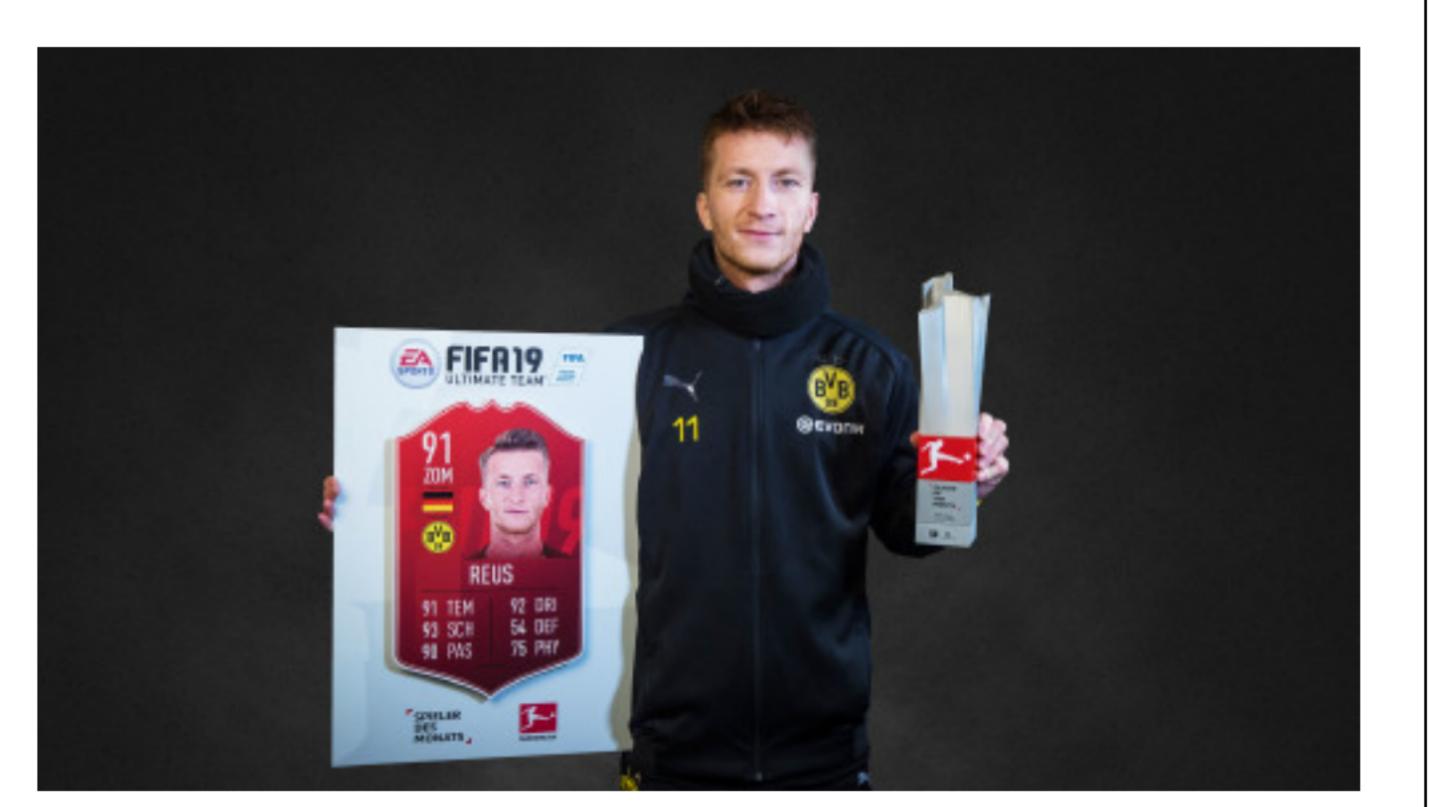




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# Marco Reus wins Bundesliga Player of the Month for December 2018



Borussia Dortmund captain Marco Reus has been awarded the Bundesliga Player of the Month for December 2018 by the Deutsche Fußball Liga (DFL) in cooperation with EA SPORTS FIFA 19.

With eleven goals and six assists, Marco Reus has been the best player in the first half of the Bundesliga season. His strong performances make the midfielder the linchpin for Dortmund, giving fans and teammates reason to believe they can take this year's title.

An inspirational role model for younger teammates, the Borussia Dortmund captain leads the team with his outstanding style of play. This is highlighted by the fact he has made 548 sprints in 17 matches so far - the second highest in the league this season.

In December 2018 he continued to excel, maintaining Dortmund's position at the top of the league with three goals and one assist. His input has contributed to Dortmund's fine form, with their results in the first half of the season amongst the best in their history.

Reus took the award ahead of other nominees including FC Bayern München teammates David Alaba, Joshua Kimmich and Robert Lewandowski, VfL Wolfsburg Yannick Gerhardt and Max Kruse (SV Werder Bremen).

Fans will soon be able to vote for next month's Bundesliga Player of the Month at bundesligapotm.easports.com/en.

Earlier this week, Fortuna Düsseldorf's Dodi Lukebakio won the 'Rookie Award' for December, which is presented jointly by Bundesliga and TAG Heuer on a monthly basis to the best up-and-coming Bundesliga player.

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### Player Of The Month Award:

Six Bundesliga players are nominated each month, having previously been assessed using objective criteria. The basis will be the official DFL match data (including goals, assists and tackles won) as collected for each Bundesliga match by the DFL subsidiary Sportec Solutions. One of the six players nominated on the basis of match data will be voted 'Player of the Month'. The decision will be made by the team captains of the 18 Bundesliga clubs (30 percent of the vote), a selected expert panel of Bundesliga legends and media representatives (also 30 percent of the vote) whilst Bundesliga fans will have the biggest share of the vote (40 percent) by entering their votes directly on the EA SPORTS FIFA 19 website (bundesligapotm.easports.com/en).

#### About the Bundesliga

The Bundesliga is the premier professional association football league in Germany and the football league with the highest average stadium attendance worldwide. The league was established in 1963 and comprises 18 teams which operate on a system of promotion and relegation with the Bundesliga 2. The Bundesliga is broadcast on television in over 200 countries and is operated by Deutsche Fußball Liga.

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