



In depth report Report

Hugo Larsson

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Explanation of ratings and references

Positional competencies

Comparing them to players on the **same position** with a **similar level**.

- **A** = better than 80%
- **B** = better than 60%, worse than 20%
- **C** = better than 40%, worse than 40%
- **D** = better than 20%, worse than 60%
- **E** = worse than 80%

Follow-up recommendation

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| • Skip the line | Follow up as soon as possible |
| • Normal track | Follow up within two or three weeks |
| • Follow up later | Monitor in 6 to 12 months |
| • No follow-up | He isn't and won't be interesting |

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27 Juni 2004 (22) - right footed - 187 cm

Level estimation

Current level 8.7

Potential level 9

Positional competencies (DM)

Movement to Receive A

Ball Retention B

Pass Progression B

Dribble Progression D

Defending Runs in Behind C

Shielding the #6 Zone B

Pressing the Ball Carrier C

Defending Long Balls B

Recommendation

Follow up later – (scouted for Newcastle United)

Movement to Receive

Larsson is very active in his movement and consistently positions himself to be available for a pass. He is always involved in build-up phases and does not hide from responsibility, offering himself as a clear passing option.

Ball Retention

Larsson is generally secure in possession, showing good awareness and frequent scanning before receiving. He makes quick decisions on the ball, but his first touch can sometimes let him down. He also lacks strength, which can make it difficult for him to hold off pressure in physical duels.

Pass Progression

Larsson shows intent to play progressive passes without forcing risky options. He can switch play and hit longer balls effectively, but often opts for safer passes when no clear forward option is available. His progressive impact is therefore solid but not consistently proactive.

Dribble Progression

He hardly ever makes a dribble. Even if he has space to drive forward with the ball, rarely does it. Always wants to pass the ball.

Defending Runs in Behind

Larsson reads runs in behind well and shows good discipline in his positioning. However, he lacks acceleration and mobility over short distances, which can make him vulnerable when opponents attack space quickly. He relies more on anticipation than recovery speed.

Shielding the #6 Zone

Larsson is intelligent in front of the defence, showing strong positioning and awareness to control central space. He is effective at intercepting passes and tracking runners, and uses his understanding of the game rather than physical dominance. However, his lack of strength and agility can be exposed when pressed or in tight duels.

Pressing the Ball Carrier

Larsson is not an aggressive presser but applies pressure intelligently through positioning and awareness. He is more effective in counterpressing situations where he can anticipate and react quickly rather than engage in physical duels. His lack of agility and acceleration limits his ability to consistently close down opponents in open space.

Defending Long Balls

Larsson is reliable in dealing with long balls, using his height and timing to compete in aerial situations. He reads the trajectory well and can win headers when properly positioned. However, he is not physically dominant in duels, and stronger opponents can still challenge him.

Summary

Larsson is a tall, lean midfielder with solid top speed but limited acceleration and agility. His strength and footwork are not standout, which can affect his ability in tight duels and quick changes of direction. Very active in positioning and always available to receive. He shows good awareness, scanning, and quick decision-making. Ball retention is generally secure, but his first touch and weak foot are limitations. He can play progressive and long passes, including switches. Intelligent defender with strong positioning and game reading. He is effective at interceptions, covering space in front of the defence, and tracking runners. Strong in counterpressing through awareness rather than aggression. However, his lack of agility and acceleration can be exposed in open space. Good aerial presence thanks to height and timing.

Recommendation Description:

I would not recommend signing him. The main reason is his physical profile. He is not strong enough in duels, lacks recovery speed, and may struggle with the demands of covering large spaces in a box-to-box role over 90 minutes. On the ball, he has strong qualities, but I see him fitting better in a more controlled, possession-based team rather than a direct, transition-heavy side like Newcastle. I have serious doubts about his ability to consistently cope with the physical and transitional demands required in such a system, where covering big spaces is a regular requirement.