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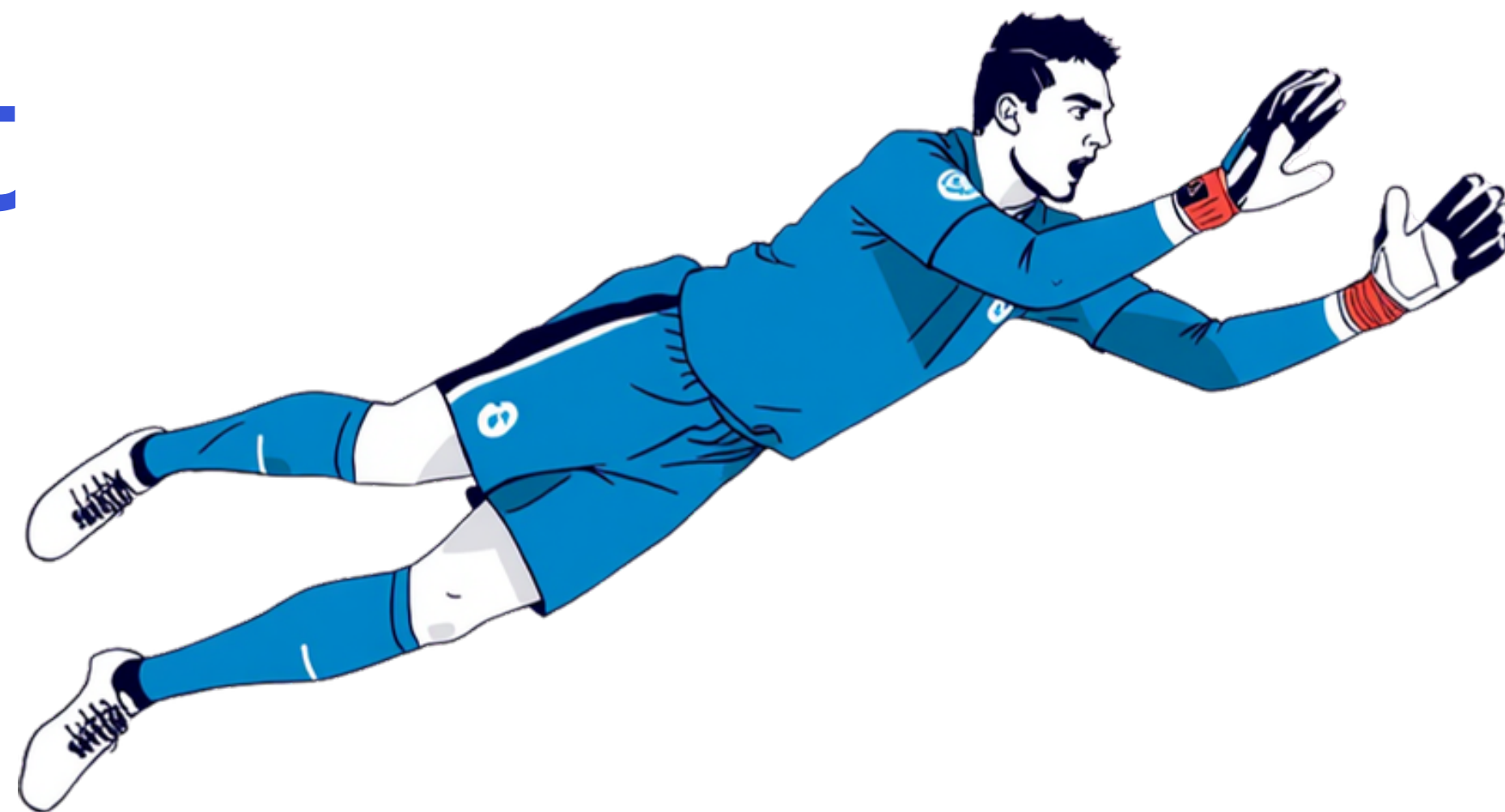
Goalkeeper Recruitment Shortlist

KAA Gent – Summer 2026 | Elite recruitment analysis covering performance metrics, positional data and scouting recommendations.

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Goalkeeper Recruitment Report — 2026

ASSIGNMENT CONTEXT

Davy Roef (current no.1) expected to depart summer 2026 following a significant offer from abroad. KAA Gent must identify and recruit an immediate starting goalkeeper. Priority: short- to medium-term performance. Budget: €2M (extendable to €3M). Shortlist: Trelowski · Carević · K. Pereira · Peano



Assignment Context

Current starting goalkeeper Davy Roef is expected to leave KAA Gent in the summer of 2026, following a significant offer from abroad. His departure will leave a critical void between the posts that must be addressed proactively.

The club must therefore recruit a new starting number one capable of contributing immediately at the highest level. The focus is on short- and medium-term performance — a goalkeeper ready to compete from day one in the Jupiler Pro League and European competition.





