

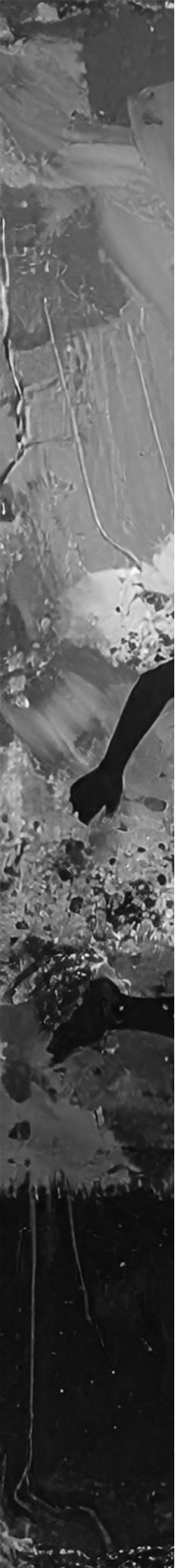
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# SCOUTING REPORT 2025

BEST NON BIG-5 LEAGUES' U20 WORLDWIDE







# INTRODUCTION

Based on the exclusive game data meticulously collected by our partners [Im-pect](#), this report presents the players born in 2006 or later who performed best over the 2025 calendar year (up until December 8).

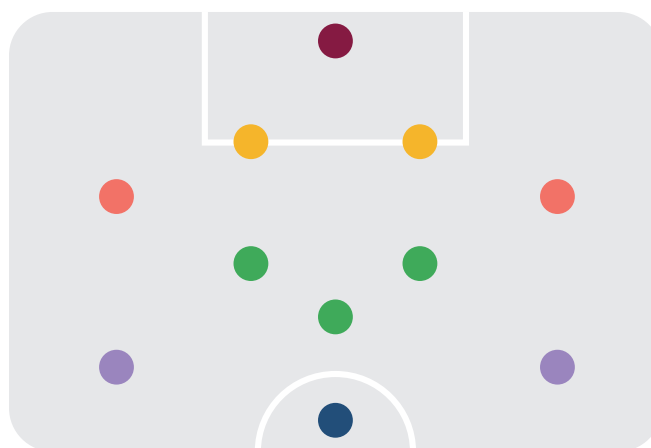
For outfield players, the rankings were determined using a method detailed in the appendix based on their statistics in eight game areas (air defence, ground defence, build up, orchestration, take on, chance creation, finishing and air attack) during domestic league matches played in 66 championships around the world (not including big-5 leagues).

The sporting level of the matches played in 2025 was taken into account as a weighting factor, along with minutes played in official adult competitions using [the capital experience method](#). For goalkeepers, only these last two criteria were considered to compile the rankings.

The report presents the top 10 for fifteen player categories: one for goalkeepers, three for centre backs, three for wide backs, four for midfielders, two for wingers and two for centre forwards (see illustration).

For outfield players, these categories were established by combining their level of activity in six game areas (aerial play, recovery, distribution, take on, chance creation and finishing) – see also in the appendix – and the position mainly occupied during domestic league matches over the period in question, namely:

■	Goalkeepers
■	Ball-fighting centre backs
■	Well-rounded centre backs
■	Ball-playing centre backs
■	Ball-chasing wide backs
■	Well-rounded wide backs
■	Forward-pushing wide backs
■	Ball-winning midfielders
■	Playmaking midfielders
■	Well-rounded midfielders
■	Forward-oriented midfielders
■	Infiltrating wingers
■	Well-rounded wingers
■	Aerial centre forwards
■	Well-rounded centre forwards



For each player in the top ten of a category, the report also presents their activity rate in the six game areas mentioned above in relation to all players surveyed, with any value above one indicating over-activity and below one under-activity.

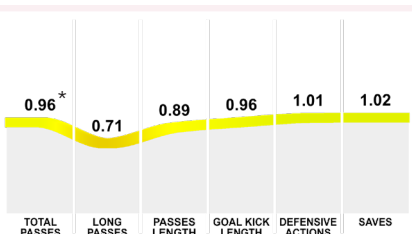
For these footballers, also present the player's age, employment club, preferred foot, official minutes played at adult level in 2025, contract duration and estimated transfer value according to the statistical model exclusively developed by the CIES Football Observatory (see [this article](#)).

## GOALKEEPERS

According to the experience capital method for matches played in 2025, the most promising goalkeeper born in 2006 or later is Sweden's **Simon Eriksson** (IF Elfsborg). Recently extended until 2029, this athletic goalkeeper (195 cm) could bring in up to €8m to his team if a big club shows interest. Philadelphia Union's American **Andrew Rick** (also ranked in the top 10 in 2024) and Central Coast Mariners' Australian Dylan **Peraić-Cullen** complete the podium.

### TOP 10

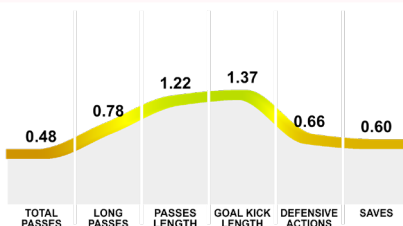
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1	<b>Simon Eriksson</b>	19.6 yrs	 IF Elfsborg (SWE)	R	75.6 
2	<b>Andrew Rick</b>	19.9 yrs	 Philadelphia Union (USA)	R	75.5 
3	<b>Dylan Peraić-Cullen</b>	19.4 yrs	 Central Coast Mariners (AUS)	R	75.3 
4	<b>Alexandre Pisano</b>	19.9 yrs	 Nagoya Grampus (JPN)	R	74.8 
5	<b>Lazar Balević</b>	18.3 yrs	 FK Napredak (SRB)	R	73.5 
6	<b>Nazar Domchak</b>	18.7 yrs	 Karpaty Lviv (UKR)	R	73.4 
7	<b>Christian Zawieschitzky</b>	18.6 yrs	 RB Salzburg (AUT)	R	71.3 
8	<b>Milosz Piekutowski</b>	19.6 yrs	 Jagiellonia Bialystok (POL)	L/R	70.9 
9	<b>Kurban Rasulov</b>	19.9 yrs	 Dinamo Moskva (RUS)	R	69.9 
-	<b>Gentrit Muslija</b>	19.9 yrs	 FC Wil (SUI/2)	R	69.9 



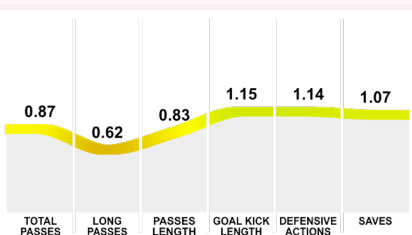
**Simon Eriksson**  
IF Elfsborg (SWE)  
1,839 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2029  
Estimated value **up to €8m**

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**Andrew Rick**  
Philadelphia Union (USA)  
2,492 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2029  
Estimated value **up to €10m**



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**Dylan Peraić-Cullen**  
Central Coast Mariners (AUS)  
1,607 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2027  
Estimated value **up to €3m**

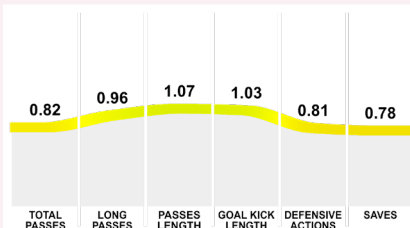
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\* as a ratio compared to all goalkeepers



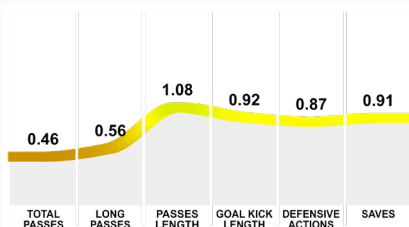
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Alexandre **Pisano**  
Nagoya Grampus (JPN)  
1,758 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2026  
Estimated value **up to €3m**



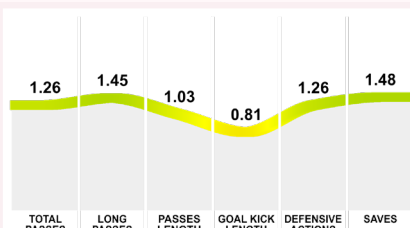
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Lazar **Balević**  
FK Napredak (SRB)  
2,116 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2031  
Estimated value **up to €6m**



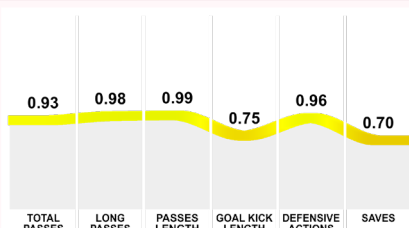
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Nazar **Domchak**  
Karpaty Lviv (UKR)  
1,440 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2027  
Estimated value **up to €5m**



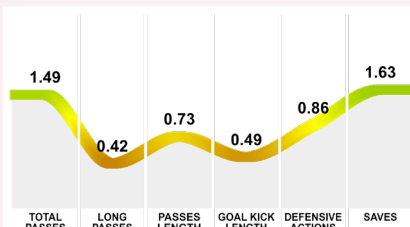
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Christian **Zawieschitzky**  
RB Salzburg (AUT)  
1,542 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2028  
Estimated value **up to €10m**



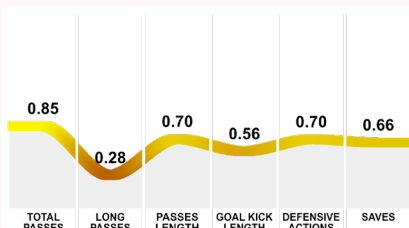
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Milosz **Piekutowski**  
Jagiellonia Bialystok (POL)  
1,980 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2026  
Estimated value **up to €2m**



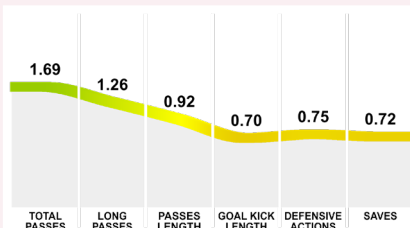
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Kurban **Rasulov**  
Dinamo Moskva (RUS)  
1,590 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2026  
Estimated value **up to €3m**



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Gentrit **Muslija**  
FC Wil (SUI/2)  
2,760 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2028  
Estimated value **up to €2m**

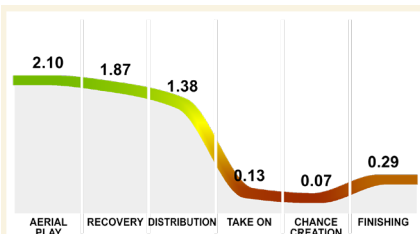


## BALL-FIGHTING CENTRE BACKS

Although not yet 19 years old, RB Salzburg's powerful French centre back **Joane Gadou** is the most promising player in the 'ball-fighting' category, with a very high score: 81.3 out of 100. The former PSG academy player, whose transfer value for a major club is already up to €25 million, has great activity rates both in aerial play and recovery. He ranks ahead of Turkey's **Yusuf Akçiçek** (Al-Hilal) and Argentina's **Thiago Silvero** (Vélez Sarsfield).

