



# **Rangers FC Recruitment Plan Summer 2022**

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## My Approach and Methods

This analysis consists of what I would do should I be the primary shot-caller at Rangers this summer. Inherently I am not privy to everything that goes on behind the scenes. As such, 100% realism is an unattainable goal. Additionally, the external footballing environment has to be considered for potential recruitment.

I will evaluate both player and team performance in the 21/22 season. The evaluation, alongside external factors like contracts and transfer interest, will formulate my decision regarding the future of all playing staff in the first team.

The following recruitment analysis deals in part with certainties but equally deals with and is based upon hypotheticals. I have done my best to prepare for as many feasible outcomes as possible. Still, not every possible universe has been addressed.

My approach within this analysis was not to recruit to type according to Rangers past dealings and not to limit myself to markets that seem most realistic in a historical and cultural sense. All suggestions are realistic in a financial and playing sense. However, you could say a few are left-field in terms of the target market and overall familiarity within the fan base.

Every player has been analysed through footage and data, with some being tracked for over 12 months.

Potential transfer values are difficult to postulate though I've done my best to restrict all targets to financially viable individuals for the club, with total amortisation figures considered.

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Any and all feedback and support are appreciated!



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# Glossary

**Expected goals (xG)** - A measure of the quality of a chance by calculating the likelihood that it will be scored from a particular position on the pitch during a particular phase of play.

**GD** - Goal Difference

**xGD** - Expected Goal Difference

**Goal Contribution (GC)** - Goals + Assists

**Expected Goal Contribution (xGC)** - Expected Goals + Expected Assists

**Rolling/Moving Average** - A calculation to analyse data points by creating a series of averages of different subsets of the full data set. It continuously updates the average of a data set to include all the data in the set until that point

**Direct Speed** - The number of metres that the ball travels (when measuring directly up-field), divided by the total time of the sequence

**Passes per Sequence** - passes made per every passage of play which belong to one team and are ended by defensive actions, stoppages in play or a shot

**Defensive Action** - A defensive duel, loose ball duel, interception, or tackle

**PPDA** - Passes Per Defensive Action

**Challenge Intensity** - Number of defensive actions a team is doing per minute of opponent ball possession

**Amortisation** - the registration fee spread over the contract period





# ***Season Review***

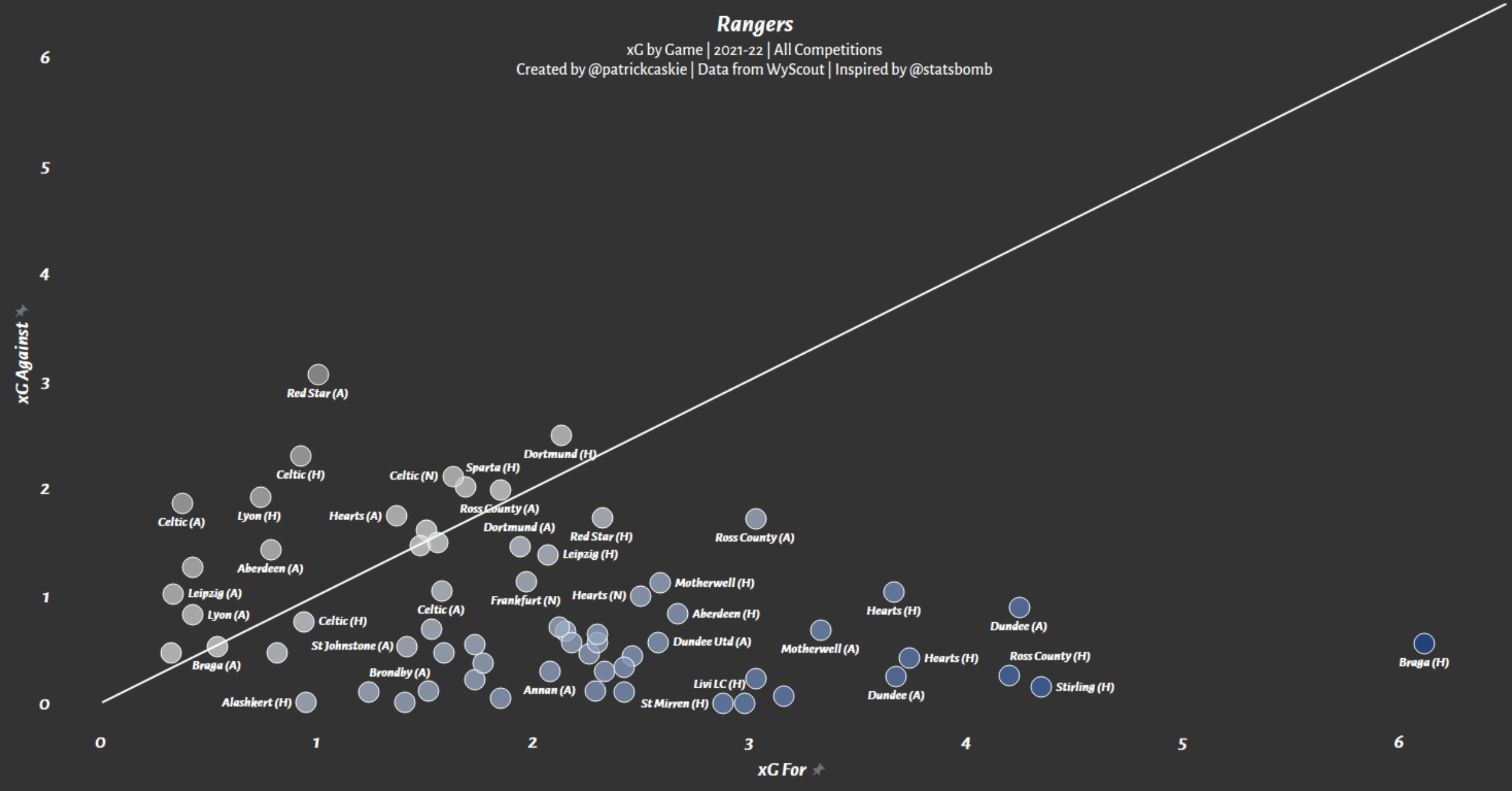
- *Rolling xGD Timeline*
- *Offensive Style and Success*
- *Defensive Style and Success*
- *Formations and Shapes Used*



