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SCOUTING REPORT

BEST U21 PLAYERS WORLDWIDE





INTRODUCTION

This report presents the players from **65 leagues** (see appendix) born in 2004 or later who performed the best during the ongoing season or the one just completed for leagues organised over the calendar year. The footballers have been divided into **twenty categories** according to the main position played and their technical characteristics, as further detailed below. Goalkeepers and centre forwards were divided into two categories, centre backs into three, full/wing backs and wingers into four, and midfielders into five.

The rankings were established according to a **performance index** on a 100-basis considering players' activity in six areas of the game: ground defence, aerial play, distribution, chance creation, take on and finishing (**Wyscout** data). The methodology used to measure performance in each of these domains is explained in **this report**. This study highlights the **20 players per category** with the best performance index, as well as their transfer value estimated from a property statistical model detailed in **this article**.

In addition, for each outfield player, the report presents a radar chart to illustrate his **activity** level, expressed as a percentile, **in relation to his teammates** for each of the six areas of play analysed. A value of 50, by way of example, reflects a median level of activity in the area concerned compared with all the footballers of the employment team. Any higher value indicates relative over-activity, while any lower value reflects under-activity.

The methodological apparatus put in place enables us to produce relevant scouting reports for any player segment in a rapid and efficient manner. What is more, our expertise in assessing from a **scientific perspective** player **transfer values** allows any football stakeholder active in the transfer business to integrate this aspect into their analysis of existing market opportunities. This report is thus packed with information that can help clubs, agents and other investors identify interesting players from both a sporting and financial point of view.

Estimated transfer values are displayed in millions of euros. As fair prices vary according to the financial strength of buyers, they are presented in the form of intervals. The lower limit refers to the price for the projected likely buyer, while the upper one indicates the fair price for a wealthier buyer than the projected one. These values refer to the transfer indemnity including eventual add-ons and the purchase of the whole transfer rights.

SHORT-PASSES GOALKEEPERS

The first category of goalkeepers is made up of those whose pass length is shorter than the average measured for players in this position. French U21 international **Guillaume Restes** (Toulouse) tops the ranking with the best value overall: 83.2 out of 100. Unlike outfield players, this score does not refer to technical gestures, but is calculated by weighting the official game minutes played with the sporting level of the matches (see [this note](#)).

TOP 10

Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Guillaume Restes	19.7 yrs	 Toulouse FC (FRA)	83.1 
2 James Beadle	20.3 yrs	 Sheffield Wednesday (ENG/2)	75.1 
3 Slawomir Abramowicz	20.4 yrs	 Jagiellonia Bialystok (POL)	67.9 
4 Chris Brady	20.7 yrs	 Chicago Fire (USA)	67.6 
5 Ármin Pécsi	19.7 yrs	 Puskás Akadémia (HUN)	67.6 
6 Thomas Gillier	20.5 yrs	 Universidad Católica (CHI)	63.4 
7 Lovro Štubljar	20.3 yrs	 NK Celje (SVN)	63.0 
8 Maciej Kikolski	20.7 yrs	 Radomiak Radom (POL)	60.1 
9 Max Weiss	20.4 yrs	 Karlsruher SC (GER/2)	59.5 
10 Jan Koutný	20.1 yrs	 Sigma Olomouc (CZE)	59.3 

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Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Aleks Bozhev	19.3 yrs	 CSKA 1948 (BUL)	57.6 
12 Viktor Andersson	20.6 yrs	 IFK Värnamo (SWE)	57.5 
13 Gavin Beavers	19.5 yrs	 Real Salt Lake (USA)	57.2 
14 Berkant Bayrak	19.8 yrs	 HB Køge (DEN/2)	56.9 
15 Dimitrije Stevanović	20.2 yrs	 Radnički Niš (SRB)	56.6 
16 Ewen Jaouen	18.9 yrs	 US Dunkerque (FRA/2)	56.4 
17 Mike Penders	19.3 yrs	 KRC Genk (BEL)	56.4 
18 Elis Bishesari	19.5 yrs	 IFK Göteborg (SWE)	55.3 
19 Diogo Fernandes	19.7 yrs	 FC Porto B (POR/2)	52.4 
20 Matthias Pieklak	18.2 yrs	 Lommel SK (BEL/2)	51.9 

LONG-PASSES GOALKEEPERS

Rome Jayden Owusu-Oduro (AZ Alkmaar) has the highest score among goalkeepers whose pass length is longer than the average measured for players in this position. The Dutchman is ahead of Brazilian **Mycael Pontes** (Athletico Paranaense) and American **Gabriel Slonina**, currently at Barnsley, in England's League One, on loan from Chelsea. Standard Liège's Belgian **Mathieu Epolo** ranks fourth. The youngest player in the top 10 is another American: **Andrew Rick** of Philadelphia Union (18.8 years).

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Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Rome-Jayden Owusu-Oduro	20.4 yrs	 AZ Alkmaar (NED)	68.5 
2 Mycael Pontes	20.7 yrs	 Athletico Paranaense (BRA)	67.2 
3 Gabriel Slonina	20.5 yrs	 Barnsley FC (ENG/3)	64.3 
4 Mathieu Epolo	19.8 yrs	 Standard Liège (BEL)	62.0 
5 Bogdan Moskvichev	20.5 yrs	 FK Orenburg (RUS)	57.7 
6 Andrew Rick	18.8 yrs	 Philadelphia Union (USA)	54.6 
7 Ivan Pakholyuk	20.5 yrs	 Kolos Kovalivka (UKR)	54.5 
8 Martin Dala	20.6 yrs	 Fehérvár FC (HUN)	54.5 
9 Lazar Kaličanin	20.5 yrs	 FK Čukarički (SRB)	52.4 
10 Dominik Ľapaj	20.5 yrs	 MFK Ružomberok (SVK)	52.1 

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Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Lukas Jungwirth	20.5 yrs	 LASK (AUT)	51.9 
12 Martin Delavallée	20.7 yrs	 RSC Charleroi (BEL)	51.8 
13 Barnabás Simon	20.7 yrs	 Paksi FC (HUN)	51.2 
14 Tom Bramel	19.3 yrs	 SBV Vitesse (NED/2)	51.1 
15 Kjell Peersman	20.5 yrs	 Lierse Kempenzonen (BEL/2)	49.8 
16 Lazar Balević	17.2 yrs	 FK Napredak (SRB)	48.7 
17 Szymon Weirauch	20.7 yrs	 Lechia Gdańsk (POL)	48.0 
18 Gonçalo Ribeiro	18.8 yrs	 FC Porto B (POR/2)	47.8 
19 Muhammadyusuf Sobirov	18.6 yrs	 FK Sogdiana (UZB)	47.0 
20 Magnus Ree	20.6 yrs	 Viking FK (NOR)	42.5 

FULL DEFENCE CENTRE BACKS

Full defence centre backs account for the third of this position's players with the highest contribution to their team's game in ground defence with respect to distribution. RC Lens' Uzbek international **Abdukodir Khusanov** ranks first with an index of 81.8 out of 100, ahead of Italy's **Pietro Comuzzo** (Fiorentina) and Belgium's **Matte Smets** (Genk). **Yasin Özcan** (Kasimpasa, 18.6 years) and **Vitor Reis** (Palmeiras, 18.8 years) are the youngest players in the top 10.

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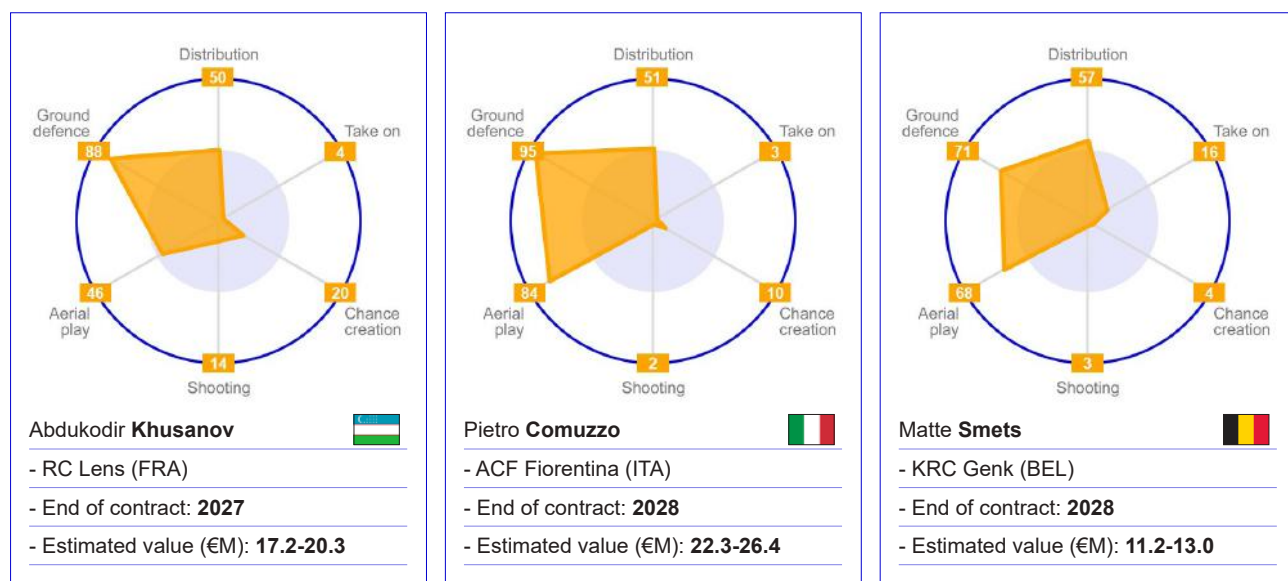
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1 Abdukodir Khusanov	20.7 yrs	 RC Lens (FRA)	81.8 
2 Pietro Comuzzo	19.7 yrs	 ACF Fiorentina (ITA)	81.7 
3 Matte Smets	20.9 yrs	 KRC Genk (BEL)	79.2 
4 Vitor Reis	18.8 yrs	 SE Palmeiras (BRA)	78.9 
5 Cristhian Mosquera	20.4 yrs	 Valencia CF (ESP)	77.5 
6 Yasin Özcan	18.6 yrs	 Kasimpasa SK (TUR)	77.1 
7 Anrie Chase	20.6 yrs	 VfB Stuttgart (GER)	77.0 
8 Aarón Anselmino	19.5 yrs	 Boca Juniors (ARG)	76.9 
9 Tomás Avilés	20.8 yrs	 Inter Miami (USA)	76.6 
10 Nils Zätterström	19.6 yrs	 Malmö FF (SWE)	76.2 

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Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Tobías Ramírez	18.0 yrs	 Argentinos Juniors (ARG)	76.0 
12 Iván Román	18.3 yrs	 CD Palestino (CHI)	75.6 
13 Dominik Prpić	20.5 yrs	 Hajduk Split (CRO)	75.1 
14 Ilay Feingold	20.2 yrs	 Maccabi Haifa (ISR)	75.0 
15 Lautaro Di Lollo	20.7 yrs	 Boca Juniors (ARG)	74.3 
16 Sadibou Sané	20.4 yrs	 FC Metz (FRA/2)	74.2 
17 Noah Allen	20.5 yrs	 Inter Miami (USA)	74.2 
18 Stefan Leković	20.8 yrs	 Crvena Zvezda (SRB)	73.9 
19 Seydou Sano	20.0 yrs	 Al-Gharafa SC (QAT)	73.7 
20 Juan Arias	20.8 yrs	 Atlético Nacional (COL)	73.7 

The shape of **Abdukodir Khusanov**'s chart shows that the Uzbek is mainly involved in ground defence (88th percentile with respect to all RC Lens players). At Fiorentina, **Pietro Comuzzo** plays an important role also in the aerial play area (84th percentile). **Matte Smets**, meanwhile, is less involved in ground defence (71st percentile), but slightly more in distribution (57th), which brings him closer to the profile of allrounder centre backs.

Full defence centre backs: activity in relation to teammates



ALLROUNDER CENTRE BACKS

Allrounder centre backs are the third of players in this position whose contributions to their team's game in ground defence and distribution differ the least. Barcelona's Spanish full international **Pau Cubarsí** (17.8 years) clearly stands out from the crowd, with the best index of all central defenders combined: 90.2 out of 100. He ranks ahead of two Belgian Pro League players: Ecuadorian **Joel Ordóñez** (Brugge) and Serbian **Jan-Carlo Simić** (Anderlecht).

