liverpool, has been playing FPL since the 2019/2020 season. His best ranks aren't too impressive, finishing around 250k in 2021/2022 and 870k in 2022/2023. Not exactly top-tier, right?

SAM: Next up, we have Mohamed Salah. The Egyptian winger, a star at Liverpool, started playing FPL in the 2017/2018 season, right when he joined the club. His best rank is around 1.3 million in his first FPL season in 2017/2018, and his second-best is about 3 million in 2019/20. He's been playing for a few seasons, but clearly, he's better on the pitch than he is in fantasy management.

SAM: Another average FPL player worth mentioning is Trent Alexander-Arnold. The dynamic right-back for Liverpool has been playing FPL since the 2018/2019 season, which was the same year he became a regular starter in the team. His best rank is around 2.9 million in 2018/2019, and his second-best is about 3.7 million in 2020/2021.

SAM: Up next on the FPL mediocrity list is Kieran Trippier. The right-back, who has played for Tottenham Hotspur and currently Newcastle United, has been playing

FPL since the 2021/2022 season. His best finishes are around 1.7 million in 2023/2024 and around the 3 million mark in 2021/2022.

SAM: Then we've got Jack Stephens, a center-back at Southampton who, funnily enough, started his FPL career all the way back in the in the 2011/2012 season. He has a long history of playing this game year after year, but he's only managed to crack the top 100k in one season. That was in the 2018/2019 season when he managed an overall rank of 51k. His second-best rank after that was 123k back in the 2016/2017 campaign. Other than those decent ranks, he's had a string of 1 million, 2 million and 3 million finishes.

SAM: And our final poor FPL performer is John McGinn, the energetic midfielder for Aston Villa. He's another veteran of the game as he's been playing since the 2013/2014 season. But unfortunately, he hasn't got a credible rank history to show, having only finished as high as 499k in the 2018/2019 campaign. His next-best finish after that was a measly 585k in the 2017/2018 season.

SAM: So, it's safe to say that most professional footballers aren't exactly FPL experts. However, there are a few exceptions.

SAM: Now let's take a look at number 5 - Hamza Choudhury - who's actually a decent FPL player. The defensive midfielder, who has played for Leicester City and Watford, started playing FPL in the 2020/2021 season and his best rank is around 360k in 2021/2022. This is followed by a finish of around 385k in the next season after that.

SAM: Number 4 is Liverpool's Andrew Robertson. The Scottish left-back has been playing since the 2016/17 season, when he was with Hull City. His best rank is an impressive 148,676 in 2016/17, followed by 334,602 in 2018/19. Clearly, Robertson knows a thing or two about fantasy football!

SAM: Now coming in at number 3 is Mark Gillespie. The goalkeeper for Newcastle United is one of the most experienced FPL players the game has ever seen, as he's been playing since the 2006/2007 season. His best finish was about 58k in 2007/2008, but back then FPL had way fewer players than the millions that there are today. Gillespie's next best rank was 244k in the 2015/2016 campaign.

SAM: At number 2, we have Chris Smalling. The center-back, who has played for Manchester United, Roma and now Al Feiha in the Saudi Pro League, started his FPL journey in the 2017/2018 season. He kicked off his first year in FPL with style, managing a 65k finish. He did even better in the 2022/2023 season, registering an overall rank finish of 62k. In the season just past, he had a respectable 195k finish, which is great for an active player.

SAM: And finally, at number 1, we have Leicester City's James Justin. Justin has been playing since the 2012/2013 season. His best rank is an incredible 1,583 in 2023/2024, making him the best FPL player among active professional footballers. That top 10k finish was no fluke either, as he's also managed to get an overall rank of 5k in the 2020/2021 season and a 42k finish in 2019/2020. Off the pitch, Justin certainly enjoys managing his FPL team in his spare time and who can blame him? After all, FPL is a really fun game that most football fans enjoy.

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SAM: So, what do you think? Are you surprised by how some of these professional footballers perform in FPL? Let us know in the comments below! And if you enjoyed this video, please give it a thumbs up and subscribe to our channel for more FPL tips, tricks, and insights. Don't forget to hit the notification bell so you never miss an update!

SAM: Also, if you're looking to take your FPL game to the next level, be sure to check out the link in the description to download my comprehensive FPL eBook. It provides an in-depth analysis of the starting prospects of every FPL-relevant player, along with insights into their goal-scoring and clean sheet capabilities. It's a must-have resource for any serious FPL manager!

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SAM: Thanks for tuning in to FPL Fulcrum! We hope you found this episode both fun and informative. Remember, even if your FPL rank isn't where you want it to be, you're probably still doing better than some of these pros! Until next time, happy managing and may your captain choices always haul big points. See you in the next video!

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