# Rangers

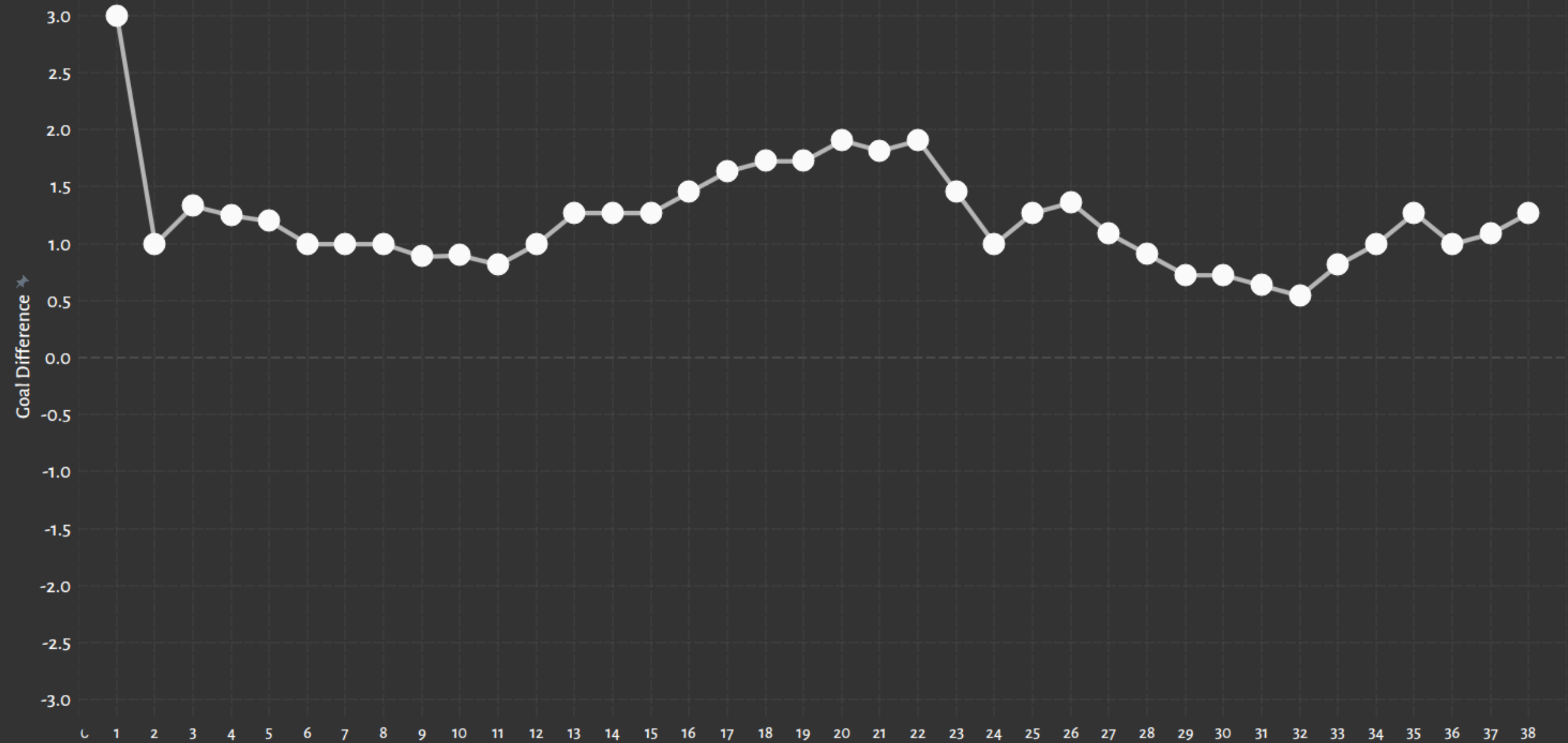
xG by Game | 2021-22 | All Competitions

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# Rangers Premiership Performance

