



Ilari Kangasniemi

Birth date:	22/04/2007
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Template:	Center Back
Scouting Division:	First Team

Position:

Left Centre Back

Overall rating

Current Level :

7.6

Potential Level:

8.7

Competencies Center Back

Defending Long Balls:

A

Defending Through Passes:

C

Defending Crosses:

B

1v1 Defending:

A

Leaving Positioning Forward or Sideways:

B

Building Up Under Pressure:

C

Building Up With Space and Time:

A

Text

Player Description:

Kangasniemi is a centre-back with great physical attributes and composure. At 199cm, he has a strong frame, while also being very technical and agile for his size. He is comfortable using both feet, which gives him more options in possession. Kangasniemi is a very aggressive defender, regularly leaving his position and stepping forward with intensity to either intercept the ball before it reaches his opponent or prevent him from turning. His height, strength and jumping ability make him dominant in aerial duels. Despite his height, he shows very good balance and pace, which allow him to be very effective in 1v1 situations. He shows good tackle timing and is very difficult for opponents to get past. When defending through passes, he generally positions his body well and intercepts passes before they can reach the attacker. However, he could recognize depth runs slightly earlier at times, although his pace and aggressiveness allow him to recover effectively when defending space in behind. When defending crosses, he generally prefers to protect the space and the near-post area, which could be a tactical instruction, and does well to clear the ball into safe areas or towards teammates. His build-up play with space and time is a standout part of his game. He shows great composure and technical quality, can carry and dribble the ball into midfield, play long passes and find teammates between the lines. When building up against high pressure, he is more conservative and generally prefers to clear the ball or play safely rather than take risks. I would recommend “Skip the line” for Kangasniemi. He already shows a strong combination of physical and technical qualities, while at 19 he still has significant potential to develop further. His profile fits Heerenveen’s playing style well and, considering his current level, potential and the reported interest from other clubs, I believe he is a very interesting recruitment option for Heerenveen.

Follow up recommendation

Stylistic Fit:

A

Obtainability:

B

Follow up recommendation:

Skip the line