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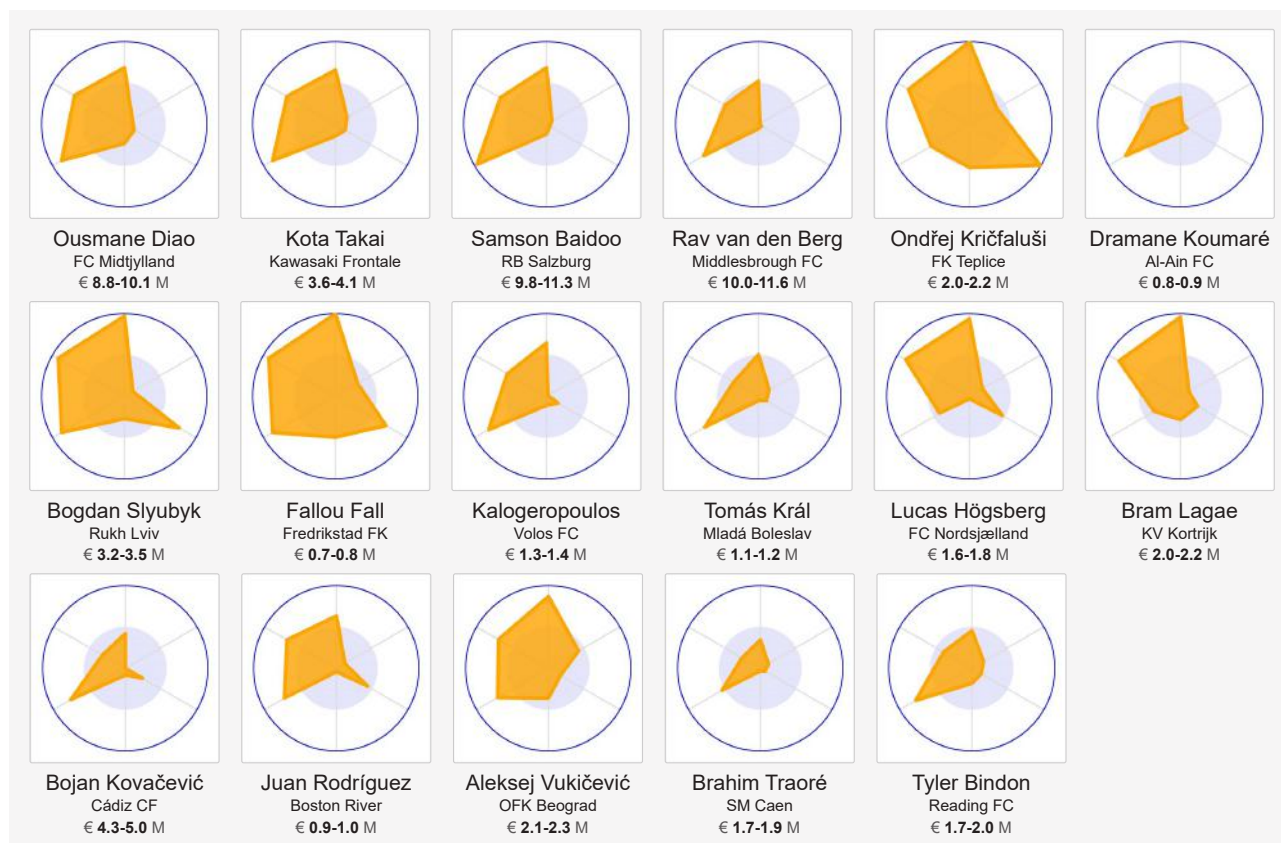
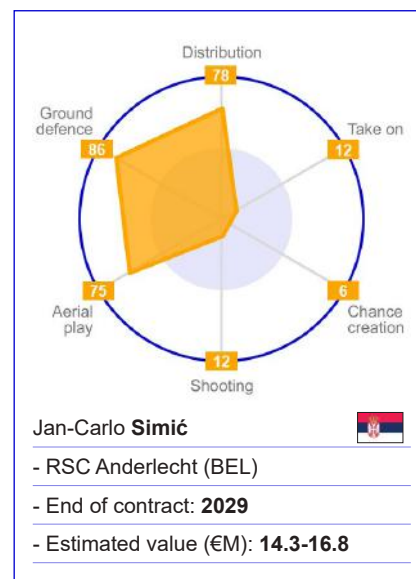
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Pau Cubarsí	17.8 yrs	 FC Barcelona (ESP)	90.2 
2 Joel Ordóñez	20.6 yrs	 Club Brugge (BEL)	79.9 
3 Jan-Carlo Simić	19.5 yrs	 RSC Anderlecht (BEL)	79.2 
4 Ousmane Diao	20.4 yrs	 FC Midtjylland (DEN)	77.9 
5 Kota Takai	20.2 yrs	 Kawasaki Frontale (JPN)	77.7 
6 Samson Baidoo	20.6 yrs	 RB Salzburg (AUT)	76.9 
7 Rav van den Berg	20.4 yrs	 Middlesbrough FC (ENG/2)	76.7 
8 Ondřej Kričfaluši	20.6 yrs	 FK Teplice (CZE)	75.5 
9 Dramane Koumaré	19.8 yrs	 Al-Ain FC (UAE)	74.2 
10 Bogdan Slyubyk	20.8 yrs	 Rukh Lviv (UKR)	73.6 

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Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Fallou Fall	20.6 yrs	 Fredrikstad FK (NOR)	73.3 
12 Alexios Kalogeropoulos	20.3 yrs	 Volos FC (GRE)	73.1 
13 Tomáš Král	20.0 yrs	 Mladá Boleslav (CZE)	73.1 
14 Lucas Høgsberg	18.4 yrs	 FC Nordsjælland (DEN)	72.4 
15 Bram Lagae	20.8 yrs	 KV Kortrijk (BEL)	72.4 
16 Bojan Kovačević	20.5 yrs	 Cádiz CF (ESP/2)	72.3 
17 Juan Rodríguez	19.5 yrs	 Boston River (URU)	72.0 
18 Aleksej Vukičević	19.4 yrs	 OFK Beograd (SRB)	71.8 
19 Brahim Traoré	20.8 yrs	 SM Caen (FRA/2)	71.0 
20 Tyler Bindon	19.8 yrs	 Reading FC (ENG/3)	70.4 

Pau Cubarsí's activity radar in the context of FC Barcelona's game shows above average involvement in distribution (77th percentile), aerial play (85th) and ground defence (69th). **Joel Ordóñez** is less involved in his team's game overall, while **Jan-Carlo Simić's** playing profile at Anderlecht is closer to that of Pau Cubarsí at Barcelona. The Serb has a particularly high value in ground defence (86th percentile).

Allrounder centre backs: activity in relation to teammates



BUILD-UP CENTRE BACKS

Build-up centre backs account for the third of players in this position whose contribution to their team's game in distribution is the highest compared to that in ground defence. Dynamo Kyiv's **Taras Mykhavko** tops the list. The Ukrainian is ahead of the youngest player in the top 10, Croatian **Luka Vušković** (Westerlo, on loan from Tottenham, 17.7 years), and Dutchman **Wouter Goes** (AZ Alkmaar). Fifth-placed Brazilian **Douglas Mendes** (RB Bragantino) is the top ranked player active outside Europe.

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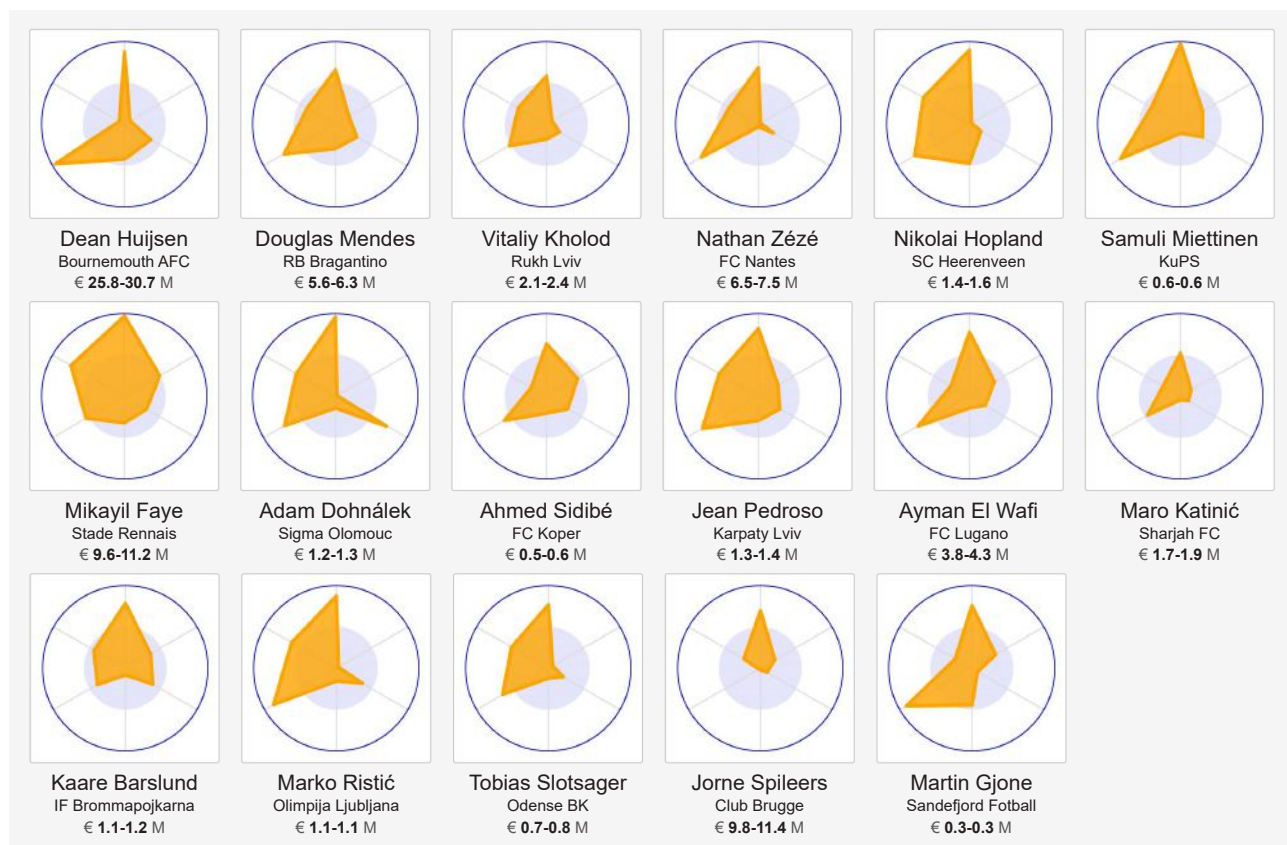
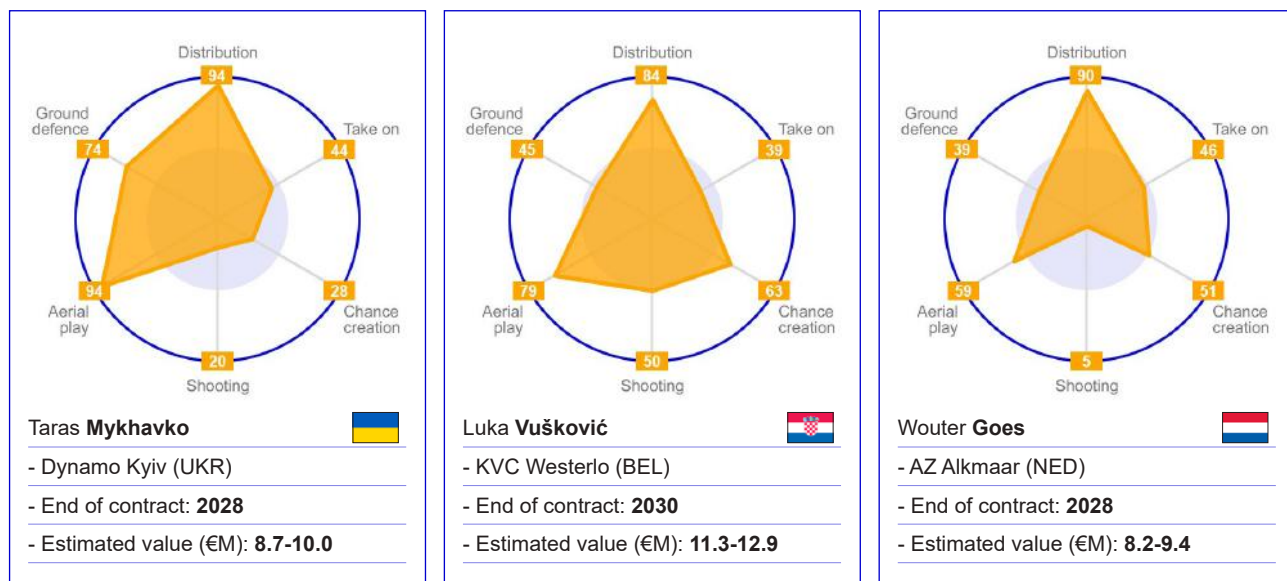
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Taras Mykhavko	19.5 yrs	 Dynamo Kyiv (UKR)	82.4 
2 Luka Vušković	17.7 yrs	 KVC Westerlo (BEL)	77.7 
3 Wouter Goes	20.4 yrs	 AZ Alkmaar (NED)	77.0 
4 Dean Huijsen	19.6 yrs	 Bournemouth AFC (ENG)	76.1 
5 Douglas Mendes	20.4 yrs	 RB Bragantino (BRA)	75.1 
6 Vitaliy Kholod	20.8 yrs	 Rukh Lviv (UKR)	73.3 
7 Nathan Zézé	19.4 yrs	 FC Nantes (FRA)	72.6 
8 Nikolai Hoplund	20.3 yrs	 SC Heerenveen (NED)	72.3 
9 Samuli Miettinen	20.4 yrs	 KuPS (FIN)	72.3 
10 Mikayil Faye	20.3 yrs	 Stade Rennais (FRA)	71.7 

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Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Adam Dohnálek	20.4 yrs	 Sigma Olomouc (CZE)	71.6 
12 Ahmed Sidibé	20.8 yrs	 FC Koper (SVN)	71.6 
13 Jean Pedroso	20.8 yrs	 Karpaty Lviv (UKR)	71.2 
14 Ayman El Wafi	20.5 yrs	 FC Lugano (SUI)	70.9 
15 Maro Katinić	20.6 yrs	 Sharjah FC (UAE)	70.5 
16 Kaare Barslund	20.6 yrs	 IF Brommapojkarna (SWE)	70.2 
17 Marko Ristić	20.0 yrs	 Olimpija Ljubljana (SVN)	69.8 
18 Tobias Slotsager	18.9 yrs	 Odense BK (DEN/2)	69.3 
19 Jorne Spilleers	19.8 yrs	 Club Brugge (BEL)	68.8 
20 Martin Gjone	19.5 yrs	 Sandefjord Fotball (NOR)	68.7 

The activity radars of the three highest ranked build-up centre backs show notable differences in their involvement by register of play. **Taras Mykhavko** is the most heavily involved in distribution and aerial play (94th percentile compared to teammates in both cases), **Luka Vušković** is the most active in chance creation (63rd) and finishing (50th), while **Wouter Goes** has the highest relative contribution in take on (46th percentile).

Build-up centre backs: activity in relation to teammates









DEFENSIVE LEFT FULL/WING BACKS

The defensive full/wing backs category includes players whose activity rate in take on with respect to teammates is below the median measured at the level of all wide defenders. Mainly used as a left back, but also at ease as a central defender, Dutch international **Jorrel Hato** (Ajax, born in 2006) has the best index (84.7 out of 100), ahead of England's **Lewis Hall** (Newcastle United) and Belgium's **Matteo Dams** (PSV Eindhoven).