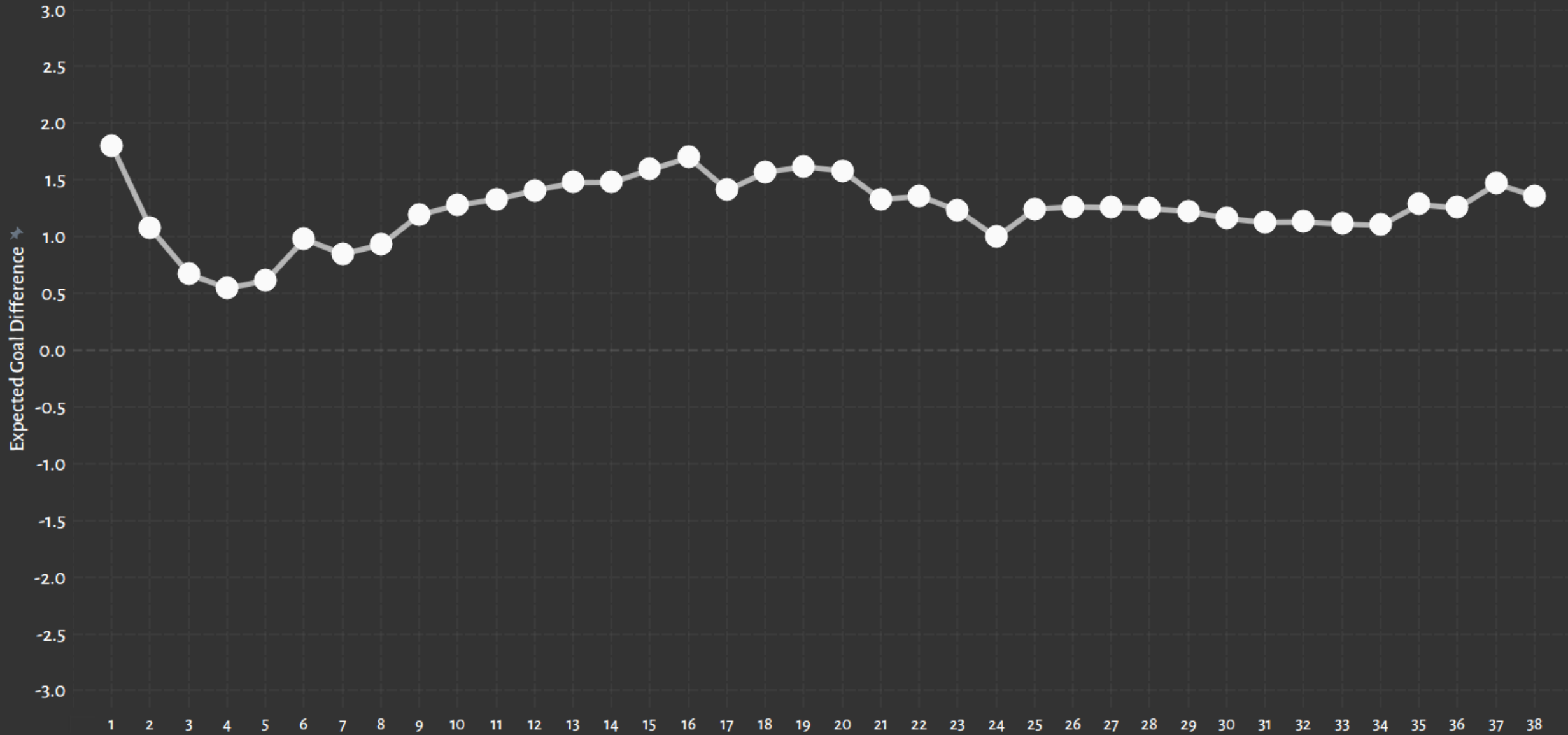
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