

EFFIFU 2006: Ballack most efficient player in the league

Munich, March 16th 2006. London's Chelsea FC can already accept congratulations on signing the current captain of the German national team, Michael Ballack, for the new season. Ballack is not only German Football Player of the Year, but also the most efficient player of the 2005/2006 Bundesliga season. His goals alone effectively secured FC Bayern Munich 19.33 points last season, and hence nearly a third of the season point total of 75.

Ballack was able to collect points in the last match of the season against Borussia Dortmund as well. His 3:1 goal was crucial for the draw his team later achieved and, therefore, Ballack earned a third of the 1 point awarded to Bayern Munich for the EFFIFU ranking, as did his fellow goal scorers Roy Makaay and Bastian Schweinsteiger. The second point of the day was shared by the three goal scorers of Dortmund. A further goal to mark the 4:3 would have given the scorer and his team two additional points.

With a total of 19.33 points for only 14 scored goals, Ballack managed to beat title defender Dimitar Berbatov (21 goals, 16.50 points), as well as Bundesliga's top scorer Miroslav Klose (25 goals, 15.33 points). While Klose managed to score more goals than the future London player, his goals often came after the match had already been decided by his team mates' goals. Brazilian forward Ailton has dropped out of the ranking list recording the league's most efficient players. The Hamburg striker has, however, already been able to win the EFFIFU title twice while playing for Werder Bremen.

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EFFIFU 2005/2006 – Final standings:

Place	Player	Club	Points	Goals
1.	Michael Ballack	FC Bayern Munich	19,33	14
2.	Dimitar Berbatov	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	16,50	21
3.	Miroslav Klose	SV Werder Bremen	15,33	25
4.	Claudio Pizarro	FC Bayern Munich	12,00	11
5.	Diego Klimowicz	VfL Wolfsburg	12,00	12
6.	Michael Thurk	FSV Mainz 05	11,50	12
7.	Ivan Klasnic	SV Werder Bremen	11,00	15
8.	Kevin Kuranyi	FC Schalke 04	11,00	10
9.	Robert Vittek	1.FC Nuremberg	10,99	16
10.	Marcelinho	Hertha BSC Berlin	10,83	12

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