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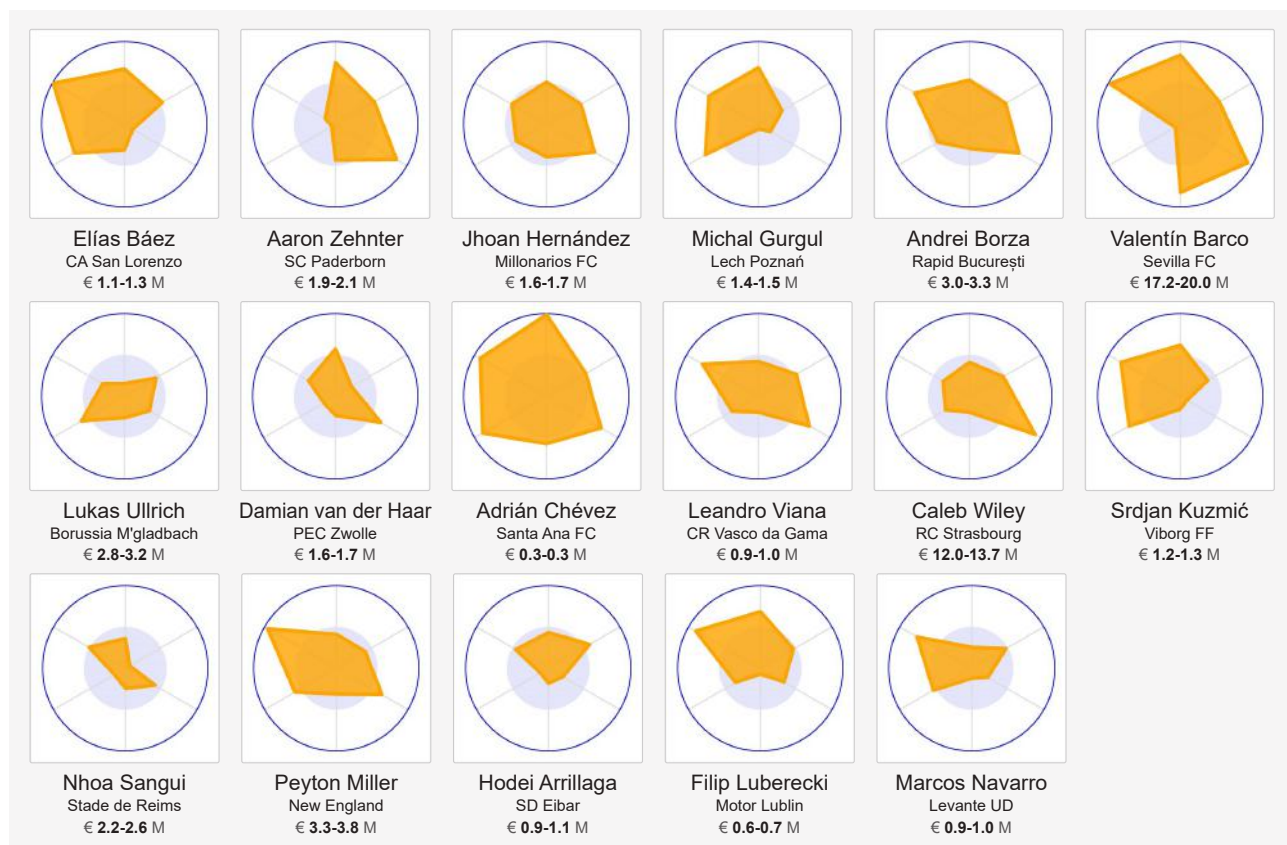
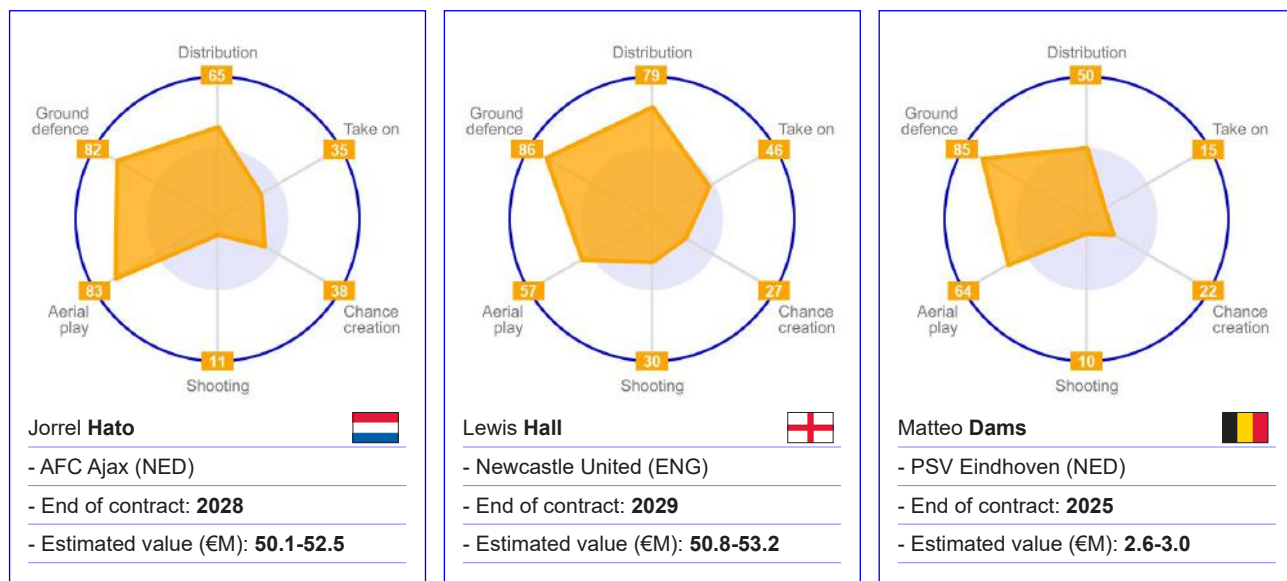
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Jorrel Hato	18.7 yrs	 AFC Ajax (NED)	84.7 
2 Lewis Hall	20.2 yrs	 Newcastle United (ENG)	83.2 
3 Matteo Dams	20.7 yrs	 PSV Eindhoven (NED)	80.4 
4 Elías Báez	20.1 yrs	 CA San Lorenzo (ARG)	74.6 
5 Aaron Zehnter	20.0 yrs	 SC Paderborn (GER/2)	73.7 
6 Jhoan Hernández	18.7 yrs	 Millonarios FC (COL)	73.3 
7 Michal Gurgul	18.8 yrs	 Lech Poznań (POL)	72.2 
8 Andrei Borza	19.0 yrs	 Rapid București (ROM)	71.9 
9 Valentín Barco	20.3 yrs	 Sevilla FC (ESP)	71.5 
10 Lukas Ullrich	20.7 yrs	 Borussia M'gladbach (GER)	70.5 

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Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Damian van der Haar	20.8 yrs	 PEC Zwolle (NED)	69.7 
12 Adrián Chévez	20.8 yrs	 Santa Ana FC (CRC)	68.9 
13 Leandro Viana	19.7 yrs	 CR Vasco da Gama (BRA)	68.7 
14 Caleb Wiley	19.9 yrs	 RC Strasbourg (FRA)	68.3 
15 Srdjan Kuzmić	20.8 yrs	 Viborg FF (DEN)	68.2 
16 Nhoa Sangui	18.7 yrs	 Stade de Reims (FRA)	67.4 
17 Peyton Miller	17.0 yrs	 New England (USA)	67.3 
18 Hodei Arrillaga	20.5 yrs	 SD Eibar (ESP/2)	66.9 
19 Filip Lubrecki	19.6 yrs	 Motor Lublin (POL)	66.5 
20 Marcos Navarro	20.5 yrs	 Levante UD (ESP/2)	66.3 

In the Ajax playing system, **Hato** is mainly called upon in the areas of aerial play (83rd percentile) and ground defence (82nd percentile). **Lewis Hall** plays the most active role of the three top-ranked footballers in take on and distribution, reflecting a profile approaching that of the attacking full/wing back category. **Matteo Dams**, finally, is the least involved in attack, with particularly low relative values in take on, chance creation and finishing.

Defensive left full/wing backs: activity in relation to teammates



ATTACKING LEFT FULL/WING BACKS

The category of attacking left full/wing backs includes players whose activity in take on in relation to teammates is above the median measured for all wide defenders. The top three are Senegal's **Malick Diouf** (Slavia Prague), Argentina's **Julio Soler** (CA Lanús) and Ecuador's **Yaimar Medina** (Independiente del Valle). Only one player under the age of 19 features in the top ten: Brøndby's Dane **Clement Bischoff** (18.9 years).

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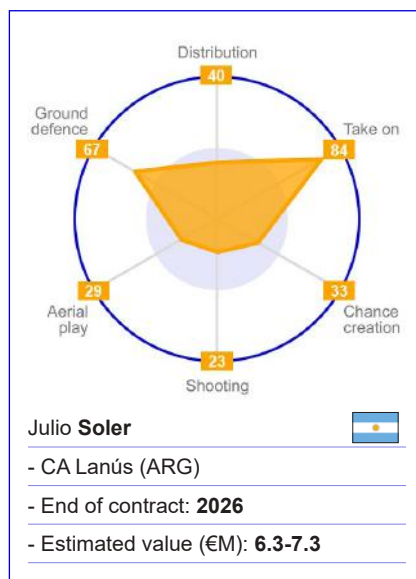
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Malick Diouf	19.9 yrs	 Slavia Praha (CZE)	81.2 
2 Julio Soler	19.7 yrs	 CA Lanús (ARG)	79.8 
3 Yaimar Medina	20.0 yrs	 Independiente del Valle (ECU)	78.5 
4 Román Vega	20.9 yrs	 Argentinos Juniors (ARG)	78.4 
5 Tom Rothe	20.0 yrs	 Union Berlin (GER)	77.6 
6 Mateo Chávez	20.5 yrs	 Chivas Guadalajara (MEX)	76.7 
7 Clement Bischoff	18.9 yrs	 Brøndby IF (DEN)	76.0 
8 Álex Valle	20.6 yrs	 Celtic FC (SCO)	76.0 
9 Christian Mawissa	19.6 yrs	 AS Monaco (FRA)	75.3 
10 Juan Martín Velázquez	20.0 yrs	 CA Belgrano (ARG)	75.2 

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Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Reed Baker-Whiting	19.6 yrs	 Seattle Sounders (USA)	74.0 
12 Richard Akonnor	20.8 yrs	 Al-Jazira Club (UAE)	74.0 
13 Ilya Rozhkov	19.6 yrs	 Rubin Kazan (RUS)	73.6 
14 Diego Moreira	20.3 yrs	 RC Strasbourg (FRA)	73.3 
15 Diego León	17.6 yrs	 Cerro Porteño (PAR)	73.1 
16 Keita Kosugi	18.7 yrs	 Djurgårdens IF (SWE)	73.1 
17 Javier Mena	19.9 yrs	 Rionegro Águilas (COL)	73.0 
18 Martim Marques	20.8 yrs	 FC Lugano (SUI)	72.1 
19 Sam De Grand	20.1 yrs	 Lommel SK (BEL/2)	71.9 
20 Runar Norheim	19.7 yrs	 Tromsø IL (NOR)	71.7 

Malick Diouf's level of involvement in Slavia Prague's attacking play is particularly strong, with high values especially in take on (77th percentile) and chance creation (71st). At Independiente del Valle, **Yaimar Medina** is also heavily involved in all three areas of attack, reflecting, as for Diouf, extraordinary athletic ability. Finally, **Julio Soler** at CA Lanús contributes more specifically to the take on area (84th percentile).

Attacking left full/wing backs: activity in relation to teammates



DEFENSIVE RIGHT FULL/WING BACKS

Heerenveen's **Oliver Braude** tops the list for defensive right full/wing backs. The Norwegian is ahead of Hajduk Split's Croatian Šimun Hrgović and FC Barcelona's Spaniard **Héctor Fort**. Born in 2006, the latter is also the youngest player in the top 10. Ecuador's **Daniel de la Cruz** (LDU Quito) is the highest ranked player outside Europe, ahead of Uruguay's **Lucas Agazzi** (Defensor SC) and Colombia's **Yeferson Moreno** (Junior FC).

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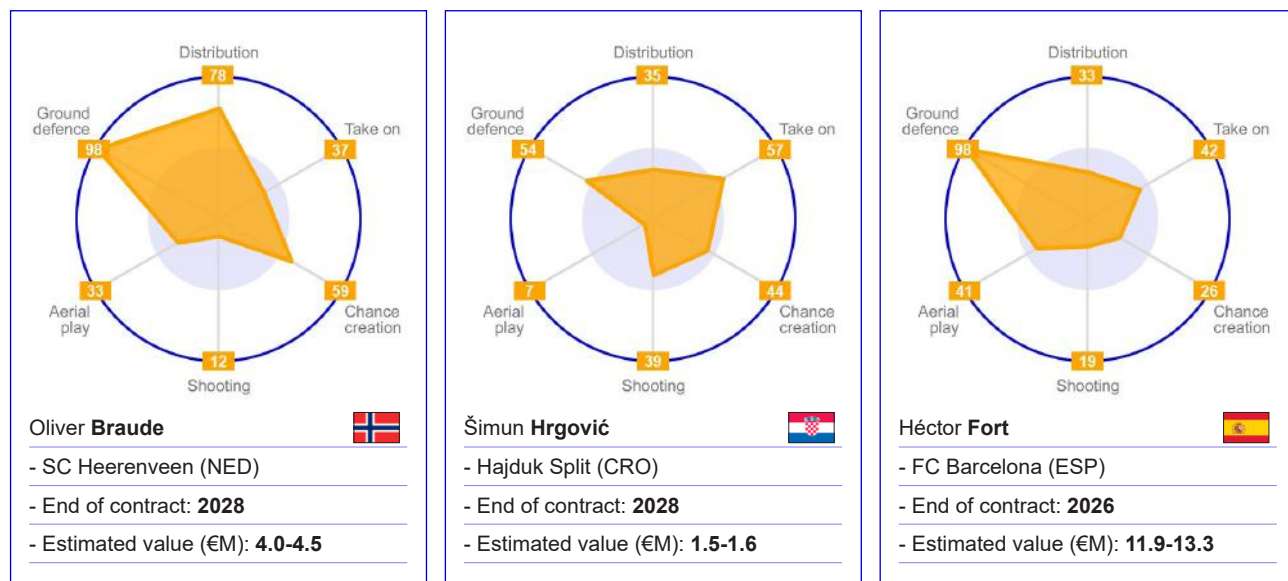
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1 Oliver Braude	20.7 yrs	 SC Heerenveen (NED)	76.4 
2 Šimun Hrgović	20.7 yrs	 Hajduk Split (CRO)	73.9 
3 Héctor Fort	18.3 yrs	 FC Barcelona (ESP)	73.5 
4 Daniel de la Cruz	20.7 yrs	 LDU Quito (ECU)	73.1 
5 Zachary Athekame	19.9 yrs	 Young Boys (SUI)	73.0 
6 Eivind Helland	19.6 yrs	 SK Brann (NOR)	72.8 
Lucas Agazzi	19.5 yrs	 Defensor SC (URU)	72.8 
8 Yeferson Moreno	20.8 yrs	 Junior FC (COL)	71.9 
9 Tobías Rubio	20.3 yrs	 Defensa y Justicia (ARG)	71.3 
Dilan Rojas	20.4 yrs	 Deportes Iquique (CHI)	71.3 

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Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Moussa Ndiaye	20.7 yrs	 Al-Nasr SC (UAE)	71.1 
12 Kobe Corbanie	19.5 yrs	 Royal Antwerp (BEL)	70.8 
13 Vukašin Djordjević	20.8 yrs	 FK Partizan (SRB)	70.6 
14 Kellen Fisher	20.5 yrs	 Norwich City (ENG/2)	70.5 
Nahuel Arias	19.9 yrs	 CA San Lorenzo (ARG)	70.5 
16 Ian Garguez	19.8 yrs	 CD Palestino (CHI)	70.4 
17 Pau Navarro	19.6 yrs	 Villarreal CF (ESP)	69.9 
18 Alan Núñez	20.1 yrs	 Cerro Porteño (PAR)	69.8 
19 Mukhammadrasul Abdumazhidov	20.3 yrs	 Pakhtakor FK (UZB)	69.3 
20 Carlos Sarabia	19.4 yrs	 Millonarios FC (COL)	68.8 

At Heerenveen, **Oliver Braude** plays a very important role in both ground defence (98th percentile) and distribution (78th). At Barcelona, **Héctor Fort** is also very much in demand defensively, but plays a smaller part in the build-up phase (33rd percentile versus 78th for Braude). At Hajduk Split, **Šimun Hrgović** is moderately active in all areas except aerial play, with a maximum value in the take on area (57th percentile).

