



Lamine Camara

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Scouting Division:	First Team

Position:	Right Defensive Midfield
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Overall rating

Current Level :

9.2

Potential Level:

9.4

DM In-Depth Report	
Player Summary:	Lamine Camara is a 1.73m right-footed central midfielder/defensive midfielder known for his high mobility, agility, and relentless work rate. A Senegal international and one of the most promising young midfielders in Ligue 1, he has built a reputation for his ball-carrying explosiveness, pressing intensity, and ability to influence transitions on both sides of the ball. Operating as a true box-to-box presence, he covers ground aggressively and injects tempo into midfield play, though his slim build, limited strength in duels, and inconsistent spatial awareness in deeper areas remain notable weaknesses that shape how and where he can be most effective
Movement to Receive:	B
Movement to Receive – Description:	Active, forward-minded mover who constantly adjusts to offer short options. Frequently drops between centre-backs or toward the goalkeeper to support buildup. Uses quick strides to arrive in forward pockets and shows good timing after combinations Checks his shoulder in tight areas and generally presents clean angles, though lapses in spatial awareness can lead to turnovers.
Ball Retention:	C
Ball Retention – Description:	Shows strong composure in tight spaces with quick, secure short passes under pressure . Uses agility and tight-area dribbling to escape pressure and win fouls . Effective at shielding passing lanes and bouncing play forward, but retention is inconsistent due to lapses in spatial awareness and a loose first touch . Occasional poor decisions to force a pass or a dribble out of trouble leads to avoidable turnovers .
Pass Progression:	C
Pass Progression – Description:	Shows strong intent to play forward through quick combinations and short progressive passes, often using 1-2s and bounce movements to break pressure. Comfortable threading passes between the lines and finding runners in advanced pockets. Can hit longer switches or stretch passes when given time, but execution is inconsistent and decision-making can fluctuate, leading to misplaced through balls or overly safe choices in deeper buildup. At his best, he progresses plays through tempo, agility, and quick release rather than long-range distribution.
Dribble Progression:	B
Dribble Progression – Description:	Explosive ball-carrier who consistently drives play forward through tight-space dribbling and sharp acceleration. Comfortable escaping pressure with agility and quick directional changes, often using counters and 1v1 bursts to advance possession. Shows strong confidence carrying through traffic and can create advantages in transition. However, decision-making while dribbling can be inconsistent, occasionally forcing actions or carrying into pressure, and his loose touch at times leads to avoidable turnovers.
Defending Runs in Behind:	B
Defending Runs in Behind – Description:	Shows strong awareness and urgency when defending runs in behind, reacting quickly with sharp recovery strides to track runners and close space. Consistently positions himself to protect the back line, stepping in to block passing lanes and cutback zones with good timing. Displays proactive movement to cover central gaps when defenders are pulled out of shape. While his strength limits him in some physical duels, his anticipation, mobility, and approach speed make him reliable at disrupting through-ball situations and preventing clean entries into the box.
Shielding the #6 Zone:	B
Shielding the #6 Zone – Description:	Positions himself well to protect the central lane, frequently stepping into pockets ahead of the centre-backs to block passes and cut off shooting angles. Shows good anticipation when covering for defenders pulled out of shape and reacts quickly to runners entering the zone. Uses mobility and timing to disrupt access into the pivot space, though his lack of strength can limit his ability to hold ground against more physical opponents.
Pressing the Ball Carrier:	B
Pressing the Ball Carrier – Description:	High-intensity presser with excellent approach speed and aggression. Closes space rapidly, often winning the ball through anticipation and quick acceleration. Effective in counter-pressing moments and consistently forces rushed decisions from opponents. Can be overeager at times, losing his marker or committing fouls when he overcommits, but his overall pressing impact is strong and disruptive.
Defending Long Balls:	C
Defending Long Balls – Description:	Reads long-ball situations well and reacts quickly to second-ball opportunities, using his mobility to arrive first and regain possession. Shows good anticipation when tracking the drop zone and can intercept loose touches. However, his limited strength and aerial ability reduce his effectiveness in direct duels, making him more reliable attacking second balls than contesting the initial header.

Recommend to Sign?:

Yes

Recommendation Description:

Lamine Camara aligns more closely with what Newcastle United want in a defensive midfielder because his profile matches the club’s emphasis on controlling the midfield through quick central combinations, pressure resistance, and high-tempo progression. He is far more agile, explosive, and dynamic in tight spaces than Hugo Larsson, consistently showing the ability to combine quickly, escape pressure through sharp dribbling, and accelerate play with short progressive passes. His mobility, engine, and box-to-box coverage are significantly stronger, giving Newcastle the high-intensity midfielder their system demands. While Larsson offers superior long-range passing and a more imposing physical frame, he lacks the agility, approach speed, and tight-space security required for Newcastle’s central-combination model, and his slower top speed and awkward agility make him less suited to the Premier League’s tempo. Camara, despite not being physically dominant, compensates with elite acceleration, pressing aggression, and constant movement, allowing him to regain possession through anticipation and speed rather than strength. He also carries a higher long-term resale value due to his age, explosiveness, and modern skillset. Overall, Camara better fits Newcastle’s tactical principles, offers greater immediate impact in their style of play, and provides a higher developmental and financial upside, making him the stronger priority for recruitment.