RECRUITMENT PRIORITIES



Immediate First-Team Impact

The incoming goalkeeper must be ready to perform at the highest level from day one. No adaptation period — first-team contribution is required immediately.



Short- & Medium-Term Performance Focus

Priority is placed on proven match-winning ability and consistency over the next 2-4 seasons. Resale value and long-term development potential are secondary considerations.



Transfer Budget: €2M – €3M

An estimated budget of €2 million has been allocated, extendable to €3 million for an exceptional candidate who meets all performance criteria.

Recruitment Criteria

Goalkeeper Target Profile

Immediate starter required.



Shot Stopping (Essential)

Consistent save-making ability. Strong positioning and reactions.



Defending Crosses (Highly Desired)

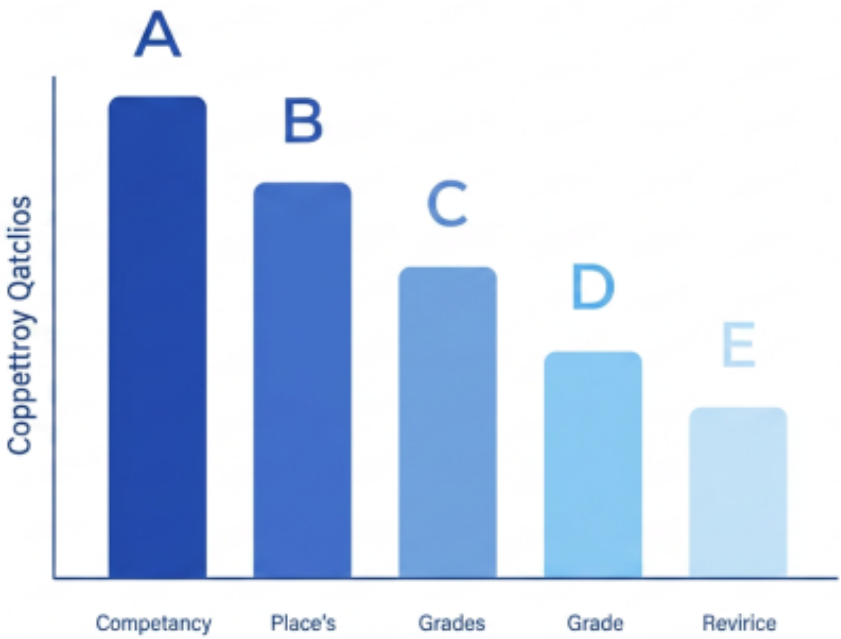
Commands the penalty area. Proactive coming off the line. Reliable handling from set pieces.



Building Under Pressure (Desired)

Comfortable in possession. Good decision-making. Able to play short and long passes.

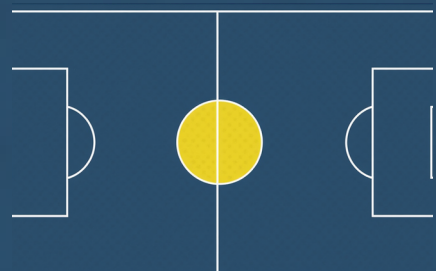
Methodology & Rating Scale



A = Very Good
B = Quite Good
C = Average

D = Quite Poor
E = Very Poor

Video-based scouting assessment · Evaluation against KAA Gent's recruitment criteria · Focus on current ability and stylistic fit



Player Profile



Name:

Kacper Trelowski



Club / Nationality:

**Raków Częstochowa |
Poland** 



Position / Age / Height:

**Goalkeeper | 21 yrs |
191 cm**



Preferred Foot / Contract:

**Right Foot | 30 June
2029**



Est. Transfer Value:

~€2 million





Shot Stopping

Rating: C – Average
Trelowski shows solid reflexes and produces important saves in one-on-one situations. Positioning is adequate but inconsistent under sustained pressure. Room for improvement in reading shot trajectories early.



Defending Crosses

Rating: C – Average
Decent ability to claim crosses in low-traffic situations. However, aerial command and decision-making in crowded penalty areas remain inconsistent, limiting confidence in high-ball scenarios.



Building Under Pressure

Rating: D – Quite Poor
Summary: Trelowski demonstrates good reflexes and can produce important saves. However, inconsistencies in positioning, aerial command, and distribution under pressure limit his overall effectiveness.

Kacper Trelowski – Positional Competencies

Kacper Trelowski – Key Findings

STRENGTHS

- ✓ Good reflexes and reaction speed
- ✓ Capable of making important saves
- ✓ Maintains concentration during defensive phases
- ✓ Shows positive shot-stopping potential

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- ▲ Greater consistency in starting and body position
- ▲ More proactive defending of crosses
- ▲ Improved handling in aerial situations
- ▲ Better composure and decision-making under pressure



Kacper Trelowski – Overall Assessment



SCOUTING SUMMARY

Trelowski shows good reflexes and produces important saves. However, inconsistencies in positioning, aerial command, and distribution under pressure limit his effectiveness.

