

SCOUTING REPORT

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Defensive Midfielder

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BEST POSITION Defensive Midfield	AGE 24	HEIGHT 1.87 m
PREFERRED FOOT Right	CURRENT CLUB Sønderjyske	TEMPLATE Defensive Midfielder

CURRENT LEVEL	7.7	POTENTIAL LEVEL	8.1
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PHYSICALLY

Tall (1.87m), right-footed, durable midfielder. Reliable in the air through height and timing, powerful in duels, shields the ball well and draws fouls. Covers ground well for his size in straight lines but lacks agility and change of direction speed, limiting quick turns and 1v1 recoveries.

IN POSSESSION

Primarily a deep build-up engine, his standout offensive trait is progression. Strong spatial awareness, quick thinking and clean technique allow him to play progressive forward passes, combine in tight areas and switch play with accurate long balls. Excellent movement to receive, often dropping deep to organize play and dictate tempo. Comfortable carrying the ball in open space and clever at using his body to shield and draw fouls.

Limitations: he is not a dribbler who eliminates opponents 1v1, shaky first touch under pressure, and in transition his final pass and decision-making can be inconsistent. His value comes from circulation and progression from deep.

OUT OF POSSESSION

A reading-and-positioning defender first. His value is anticipation: scans constantly, reads danger early and intercepts, screening the No. 6 zone intelligently and rarely caught out of shape. Physically strong in duels — wins his battles, shields and uses his frame — and reliable in the air and against long balls and crosses. He backs this with high defensive volume and recoveries.

The limitations are about quickness and agility: he is not a front-foot presser of the ball carrier, and once beaten by a change of direction in a 1v1 he lacks the agility to recover, so he often relies on a clever, cynical foul to break the play.

IN-DEPTH ATTRIBUTE GRADES

ATTRIBUTE	GRADE
IN POSSESSION	
Positioning & Movement to Receive	A
Ball Retention	B
Pass Progression	B
Dribble Progression	B
OUT OF POSSESSION	
Defending Runs in Behind	B
Shielding the #6 Zone	B
Pressing the Ball Carrier	B
Defending Long Balls	B

Percentile vs. defensive midfielders of similar level · A: top 20% · B: 60–80% · C: 40–60% · D: 20–40% · E: bottom 20%

SUMMARY

Strengths: game intelligence, scanning and anticipation; build-up and progression from deep; strong movement to receive; physically strong and aerally reliable; positional screening of the No. 6 zone.

Weaknesses: shaky first touch; agility and change of direction; decision-making in transition and under pressure; slow to turn and to recover in 1v1s.