Defensive right full/wing backs: activity in relation to teammates



ATTACKING RIGHT FULL/WING BACKS

Two great Portuguese talents share the top spot in the attacking full/wing right back rankings: **Martim Fernandes** (Porto) and **Geovany Quenda** (Sporting CP). Born in 2006 and 2007 respectively, they are also the two youngest players in the top 10. Argentina's **Agustín Gaiy** (Palmeiras) completes the top three, ahead of two players whose contracts expire in 2026 and therefore represent excellent market opportunities: Germany's **Anton Kade** (Basel) and Belgium's **Joaquin Seys** (Club Brugge).

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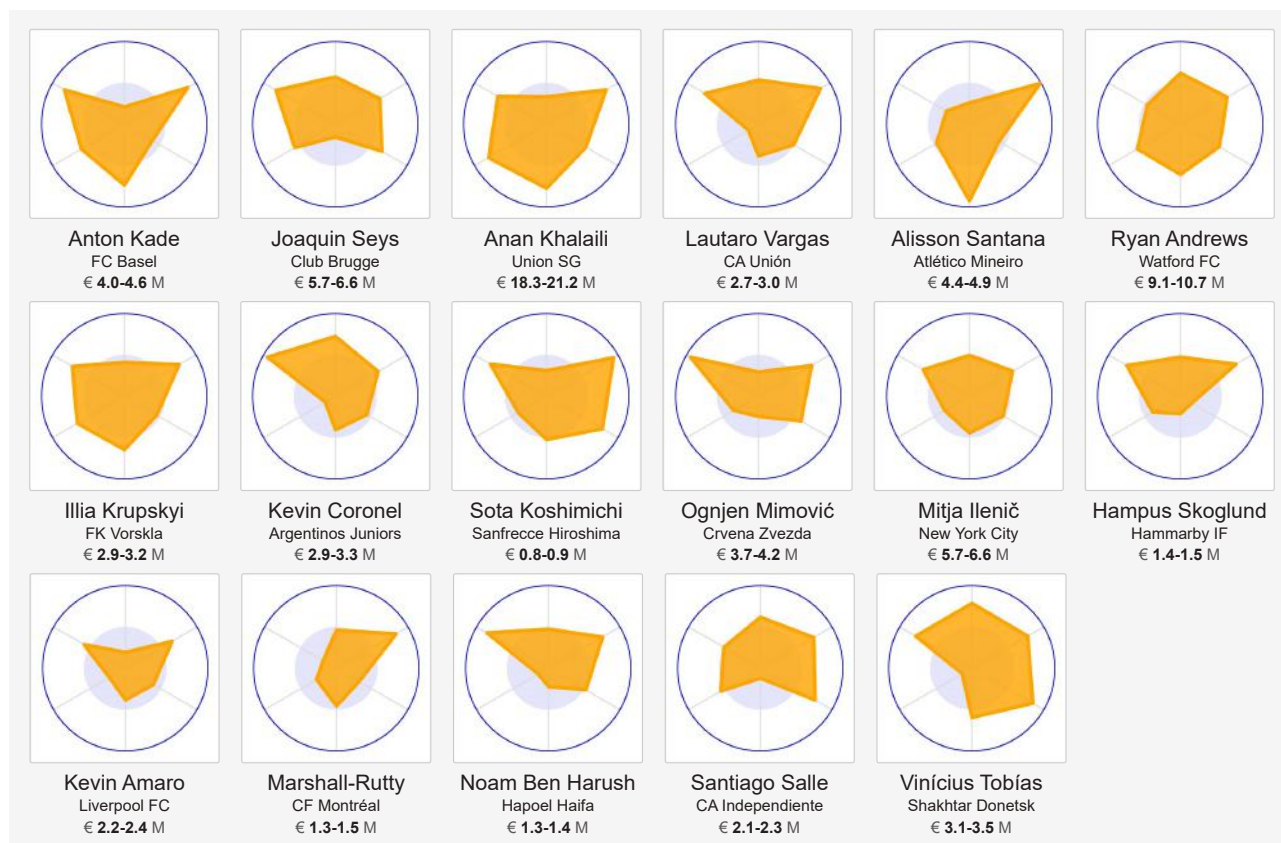
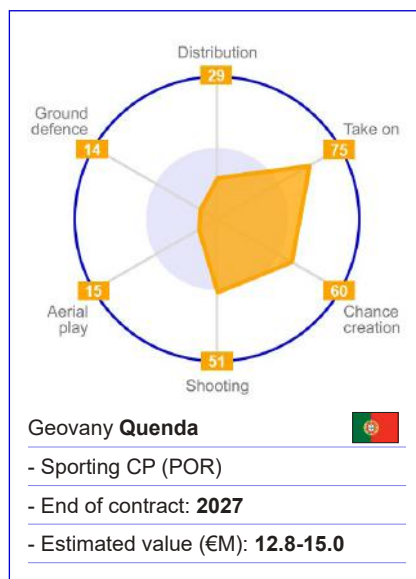
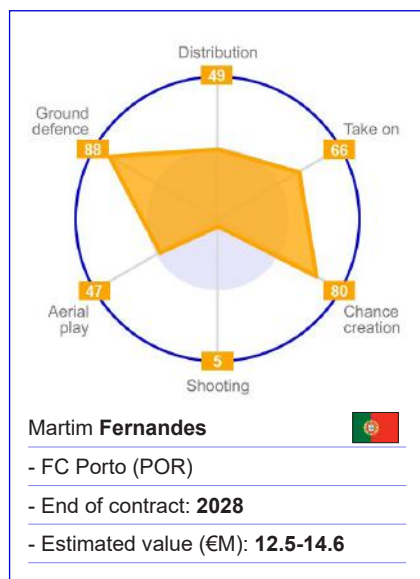
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3 Agustín Gaiy	20.8 yrs	 SE Palmeiras (BRA)	78.2 
4 Anton Kade	20.8 yrs	 FC Basel (SUI)	78.1 
5 Joaquin Seys	19.6 yrs	 Club Brugge (BEL)	77.8 
6 Anan Khalaili	20.2 yrs	 Union SG (BEL)	77.0 
7 Lautaro Vargas	19.8 yrs	 CA Unión (ARG)	76.5 
8 Alisson Santana	19.1 yrs	 Atlético Mineiro (BRA)	75.7 
9 Ryan Andrews	20.2 yrs	 Watford FC (ENG/2)	75.6 
10 Illia Krupskiy	20.1 yrs	 FK Vorskla (UKR)	75.3 

RANGS 11 - 20

Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Kevin Coronel	20.3 yrs	 Argentinos Juniors (ARG)	74.9 
12 Sota Koshimichi	20.6 yrs	 Sanfrecce Hiroshima (JPN)	74.9 
13 Ognjen Mimović	20.2 yrs	 Crvena Zvezda (SRB)	74.7 
14 Mitja Ilenič	19.9 yrs	 New York City (USA)	74.7 
15 Hampus Skoglund	20.7 yrs	 Hammarby IF (SWE)	74.1 
16 Kevin Amaro	20.7 yrs	 Liverpool FC (URU)	73.4 
17 Jahkeele Marshall-Rutty	20.4 yrs	 CF Montréal (USA)	73.3 
18 Noam Ben Harush	19.5 yrs	 Hapoel Haifa (ISR)	72.7 
19 Santiago Salle	20.4 yrs	 CA Independiente (ARG)	71.9 
20 Vinícius Tobías	20.7 yrs	 Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR)	71.5 

Geovany Quenda's role at Sporting CP is eminently offensive. In order of importance, his greatest involvement was measured in take on (75th percentile), chance creation (60th) and finishing (51st). **Martim Fernandes** at Porto is much more active defensively than Quenda at Sporting CP, as testified by the high value measured in ground defence (88th percentile). Finally, **Agustín Giay** at Palmeiras is much in demand both offensively and defensively.

Attacking right full/wing backs: activity in relation to teammates



HOLDING MIDFIELDERS

The holding midfielders' category comprises players whose most distinctive feature within their team's context is the role played for ball recovery. At the top of the list is France's full international **Warren Zaïre-Emery**, who is also the youngest player in the top 10. Another young full international, Manchester City's Englishman **Rico Lewis**, ranks second. Argentinian **Christian Ordoñez** of Vélez Sarsfield is the top placed player outside the big-5.

TOP 10

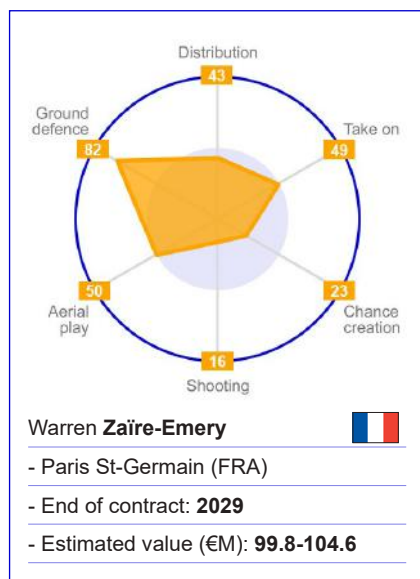
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Warren Zaïre-Emery	18.7 yrs	 Paris St-Germain (FRA)	86.4 
2 Rico Lewis	20.0 yrs	 Manchester City (ENG)	85.9 
3 Carlos Baleba	20.9 yrs	 Brighton & Hove (ENG)	85.8 
4 Lamine Camara	20.9 yrs	 AS Monaco (FRA)	83.5 
5 Jack Hinshelwood	19.6 yrs	 Brighton & Hove (ENG)	81.2 
6 Hugo Larsson	20.4 yrs	 Eintracht Frankfurt (GER)	80.7 
7 Christian Ordoñez	20.3 yrs	 Vélez Sarsfield (ARG)	80.4 
8 Dário Essugo	19.7 yrs	 UD Las Palmas (ESP)	80.1 
9 Elian Irala	20.4 yrs	 CA San Lorenzo (ARG)	78.9 
10 Ezechiel Banzuzi	19.7 yrs	 OH Leuven (BEL)	78.5 

RANGS 11 - 20

Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Andrey Santos	20.5 yrs	 RC Strasbourg (FRA)	78.2 
12 Nikolas Sattlberger	20.8 yrs	 KRC Genk (BEL)	77.7 
13 Tom Bischof	19.4 yrs	 TSG Hoffenheim (GER)	77.0 
14 Obed Vargas	19.3 yrs	 Seattle Sounders (USA)	77.0 
15 Alex Sarfo	20.1 yrs	 Aris Limassol (CYP)	76.9 
16 Arthur Vermeeren	19.8 yrs	 RB Leipzig (GER)	76.4 
17 Rubén Martínez	20.4 yrs	 CA Independiente (ARG)	76.3 
18 Ibrahima Bangoura	20.9 yrs	 KRC Genk (BEL)	75.1 
19 Ngal'ayel Mukau	20.0 yrs	 LOSC Lille (FRA)	74.7 
20 Arthur Piedfort	19.8 yrs	 KVC Westerlo (BEL)	74.6 

The activity radar charts of the top three holding midfielders reveal different profiles. While **Warren Zaïre-Emery** and **Rico Lewis**' main contribution to their team's game is in ground defence, the Frenchman is comparatively more involved in distribution and take on. However, the Englishman has higher values in chance creation and finishing. Overall, **Carlos Baleba** is the most involved of the three, which illustrates his central role in Brighton & Hove's system of play.

Holding midfielders: activity in relation to teammates



PLAYMAKING MIDFIELDERS

The playmaking midfielders' category is made up of footballers differentiating themselves by a particularly strong contribution in the build-up phase. Germany's **Aleksandar Pavlović** from Bayern Munich has the best performance index (83.8 out of 100), ahead of two other players born in 2004: Belgium's **Mathias Delorge** (Gent) and Brazil's **Breno Bidon** (SC Corinthians). Mexico's **Elías Montiel** (Pachuca) is the youngest player in the top 10.