### TOP 10

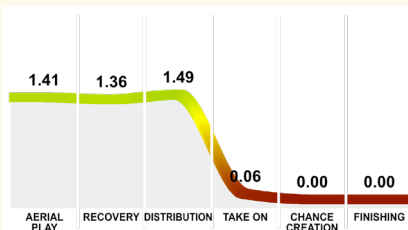
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1	Joane <b>Gadou</b>	18.9 yrs	 RB Salzburg (AUT)	R	81.3 
2	Yusuf <b>Akçiçek</b>	19.9 yrs	 Al-Hilal SFC (KSA)	L	75.4 
3	Thiago <b>Silvero</b>	19.6 yrs	 Vélez Sarsfield (ARG)	R	73.0 
4	John <b>Mellberg</b>	19.4 yrs	 RB Salzburg (AUT)	L	72.6 
5	Tobías <b>Ramírez</b>	19.1 yrs	 Argentinos Juniors (ARG)	R	71.8 
6	Ismaël <b>Baouf</b>	19.2 yrs	 SC Cambuur (NED/2)	R	71.3 
7	Gareth <b>McElroy</b>	18.5 yrs	 Sligo Rovers (IRL)	R	69.6 
8	Ahmed <b>Hadžimujić</b>	18.3 yrs	 FK Novi Pazar (SRB)	R	69.6 
9	Royer <b>Caicedo</b>	19.6 yrs	 Atlético Nacional (COL)	L	69.2 
10	Paolo <b>Calione</b>	19.5 yrs	 Club Nacional (URU)	R	68.6 



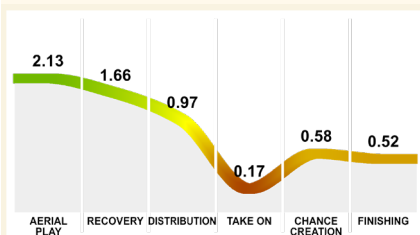
Joane **Gadou**  
RB Salzburg (AUT)  
3,191 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2029  
Estimated value **up to €25m**

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Yusuf **Akçiçek**  
Al-Hilal SFC (KSA)  
2,039 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2029  
Estimated value **up to €20m**



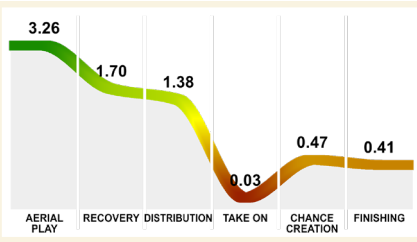
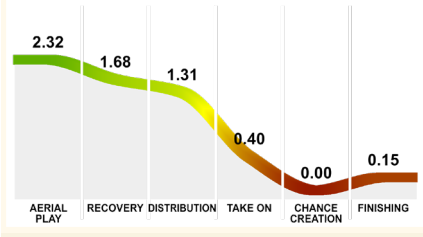
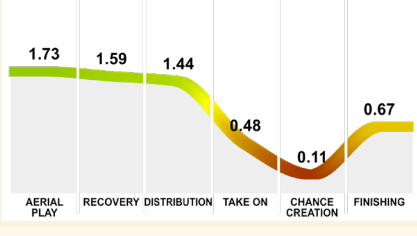
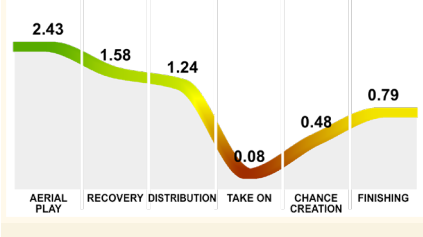
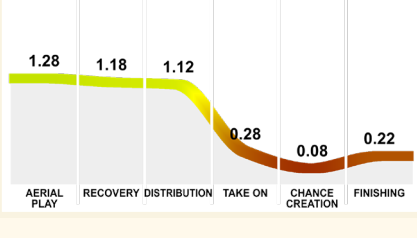
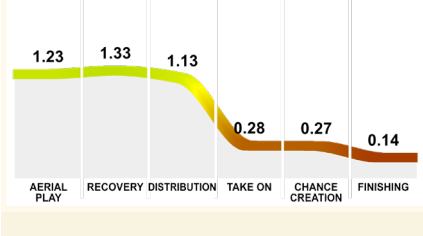
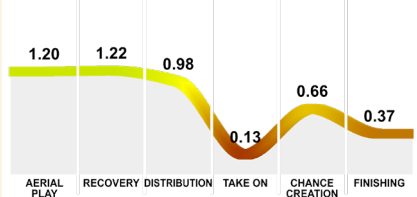
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Thiago **Silvero**  
Vélez Sarsfield (ARG)  
490 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2028  
Estimated value **up to €4m**

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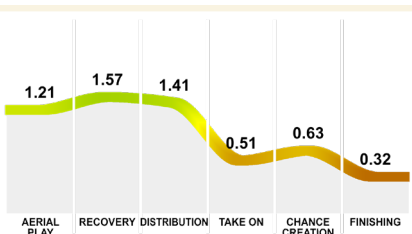
<p>John <b>Mellberg</b> RB Salzburg (AUT) 696 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €10m</b></p>		4
	<p>Tobías <b>Ramírez</b> Argentinos Juniors (ARG) 532 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €8m</b></p>	5
<p>Ismaël <b>Baouf</b> SC Cambuur (NED/2) 2,090 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>		6
	<p>Gareth <b>McElroy</b> Sligo Rovers (IRL) 1,584 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2026 Estimated value <b>up to €2m</b></p>	7
<p>Ahmed <b>Hadžimujović</b> FK Novi Pazar (SRB) 1,508 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €3m</b></p>		7
	<p>Royer <b>Caicedo</b> Atlético Nacional (COL) 617 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €3m</b></p>	9
<p>Paolo <b>Calione</b> Club Nacional (URU) 1,103 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €4m</b></p>		10

## WELL-ROUNDED CENTRE BACKS

**Yasin Özcan** tops the rankings among ‘well-rounded’ centre backs, i.e. those involved both defensively and in distribution. The Turkish player from Anderlecht is already under contract with a big-5 league club: Aston Villa. Austria's **Jannik Schuster** (RB Salzburg) ranks second, ahead of Ghana's **Rufai Mohammed** (IFK Värnamo, on loan from IF Elfsborg). Slovakia's **Tobiáš Pališčák** (MŠK Žilina) is the youngest player in the top 10.

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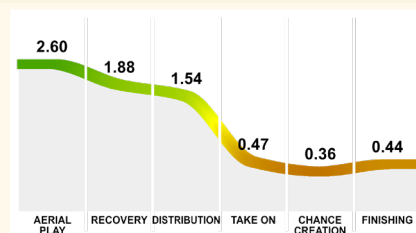
	Player	Age	Current club	Foot	Score
1	<b>Yasin Özcan</b>	19.6 yrs	 RSC Anderlecht (BEL)	L	77.0 
2	<b>Jannik Schuster</b>	19.6 yrs	 RB Salzburg (AUT)	R	75.0 
3	<b>Rufai Mohammed</b>	19.7 yrs	 IFK Värnamo (SWE/2)	R	74.0 
4	<b>Branimir Mlačić</b>	18.7 yrs	 Hajduk Split (CRO)	R	72.7 
5	<b>Mikuláš Konečný</b>	19.5 yrs	 FK Pardubice (CZE)	R	72.6 
6	<b>Tobiáš Pališčák</b>	18.1 yrs	 MŠK Žilina (SVK)	R	71.3 
7	<b>Luiz Benedetti</b>	19.5 yrs	 SE Palmeiras (BRA)	L	70.9 
8	<b>Lucas Herrington</b>	18.3 yrs	 Brisbane Roar (AUS)	R	70.1 
9	<b>Christ Tapé</b>	19.8 yrs	 AC Horsens (DEN/2)	L	70.0 
10	<b>Cory O'Sullivan</b>	19.6 yrs	 Shamrock Rovers (IRL)	L	69.1 



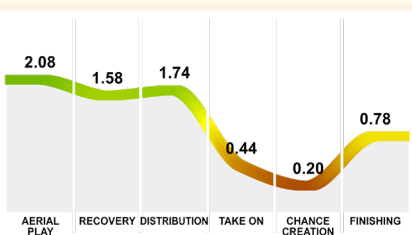
**Yasin Özcan**  
RSC Anderlecht (BEL)  
2,174 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2030  
Estimated value **up to €25m**

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**Jannik Schuster**  
RB Salzburg (AUT)  
1,987 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2028  
Estimated value **up to €10m**



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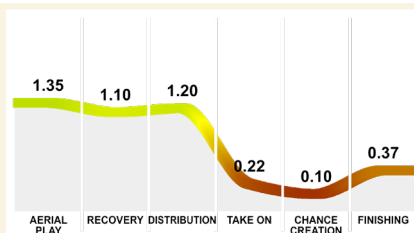
**Rufai Mohammed**  
IFK Värnamo (SWE/2)  
1,326 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2028  
Estimated value **up to €3m**

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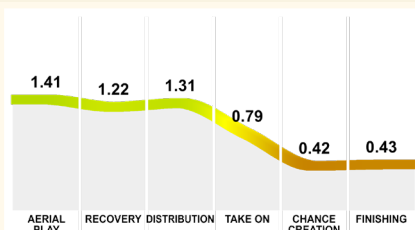
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Branimir **Mlačić**  
Hajduk Split (CRO)  
1,423 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2029  
Estimated value **up to €8m**



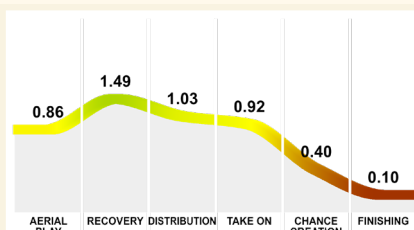
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Mikuláš **Konečný**  
FK Pardubice (CZE)  
2,457 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2028  
Estimated value **up to €5m**



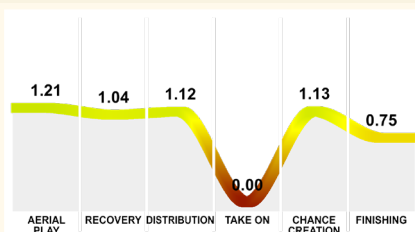
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Tobiáš **Pališčák**  
MŠK Žilina (SVK)  
1,907 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2029  
Estimated value **up to €5m**



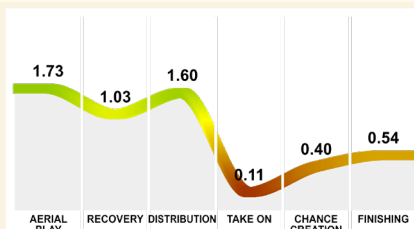
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Luiz **Benedetti**  
SE Palmeiras (BRA)  
747 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2029  
Estimated value **up to €15m**



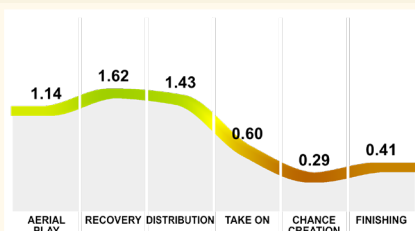
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Lucas **Herrington**  
Brisbane Roar (AUS)  
1,765 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2027  
Estimated value **up to €2m**



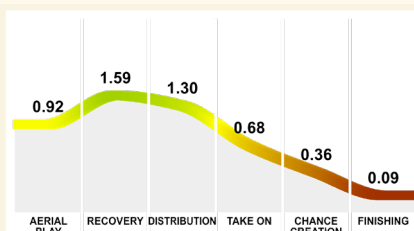
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Christ **Tapé**  
AC Horsens (DEN/2)  
2,099 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2028  
Estimated value **up to €4m**



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Cory **O'Sullivan**  
Shamrock Rovers (IRL)  
2,959 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2027  
Estimated value **up to €4m**

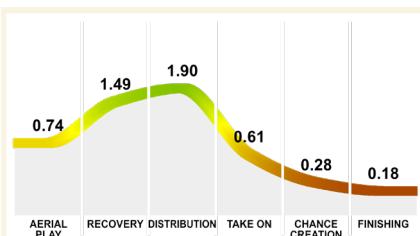


## BALL-PLAYING CENTRE BACKS

**Noah Markmann** from FC Nordsjælland, truly talent factory, ranks first among 'ball-playing' centre-backs, i.e. those heavily involved in distribution. His activity rate in this area of the game is almost twice the average measured for all players (x1.90). The Dane is ahead of Serbia's **Nikola Simić** (FK Partizan) and Gambian full international **Abubacarr Sedi Kinteh** (Tromsø IL). The youngest player in the top 10 is Australia's **Dylan Leonard** (Schalke 04).

