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Tobias Sommer

Sønderjyske · Superliga (Denmark)

Born 27.11.2001 (24) · Haderslev · 186 cm · agent **Elite****Consulting** · former Denmark U19 · in squad since19.08.2023 · contract until **30.06.2027****7.8**^{/10}Potential
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ARCHETYPE

AERIAL ANCHOR #6

A duel-and-aerial dominant holder who screens the #6 zone and progresses play with precise long passing rather than carrying.

SIGN · CONTEXT-FIT

Dependable holding midfielder in a man-oriented, duel-heavy structure. Mature in build-up and a real progressive weapon over the top; recovery pace and pressing intensity are the limits to manage.

COMPETENCY GRADES

vs. defensive midfielders of similar current level

Positioning & movement to receive

B

Ball retention

B

Pass progression

B

Dribble progression

D

Defend runs in behind

D

Shield the #6 zone

B

Press the ball carrier

D

Defend long balls

A

A = top 20% · B = top 20-40% · C = middle · D = below average · E = bottom 20%

PHYSICAL TRAITS

Frame & movement

186 cm, 73 kg, above-average build. Footwork and agility are limited, coordination is decent, jumping power is good. Standout traits are strength and balance in duels, aided by long levers; speed is decent over distance, not off the mark.

PHASE ANALYSIS

On the ball & off the ball

• Offensive abilities

Comfortable and effective rather than elegant on the ball, always looking to progress play. He varies his distribution between short and long passes, at his best with long balls in behind delivered with precision and good weight. He rarely carries, preferring two touches or drawing a foul when he drives, and he shields the ball well with good control and scans before receiving.

Always available in build-up as an outlet, dropping between the centre-backs or stepping in for a full-back when building in a three. He combines adequately and rarely pushes forward; when he does, he avoids risks in the final third. On recovery, he does not always consolidate; at times, he clears for safety rather than securing possession. A vertical, forward-thinking presence.

• Defensive abilities

Aggressive, combative approach; strong in 1v1 duels, relying on intensity and positioning. Pressing the ball carrier is not his strongest area — he does not always step up and can arrive slightly fatigued, lacking intensity when he does. His structure and jump make him a real asset in the air, especially against high balls, which he regularly heads clear.

Covers the #6 zone well, both intercepting and doubling up to support the centre-backs, reading the ball's trajectory intelligently. Lacking a sharp engine over the first metres, he compensates through positioning. He commits firmly to challenges with generally good timing. His clearest area to improve is tracking runs in behind, where his limited acceleration and recovery pace are exposed.

PROFILE SUMMARY

Main strengths & weaknesses

STRENGTHS

- Physical duelling, balance and aerial presence out of possession
- Security in build-up
- Progressive long passing in possession
- Leader's presence; smart at winning and conceding fouls

WEAKNESSES

- Recovery pace and tracking of runs in behind
 - Exposed in negative transitions
 - Rarely carries to progress play
 - Pressing intensity (delayed steps, fatigue marks)
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OVERVIEW & CONSIDERATIONS

Why him, why now, and where

Sommer is a defensive midfielder who builds his game around physical and aerial dominance rather than elegance on the ball. At 24, he is already a dependable presence in front of the back line: winning his duels, heading high balls clear, and reading the #6 zone intelligently. In possession, he offers security in build-up and a genuine progressive weapon through precise long balls in behind. His ceiling rests on tidying the rougher edges rather than reinventing his profile — passing and positioning are mature, but his recovery pace, his tracking of runs in behind and his pressing intensity remain limitations that a quick, vertical opponent can exploit in transition.

In context, he sits at a clear first-team level in the Superliga with room to grow, and his situation makes him accessible: with his contract running only to 2027 and Sønderjyske under financial pressure to sell, the fee should stay reasonable for a player of his profile and age.

The main consideration is fit. He is built for a man-oriented, duel-heavy midfield where his strength, aggression and aerial presence are assets, and his lack of recovery pace is shielded by structure. In a side that defends large spaces in behind, that same limitation becomes a risk.

RECOMMENDATION

Sign — for the right setup. A strong and obtainable target for a club that wants a physically dominant, progressive holding midfielder and can protect him in transition. Approach soon: contract to 2027 + selling-club context = fee window favourable now.

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