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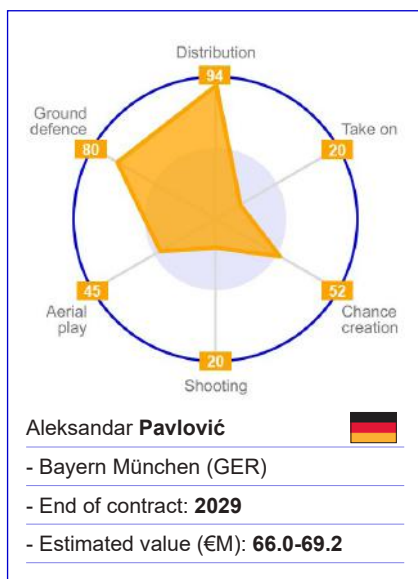
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Aleksandar Pavlović	20.5 yrs	 Bayern München (GER)	83.9 
2 Mathias Delorge	20.3 yrs	 KAA Gent (BEL)	79.9 
3 Breno Bidon	19.7 yrs	 SC Corinthians (BRA)	78.7 
4 Leon Avdullahu	20.7 yrs	 FC Basel (SUI)	77.7 
5 Joaquín Mosqueira	20.0 yrs	 CA Unión (ARG)	77.2 
6 Cher Ndour	20.3 yrs	 Beşiktaş JK (TUR)	77.2 
7 Elías Montiel	19.1 yrs	 CF Pachuca (MEX)	76.1 
8 Mario Dorgeles	20.3 yrs	 FC Nordsjælland (DEN)	75.3 
9 Aljoscha Kemlein	20.3 yrs	 Union Berlin (GER)	75.1 
10 Nathan Saliba	20.8 yrs	 CF Montréal (USA)	74.5 

RANGS 11 - 20

Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Sydie Peck	20.2 yrs	 Sheffield United (ENG/2)	74.0 
12 Christos Mouzakitis	17.9 yrs	 Olympiacos FC (GRE)	73.8 
13 Josen Escobar	19.9 yrs	 América de Cali (COL)	73.6 
14 Roméo Lavia	20.9 yrs	 Chelsea FC (ENG)	73.2 
15 Matias Siltanen	17.6 yrs	 KuPS (FIN)	72.8 
16 Ronald Donkor	20.0 yrs	 New York RB (USA)	72.7 
17 Mahmudu Bajo	20.2 yrs	 FK DAC 1904 (SVK)	72.6 
18 Nuno Félix	20.7 yrs	 SL Benfica B (POR/2)	72.4 
19 Diogo Prioste	20.6 yrs	 SL Benfica B (POR/2)	72.0 
20 Yarin Levi	19.3 yrs	 Beitar Jerusalem (ISR)	71.5 

In Bayern Munich's system of play, **Aleksandar Pavlović** is primarily involved in distribution (94th percentile) and ground defence (80th), with a relatively high value in chance creation (52th) too. **Mathias Delorge** plays a similar role at Gent, with an even greater offensive involvement. **Breno Bidon**'s contribution to Corinthians' game is different again, with a greater involvement in take on and a lower one in chance creation.

Playmaking midfielders: activity in relation to teammates



ASSISTING MIDFIELDERS

The assisting midfielders' category gathers together players who stand out above all for their strong involvement in creating chances. Paris St-Germain's new recruit **João Neves** tops the list with a very high performance index, reflecting the full extent of his talent: 91.9 out of 100. The Portuguese is ahead of Anderlecht's Belgian **Mario Stroeykens**, as well as two Englishmen: **Adam Wharton** (Crystal Palace) and **Oliver Arblaster** (Sheffield United).

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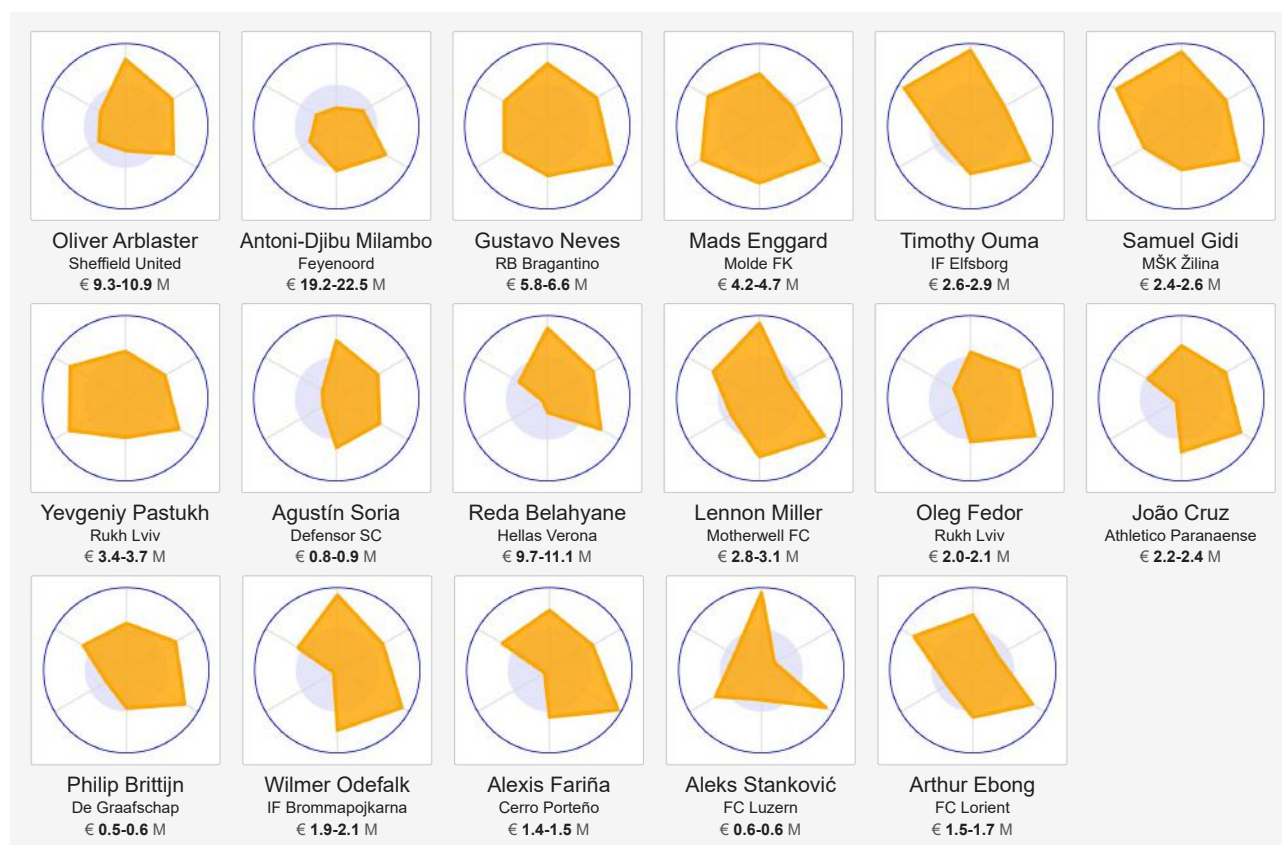
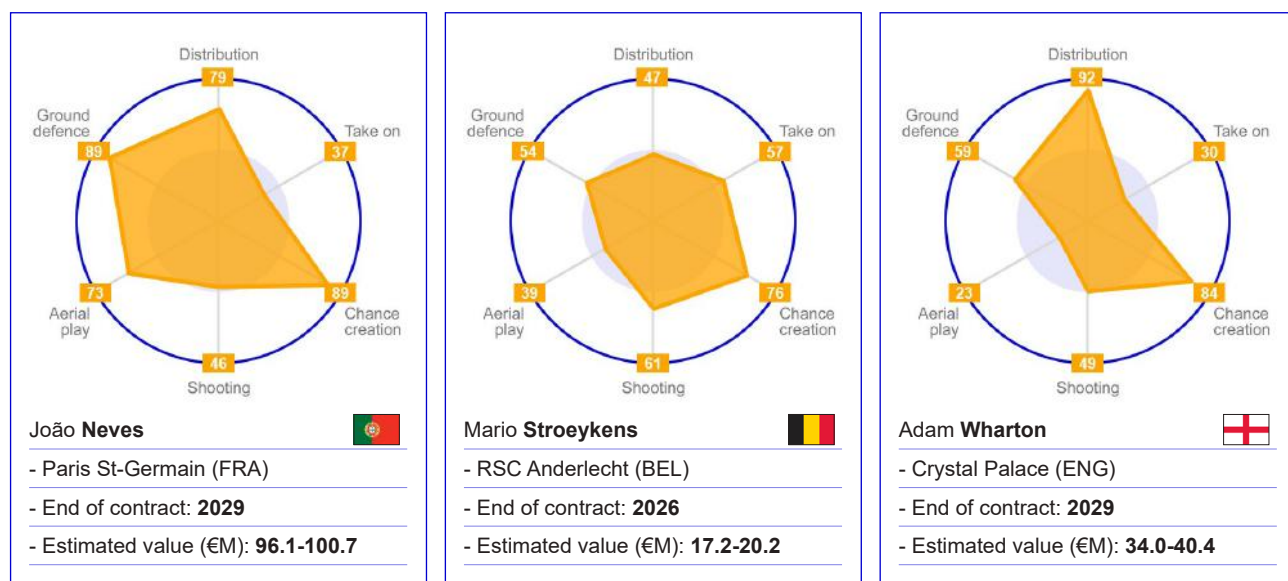
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 João Neves	20.1 yrs	 Paris St-Germain (FRA)	91.9 
2 Mario Stroeykens	20.1 yrs	 RSC Anderlecht (BEL)	83.4 
3 Adam Wharton	20.8 yrs	 Crystal Palace (ENG)	79.2 
4 Oliver Arblaster	20.8 yrs	 Sheffield United (ENG/2)	78.0 
5 Antoni-Djibu Milambo	19.6 yrs	 Feyenoord (NED)	77.5 
6 Gustavo Neves	20.6 yrs	 RB Bragantino (BRA)	76.9 
7 Mads Enggard	20.8 yrs	 Molde FK (NOR)	75.8 
8 Timothy Ouma	20.4 yrs	 IF Elfsborg (SWE)	75.1 
9 Samuel Gidi	20.6 yrs	 MŠK Žilina (SVK)	74.9 
10 Yevgeniy Pastukh	20.7 yrs	 Rukh Lviv (UKR)	74.7 

RANGS 11 - 20

Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Agustín Soria	20.0 yrs	 Defensor SC (URU)	73.8 
12 Reda Belahyane	20.5 yrs	 Hellas Verona (ITA)	73.6 
13 Lennon Miller	18.2 yrs	 Motherwell FC (SCO)	73.4 
14 Oleg Fedor	20.3 yrs	 Rukh Lviv (UKR)	73.3 
15 João Cruz	18.5 yrs	 Athletico Paranaense (BRA)	72.9 
16 Philip Brittijn	20.6 yrs	 De Graafschap (NED/2)	72.8 
17 Wilmer Odefalk	20.0 yrs	 IF Brommapojkarna (SWE)	72.7 
18 Alexis Fariña	19.9 yrs	 Cerro Porteño (PAR)	72.1 
19 Aleksandar Stanković	19.3 yrs	 FC Luzern (SUI)	71.8 
20 Arthur Ebong	19.9 yrs	 FC Lorient (FRA/2)	71.7 

The importance of **João Neves** role at Paris St-Germain is illustrated by his strong contribution not only in chance creation (89th percentile), but also in ground defence (89th too) and distribution (79th). **Mario Stroeykens** also has a versatile profile, with a relatively balanced involvement in all areas of Anderlecht's game. Finally, **Adam Wharton**'s contribution at Crystal Palace is mainly in terms of chance creation and distribution.

Assisting midfielders: activity in relation to teammates



INFILTRATING MIDFIELDERS

The infiltrating midfielders' category comprises players who stand out primarily for the extent of their contribution in the take on area. Independiente del Valle's Ecuadorian full international **Kendry Páez**, already signed by Chelsea, ranks first. Born in 2007, he is also the youngest player in the top 10. He is ahead of England's **Kobbie Mainoo** (Manchester United) and Argentina's **Claudio Echeverri** (River Plate, on loan from Manchester City).

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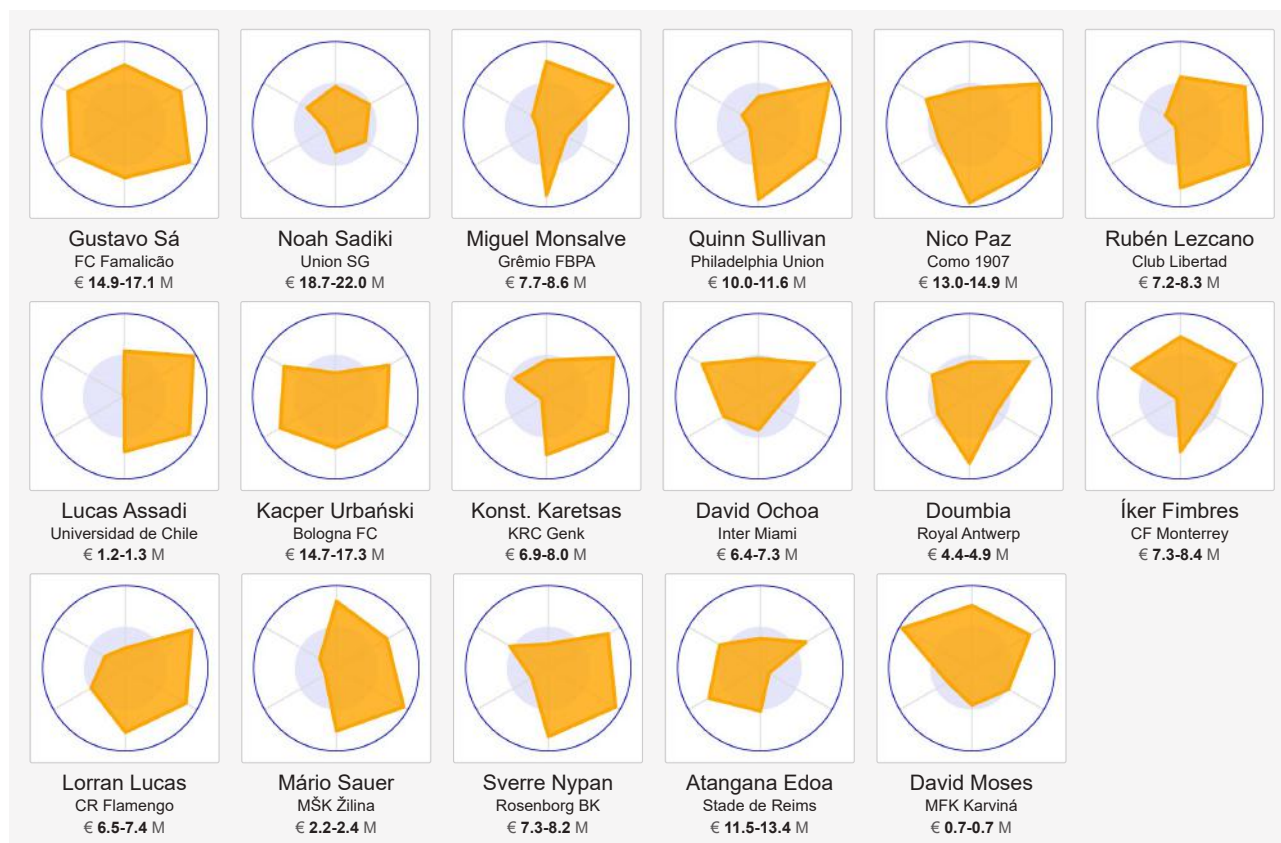
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Kendry Páez	17.5 yrs	 Independiente del Valle (ECU)	83.2 
2 Kobbie Mainoo	19.6 yrs	 Manchester United (ENG)	83.0 
3 Claudio Echeverri	18.9 yrs	 River Plate (ARG)	82.8 
4 Gustavo Sá	20.0 yrs	 FC Famalicão (POR)	79.0 
5 Noah Sadiki	19.9 yrs	 Union SG (BEL)	78.2 
6 Miguel Monsalve	20.7 yrs	 Grêmio FBPA (BRA)	77.7 
7 Quinn Sullivan	20.6 yrs	 Philadelphia Union (USA)	77.4 
8 Nico Paz	20.2 yrs	 Como 1907 (ITA)	77.3 
9 Rubén Lezcano	20.8 yrs	 Club Libertad (PAR)	77.1 
10 Lucas Assadi	20.8 yrs	 Universidad de Chile (CHI)	76.7 