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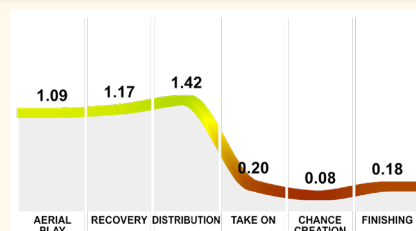
	Player	Age	Current club	Foot	Score
1	Noah <b>Markmann</b>	18.8 yrs	 FC Nordsjælland (DEN)	R	76.6 
2	Nikola <b>Simić</b>	18.7 yrs	 FK Partizan (SRB)	L/R	75.4 
3	Abubacarr Sedi <b>Kinteh</b>	19.0 yrs	 Tromsø IL (NOR)	L	75.1 
4	Håkon <b>Volden</b>	18.5 yrs	 Rosenborg BK (NOR)	R	72.6 
5	Hamza <b>Güreler</b>	19.7 yrs	 Başakşehir FK (TUR)	R	72.4 
6	Bleon <b>Kurtulus</b>	18.5 yrs	 Halmstads BK (SWE)	R	71.6 
7	Iván <b>Román</b>	19.4 yrs	 Atlético Mineiro (BRA)	R	71.5 
·	Dies <b>Janse</b>	19.9 yrs	 FC Groningen (NED)	L	71.5 
9	Vince <b>Osuji</b>	19.7 yrs	 Club NXT (BEL/2)	R	71.1 
10	Dylan <b>Leonard</b>	18.3 yrs	 FC Schalke 04 (GER/2)	R	70.9 



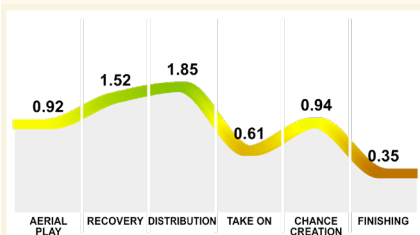
Noah **Markmann**  
FC Nordsjælland (DEN)  
1,799 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2027  
Estimated value **up to €8m**

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Nikola **Simić**  
FK Partizan (SRB)  
2,561 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2029  
Estimated value **up to €10m**



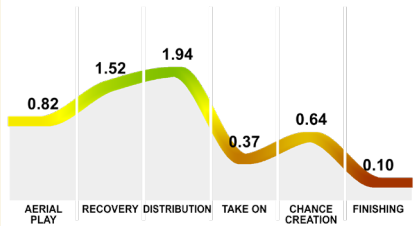
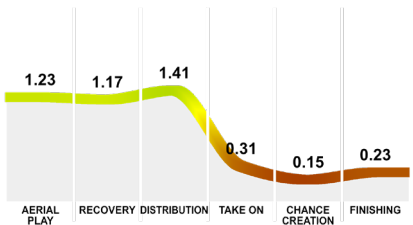
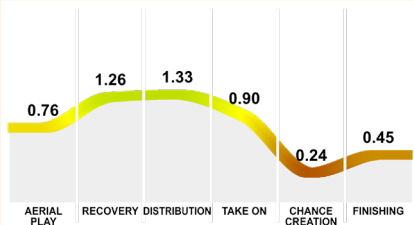
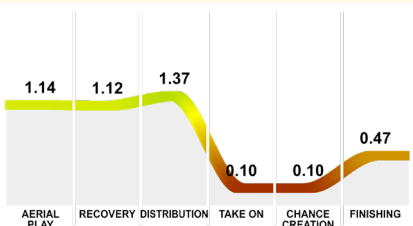
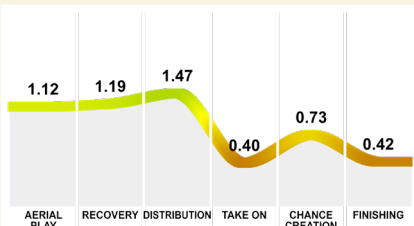
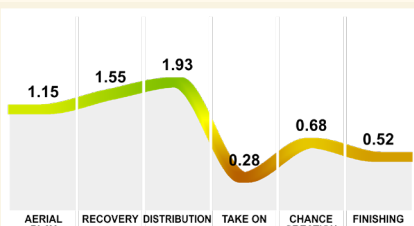
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Abubacarr Sedi **Kinteh**  
Tromsø IL (NOR)  
1,908 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2029  
Estimated value **up to €8m**

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<p>Håkon <b>Volden</b> Rosenborg BK (NOR) 1,013 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €5m</b></p>		4
<p>Hamza <b>Güreler</b> Başakşehir FK (TUR) 1,252 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €10m</b></p>		5
<p>Bleon <b>Kurtulus</b> Halmstads BK (SWE) 3,220 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2026 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>		6
<p>Iván <b>Román</b> Atlético Mineiro (BRA) 1,146 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €15m</b></p>		7
<p>Dies <b>Janse</b> FC Groningen (NED) 1,938 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €15m</b></p>		7
<p>Vince <b>Osuji</b> Club NXT (BEL/2) 1,747 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €8m</b></p>		9
<p>Dylan <b>Leonard</b> FC Schalke 04 (GER/2) 1,786 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €12m</b></p>		10

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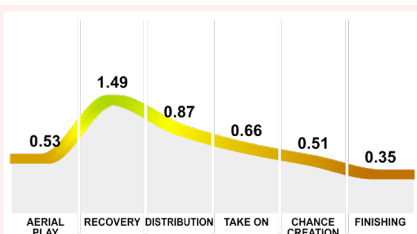
Julius Berthel, 19.5, Odense BK (DEN) / Bastien Meupiyou, 19.7, FC Alverca (POR)

## BALL-CHASING WIDE BACKS

The top three 'ball-chasing' wide backs, who are very active defensively, are Argentina's **Juan Morán** (Godoy Cruz), Serbia's **Adem Avdić** (Crvena Zvezda), whose profile is not far from that of a 'well-rounded', and Uruguay's **Patricio Pacífico** (Defensor SC). All three are left-footed talents with a promising future. The youngest player in the top 10 after Adem Avdić is Japan's **Soichiro Mori** (Nagoya Grampus), who mainly plays as a right wing-back.

### TOP 10

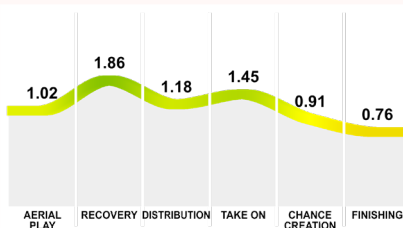
	Player	Age	Current club	Foot	Score
1	Juan Morán	19.4 yrs	CD Godoy Cruz (ARG)	L	75.6
2	Adem Avdić	18.2 yrs	Crvena Zvezda (SRB)	L	75.2
3	Patricio Pacífico	19.7 yrs	Defensor SC (URU)	L	75.2
4	Jayden Meghoma	19.4 yrs	Rangers FC (SCO)	L	73.2
5	Samuel Díaz	19.9 yrs	Millonarios FC (COL)	R	72.4
6	Oscar Verhoeven	19.5 yrs	San Diego FC (USA)	R	71.8
7	Colby Donovan	19.2 yrs	Celtic FC (SCO)	R	71.0
8	Soichiro Mori	18.4 yrs	Nagoya Grampus (JPN)	R	70.9
9	Dominik Szala	19.6 yrs	Górnik Zabrze (POL)	R	70.1
10	Ionuț Cercei	19.1 yrs	FCSB (ROM)	R	69.4



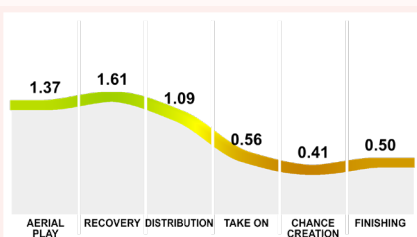
**Juan Morán**  
 CD Godoy Cruz (ARG)  
 1,398 official minutes in 2025  
 Contract until 12/2027  
 Estimated value **up to €8m**

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**Adem Avdić**  
 Crvena Zvezda (SRB)  
 1,284 official minutes in 2025  
 Contract until 06/2027  
 Estimated value **up to €3m**



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**Patricio Pacífico**  
 Defensor SC (URU)  
 1,811 official minutes in 2025  
 Contract until 12/2028  
 Estimated value **up to €8m**

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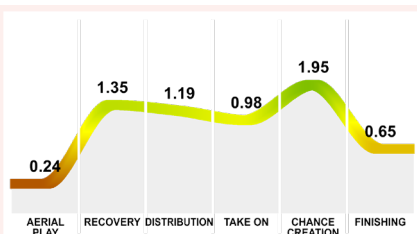
<p>Jayden <b>Meghoma</b> Rangers FC (SCO) 2,433 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €20m</b></p>		4
	<p>Samuel <b>Díaz</b> Millonarios FC (COL) 1,321 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €4m</b></p>	5
<p>Oscar <b>Verhoeven</b> San Diego FC (USA) 1,080 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>		6
	<p>Colby <b>Donovan</b> Celtic FC (SCO) 1,171 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €5m</b></p>	7
<p>Soichiro <b>Mori</b> Nagoya Grampus (JPN) 824 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €3m</b></p>		8
	<p>Dominik <b>Szala</b> Górnik Zabrze (POL) 658 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €4m</b></p>	9
<p>Ionuț <b>Cercel</b> FCSB (ROM) 1,083 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €4m</b></p>		10

## WELL-ROUNDED WIDE BACKS

An already highly experienced player tops the rankings among 'well-rounded' wide backs: **Givairo Read** (Feyenoord). The Dutchman, who is expected to make his international debut soon, has the highest score among all players outside the big-5 born in 2006 or later (85 out of 100). His transfer value for a major club is already €40 million. He is ahead of two other players ready for the big-5: Spain's **Jorge Salinas** (Racing Santander) and Japan's **Keita Kosugi** (Djurgårdens).

