



# PLAYER PROFILES

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Ability to use both feet for passing and receiving
- Secure, intelligent and reliable short passing
- Ability to find CF with long ball or in the channel
- Delivers a final ball to create chances (pass/cross)
- Runs well with the ball
- Competent header of the ball
- Can defend 1v1, knows when to show inside/outside
- Blocks crosses & shots, can defend the far post
- Tackles well, with correct foot & good timing
- Clears the ball well with both feet
- Intercepts well

## TACTICAL SKILLS

- Knows when to take the ball from GK to start play
- Will support behind wide midfielder
- Knows when to under/overlap at pace
- Available as outlet when building
- Good positional sense relative to the ball
- Positionally correct in the back line
- Aware of movement around and in behind
- Knows when to get tight and when to drop off
- Doesn't ball watch and marks in correct positions
- Covers fellow defenders correctly and intercepts well
- Organizes and assists the winger in defensive duties

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Ability to use both feet for passing and receiving
- Secure, intelligent and reliable short passing
- Ability to pass long into CF
- Ability to hit diagonals to switch play
- Carries the ball into midfield areas
- Clears the ball with distance and direction
- Defensively composed in wide areas and in 1v1
- Tackles well with correct foot
- Blocks shots and crosses
- Wins headers with height, distance & direction
- Efficient receiving & heading skills

## TACTICAL SKILLS

- Good positional sense in relation to the ball and back line
- Knows when to take the ball from GK to start play
- Knows when to pass and when to clear
- Keeps team shape wherever the ball is
- Positionally correct in how far to go, when to pass players
- Proactively senses danger and reads the game
- Covers defenders, marks in correct positions
- Anticipates errors, intercepts well
- Marks, tracks & controls forwards in goal scoring positions
- Supports fellow central or flank defenders as necessary
- Organizes, directs fellow defenders within team structure

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Has comfort on the ball, can play with both feet

Receives and plays in tight congested areas

Knows midfield three combinations with one another

Plays on a half turn and switch play

Good range of passing short, long and diagonal balls

Plays key passes and has good end product

Runs ball through midfield and support forwards

Defends well, can tackle, intercept and block

Moves into goal scoring positions frequently

Retains possession and provide penetrative passes

Has a level of aerial ability

## TACTICAL SKILLS

Makes themselves available, wants the ball to start play

Controls, organizes and dictates play for the team

Positionally disciplined and holds when required

Makes correct runs forward at right times

Knows when to help the ball on

Knows when to bring down and play

Screens the back line and picks up second balls

Provides cover, balance, knows when to press and hold

Switches quickly between pressing and possession

Spots, tracks, covers and passes on runners when needed

Recognizes moments when to press the center back

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Can receive in tight areas, congested areas

Can play on a half turn and run with the ball at pace

Comfortable on the ball and plays with both feet

Has secure, intelligent and reliable short passing

Beats players with tricks and pace on inside or outside

Ability to play on both sides of field

Plays key passes with a good end product

Good techniques and variation in crossing ability

Defends well, can tackle, intercept and block

Competent in the air, has good quality on set pieces

Shoots at goal using power and accuracy

## TACTICAL SKILLS

Makes themselves available to get on the ball

Gives the team width and can combine with others

Has awareness to come inside off the line

Knows when to receive the ball in pockets of space

Makes clever movements, creates space for self and others

Prepared to make forward runs without the ball

Positionally sound, understands defensive role

Has vision and ability to see the best option available

Knows when to press the center back or track the fullback

Identifies and tracks runners to protect the full back

Looks to combine with opposite midfielder

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Good finisher, goal scorer, can shoot with both feet

Comfortable on the ball, can play with both feet

Can receive in areas facing goal and with back to goal

Can play one touch and run with the ball at pace

Receives well and can get turned on the ball

Can hold the ball up and link play

Excellent aerial ability in goal kicks, set pieces, crosses

Runs with the ball, beats players, plays key passes

Ability to create chances or goals for themselves

Persistent outlet for defenders and midfielders

Efficient ball receiving and holding skills under pressure

## TACTICAL SKILLS

Can combine with others in the final third

Positions between posts to score when ball comes in

Good movement into channels, behind, towards the ball

Chases lost plays, reads defensive line, anticipates regains

Can play on his own or in a pair

Presses from front, forces errors, makes play predictable

Delays and contains attacking build up play from opposition

Gets into goal scoring positions

Gets free to be in dangerous positions

Has movement and timing skills to exploit space behind

Efficient and imaginative in distribution skills

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Ability to use both feet and pass different distances
- Can distribute from the hands with throws, volleys
- Comfortable sweeping behind the line
- Ability to play outside the penalty area
- Safe handling, holds shots as the first option
- Controls rebounds, parries harder shots to safe areas
- Strong shot-stopper over a variety of techniques
- Ability to claim crosses in traffic
- Ability to punch crosses with good height and distance
- Good footwork to cover distance
- Gets up quickly to deal with rebound situations
- Aggressive in 1v1 situations

## TACTICAL SKILLS

- Organizes the defense
- Starts the attack, building from the back when appropriate
- Ability to start counter attacks with long range distribution
- Participates in the build up as an “extra” field player
- Stays connected to the backline, in and out of possession
- Takes up brave starting positions that allow them to sweep behind the back line, intercept through balls, claim crosses
- Communicates effectively, confidently, and assertively
- Organizes and adjusts setup for defensive set pieces
- Dominates the penalty area, stays aggressive on crosses, cut backs, through balls, scrambles
- Intelligent in game management, manages the tempo based on time, score, situation