FIT FOR KAA GENT

- Shot Stopping: Moderate Fit
- Defending Crosses: Moderate Fit
- Building Under Pressure: Limited Fit

OVERALL VERDICT

A capable goalkeeper with positive shot-stopping traits, but improvements in box command and distribution are required to fully meet KAA Gent’s recruitment criteria.



OVERALL FIT: ◆ MODERATE

Player Profile



Name:

Lazar Carević



Club / Nationality:

**FK Vojvodina |
Montenegro** 🇲🇪



Position / Age / Height:

**Goalkeeper | 22 yrs | 190
cm**



Preferred Foot / Contract:

Right Foot | 30 June 2027



Est. Transfer Value:

~€5 million





Shot Stopping

Rating: C – Average
Carević is capable of producing important saves, particularly in one-on-one situations. Reflexes are sound, though positioning can waver under sustained pressure. A reliable rather than dominant presence between the posts.



Defending Crosses

Rating: D – Quite Poor
Aerial command remains a clear weakness. Decision-making on when to come for crosses is hesitant, and authority in crowded penalty areas is lacking. Struggles to impose himself in high-ball scenarios.



Building Under Pressure

Rating: B – Quite Good
Carević appears most comfortable when building under pressure, showing composure and sound passing ability. Distributes with purpose and rarely panics when pressed, offering a genuine platform for playing out from the back.

Lazar Carević – Positional Competencies

"Carević appears most comfortable when building under pressure, showing composure and sound passing ability. While capable of making important saves, inconsistencies in aerial command remain a significant concern."

Lazar Carević – Key Findings

STRENGTHS

- ✓ Comfortable building under pressure
- ✓ Composed in possession
- ✓ Accurate passing ability
- ✓ Capable of producing important saves
- ✓ Shows resilience after mistakes

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- ▲ More proactive defending of crosses
- ▲ Improved timing when leaving the line
- ▲ Greater command of the penalty area
- ▲ More secure handling in aerial situations
- ▲ Better consistency in reactions and positioning



Lazar Carević – Overall Assessment



SCOUTING SUMMARY

"Lazar Carević is a goalkeeper who appears most comfortable when building under pressure, showing composure and good passing ability. While capable of making important saves, inconsistencies in reactions and aerial command affect his overall effectiveness."

FIT FOR KAA GENT

- Shot Stopping: Moderate Fit
- Defending Crosses: Limited Fit
- Building Under Pressure: Strong Fit

OVERALL VERDICT

"A goalkeeper with strong distribution qualities, but concerns regarding command of the penalty area reduce his suitability for KAA Gent's current needs."



Player Profile



Name:
Kaique Pereira



Club / Nationality:
CD Nacional | Brazil 🇧🇷



Position / Age / Height:
Goalkeeper | 22 | 196 cm



Preferred Foot:
Right



Contract:
12/31/2026



Est. Transfer Value:
€2 million





Shot Stopping

Rating: B – Quite Good
Kaique showed strong shot-stopping ability, with sharp reflexes and confident positioning. Commands his area well in one-on-one situations and produces important saves consistently.



Defending Crosses

Rating: C – Average
Capable in aerial situations but lacks consistent proactivity when dealing with crosses. Decision-making on when to come and claim can be hesitant, leaving defenders uncertain at times.



Building Under Pressure

Rating: B – Quite Good
Composed and purposeful in possession under pressure. Distributes with clarity and rarely panics when pressed, offering a genuine platform for playing out from the back.

Kaique Pereira – Positional Competencies

"Kaique Pereira demonstrated strong shot-stopping ability and composure in possession. While capable in aerial situations, greater consistency and proactivity when defending crosses would further strengthen his profile."

Kaique Pereira – Key Findings

STRENGTHS

- ✓ Strong shot-stopping ability
- ✓ Good reflexes and reactions
- ✓ Composed under pressure
- ✓ Comfortable in build-up play
- ✓ Good balance and goal coverage

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- ▲ Greater consistency defending crosses
- ▲ More proactive coming off the line
- ▲ Improved decision-making in aerial situations
- ▲ Stronger command of the penalty area



Kaique Pereira – Overall Assessment



SCOUTING SUMMARY

"Kaique Pereira demonstrated strong shot-stopping ability and composure in possession. While further development in aerial command is possible, he possesses the most balanced profile among the shortlisted goalkeepers."

FIT FOR KAA GENT

- Shot Stopping: Strong Fit
- Defending Crosses: Moderate Fit
- Building Under Pressure: Strong Fit

OVERALL VERDICT

"Recommended as KAA Gent's priority target due to his balanced skill set, immediate readiness, and suitability to the club's tactical requirements."