### TOP 10

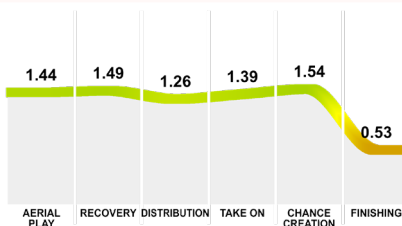
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1	Givairo Read	19.5 yrs	Feyenoord (NED)	R	85.0
2	Jorge Salinas	18.7 yrs	Racing de Santander (ESP/2)	L	81.5
3	Keita Kosugi	19.7 yrs	Djurgårdens IF (SWE)	L	79.7
4	Luca Bombino	19.4 yrs	San Diego FC (USA)	L	79.3
5	Mats Rots	19.7 yrs	FC Twente (NED)	L	77.0
6	Juho Lähteenmäki	19.5 yrs	FC Nordsjælland (DEN)	L	76.2
7	Michał Gurgul	19.9 yrs	Lech Poznań (POL)	L	75.4
8	Kenay Myrie	19.3 yrs	Deportivo Saprissa (CRC)	R	75.3
9	Luka Hodak	19.5 yrs	Hajduk Split (CRO)	R	73.8
10	Elijah Dijkstra	19.3 yrs	AZ Alkmaar (NED)	R	73.8



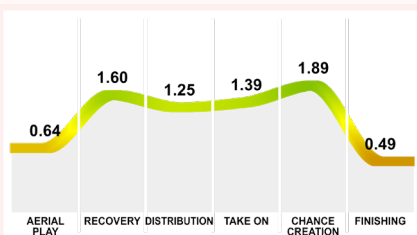
**Givairo Read**  
Feyenoord (NED)  
2,864 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2029  
Estimated value **up to €40m**

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**Jorge Salinas**  
Racing de Santander (ESP/2)  
2,088 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2029  
Estimated value **up to €10m**

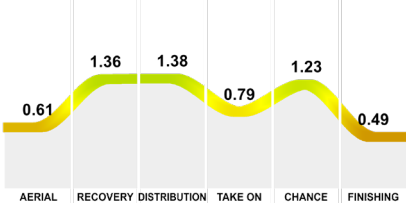
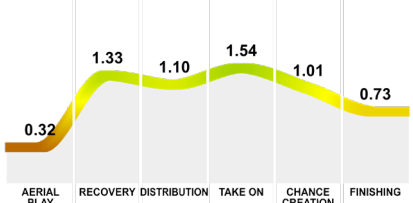
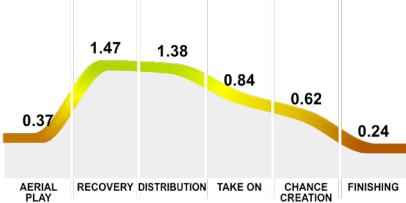
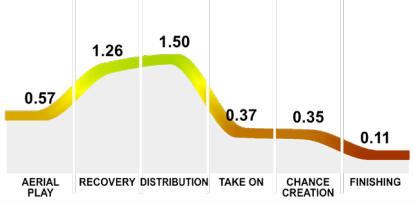
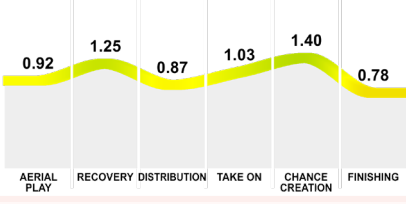
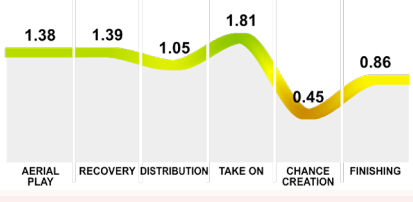
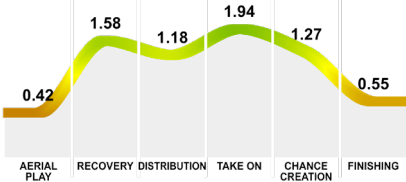


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**Keita Kosugi**  
Djurgårdens IF (SWE)  
3,247 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2027  
Estimated value **up to €12m**

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<p>Luca <b>Bombino</b> San Diego FC (USA) 2,633 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €12m</b></p>		<p>4</p>
	<p>Mats <b>Rots</b> FC Twente (NED) 3,134 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €12m</b></p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Juho <b>Lähtenmäki</b> FC Nordsjælland (DEN) 2,819 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €12m</b></p>		<p>6</p>
	<p>Michal <b>Gurgul</b> Lech Poznań (POL) 3,407 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €10m</b></p>	<p>7</p>
<p>Kenay <b>Myrie</b> Deportivo Saprissa (CRC) 2,816 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>		<p>8</p>
	<p>Luka <b>Hodak</b> Hajduk Split (CRO) 638 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €4m</b></p>	<p>9</p>
<p>Elijah <b>Dijkstra</b> AZ Alkmaar (NED) 1,997 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €12m</b></p>		<p>9</p>

#### Others (>70)

Sebastián Arancibia, 19.4, Universidad Católica (CHI) / Mats Egbring, 19.2, SC Heerenveen (NED) / Othniël Raterink, 19.6, De Graafschap (NED/2) / Ryunosuke Sato, 19.1, Fagiano Okayama (JPN) / Kaius Simojoki, 19.7, HJK Helsinki (FIN)

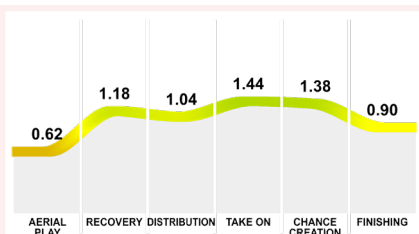


## FORWARD-PUSHING WIDE BACKS

Brazilian **João Souza** (Santos) tops the list of wide backs with high attacking activity. He is ahead of two players with great values in the area of take on: Uruguayan **Lautaro Vázquez** (Cerro Largo, on loan from Club Nacional) and Englishman **Harry Amass** (Sheffield Wednesday, on loan from Manchester United). The American **Peytor Miller** (New England Revolution) is the youngest player in the top 10.

### TOP 10

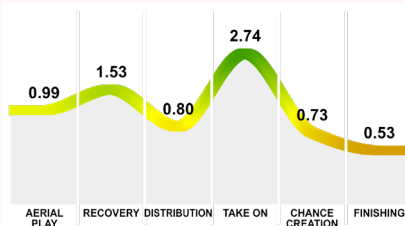
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1	<b>João Souza</b>	19.5 yrs	 Santos FC (BRA)	L	75.0 
2	<b>Lautaro Vázquez</b>	19.6 yrs	 Cerro Largo (URU)	R	74.7 
3	<b>Harry Amass</b>	18.7 yrs	 Sheffield Wednesday (ENG/2)	L	74.7 
4	<b>Samuel Pasanen</b>	19.9 yrs	 KuPS (FIN)	R	73.0 
5	<b>Loun Srdanović</b>	19.3 yrs	 Servette FC (SUI)	R	72.7 
6	<b>Lukas Larsen</b>	19.7 yrs	 FC Emmen (NED/2)	L	71.6 
7	<b>Martim Fernandes</b>	19.9 yrs	 FC Porto (POR)	R	71.6 
8	<b>Hjalte Bidstrup</b>	19.8 yrs	 Viborg FF (DEN)	R	71.1 
9	<b>Lucca Marques</b>	18.5 yrs	 São Paulo FC (BRA)	R	70.9 
10	<b>Peyton Miller</b>	18.1 yrs	 New England (USA)	L	70.7 



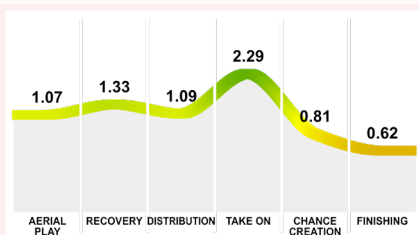
**João Souza**  
Santos FC (BRA)  
1,911 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2028  
Estimated value **up to €12m**

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**Lautaro Vázquez**  
Cerro Largo (URU)  
862 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2027  
Estimated value **up to €2m**

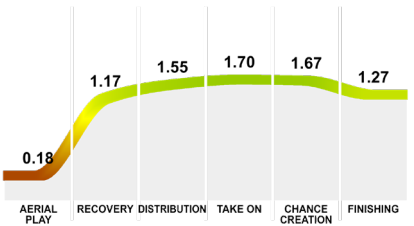
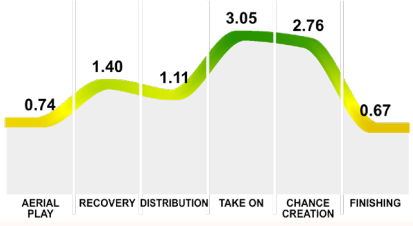
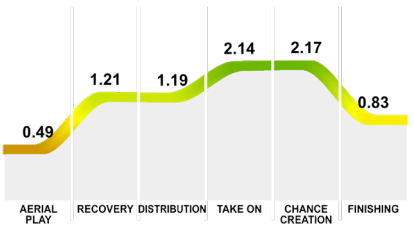
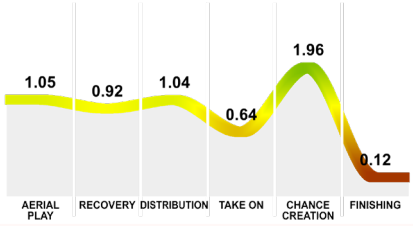
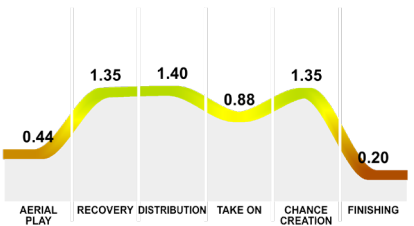
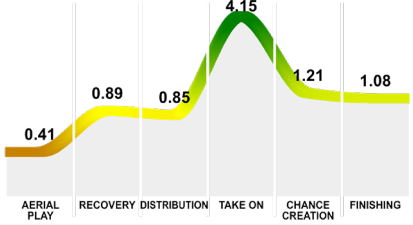
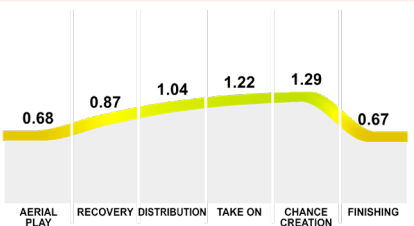


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**Harry Amass**  
Sheffield Wednesday (ENG/2)  
1,703 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2027  
Estimated value **up to €5m**

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<p>Samuel <b>Pasanen</b> KuPS (FIN) 1,029 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2026 Estimated value <b>up to €2m</b></p>		4
<p>Loun <b>Srdanović</b> Servette FC (SUI) 578 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €4m</b></p>		5
<p>Lukas <b>Larsen</b> FC Emmen (NED/2) 1,580 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €2m</b></p>		6
<p>Martim <b>Fernandes</b> FC Porto (POR) 1,329 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €25m</b></p>		6
<p>Hjalte <b>Bidstrup</b> Viborg FF (DEN) 1,303 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €4m</b></p>		8
<p>Lucca <b>Marques</b> São Paulo FC (BRA) 341 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €10m</b></p>		9
<p>Peyton <b>Miller</b> New England (USA) 2,171 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €15m</b></p>		10

#### Others (>70)

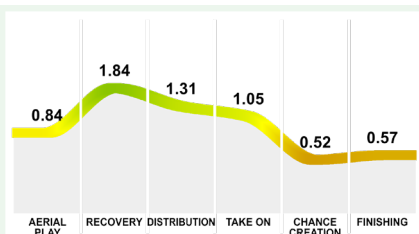
Harbor Miller, 18.4, Los Angeles Galaxy (USA) / Moncef Zekri, 17.2, KV Mechelen (BEL)

## BALL-WINNING MIDFIELDERS

With a score of 80.3 out of 100, Lanús' Argentine **Agustín Medina** tops the rankings among 'ball-winning' midfielders, i.e. those who are mainly active defensively. He is ahead of Serbia's **Vanja Dragojević** (FK Partizan) and the very young Finnish player **Matias Siltanen** (Djurgårdens), whose profile is not far from that of a 'playmaking' midfielder. The estimated transfer value of these players for a major club already exceeds €10 million.

