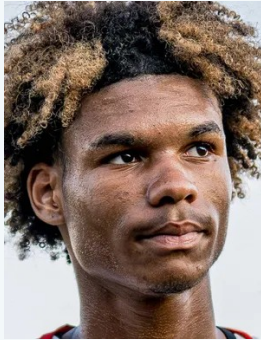


INDIVIDUAL SCOUTING REPORT



Samba Konate

Position: Centre Forward

Height: 1.90m

Age: 17 (27.02.2009)

Club: RB Leipzig U19

Player Assessment

Konate is a tall striker (1.90m) with a lean body structure and limited muscular development at this stage. Despite his height, he shows good acceleration, mobility and agility. He is competitive in physical duels and compensates for his current lack of strength through his mobility, intensity and body control. He also appears to have good jumping ability.

In possession, Konate regularly drops away from the striker position to receive the ball. He showed very good technique when controlling long passes with an opponent behind him, before securing possession and distributing the ball sideways or backwards. He also frequently moved outside the penalty area to receive when his team had established possession in the opposition half. However, he could occasionally drop too deep and then fail to attack the box afterwards. His positioning inside the penalty area was also questionable at times, as he tended to remain closer to the edge of the box rather than occupying more dangerous central areas.

His runs in behind were generally dynamic and showed good intent, but the timing needs improvement. He was caught offside several times, either because he did not sufficiently check the position of the defensive line or because he accelerated before recognising whether the ball carrier was ready to release the pass.

Konate showed some **playmaking** intent, but his decision-making and execution were inconsistent. In counter-attacking situations, he occasionally attempted the more difficult passing option when simpler solutions were available. In positional attacks, he struggled to consistently find teammates after creating space for himself, with several passes being blocked or intercepted. His combination play between the lines and around the final third was also limited. At times he could simplify his game rather than attempting an additional dribble or individual action.

Dribbling was one of his more positive qualities. Konate showed confidence, good close control and acceleration when taking opponents on. He frequently used stepovers before accelerating past his opponent, while on other occasions his change of pace alone was enough to create separation. He was particularly effective in wide areas, where he managed to beat defenders on several occasions, although the subsequent action was often less effective.

His **finishing** was very encouraging throughout the footage. He converted two penalties with powerful and well-placed finishes and also showed good execution in open play, including 1v1 situations against the goalkeeper and powerful attempts from tighter angles. Even the attempts that did not result in goals were generally struck with good power and accuracy. His strong finishing numbers on Eyeball are consistent with what was observed in the footage.

Out of possession, Konate showed aggression and competitiveness when pressing and engaging opponents, particularly around midfield and in congested areas. He also applied pressure to the opposition goalkeeper, although these pressing runs were generally performed with less intensity than his defensive actions when closer to the ball.

There were some concerns regarding his **reactions and attitude** when situations did not go his way. He frequently gestured towards the referee, although generally without excessive aggression. More importantly, there were moments after unsuccessful actions where he appeared frustrated and stopped his movement rather than immediately reacting and continuing the play. It was unclear whether this frustration was directed towards himself or his teammates, but his reaction to setbacks needs improvement. He also showed some unnecessary aggression on a few occasions, committing avoidable fouls when frustrated.

Overall, Konate is an interesting striker profile due to the combination of his height, mobility and technical ability. His finishing and dribbling stood out positively, while he also showed the ability to control direct passes with an

opponent behind him. However, his movement and positioning inside the penalty area, timing of runs in behind, combination play and decision-making require further development. His reactions after unsuccessful actions and tendency to become unnecessarily aggressive are also areas to monitor.

Final Evaluation

Level estimation (A-D)

Current level	C
Potential level	B

Recommendation

Interesting profile with a combination of height, mobility and technical ability. Shows promising finishing and 1v1 qualities, but still needs to develop his decision-making, movement and consistency.

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