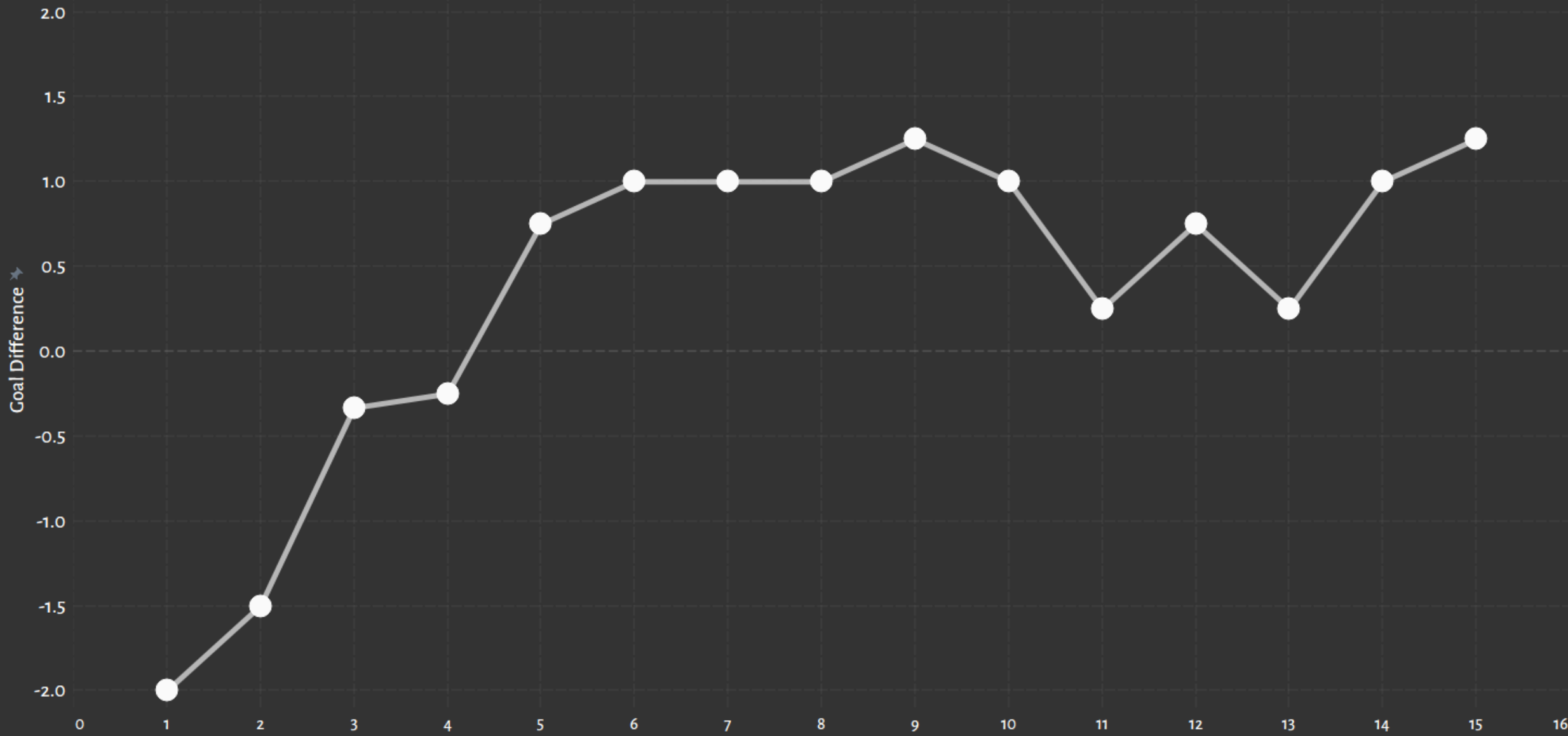
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# Rangers Europa League Performance