### TOP 10

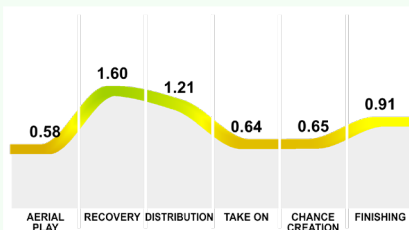
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1	<b>Agustín Medina</b>	19.1 yrs	CA Lanús (ARG)	R	80.3
2	<b>Vanja Dragojević</b>	19.9 yrs	FK Partizan (SRB)	R	78.3
3	<b>Matias Siltanen</b>	18.7 yrs	Djurgårdens IF (SWE)	R	77.8
4	<b>Ridwan Popoola</b>	19.1 yrs	Kisvárd FC (HUN)	R	74.9
5	<b>Halam Lobo</b>	19.6 yrs	Independiente Medellín (COL)	R	74.7
6	<b>Kenan Busuladžić</b>	18.8 yrs	Malmö FF (SWE)	R	73.6
7	<b>Luca Regiardo</b>	19.1 yrs	Newell's Old Boys (ARG)	R	72.4
8	<b>Jonathan Shore</b>	18.6 yrs	New York City (USA)	R	72.4
9	<b>Luis Otávio</b>	18.7 yrs	SC Internacional (BRA)	R	71.8
10	<b>Andrey Ivlev</b>	19.0 yrs	FK Pari NN (RUS)	R	71.4



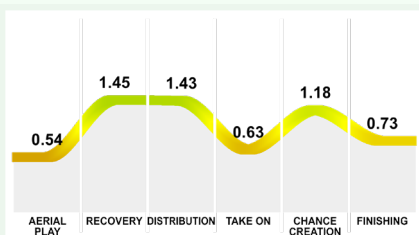
**Agustín Medina**  
CA Lanús (ARG)  
2,865 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2028  
Estimated value **up to €10m**

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**Vanja Dragojević**  
FK Partizan (SRB)  
2,702 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2030  
Estimated value **up to €10m**



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**Matias Siltanen**  
Djurgårdens IF (SWE)  
2,994 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2027  
Estimated value **up to €12m**

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<p>Ridwan <b>Popoola</b> Kisvárda FC (HUN) 2,229 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €3m</b></p>		4
	<p>Halam <b>Loboa</b> Independiente Medellín (COL) 1,607 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>	5
<p>Kenan <b>Busuladžić</b> Malmö FF (SWE) 941 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>		6
	<p>Luca <b>Regiardo</b> Newell's Old Boys (ARG) 1,576 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €5m</b></p>	7
<p>Jonathan <b>Shore</b> New York City (USA) 1,738 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €12m</b></p>		7
	<p>Luis <b>Otávio</b> SC Internacional (BRA) 821 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €10m</b></p>	9
<p>Andrey <b>Ivlev</b> FK Pari NN (RUS) 2,226 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>		10

#### Others (>70)

Vasilije Novičić, 17.5, FK IMT (SRB) / Laurits Pedersen, 19.8, Randers FC (DEN)

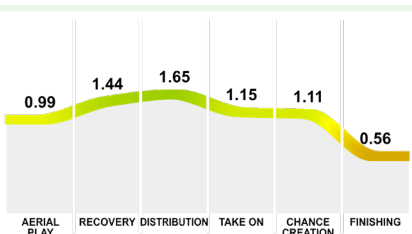


## PLAYMAKING MIDFIELDERS

While the playmaking midfielder category regroups the fewest players, the score of the top-ranked footballer, **Caleb Yirenkyi** (FC Nordsjælland), is very high: 82.1 out of 100. Already a Ghanaian international, his estimated transfer value for a big club is up to €25 million. He is ahead of his teammate, Denmark's **Justin Janssen**, reflecting Nordsjælland's taste for technical play and players. Nashville's American **Matthew Corcoran**, whose profile is close to that of a 'well-rounded', completes the podium.

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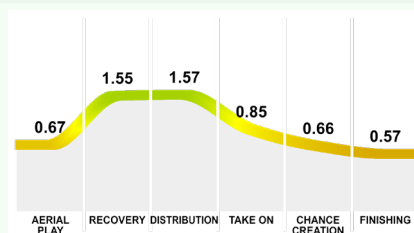
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1	<b>Caleb Yirenkyi</b>	19.9 yrs	 FC Nordsjælland (DEN)	R	82.1 
2	<b>Justin Janssen</b>	19.4 yrs	 FC Nordsjælland (DEN)	R	69.9 
3	<b>Matthew Corcoran</b>	19.8 yrs	 Nashville SC (USA)	R	69.3 
4	<b>Haine Eames</b>	17.8 yrs	 Central Coast Mariners (AUS)	R	69.0 
5	<b>Oleksandr Soroka</b>	18.9 yrs	 Jong Gent (BEL/2)	R	69.0 
6	<b>Mateja Prokopijević</b>	18.9 yrs	 FK Čukarički (SRB)	R	68.6 
7	<b>Eduardo Felicíssimo</b>	18.9 yrs	 Sporting CP (POR)	R	68.4 
8	<b>Elkin Rivero</b>	19.8 yrs	 Atlético Nacional (COL)	R	68.4 
9	<b>Alejandro Granados</b>	19.5 yrs	 Club NXT (BEL/2)	L	68.1 
10	<b>Renato Nhaga</b>	18.7 yrs	 Casa Pia AC (POR)	R	66.6 



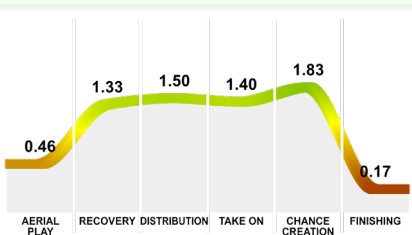
**Caleb Yirenkyi**  
 FC Nordsjælland (DEN)  
 3,525 official minutes in 2025  
 Contract until 06/2030  
 Estimated value **up to €25m**

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**Justin Janssen**  
 FC Nordsjælland (DEN)  
 946 official minutes in 2025  
 Contract until 06/2029  
 Estimated value **up to €6m**

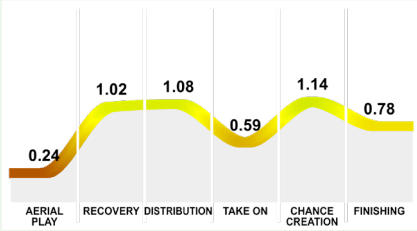
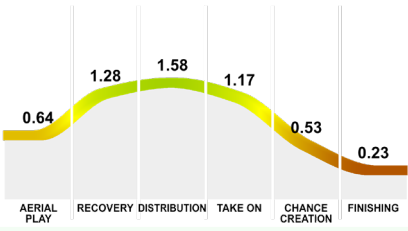
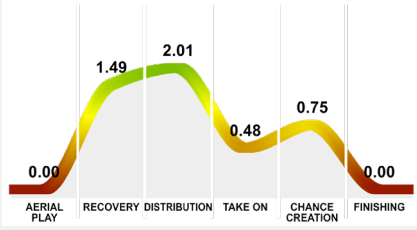
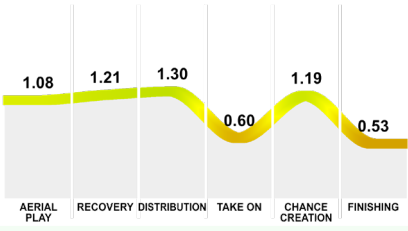
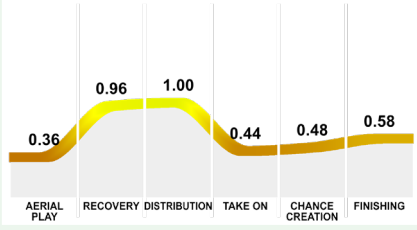
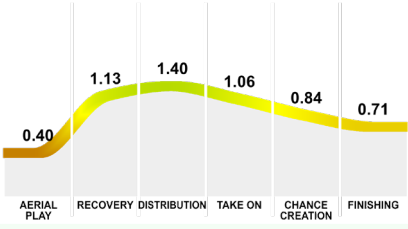
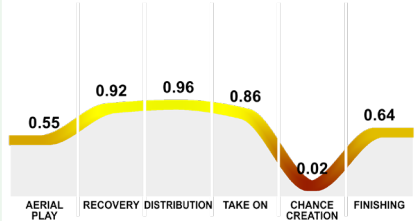


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**Matthew Corcoran**  
 Nashville SC (USA)  
 1,104 official minutes in 2025  
 Contract until 12/2029  
 Estimated value **up to €4m**

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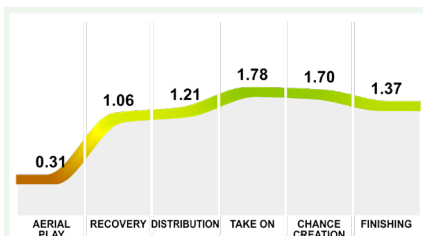
<p>Haine <b>Eames</b> Central Coast Mariners (AUS) 1,193 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €3m</b></p>		4
<p>Oleksandr <b>Soroka</b> Jong Gent (BEL/2) 1,765 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €4m</b></p>		4
<p>Mateja <b>Prokopijević</b> FK Čukarički (SRB) 90 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €1m</b></p>		6
<p>Eduardo <b>Felicissimo</b> Sporting CP (POR) 1,349 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €10m</b></p>		7
<p>Elkin <b>Rivero</b> Atlético Nacional (COL) 1,224 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €4m</b></p>		7
<p>Alejandro <b>Granados</b> Club NXT (BEL/2) 1,606 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>		9
<p>Renato <b>Nhaga</b> Casa Pia AC (POR) 1,186 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>		10

## WELL-ROUNDED MIDFIELDERS

Two full internationals and a third player who is likely to become one soon head the rankings among 'well-rounded' midfielders: **Kees Smit** (AZ Alkmaar), **Victor Froholdt** (Porto, Danish international) and **Christos Mouzakis** (Olympiacos, Greek international). Their transfer value for a major club is up to €60 million for Froholdt and €30 million for the other two. Three footballers under the age of 18 are ranked in the top 10: **Jorthy Mokio** (Ajax), **Zé Lucas** (Sport Recife) and **Adrian Lahdo** (Hammarby).