RANGS 11 - 20

Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Kacper Urbański	20.2 yrs	 Bologna FC (ITA)	76.4 
· Konstantinos Karetsas	17.0 yrs	 KRC Genk (BEL)	76.4 
· David Ochoa	20.8 yrs	 Inter Miami (USA)	76.4 
14 Mahamadou Doumbia	20.5 yrs	 Royal Antwerp (BEL)	76.2 
15 Íker Fimbres	19.4 yrs	 CF Monterrey (MEX)	76.1 
16 Lorrán Lucas	18.4 yrs	 CR Flamengo (BRA)	76.0 
17 Mário Sauer	20.5 yrs	 MŠK Žilina (SVK)	75.9 
· Sverre Nypan	17.9 yrs	 Rosenborg BK (NOR)	75.9 
19 Valentin Atangana Edoa	19.2 yrs	 Stade de Reims (FRA)	75.6 
20 David Moses	20.8 yrs	 MFK Karviná (CZE)	75.3 

Kendry Paez plays a key role in Independiente del Valle's attacking game, with very high values not only in take on, but also in chance creation and finishing. **Claudio Echeverri** has a similar attacking profile. His levels of involvement in distribution and, above all, ground defence, however, are much lower than **Kendry Paez's** ones. **Kobbie Mainoo's** contribution at Manchester United is relatively evenly distributed across all areas of the game, which brings him into line with other profile categories.

Infiltrating midfielders: activity in relation to teammates



SHOOTING MIDFIELDERS

The shooting midfielders' category is made up of players who distinguish themselves above all by a strong commitment to finishing. Lokomotiv Moscow's Russian **Aleksey Batrakov** is ahead of American **Rokas Pukstas** (Hajduk Split) and Argentina's **Franco Mastantuono** (River Plate, 17,2 years). The latter is the youngest player in the top ten, which also includes another great talent born in 2007: Sunderland's Englishman **Chris Rigg** (17.4 years).

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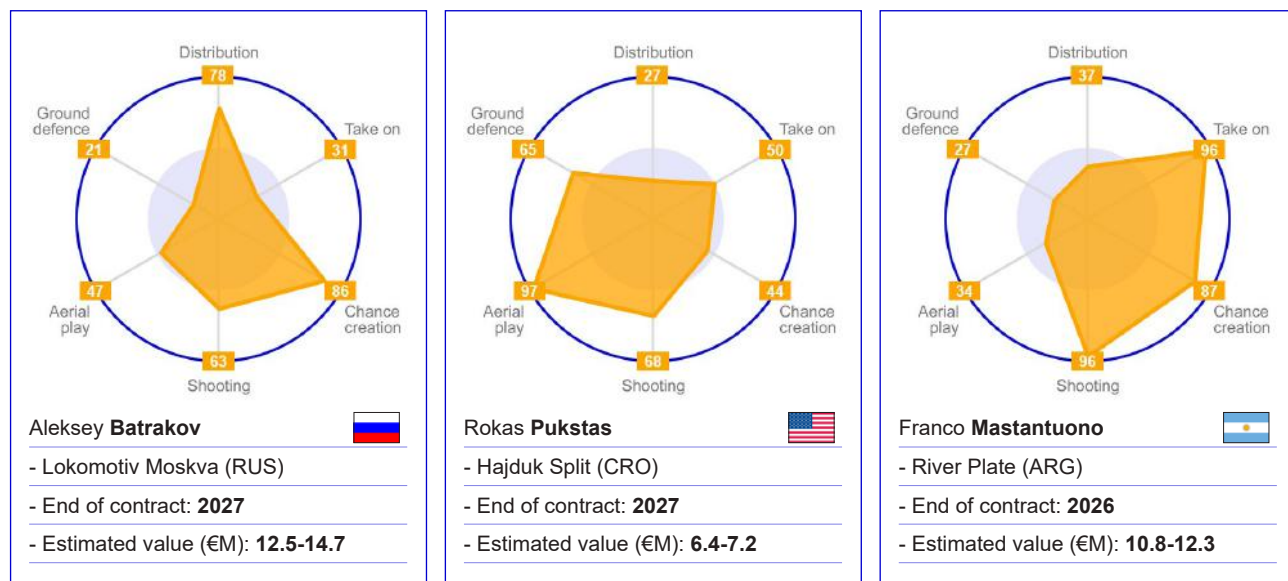
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Aleksey Batrakov	19.4 yrs	 Lokomotiv Moskva (RUS)	80.6 
2 Rokas Pukstas	20.2 yrs	 Hajduk Split (CRO)	79.1 
3 Franco Mastantuono	17.2 yrs	 River Plate (ARG)	78.9 
4 Jobe Bellingham	19.1 yrs	 Sunderland AFC (ENG/2)	78.2 
5 Habib Diarra	20.9 yrs	 RC Strasbourg (FRA)	77.4 
6 Julio Enciso	20.8 yrs	 Brighton & Hove (ENG)	76.1 
7 Benjamin Cremaschi	19.7 yrs	 Inter Miami (USA)	75.7 
8 Élan Ricardo	20.7 yrs	 CD La Equidad (COL)	75.6 
9 Antoni Kozubal	20.2 yrs	 Lech Poznań (POL)	75.3 
10 Chris Rigg	17.4 yrs	 Sunderland AFC (ENG/2)	74.4 

RANGS 11 - 20

Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Ismaël Gharbi	20.6 yrs	 SC Braga (POR)	73.5 
12 Gerónimo Heredia	19.8 yrs	 CA Belgrano (ARG)	73.2 
13 Niccolò Pisilli	20.1 yrs	 AS Roma (ITA)	73.0 
14 Alfie Devine	20.3 yrs	 KVC Westerlo (BEL)	72.8 
15 Marko Veličković	20.1 yrs	 FK Vojvodina (SRB)	72.7 
16 Andrija Maksimović	17.4 yrs	 Crvena Zvezda (SRB)	70.9 
17 Lovro Zvonarek	19.5 yrs	 Sturm Graz (AUT)	70.2 
18 Léandre Kuavita	20.5 yrs	 Standard Liège (BEL)	69.7 
19 Matija Mitrović	19.9 yrs	 Železničar Pančevo (SRB)	69.5 
20 Luka Vrbanić	19.4 yrs	 Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	69.4 

Aleksey Batrakov's activity radar in the Lokomotiv Moscow playing system shows his strong involvement not only in finishing, but also in distribution and chance creation. At Hajduk Split, **Rokas Pukstas** also plays an essential role in aerial play and ground defence. **Franco Mastantuono**'s profile, on the other hand, is eminently offensive, with a strong contribution in all three attacking areas included in our approach.

Shooting midfielders: activity in relation to teammates



INFILTRATING LEFT WINGERS

Infiltrating left wingers are those whose contribution to their team's game in terms of take on is higher than in chance creation or finishing. Juventus' Turkish winger **Kenan Yildiz** is ahead of two other players already active in the European big-5: Argentina's **Alejandro Garnacho** (Manchester United) and England's **Jamie Bynoe-Gittens** (Borussia Dortmund). Born in 2006, Zenit St. Petersburg's Brazilian **Pedro Henrique** is the youngest player in the top 10 rankings.

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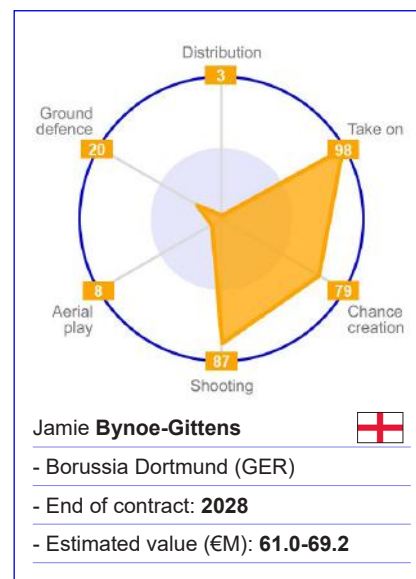
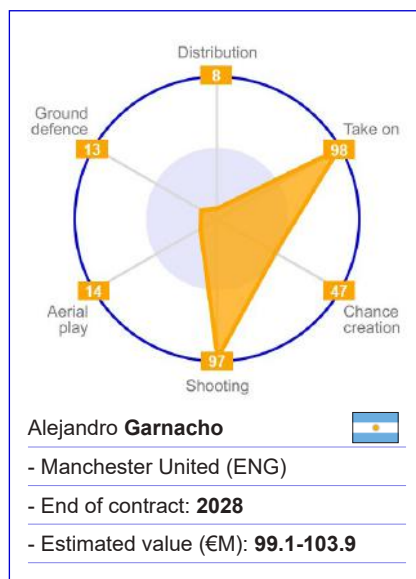
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Kenan Yildiz	19.5 yrs	 Juventus FC (ITA)	87.6 
2 Alejandro Garnacho	20.4 yrs	 Manchester United (ENG)	86.9 
3 Jamie Bynoe-Gittens	20.3 yrs	 Borussia Dortmund (GER)	85.9 
4 Eliesse Ben Seghir	19.7 yrs	 AS Monaco (FRA)	84.7 
5 Désiré Doué	19.4 yrs	 Paris St-Germain (FRA)	83.8 
6 Malick Fofana	19.6 yrs	 Olympique Lyonnais (FRA)	82.3 
7 Sergey Pinyaev	20.0 yrs	 Lokomotiv Moskva (RUS)	82.0 
8 Semih Kılıçsoy	19.2 yrs	 Beşiktaş JK (TUR)	81.6 
9 Pedro Henrique	18.8 yrs	 FK Zenit (RUS)	81.4 
10 Christopher Bonsu Baah	19.9 yrs	 KRC Genk (BEL)	80.1 

RANGS 11 - 20

Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Mika Godts	19.4 yrs	 AFC Ajax (NED)	79.2 
12 Kota Tawaratsumida	20.5 yrs	 FC Tokyo (JPN)	76.1 
. Bazoumana Touré	18.7 yrs	 Hammarby IF (SWE)	76.1 
14 Gustavo Prado	19.4 yrs	 SC Internacional (BRA)	75.8 
15 Álex Luna	20.6 yrs	 CA Independiente (ARG)	75.1 
16 Başar Önal	20.4 yrs	 NEC Nijmegen (NED)	75.0 
17 Robert Rodrigues	19.6 yrs	 FC København (DEN)	74.6 
18 Christian Nwachukwu	18.9 yrs	 Botev Plovdiv (BUL)	74.5 
. Wilson Odobert	20.0 yrs	 Tottenham Hotspur (ENG)	74.5 
. Rodrigo Villalba	18.7 yrs	 Club Libertad (PAR)	74.5 

At Juventus, **Kenan Yildiz** plays an active role in all areas of the attacking game. The Turkish winger also has an above-average value in aerial play (56th percentile). At Manchester United, **Alejandro Garnacho** concentrates his activity mainly at take on (98th percentile) and finishing (97th) level. **Jamie Bynoe-Gittens**' involvement in Borussia Dortmund's game is similar to that of Yildiz at Juventus, but with lower values in aerial play and distribution.

Infiltrating left wingers: activity in relation to teammates



ASSISTING/SHOOTING LEFT WINGERS

The category of assisting/shooting left wingers includes players whose contribution to their team's game in chance creation or finishing is higher than in take on. Vélez Sarsfield's Argentinian **Thiago Fernández** has the best performance index: 82.7 out of 100. He is ahead of Israeli international **Oscar Gloukh** (RB Salzburg) and Dane **Conrad Harder** (Sporting CP). Slovakia's **Nino Marcelli** (19.5 years) is the youngest player in the top 10, as is Chile's **Martín Mundaca** (17.8 years) in the top 20.