Player Profile



Name:
Marcos Peano



Club / Nationality:
La Louviere | Argentina 🇦🇷



Position / Age / Height:
Goalkeeper | 26 | 187 cm



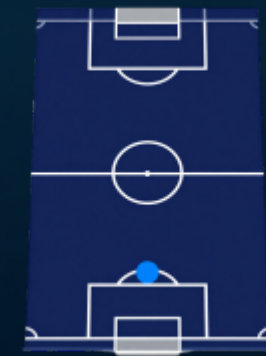
Preferred Foot:
Right



Contract:
30/06/2028



Est. Transfer Value:
~ €2 million





Shot Stopping

Rating: B – Quite Good
Marcos showed strong shot-stopping ability, with sharp reflexes and confident positioning. Commands his area well in one-on-one situations and produces important saves consistently.



Defending Crosses

Rating: C – Average
Capable in aerial situations but lacks consistent proactivity when dealing with crosses. Decision-making on when to come and claim can be hesitant, leaving defenders uncertain at times.



Building Under Pressure

Rating: C – Average
Functional in possession but not yet a standout distributor under pressure. Can show hesitation when pressed high, and his weaker foot limits options when building from the back.

Marcos Peano – Positional Competencies

"Peano demonstrates strong shot-stopping qualities and leadership traits. While competent in aerial situations and build-up play, neither area consistently stands out as a major strength."

Marcos Peano – Key Findings

STRENGTHS

- ✓ Strong shot-stopping ability
- ✓ Good reflexes and reactions
- ✓ Effective goal coverage
- ✓ Leadership and communication skills
- ✓ Positive mentality and resilience

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- ▲ Greater command of the penalty area
- ▲ More consistency when defending crosses
- ▲ Improved handling in aerial situations
- ▲ Increased confidence using his weaker foot
- ▲ Reduced hesitation under pressure





Marcos Peano – Overall Assessment

SCOUTING SUMMARY

"Marcos Peano is a goalkeeper with strong shot-stopping qualities and notable leadership traits. While competent defending crosses and contributing in possession, greater consistency in aerial situations and build-up play would strengthen his overall profile."

FIT FOR KAA GENT

- Shot Stopping: Strong Fit
- Defending Crosses: Moderate Fit
- Building Under Pressure: Moderate Fit

OVERALL VERDICT

"A reliable and experienced option capable of providing immediate performances, with leadership qualities that could positively influence the defensive unit."





Goalkeeper Competency Comparison

Player	Shot Stopping	Defending Crosses	Building Under Pressure
Kacper Trelowski	C	C	D
Lazar Carevic	C	D	B
Kaique Pereira	B	C	B
Marcos Peano	B	C	C

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Competency ratings are based on video scouting assessments relative to goalkeepers at a similar current level.

Overall Quality Ranking

1 **Kaique Pereira**
CD Nacional

2 **Marcos Peano**
La Louviere

3 **Lazar Carevic**
Famalicao

4 **Kacper Trelowski**
Rakow Czestochowa

This ranking reflects the goalkeepers' current ability based on the video scouting assessment and does not consider KAA Gent's specific stylistic requirements or transfer feasibility.

Stylistic Fit for KAA Gent

- 1

Kaique Pereira
CD Nacional
- 2

Marcos Peano
La Louviere
- 3

Kacper Trelowski
Rakow Czestochowa
- 4

Lazar Carevic
Famalicao

The ranking reflects each goalkeeper's suitability to KAA Gent's recruitment criteria, prioritising shot stopping, defending crosses, and building under pressure.

 Shot Stopping (Essential)

 Defending Crosses (Highly Desired)

 Building Under Pressure (Desired)

Obtainability Ranking

1	Kaique Pereira CD Nacional	€2 million
2	Marcos Peano La Louviere	€2 million
3	Kacper Trelowski Rakow Czestochowa	€2–2.5 million
4	Lazar Carevic Famalicao	€5 million

The ranking considers estimated transfer value, contract situation, and the likelihood of KAA Gent successfully completing the transfer within their allocated budget.

Final Recruitment Recommendation



Recommended Target: Kaique Pereira (CD Nacional)

Reasons for Recommendation

- Strongest overall stylistic fit for KAA Gent
- Quite good shot-stopping ability
- Comfortable building under pressure
- Most balanced profile among the shortlisted goalkeepers
- Immediate starting potential
- Estimated transfer value of €2 million aligns with the club's budget

Final Shortlist Ranking

- 1 Kaique Pereira**
- 2 Marcos Peano
- 3 Kacper Trelowski
- 4 Lazar Carevic

Kaique Pereira offers the best combination of current ability, stylistic suitability, and financial feasibility, making him the preferred option to replace Davy Roef.