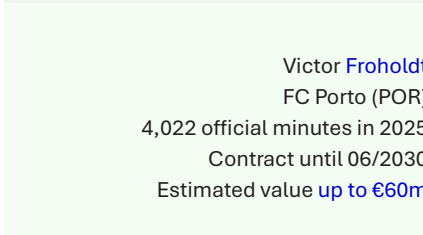
### TOP 10

	Player	Age	Current club	Foot	Score
1	Kees Smit	19.9 yrs	 AZ Alkmaar (NED)	R	81.8 
2	Victor Froholdt	19.8 yrs	 FC Porto (POR)	R	81.0 
3	Christos Mouzakis	18.9 yrs	 Olympiacos FC (GRE)	L	77.5 
4	Yotaro Nakajima	19.6 yrs	 Sanfrecce Hiroshima (JPN)	R	74.2 
5	Pyy Mentu	19.1 yrs	 HJK Helsinki (FIN)	R	73.8 
6	Cheveyo Tsawa	19.0 yrs	 FC Zürich (SUI)	R	73.4 
7	João Simões	18.9 yrs	 Sporting CP (POR)	L	73.0 
8	Jorthy Mokio	17.8 yrs	 AFC Ajax (NED)	L	72.9 
9	Zé Lucas	17.7 yrs	 Sport Recife (BRA)	R	72.8 
10	Adrian Lahdo	17.9 yrs	 Hammarby IF (SWE)	R	72.4 



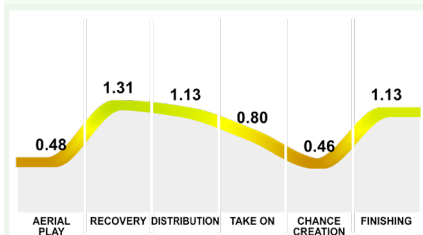
**Kees Smit**  
AZ Alkmaar (NED)  
3,791 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2028  
Estimated value **up to €30m**

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**Victor Froholdt**  
FC Porto (POR)  
4,022 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2030  
Estimated value **up to €60m**

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**Christos Mouzakis**  
Olympiacos FC (GRE)  
2,379 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2029  
Estimated value **up to €30m**

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### Others (>70)

Fredrik Andraa, 19.1, Strømsgodset IF (NOR) / Harrison Armstrong, 18.8, Preston North End (ENG/2) / Andrej Bačanin, 18.7, FC Basel (SUI) / Nathan De Cat, 17.3, RSC Anderlecht (BEL) / Darwin Guagua, 18.0, Independiente del Valle (ECU) / Taha Habroune, 19.8, Columbus Crew (USA) / David Matei, 19.3, Universitatea Craiova (ROM) /

<p>Yotaro <b>Nakajima</b> Sanfrecce Hiroshima (JPN) 1,561 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €10m</b></p>		4
<p>Pyrri <b>Mentu</b> HJK Helsinki (FIN) 2,772 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €3m</b></p>		5
<p>Cheveyo <b>Tsawa</b> FC Zürich (SUI) 2,562 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €15m</b></p>		6
<p>João <b>Simões</b> Sporting CP (POR) 1,111 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €40m</b></p>		7
<p>Jorthy <b>Mokio</b> AFC Ajax (NED) 1,775 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €25m</b></p>		8
<p>Zé <b>Lucas</b> Sport Recife (BRA) 2,507 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €8m</b></p>		9
<p>Adrian <b>Lahdo</b> Hammarby IF (SWE) 936 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €8m</b></p>		10

Fabio Rispoli, 19.1, US Catanzaro (ITA/2) / Dominik Sarapata, 18.1, FC København (DEN) / Lucas Silva, 19.0, FC Luzern (SUI)

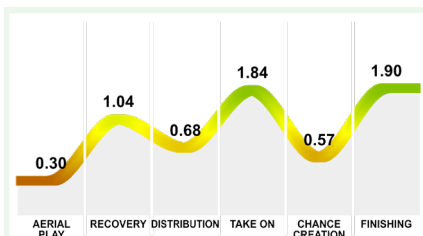


## FORWARD-ORIENTED MIDFIELDERS

Among the midfielders primarily focused on offensive play, the highest score was recorded for the highly talented Portuguese **Rodrigo Mora**. The estimated transfer value of FC Porto's player for a major club is already up to €70 million. This is €20 million more than for the second-ranked footballer: Greek international **Konstantinos Karetsas** (KRC Genk). Another outstanding talent is the youngest in the top 10: Mexico's **Gilberto Mora** (Club Tijuana).

### TOP 10

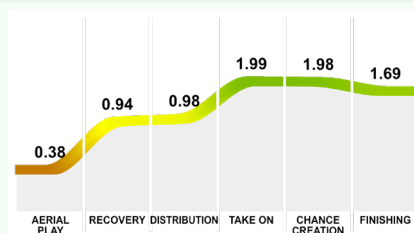
	Player	Age	Current club	Foot	Score
1	Rodrigo <b>Mora</b>	18.6 yrs	FC Porto (POR)	R	82.0
2	Konstantinos <b>Karetsas</b>	18.0 yrs	KRC Genk (BEL)	L	79.8
3	Otto <b>Ruoppi</b>	19.9 yrs	KuPS (FIN)	R	76.5
4	Vasilije <b>Kostov</b>	17.6 yrs	Crvena Zvezda (SRB)	R	76.0
5	Alphadjo <b>Cissé</b>	19.1 yrs	US Catanzaro (ITA/2)	R	75.5
6	Ognjen <b>Ugresić</b>	19.4 yrs	FK Partizan (SRB)	R	74.8
7	Filip <b>Rózga</b>	19.3 yrs	Sturm Graz (AUT)	L	74.4
8	Gilberto <b>Mora</b>	17.1 yrs	Club Tijuana (MEX)	R	74.2
9	Jonathan <b>Asp Jensen</b>	19.9 yrs	Grasshopper Club (SUI)	R	74.0
10	Christ <b>Inao Oulaï</b>	19.7 yrs	Trabzonspor (TUR)	R	73.1



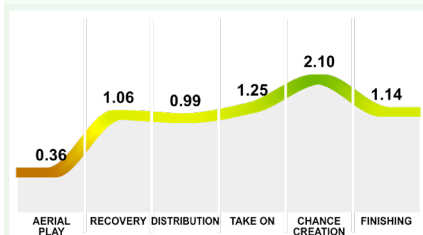
Rodrigo **Mora**  
FC Porto (POR)  
2,715 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2030  
Estimated value **up to €70m**

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Konstantinos **Karetsas**  
KRC Genk (BEL)  
3,120 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2029  
Estimated value **up to €50m**



2



Otto **Ruoppi**  
KuPS (FIN)  
4,620 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2026  
Estimated value **up to €6m**

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<p>Vasilije <b>Kostov</b> Crvena Zvezda (SRB) 1,353 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €15m</b></p>		4
	<p>Alphadjo <b>Cissé</b> US Catanzaro (ITA/2) 1,256 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €10m</b></p>	5
<p>Ognjen <b>Ugresić</b> FK Partizan (SRB) 1,979 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €12m</b></p>		6
	<p>Filip <b>Rózga</b> Sturm Graz (AUT) 1,707 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €15m</b></p>	7
<p>Gilberto <b>Mora</b> Club Tijuana (MEX) 2,410 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2026 Estimated value <b>up to €20m</b></p>		8
	<p>Jonathan <b>Asp Jensen</b> Grasshopper Club (SUI) 2,358 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>	9
<p>Christ <b>Inao Oulai</b> Trabzonspor (TUR) 1,805 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €20m</b></p>		10

#### Others (>70)

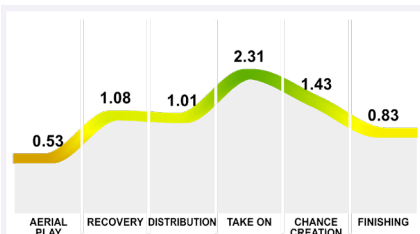
Farouck Adekani, 19.3, Royal Antwerp (BEL) / Saïmon Bouabré, 19.5, Neom SC (KSA) / Justin Lerma, 17.5, Independiente del Valle (ECU) / Jeremy Mejía, 19.2, El Nacional (ECU) / Sverre Nypan, 18.9, Middlesbrough FC (ENG/2) / Mateo Peralta, 19.6, Danubio FC (URU) / Santiago Sandoval, 18.3, Chivas Guadalajara (MEX) / Sean Steur, 17.9, AFC Ajax (NED)

## INFILTRATING WINGERS

Brazilian Pedrinho (FK Zenit) tops the list of wingers with take on as main area of activity. He is ahead of another South American, Argentine **Álvaro Montoro** (Botafogo), whose score is also above 80. Denmark's **Mikel Gogorza** (FC Midtjylland) and Argentina's **Maher Carrizo** (Vélez Sarsfield) are tied for third place, just ahead of the youngest player in the top 10: Poland's **Oskar Pietuszewski** (Jagiellonia Bialystok).

### TOP 10

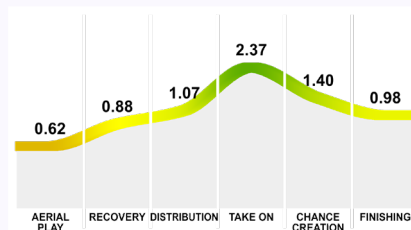
	Player	Age	Current club	Foot	Score
1	Pedrinho <b>Henrique</b>	19.8 yrs	 FK Zenit (RUS)	R	81.8 
2	Álvaro <b>Montoro</b>	18.6 yrs	 Botafogo RJ (BRA)	R	81.1 
3	Mikel <b>Gogorza</b>	19.2 yrs	 FC Midtjylland (DEN)	R	79.3 
4	Maher <b>Carrizo</b>	19.8 yrs	 Vélez Sarsfield (ARG)	L	79.3 
5	Oskar <b>Pietuszewski</b>	17.5 yrs	 Jagiellonia Bialystok (POL)	R	77.7 
6	Prince <b>Amoako</b>	18.8 yrs	 FC Nordsjælland (DEN)	R	77.4 
7	Lucas <b>Ferreira</b>	19.6 yrs	 Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR)	L	77.2 
8	Oskar <b>Spiten-Nysaeter</b>	18.3 yrs	 Molde FK (NOR)	R	75.9 
9	Alysson <b>Edward</b>	19.6 yrs	 Grêmio FBPA (BRA)	L	75.8 
10	Zavier <b>Gozo</b>	18.7 yrs	 Real Salt Lake (USA)	R	75.5 



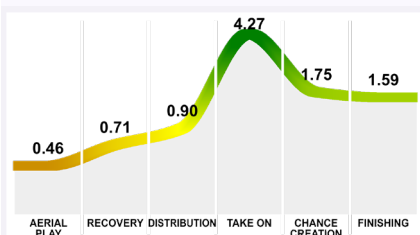
**Pedrinho Henrique**  
FK Zenit (RUS)  
2,516 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2028  
Estimated value **up to €40m**

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**Álvaro Montoro**  
Botafogo RJ (BRA)  
2,204 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2029  
Estimated value **up to €30m**



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**Mikel Gogorza**  
FC Midtjylland (DEN)  
1,666 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2029  
Estimated value **up to €20m**

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### Others (>70)

Ognjen Bondžulić, 18.3, FK Mladost (SRB) / Mathys Detourbet, 18.6, ES Troyes (FRA/2) / Tarik Essakkati, 19.8, Helmond Sport (NED/2) / Jan Faberski, 19.6, PEC Zwolle (NED) / William Gomes, 19.7, FC Porto (POR) / Olti Hyseni, 18.4, SønderjyskE (DEN) / Min-Su Kim, 19.8, FC Andorra (ESP/2) / Santiago López, 19.8, Rosario Central (ARG) /