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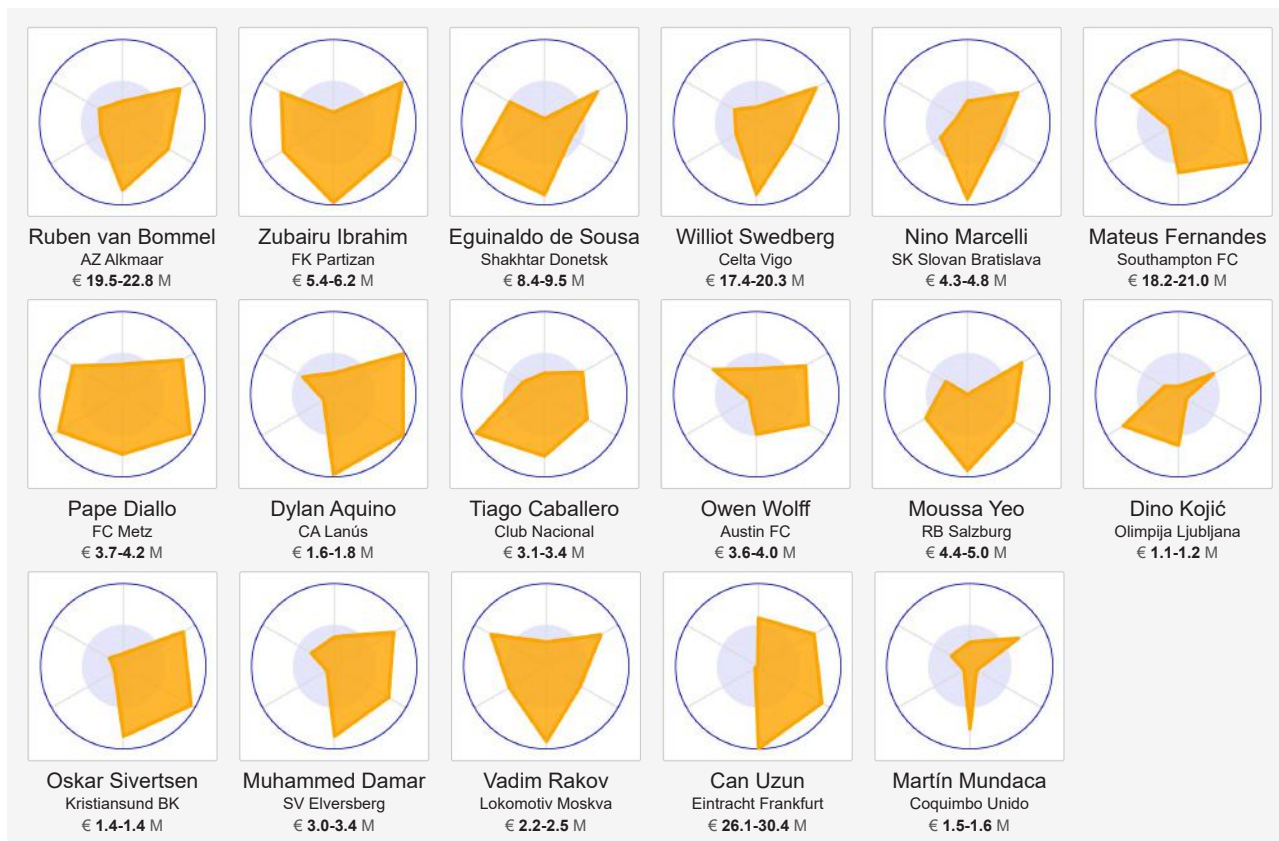
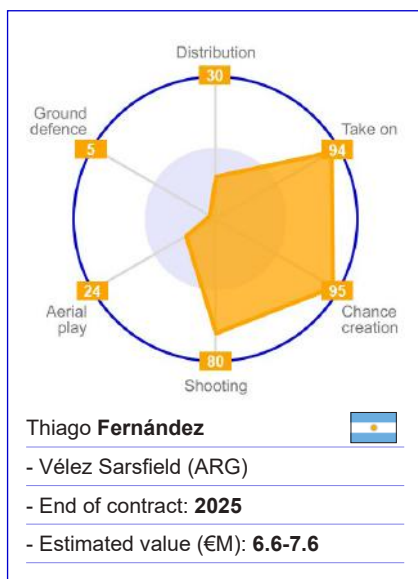
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Thiago Fernández	20.6 yrs	 Vélez Sarsfield (ARG)	82.7 
2 Oscar Gloukh	20.6 yrs	 RB Salzburg (AUT)	80.9 
3 Conrad Harder	19.6 yrs	 Sporting CP (POR)	79.8 
4 Ruben van Bommel	20.3 yrs	 AZ Alkmaar (NED)	78.6 
5 Zubairu Ibrahim	20.4 yrs	 FK Partizan (SRB)	77.6 
6 Eguinaldo de Sousa	20.3 yrs	 Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR)	77.0 
7 Williot Swedberg	20.8 yrs	 Celta Vigo (ESP)	76.3 
8 Nino Marcelli	19.5 yrs	 SK Slovan Bratislava (SVK)	75.2 
9 Mateus Fernandes	20.3 yrs	 Southampton FC (ENG)	74.8 
10 Pape Diallo	20.4 yrs	 FC Metz (FRA/2)	74.4 

RANGS 11 - 20

Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Dylan Aquino	19.4 yrs	 CA Lanús (ARG)	74.1 
12 Tiago Caballero	19.5 yrs	 Club Nacional (PAR)	73.9 
13 Owen Wolff	19.9 yrs	 Austin FC (USA)	73.2 
14 Moussa Yeo	20.5 yrs	 RB Salzburg (AUT)	72.5 
15 Dino Kojić	19.6 yrs	 Olimpija Ljubljana (SVN)	70.8 
16 Oskar Sivertsen	20.7 yrs	 Kristiansund BK (NOR)	70.6 
17 Muhammed Damar	20.6 yrs	 SV Elversberg (GER/2)	70.5 
18 Vadim Rakov	19.8 yrs	 Lokomotiv Moskva (RUS)	70.1 
19 Can Uzun	19.0 yrs	 Eintracht Frankfurt (GER)	69.8 
20 Martín Mundaca	17.8 yrs	 Coquimbo Unido (CHI)	69.6 

At Vélez Sarsfield, **Thiago Fernández** is heavily involved in all areas of attacking play. The same applies to **Oscar Gloukh** in the RB Salzburg context, with a greater relative contribution also in terms of distribution (47th percentile versus 30th for Fernández). **Conrad Harder**'s profile is quite different, with a strong contribution above all in aerial play and finishing, reflecting the fact that the Dane plays both as a winger and a centre forward.

Assisting/shooting left wingers: activity in relation to teammates



INFILTRATING RIGHT WINGERS

Four players from Europe's big-5 head the rankings in the infiltrating right wingers' category. Barcelona's Spanish prodigy **Lamine Yamal** tops the list with the best index of all players: 93.2 out of 100. He is ahead of Brazil's **Sávio Moreira** (Manchester City) and Morocco's **Ilias Akhomach** (Villarreal). Yamal aside, the only other player born in 2007 in the top 10 is the Brazilian from Palmeiras, but already owned by Chelsea, **Estêvão Willian**, who ranks fifth.

TOP 10

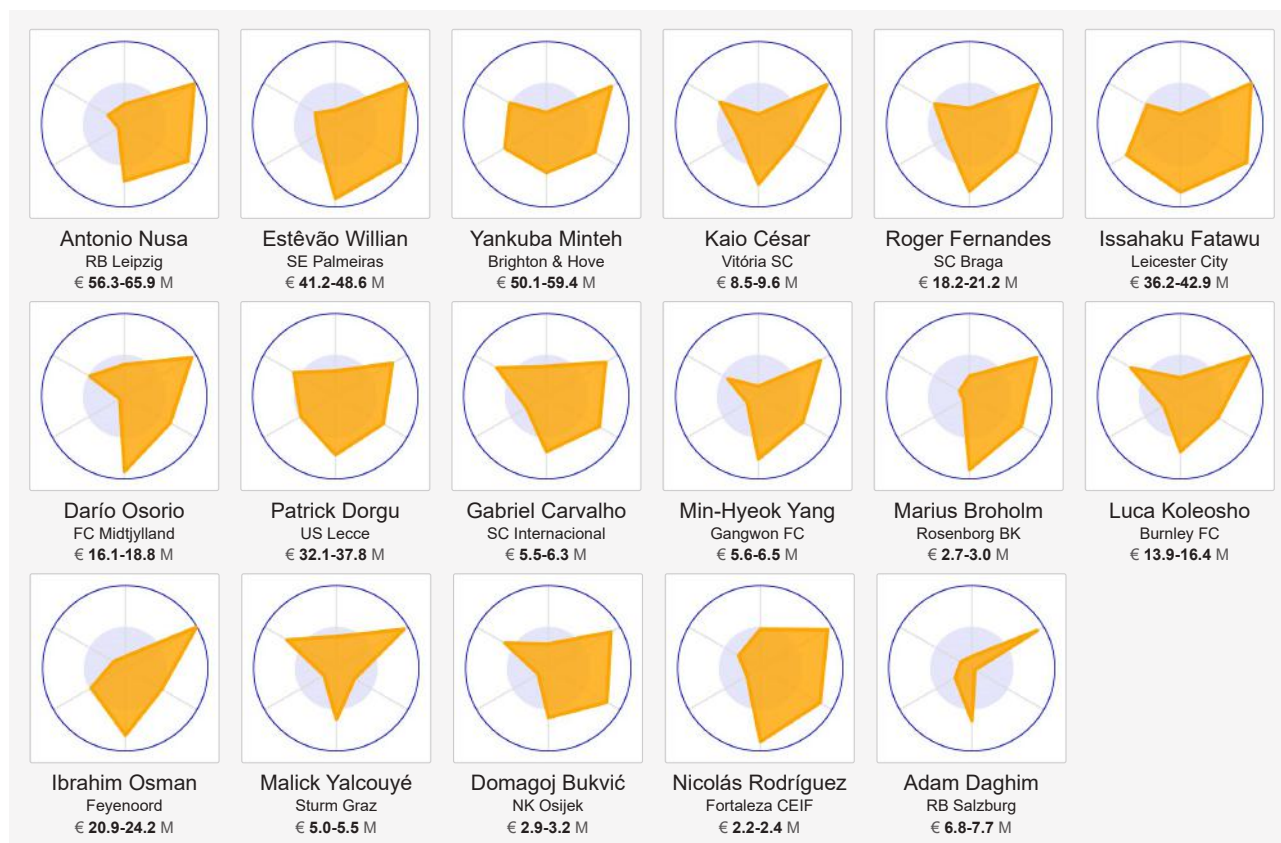
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Lamine Yamal	17.3 yrs	 FC Barcelona (ESP)	93.3 
2 Sávio Moreira	20.6 yrs	 Manchester City (ENG)	89.2 
3 Ilias Akhomach	20.6 yrs	 Villarreal CF (ESP)	86.2 
4 Antonio Nusa	19.6 yrs	 RB Leipzig (GER)	84.5 
5 Estêvão Willian	17.6 yrs	 SE Palmeiras (BRA)	84.1 
6 Yankuba Minteh	20.3 yrs	 Brighton & Hove (ENG)	82.6 
7 Kaio César	20.7 yrs	 Vitória SC (POR)	80.5 
8 Roger Fernandes	19.0 yrs	 SC Braga (POR)	80.4 
9 Issahaku Fatawu	20.7 yrs	 Leicester City (ENG)	80.1 
10 Darío Osorio	20.8 yrs	 FC Midtjylland (DEN)	79.4 

RANGS 11 - 20

Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Patrick Dorgu	20.0 yrs	 US Lecce (ITA)	79.2 
12 Gabriel Carvalho	17.2 yrs	 SC Internacional (BRA)	77.7 
13 Min-Hyeok Yang	18.6 yrs	 Gangwon FC (KOR)	77.5 
14 Marius Broholm	19.9 yrs	 Rosenborg BK (NOR)	77.1 
15 Luca Koleosho	20.2 yrs	 Burnley FC (ENG/2)	76.9 
16 Ibrahim Osman	20.0 yrs	 Feyenoord (NED)	76.8 
17 Malick Yalcouyé	19.0 yrs	 Sturm Graz (AUT)	76.3 
18 Domagoj Bukvić	20.7 yrs	 NK Osijek (CRO)	76.0 
19 Nicolás Rodríguez	20.5 yrs	 Fortaleza CEIF (COL)	75.9 
20 Adam Daghim	19.1 yrs	 RB Salzburg (AUT)	75.8 

Lamine Yamal's contribution to Barcelona's attacking play is very strong in all areas: take on (97th percentile), chance creation (93rd) and finishing (83rd). **Sávio Moreira** plays a similar role in the Manchester City set-up, although he is slightly less involved at finishing level. Compared to these two players, **Ilias Akhomach**'s contribution to his team's game differentiates mainly by a more important defensive role.

Infiltrating right wingers: activity in relation to teammates



ASSISTING/SHOOTING RIGHT WINGERS

Real Madrid's great Turkish talent **Arda Güler** ranks first among assisting/shooting right wingers. Leicester City's **Facundo Buonanotte**, on loan from Brighton, is on the second step of the podium. The Argentinian is ahead of a relatively unknown player representing an excellent market opportunity: Baník Ostrava's Czech **Matěj Šín**. Fourth-placed Ecuadorian international **Keny Arroyo** (Independiente del Valle) is the highest ranked player active outside Europe.

