

Individual Scouting Report – Alessandro Longoni



Position: GK

Height: 1,92m

Age: 18 (31.01.2008)

Club: Milan Futuro

Nationality: Italian

Dominant foot: Right

Market value: €300k

Player Profile:

Alessandro Longoni is a modern goalkeeper with a tall frame (1.92m) whose profile is built around composure in possession and his ability to operate as a reliable option during the build-up phase. Comfortable using both feet, he remains calm under pressure and generally makes sensible decisions when circulating possession, although his distribution is currently more secure than progressive. Defensively, he demonstrates encouraging qualities when defending space behind the back line and has shown the ability to produce

high-level saves, particularly from close range. However, his overall profile still lacks consistency. His command of the penalty area, particularly when dealing with crosses, remains underdeveloped, while occasional positioning errors and inconsistent decision-making prevent him from maximizing his physical attributes. Overall, Longoni profiles as a goalkeeper with a solid technical foundation and encouraging long-term potential, but one who still requires further development in several defensive aspects of his game.

Ratings for each competency (From A to E):

Shot Stopping

Rating: C

Longoni deals comfortably with routine saves, showing secure handling when facing average shots from distance or tighter angles. He generally chooses appropriate techniques, either catching the ball cleanly or directing rebounds into safe areas when necessary. Beyond these expected actions, he has also demonstrated the ability to produce higher-level saves, particularly from close range, where his reach, flexibility and body control allow him to cover a significant portion of the goal.

Despite these positives, his shot stopping is not yet fully consistent. There are situations where his starting position could be improved, most notably on the goal conceded from distance, where his near post remained too exposed. On a few additional occasions, although he was not directly responsible for conceding, quicker reactions or slightly better positioning may have increased his chances of preventing the goal. Improving the consistency of his positioning and reaction speed would allow his natural shot-stopping ability to become a more reliable strength.

Shot Blocking & 1v1 Defending

Rating: C

Longoni possesses the physical profile required to be effective in 1v1 situations. Standing at 1.92 metres, he uses his frame well to make himself big and reduce the available shooting angles for attackers. On several occasions he demonstrated good composure by remaining on his feet for as long as possible before committing, while also reacting well after initial actions to make secondary saves.

However, this aspect of his game remains inconsistent. There are also situations where he commits too early, rushing towards the attacker without fully controlling the distance or waiting for the decisive moment. This occasionally allows opponents to bypass him or force him into difficult recovery situations. With improved timing and greater patience in these scenarios, his physical tools could make him a considerably stronger 1v1 goalkeeper.

Defending Crosses

Rating: E

Defending crosses currently appears to be Longoni's weakest positional competency. Despite his height and physical profile, he rarely imposes himself inside the penalty area and often chooses to remain close to his goal line, even when opportunities exist to claim crosses proactively. This conservative approach limits his ability to relieve defensive pressure and places additional responsibility on his defenders.

When he becomes involved, his interventions are generally reactive rather than authoritative. He can deal with lower deliveries that arrive directly towards him, but these situations rarely require significant anticipation or decision-making. On crosses from set pieces, he also tends to favour punching the ball in situations where a confident catch would provide greater security and control. Developing greater confidence, timing and authority in aerial situations should be a priority moving forward.

Defending Through Balls

Rating: B

Defending space behind the defensive line is one of Longoni's strongest qualities. Throughout the observed footage he consistently demonstrated good anticipation, recognising danger early and reacting decisively when opponents attempted to play through balls into open space.

His timing when leaving the goal is generally well judged, allowing him to arrive before attackers and clear the danger efficiently. Importantly, these actions appear composed rather than rushed, reflecting good understanding of both distance and timing. Although the sample size remains limited, there were no significant mistakes observed in these situations, suggesting that his ability to operate as a sweeper-keeper is already at a relatively high level for his age.

Build-up Under Pressure

Rating: B

Longoni is comfortable in possession and shows encouraging composure when participating in build-up. His ability to use both feet allows him to remain calm under pressure while offering passing angles to teammates. Even when pressed, he rarely appears rushed and generally selects safe, reliable passing options.

His current distribution, however, is based primarily on ball security rather than progression. Most of his passes are short or lateral, helping maintain possession but not consistently breaking opposition lines. Although he has demonstrated the technical ability to play more ambitious passes on occasion, these actions remain relatively infrequent. His longer distribution also lacks consistency, particularly when attempting to find teammates over greater distances. As his confidence and passing range continue to develop, he has the potential to become a more influential contributor during possession phases.

Counter Attacks

Rating: D

Following interceptions or recoveries, Longoni demonstrates a balanced decision-making process, showing an understanding of when to slow the game down and when to initiate quicker transitions. He is willing to distribute early through throws towards wide areas or longer passes with his feet when opportunities arise.

However, the execution of these actions is currently inconsistent. While the intention to launch counter-attacks is evident, the accuracy of his distribution often limits the effectiveness of these transitions. Improving the precision of his longer passing and throws would significantly increase his ability to turn defensive recoveries into attacking opportunities.

Key Strengths

- Composed under pressure.
- Comfortable using both feet.
- Reliable sweeper-keeper profile.
- Good anticipation when defending through balls.

- Capable of producing high-level reflex saves.
 - Strong physical frame with good reach.
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Areas for Improvement

- Greater authority when defending crosses.
- More consistent shot-stopping positioning.
- Improved decision-making in 1v1 situations.
- More progressive distribution during build-up.
- Greater accuracy when initiating counter-attacks.

Overall Assessment

Longoni profiles as a modern goalkeeper whose strongest qualities lie in his composure in possession and his ability to defend space behind the defensive line. He combines a strong physical profile with encouraging technical ability, allowing him to contribute effectively during build-up while also operating comfortably as a sweeper-keeper. Although he has already demonstrated the capacity to make high-quality saves, his performance remains somewhat inconsistent, particularly regarding positioning, command of the penalty area and decision-making in defensive situations. His reluctance to dominate aerial deliveries currently limits the overall impact of his physical attributes. Nevertheless, considering his age and technical foundation, Longoni possesses a profile that should continue to develop positively with experience. If he improves his authority inside the penalty area and achieves greater consistency across his defensive actions, he has the potential to develop into a well-rounded goalkeeper capable of performing at a high level.