<p><b>Maier Carrizo</b> Vélez Sarsfield (ARG) 2,779 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €30m</b></p>		3
<p><b>Oskar Pietuszewski</b> Jagiellonia Bialystok (POL) 2,590 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €10m</b></p>		5
<p><b>Prince Amoako</b> FC Nordsjælland (DEN) 1,506 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €12m</b></p>		6
<p><b>Lucas Ferreira</b> Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR) 1,850 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €12m</b></p>		7
<p><b>Oskar Spiten-Nysaeter</b> Molde FK (NOR) 1,621 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €15m</b></p>		8
<p><b>Alysson Edward</b> Grêmio FBPA (BRA) 2,037 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €15m</b></p>		9
<p><b>Zavier Gozo</b> Real Salt Lake (USA) 2,277 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €15m</b></p>		10

Francisco Marchant, 19.3, Colo Colo (CHI) / Mikey Moore, 18.3, Rangers FC (SCO) / Douglas Owusu, 19.6, Radnik Surdulica (SRB) / Gianluca Prestianni, 19.8, SL Benfica (POR) / Ian Subiabre, 18.9, River Plate (ARG) / Gennadiy Synchuk, 19.4, CF Montréal (USA) / Ayodele Thomas, 18.3, Jong PSV (NED/2) / Filip Thorvaldsen, 19.6, Vålerenga Fotball (NOR)

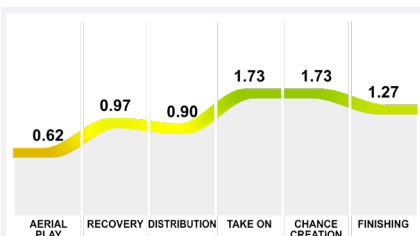


## WELL-ROUNDED WINGERS

A player already owned by a big-5 league club ranks first among 'well-rounded' wingers: **Geovany Quenda** (Sporting CP, on loan from Chelsea). His score is the second highest among all players (83.6), reflecting his great talent. The Portuguese is ahead of two other very promising players: Brazilian **Rayan Vitor** (Vasco da Gama) and Bosnian **Kerim Alajbegović** (RB Salzburg). Bayer Leverkusen apparently has a buy-back clause for the latter player.

### TOP 10

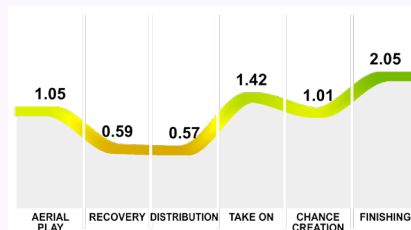
	Player	Age	Current club	Foot	Score
1	Geovany <b>Quenda</b>	18.6 yrs	Sporting CP (POR)	L	83.6
2	Rayan <b>Vitor</b>	19.3 yrs	Vasco da Gama (BRA)	L	81.6
3	Kerim <b>Alajbegović</b>	18.2 yrs	RB Salzburg (AUT)	L/R	79.0
4	Sindre <b>Walle Egeli</b>	19.5 yrs	Ipswich Town (ENG/2)	L	78.9
5	David <b>Martínez</b>	19.8 yrs	Los Angeles FC (USA)	L	76.4
6	Mateo <b>Silvetti</b>	19.9 yrs	Inter Miami (USA)	R	74.7
7	Sani <b>Suleiman</b>	19.3 yrs	AS Trenčín (SVK)	R	74.0
·	Maxloren <b>Castro</b>	18.0 yrs	Sporting Cristal (PER)	L	74.0
9	Nikolaus <b>Wurmbrand</b>	19.9 yrs	Rapid Wien (AUT)	L/R	73.8
10	Jordan <b>Barrera</b>	19.7 yrs	Botafogo RJ (BRA)	R	73.7



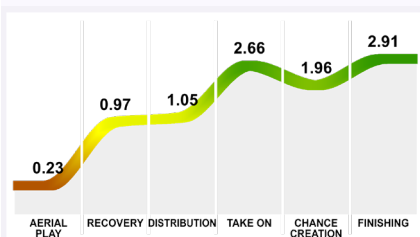
**Geovany Quenda**  
Sporting CP (POR)  
3,758 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2033  
Estimated value **up to €80m**

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**Rayan Vitor**  
Vasco da Gama (BRA)  
4,253 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2026  
Estimated value **up to €30m**



2



**Kerim Alajbegović**  
RB Salzburg (AUT)  
1,511 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2029  
Estimated value **up to €20m**

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### Others (>70)

Keny Arroyo, 19.8, Cruzeiro EC (BRA) / Hugo Camberos, 18.8, Chivas Guadalajara (MEX) / Illaij de Ruijter, 19.2, ADO Den Haag (NED/2) / Owen Elding, 19.7, Sligo Rovers (IRL) / Sayed Abu Farchi, 19.6, Maccabi Tel Aviv (ISR) / Jandry Gómez, 19.3, Barcelona SC (ECU) / Bogdan Kostić, 18.8, FK Partizan (SRB) / Kutlwano Lethlaku, 19.7, Mamelodi Sundowns (RSA) / Ayoub Oufkir, 19.9, Sparta Rotterdam (NED) / Dmitri Pestryakov, 19.0, Akron Togliatti (RUS) / Adrian Przyborek, 18.9, Pogoń Szczecin

<p>Sindre <b>Walle Egeli</b> Ipswich Town (ENG/2) 2,784 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €40m</b></p>		4
<p>David <b>Martínez</b> Los Angeles FC (USA) 2,075 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €20m</b></p>		5
<p>Mateo <b>Silvetti</b> Inter Miami (USA) 1,637 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €25m</b></p>		6
<p>Sani <b>Suleiman</b> AS Trenčín (SVK) 1,833 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €5m</b></p>		7
<p>Maxloren <b>Castro</b> Sporting Cristal (PER) 2,126 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2026 Estimated value <b>up to €8m</b></p>		7
<p>Nikolaus <b>Wurmbrand</b> Rapid Wien (AUT) 2,042 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €20m</b></p>		9
<p>Jordan <b>Barrera</b> Botafogo RJ (BRA) 1,077 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €15m</b></p>		10

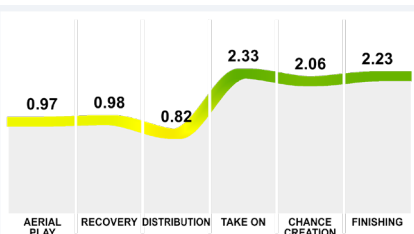
(POL) / Joel Romero, 19.9, América de Cali (COL) / Luighi Sousa, 19.6, SE Palmeiras (BRA) / Stígur Thórdarson, 19.9, Víkingur Reykjavík (ISL) / Mihai Toma, 18.8, FCSB (ROM) / Rodrigo Villalba, 19.7, Club Libertad (PAR) / Dušan Žagar, 19.1, FK IMT (SRB) / Luka Zarić, 17.1, Crvena Zvezda (SRB) / Jovan Živković, 19.5, Györi ETO (HUN)

## WELL-ROUNDED CENTRE FORWARDS

With activity rates above two in all offensive areas, Ghanaian **Edmund Baidoo** (RB Salzburg) leads the way among 'well-rounded' centre forwards. He is ahead of the highly promising Brazilian **Kauã Elias** (Shakhtar Donetsk) and Croatian U21 international **Leon Grgić** (Sturm Graz). Uruguayan **Lautaro Navarro**, from the talent factory that is Defensor SC, is the youngest player in the top 10, ahead of Irishman **Mason Melia** (already signed by Tottenham).

### TOP 10

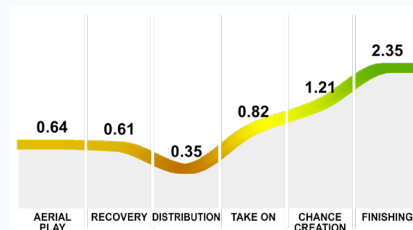
	Player	Age	Current club	Foot	Score
1	Edmund Baidoo	19.9 yrs	RB Salzburg (AUT)	R	78.9
2	Kauã Elias	19.7 yrs	Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR)	R	77.6
3	Leon Grgić	19.9 yrs	Sturm Graz (AUT)	L/R	76.3
4	Andrej Kostić	18.9 yrs	FK Partizan (SRB)	R	76.0
5	Yojhan Garcés	19.5 yrs	América de Cali (COL)	R	74.2
6	Nestory Irankunda	19.8 yrs	Watford FC (ENG/2)	R	73.8
7	Amin Chiakha	19.7 yrs	Vejle BK (DEN)	R	72.8
8	Lautaro Navarro	17.8 yrs	Defensor SC (URU)	R	72.8
9	Mason Melia	18.2 yrs	St Pat's FC (IRL)	R	72.7
10	Leo Rimac	19.7 yrs	FC Koper (SVN)	L	72.0



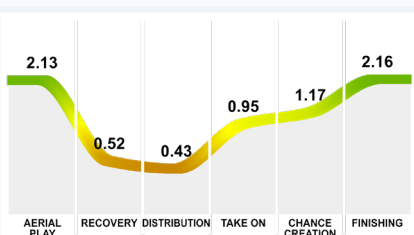
**Edmund Baidoo**  
RB Salzburg (AUT)  
2,192 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2029  
Estimated value **up to €25m**

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**Kauã Elias**  
Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR)  
2,053 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2029  
Estimated value **up to €40m**



2



**Leon Grgić**  
Sturm Graz (AUT)  
2,255 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 06/2027  
Estimated value **up to €15m**

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<p>Andrej <b>Kostić</b> FK Partizan (SRB) 1,294 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €15m</b></p>		4
<p>Yojhan <b>Garcés</b> América de Cali (COL) 967 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>		5
<p>Nestory <b>Irankunda</b> Watford FC (ENG/2) 2,532 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2030 Estimated value <b>up to €25m</b></p>		6
<p>Amin <b>Chiakha</b> Vejle BK (DEN) 1,773 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €20m</b></p>		7
<p>Lautaro <b>Navarro</b> Defensor SC (URU) 544 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €2m</b></p>		7
<p>Mason <b>Melia</b> St Pat's FC (IRL) 3,742 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2026 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>		9
<p>Leo <b>Rimac</b> FC Koper (SVN) 1,190 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €3m</b></p>		10

#### Others (>70)

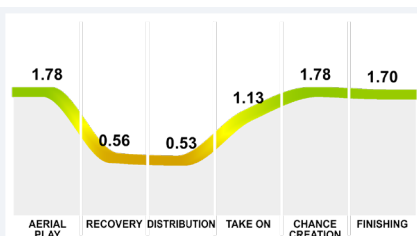
Jacob Ambaek, 17.6, Brøndby IF (DEN) / Jesse Bal, 19.1, ADO Den Haag (NED/2) / Jerolldino Bergraaf, 19.4, SBV Excelsior (NED) / Mihajlo Cvetković, 18.9, RSC Anderlecht (BEL) / Daniel Dappa, 18.2, Hapoel Tel Aviv (ISR) / Aldin Jakupović, 19.5, NK Bravo (SVN) / Levy Nene, 19.7, FC Nordsjælland (DEN) / Abdoul Karim Traoré, 18.9, OH Leuven (BEL)

## AERIAL CENTRE FORWARDS

Icelandic international **Daníel Gudjohnsen** has the best score among aerial centre forwards. Under contract with Malmö FF until 2028, he already has a transfer value of up to €20 million for a major club. His profile is close to that of a 'well-rounded'. His runners-up on the podium, however, have a much more typical profile for this category: **Ricardo Mathias** (SC Internacional) and **Samy Merheg** (Deportivo Pereira).