TOP 10

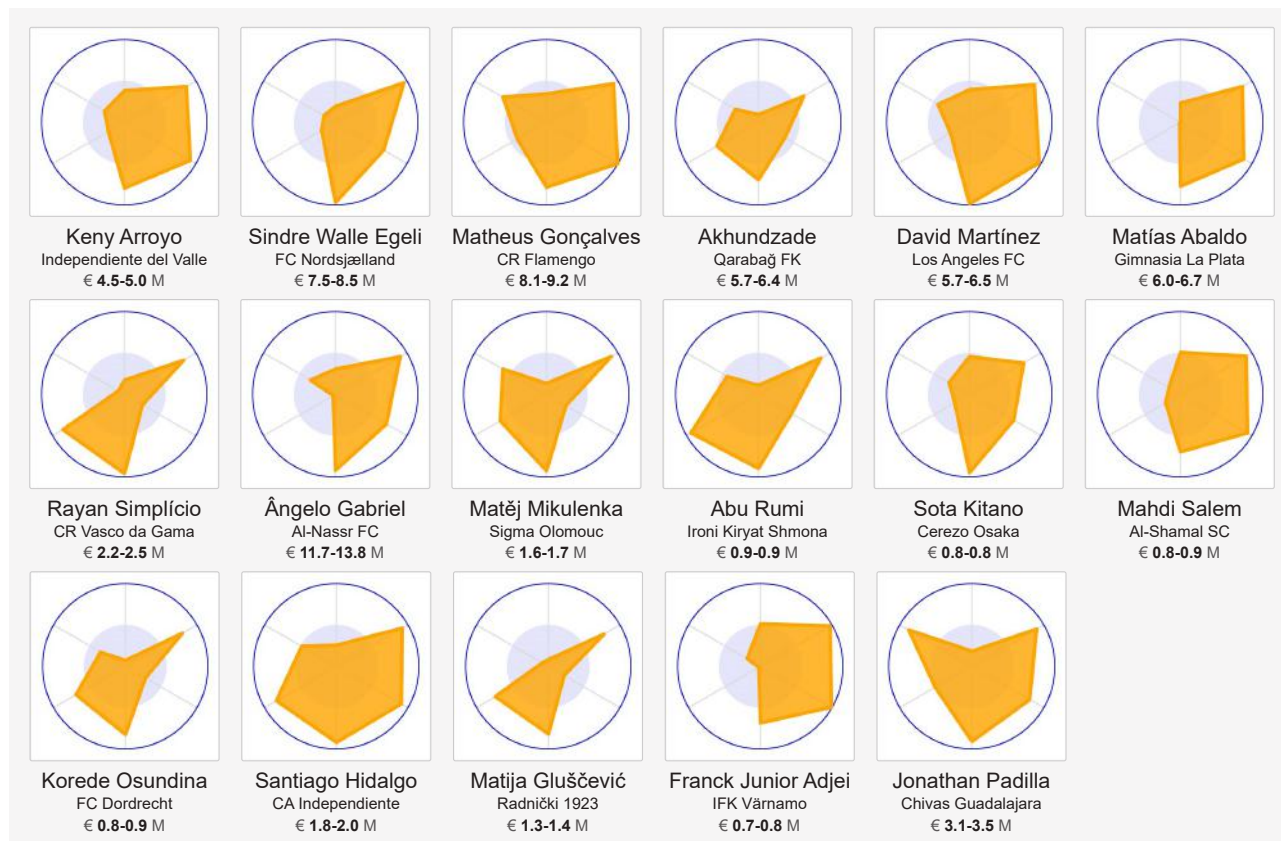
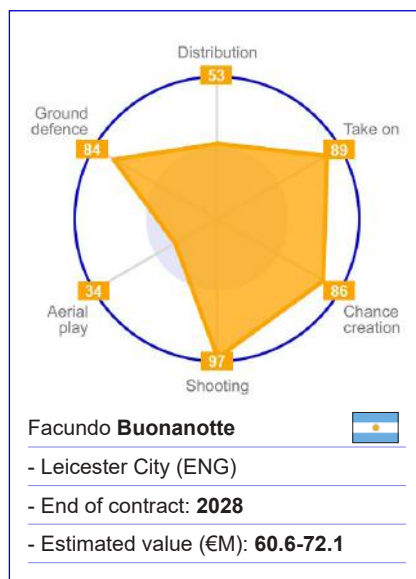
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Arda Güler	19.7 yrs	 Real Madrid (ESP)	81.4 
2 Facundo Buonanotte	19.9 yrs	 Leicester City (ENG)	79.6 
3 Matěj Šín	20.4 yrs	 Baník Ostrava (CZE)	78.9 
4 Keny Arroyo	18.7 yrs	 Independiente del Valle (ECU)	78.8 
5 Sindre Walle Egeli	18.4 yrs	 FC Nordsjælland (DEN)	75.5 
6 Matheus Gonçalves	19.2 yrs	 CR Flamengo (BRA)	75.2 
7 Nariman Akhundzade	20.6 yrs	 Qarabağ FK (AZE)	75.1 
8 David Martínez	18.8 yrs	 Los Angeles FC (USA)	75.0 
9 Matías Abaldo	20.6 yrs	 Gimnasia La Plata (ARG)	74.9 
10 Rayan Simplicio	18.3 yrs	 CR Vasco da Gama (BRA)	74.8 

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Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Ângelo Gabriel	19.9 yrs	 Al-Nassr FC (KSA)	73.4 
12 Matěj Mikulenka	20.8 yrs	 Sigma Olomouc (CZE)	72.5 
13 Mohamad Abu Rumi	20.7 yrs	 Ironi Kiryat Shmona (ISR)	72.3 
14 Sota Kitano	20.3 yrs	 Cerezo Osaka (JPN)	72.2 
15 Mahdi Salem	20.6 yrs	 Al-Shamal SC (QAT)	71.5 
16 Korede Osundina	20.7 yrs	 FC Dordrecht (NED/2)	71.2 
17 Santiago Hidalgo	19.7 yrs	 CA Independiente (ARG)	71.0 
18 Matija Glušćević	20.4 yrs	 Radnički 1923 (SRB)	70.9 
19 Franck Junior Adjei	20.7 yrs	 IFK Värnamo (SWE)	70.5 
Jonathan Padilla	18.9 yrs	 Chivas Guadalajara (MEX)	70.5 

Sometimes also used as midfielders, **Arda Güler** and **Facundo Buonanotte** are heavily involved not only offensively, but also defensively. Generally speaking, the Argentine plays a more active part in Leicester City's game than Arda Güler at Real Madrid, as illustrated by the higher values recorded for him. **Matěj Šín**, finally, stands out above all by his very high contribution in terms of chance creation (95th percentile).

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ALLROUNDER CENTRE FORWARDS

Allrounder centre forwards are those with a level of involvement in aerial play below the median observed for players in this position. The top three are Spain's **Samu Aghehowa** (Porto), Argentina's **Santiago Castro** (Bologna) and France's **Mohamed-Ali Cho** (OGC Nice). Two players born in 2006 feature in the top 10 rankings: Brazilian **Endrick Felipe** (Real Madrid) and Frenchman **George Ilenikhena** (Monaco).

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Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Samu Aghehowa	20.5 yrs	 FC Porto (POR)	83.0 
2 Santiago Castro	20.2 yrs	 Bologna FC (ITA)	79.7 
3 Mohamed-Ali Cho	20.8 yrs	 OGC Nice (FRA)	78.3 
4 Franculino Djú	20.4 yrs	 FC Midtjylland (DEN)	78.2 
5 Vitor Roque	19.7 yrs	 Real Betis (ESP)	78.0 
6 Endrick Felipe	18.3 yrs	 Real Madrid (ESP)	78.0 
7 George Ilenikhena	18.2 yrs	 AS Monaco (FRA)	77.7 
8 Karim Konaté	20.6 yrs	 RB Salzburg (AUT)	76.0 
9 Assane Diao	19.2 yrs	 Real Betis (ESP)	75.1 
10 Damion Downs	20.4 yrs	 FC Köln (GER/2)	74.8 

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Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Samed Baždar	20.8 yrs	 Real Zaragoza (ESP/2)	74.4 
12 Eli Junior Kroupi	18.4 yrs	 FC Lorient (FRA/2)	74.1 
13 Max Dean	20.7 yrs	 KAA Gent (BEL)	73.9 
14 Gilberto Mora	16.1 yrs	 Club Tijuana (MEX)	73.9 
15 Cadu Amaral	20.5 yrs	 Atlético Mineiro (BRA)	73.7 
16 Keke Topp	20.6 yrs	 Werder Bremen (GER)	73.4 
17 Gerardo Valenzuela	20.1 yrs	 FC Cincinnati (USA)	73.2 
18 Kervin Andrade	19.6 yrs	 Fortaleza EC (BRA)	73.1 
19 Umeh Emmanuel	20.2 yrs	 FC Zürich (SUI)	72.5 
20 Mohamed Touré	20.6 yrs	 Randers FC (DEN)	71.7 

Although his value in aerial play is relatively low for a centre forward (64th percentile), **Samu Aghehowa** concentrates his activity mainly in this area and finishing, which brings him closer to the category of target man centre forwards. While having a similar profile, **Santiago Castro** is also more in demand for ground defence (45th percentile). **Mohamed-Ali Cho**, finally, plays an important role in all areas of attacking play, which reflects his employment also as a winger.

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TARGET MAN CENTRE FORWARDS

Target man centre forwards are those whose level of involvement in aerial play is higher than the median measured for players in this position. Fluminense's Brazilian **Kauã Elias** tops the list. Born in 2006, he is also the youngest player in the top 10. Italy's **Francesco Pio Esposito** (Spezia) and Venezuela's **Kevin Kelsy** (Cincinnati) complete the podium, while MŠK Žilina's **Erick Bile** comes fourth. The Ivorian is an excellent value for money player.

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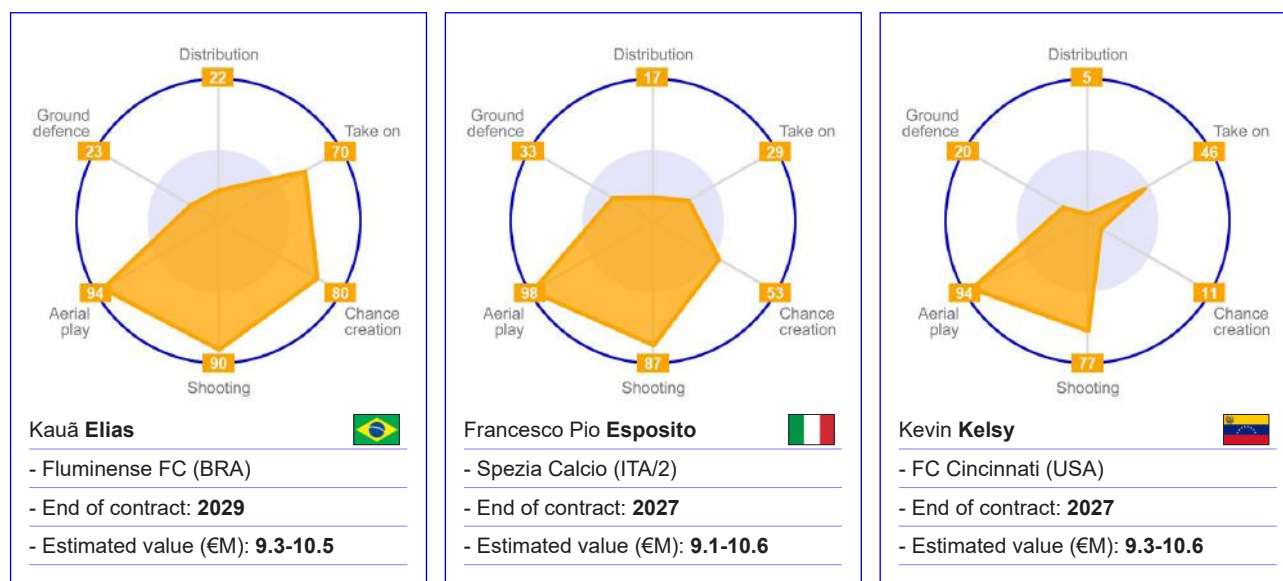
Name	Age	Club	Score
1 Kauã Elias	18.6 yrs	 Fluminense FC (BRA)	77.0 
2 Francesco Pio Esposito	19.4 yrs	 Spezia Calcio (ITA/2)	76.6 
3 Kevin Kelsy	20.3 yrs	 FC Cincinnati (USA)	75.5 
4 Erick Bile	19.9 yrs	 MŠK Žilina (SVK)	75.4 
5 Orri Óskarsson	20.2 yrs	 Real Sociedad (ESP)	75.1 
6 Nicolò Tresoldi	20.2 yrs	 Hannover 96 (GER/2)	75.0 
7 Romeo Vermant	20.8 yrs	 Club Brugge (BEL)	74.7 
8 Jalal Abdulai	19.9 yrs	 IF Elfsborg (SWE)	74.3 
9 Felipe Augusto	20.7 yrs	 Cercle Brugge (BEL)	73.7 
10 Jesse van de Haar	19.8 yrs	 De Graafschap (NED/2)	73.6 

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Name	Age	Club	Score
11 Thom van Bergen	20.9 yrs	 FC Groningen (NED)	72.6 
12 Darren Yapi	20.0 yrs	 Colorado Rapids (USA)	72.0 
13 Álvaro Rodríguez	20.3 yrs	 Getafe CF (ESP)	71.4 
. Devin Haen	20.4 yrs	 FC Dordrecht (NED/2)	71.4 
15 Nacho Ferri	20.1 yrs	 KV Kortrijk (BEL)	71.0 
16 Esteban Calderón	20.7 yrs	 O'Higgins FC (CHI)	70.5 
. Hilmir Rafn Mikaelsson	20.8 yrs	 Kristiansund BK (NOR)	70.5 
18 Matyáš Vojta	20.7 yrs	 Mladá Boleslav (CZE)	70.3 
19 Lukáš Mašek	20.5 yrs	 Mladá Boleslav (CZE)	70.2 
. Samandarzhon Mavlonkulov	20.7 yrs	 FK Sogdiana (UZB)	70.2 

Of the three top ranked target man centre forwards, **Kauã Elias** is the one who plays the most active role in his team's attacking play. He stands out in particular for his strong contribution not only in aerial play and finishing, but also in chance creation and take on. This brings it closer to the category of allrounder centre forwards. Francesco **Pio Esposito** is also fairly involved in chance creation, but much less so in take on. The opposite is true of **Kevin Kelsy** in Cincinnati.


































































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APPENDIX

Leagues

Number of players		Total	U21	Number of players		Total	U21
	ARG Primera División	781	87		ITA/2 Serie B	454	33
	AUS A-League Men	203	33		JPN J1 League	498	17
	AUT Bundesliga	249	33		KOR K League 1	315	19
	AZE Premyer Liqa	212	9		KSA Saudi Pro League	344	21
	BEL Pro League	341	49		MEX Liga MX	408	33
	BEL/2 Challenger Pro League	291	79		NED Eredivisie	372	41
	BRA Brasileirão	550	45		NED/2 Eerste Divisie	412	150
	BUL First League	333	33		NOR Eliteserien	348	52
	CHI Campeonato Nacional	387	35		NOR/2 1. Division	339	68
	CHN CSL	398	9		PAR Primera División	353	46
	COL Dimayor	534	48		PER División de Honor	427	19
	CRC Primera División	308	37		POL Ekstraklasa	382	40
	CRO HNL	218	31		POR Primeira Liga	362	23
	CYP 1. Division	295	7		POR/2 Segunda Liga	372	46
	CZE Czech Liga	358	39		QAT Stars League	218	12
	DEN Superliga	245	42		ROM Liga I	380	20
	DEN/2 1. Division	244	52		RUS Premier League	330	20
	ECU Liga Pro	387	34		SCO Premiership	248	16
	ENG Premier League	394	28		SRB Super Liga	361	67
	ENG/2 Championship	514	42		SUI Super League	261	24
	ENG/3 League One	529	46		SUI/2 Challenge League	211	23
	ESP La Liga	444	34		SVK Super Liga	251	31
	ESP/2 La Liga 2	478	35		SVN 1. SNL	216	34
	FIN Veikkausliiga	271	36		SWE Allsvenskan	345	48
	FRA Ligue 1	366	53		SWE/2 Superettan	322	38
	FRA/2 Ligue 2	354	47		TUR Süper Lig	391	20
	GER Bundesliga	358	24		UAE UAE Pro League	267	14
	GER/2 2. Bundesliga	375	38		UKR Premier League	346	37
	GER/3 3. Liga	403	63		URU Campeonato Uruguayo	427	54
	GRE Super League 1	291	9		USA MLS	673	51
	HUN NB I	252	28		UZB Super League	316	41
	ISR Ligat Ha'al	276	29		VEN Liga	363	43
	ITA Serie A	421	22	Total		23,372	2,437

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