### TOP 10

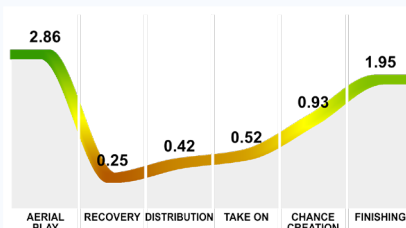
	Player	Age	Current club	Foot	Score
1	<b>Daníel Gudjohnsen</b>	19.8 yrs	Malmö FF (SWE)	R	78.0
2	<b>Ricardo Mathias</b>	19.4 yrs	SC Internacional (BRA)	R	76.9
3	<b>Samy Merheg</b>	19.0 yrs	Deportivo Pereira (COL)	R	73.0
4	<b>Uroš Sremčević</b>	19.6 yrs	FK Mladost (SRB)	L/R	72.5
5	<b>Uchenna Ogundu</b>	19.6 yrs	Alanyaspor (TUR)	R	72.3
6	<b>Jakub Pira</b>	18.0 yrs	Baník Ostrava (CZE)	R	72.3
7	<b>Gonzalo Petit</b>	19.2 yrs	CD Mirandés (ESP/2)	R	72.0
8	<b>Leo Östman</b>	19.7 yrs	IF Elfsborg (SWE)	R	70.9
9	<b>Faustino Barone</b>	19.6 yrs	Olimpia Asunción (PAR)	R	70.5
10	<b>Yannick Eduardo</b>	19.9 yrs	FC Dordrecht (NED/2)	L	70.4



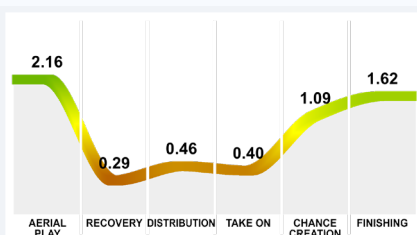
**Daníel Gudjohnsen**  
Malmö FF (SWE)  
1,827 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2028  
Estimated value **up to €20m**

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**Ricardo Mathias**  
SC Internacional (BRA)  
1,160 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2028  
Estimated value **up to €20m**



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**Samy Merheg**  
Deportivo Pereira (COL)  
2,346 official minutes in 2025  
Contract until 12/2026  
Estimated value **up to €6m**

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<p>Uroš <b>Sremčević</b> FK Mladost (SRB) 1,868 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €5m</b></p>		4
<p>Uchenna <b>Ogundu</b> Alanyaspor (TUR) 2,400 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €5m</b></p>		5
<p>Jakub <b>Pira</b> Baník Ostrava (CZE) 2,142 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2028 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>		5
<p>Gonzalo <b>Petit</b> CD Mirandés (ESP/2) 1,627 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2031 Estimated value <b>up to €15m</b></p>		7
<p>Leo <b>Östman</b> IF Elfsborg (SWE) 957 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €5m</b></p>		8
<p>Faustino <b>Barone</b> Olimpia Asunción (PAR) 901 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 12/2029 Estimated value <b>up to €6m</b></p>		9
<p>Yannick <b>Eduardo</b> FC Dordrecht (NED/2) 2,323 official minutes in 2025 Contract until 06/2027 Estimated value <b>up to €4m</b></p>		10

#### Others (>70)

Mamadou Doumbia, 19.8, Watford FC (ENG/2)



## ANNEXE

Thanks to the partnership with Impect, the CIES Football Observatory research team has developed a sophisticated methodology to objectively measure the performance of outfield players, compare their activity, classify them into position and skill-based categories, and determine their technical profiles.

### (1) Performance

In terms of performance, we selected various technical actions frequently performed by players, which were classified into eight areas and combined as follows:

- **Air defence:** aerial duels won in the first two thirds of the pitch compared to team average and success rate; goals conceded frequency when player on the pitch.
- **Ground defence:** ground duels won in own half compared to team average and success rate; interceptions in own half compared to team average; goals conceded frequency when player on the pitch.
- **Build-up:** successful passes from own half compared to team average and success rate.
- **Orchestration:** successful passes from opponent half compared to team average and success rate.
- **Take on:** successful dribbles and success rate; progressive carries of at least eight metres towards the opponent's goal.
- **Chance creation:** passes leading to a shot weighted by the probability of a goal (xG of shots); passes leaving at most one outfield opponent closer to the goal than the ball; passes received by a teammate in the central rectangle of the opponent's penalty box.
- **Finishing:** number and effectiveness of shots (gap between goals scored and expected); goals frequency.
- **Air attack:** aerial duels won in the last third of the pitch compared to team average and success rate; headers.

For each area, the values are weighted by the sporting level of the matches played over the period considered according to this method, as well as by the average number of minutes per match played, so as valuing rarely substituted starting 11 players. For greater legibility, the values obtained are rescaled from 30 to 100.

A general performance index is calculated from the scores per area by averaging the maximum value (aerial play areas excluded, except at defensive level for centre backs) and the median value between the most relevant areas per position (six for defenders and midfielders; four for wingers and centre forwards). An adjustment by position ensures the comparability of the index between all players.

A relative performance index is calculated by comparing the player's general performance index value to the average measured across his club, to highlight players who are outperforming their teammates (any value greater than one).

To assess the most influential players in a given competition, whether for specific domain scores or the general performance index, total playing time is sometimes added as a weighting factor.

## (2) Activity

To determine player activity, we again selected various technical actions frequently performed by players, which were classified into six game areas and combined as follows:

- **Aerial play**: aerial duels per minute in possession in the last third of the pitch and out of possession in the first two thirds.
- **Recovery**: ground duels, interceptions and loose balls recoveries per minute out of possession.
- **Distribution**: passes attempted per minute in possession.
- **Take on**: dribbles attempted and progressive carries of at least eight metres towards the opponent's goal per minute in possession.
- **Chance creation**: passes leading to a shot weighted by the probability of a goal (xG of shots); passes leaving at most one outfield opponent closer to the goal than the ball; passes received by a teammate in the central rectangle of the opponent's penalty box.
- **Finishing**: shots per minute of possession.

For each area, the activity rate is calculated by dividing the player's value by the average of all players in the sample analysed. A value of 1 indicates activity equal to the average of all players, above 1 over-activity and below 1 under-activity. The area in which the player has the highest ratio is defined as the main area, and so on.

## (3) Categories

By combining players' activity levels in the different areas and their main position during the period under review, we have identified 14 categories of players: three for centre backs, three for wide backs, four for midfielders, two for wingers and two for centre forwards.

### Ball-fighting centre backs

Centre backs with aerial play and ball recovery as the two main areas of activity, in any order; aerial play or ball recovery as main area and an activity gap of more than 0.5 with respect to any other area; distribution as main area and aerial play and recovery as second and third ones with an activity gap of less than 0.2; except for those with aerial play or recovery as main area and an activity in distribution of at least 1.5 (well-rounded) ; those with aerial play, recovery and distribution as three main areas, in any order, with an activity gap of less than 0.1 (well-rounded).

### Well-rounded centre backs

Centre backs with aerial play or ball recovery as main area of activity and any other area as secondary one with an activity gap of less than 0.5; with aerial play or recovery as main area and an activity in distribution of at least 1.5; with aerial play, recovery and distribution as three main areas, in any order, with an activity gap of less than 0.1.

### Ball-playing centre backs

Centre backs with distribution, take on, chance creation or finishing as main area of activity; except for those with distribution as main area and aerial play and recovery as second and third ones with an activity gap of less than 0.2 (ball-fighting); those with an activity gap of less than 0.1 between aerial play, recovery and distribution (well-rounded); those with aerial play, recovery and distribution as three main areas, in any order, with an activity gap of less than 0.1 (well-rounded).



### **Ball-chasing wide backs**

Wide backs with aerial play or ball recovery as main area of activity; with aerial play or recovery as second area of activity after distribution with a value greater than 1, and no offensive value (take on, chance creation, shooting) exceeding 1; except for those with an activity gap of less than 0.4 between at least five areas (well-rounded); those with an offensive area as secondary one with an activity gap of less than 0.2 (well-rounded); those with a value greater than 1 in at least two offensive areas (well-rounded).

### **Well-rounded wide backs**

Wide backs with an activity gap of less than 0.4 between at least five areas; with recovery or aerial play as main area and an offensive one (take on, chance creation or finishing) as secondary one with an activity gap of less than 0.2; with an offensive area as the main one and aerial play or recovery as secondary with an activity gap of less than 0.8; with recovery or aerial play as main area and an activity greater than 1 in at least two offensive areas; with distribution as main area, aerial play or recovery as secondary one and no value except distribution greater than 1.

### **Forward-pushing wide backs**

Wide backs with distribution, take on, chance creation or finishing as main area; except for those with an activity gap of less than 0.4 between at least five areas (well-rounded); those with recovery or aerial play as secondary area with an activity gap of less than 0.8 (well-rounded); those with distribution as main area, aerial play or recovery as secondary one and no value except distribution greater than 1 (well-rounded); those with aerial play or recovery as second area of activity after distribution with a value greater than 1 and no offensive value (take on, chance creation, shooting) exceeding 1 (ball-chasing).

### **Ball-winning midfielders**

Midfielders with recovery or aerial play as main area; except for those with an activity gap of less than 0.4 between at least five areas (well-rounded); and those with take on, chance creation or finishing as secondary area with an activity gap of less than 1 (well-rounded).

### **Playmaking midfielders**

Midfielders with distribution as main area; or as secondary one if the main area is chance creation with an activity gap of less than 1.

### **Well-rounded midfielders**

Midfielders with an activity gap of less than 0.4 between at least five areas; with recovery or aerial play as main area and an offensive one (take on, chance creation or finishing) as the secondary one with an activity gap of less than 1; with an offensive area as the main one and recovery or distribution as secondary area with an activity gap of less than 1; with an offensive area as the main one, a value greater than 1 in at least two domains between distribution, recovery and aerial play and an activity gap of less than 1 between the maximum value and the highest value between recovery and aerial play. Except for those with distribution as main area or secondary one if the main area is chance creation with an activity gap of less than 1 (playmaking).

### **Forward-oriented midfielders**

Midfielders with take on, chance creation or finishing as main area; except for those with an activity gap of less than 0.4 between at least five areas (well-rounded); those with recovery or distribution as secondary area with an activity gap of less than 1 (well-rounded); those with a value greater than 1 in at least two areas between distribution, recovery and aerial play and an activity gap of less than 1 between the maximum value and the highest value between recovery and aerial play (well-rounded); those with chance creation as main area and distribution as the secondary one with an activity gap of less than 1 (playmaking).

### **Infiltrating wingers**

Wingers with take on as main area.

### **Well-rounded wingers**

Wingers with aerial play, recovery, distribution, chance creation or finishing as main area.

### **Well-rounded centre forwards**

Centre forwards with recovery, distribution, take on, chance creation or finishing as main area; except for those with aerial play as secondary area of activity with a value greater than 1, an activity gap of less than 0.5 with respect to the main area, as well as take on and chance creation values lower than 1 (aerial).

### **Aerial centre forwards**

Centre forwards with aerial play as the main area of activity; with aerial play as the secondary area with a value greater than 1, an activity gap of less than 0.5 with respect to the main area, as well as take on and chance creation values lower than 1.

## **(4) Technical profiles**

Players' technical profiles are determined independently of their position by taking into account their two main areas of activity. For example, if a player is most active in finishing and aerial play, he will be defined as a Shooter with aerial ability.



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