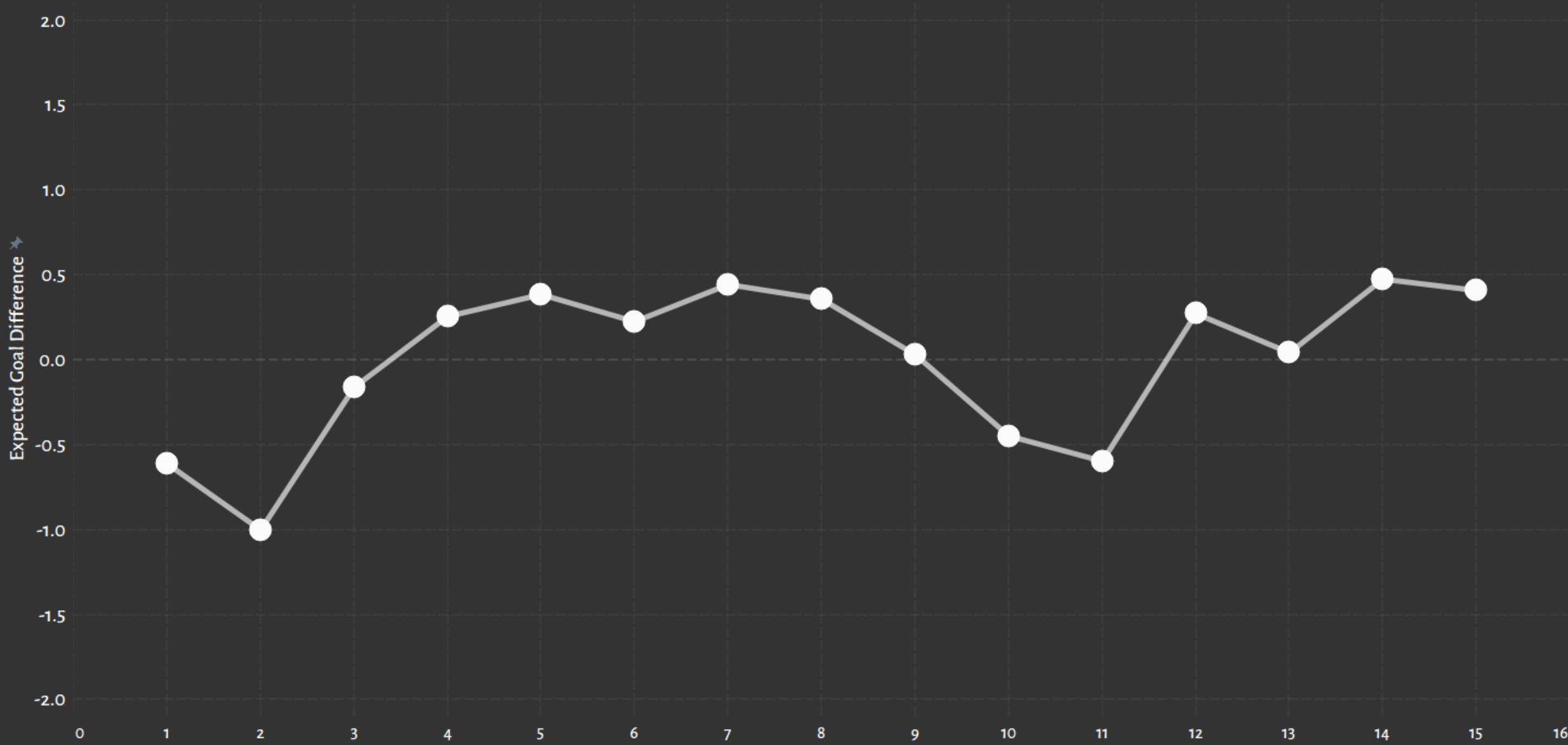
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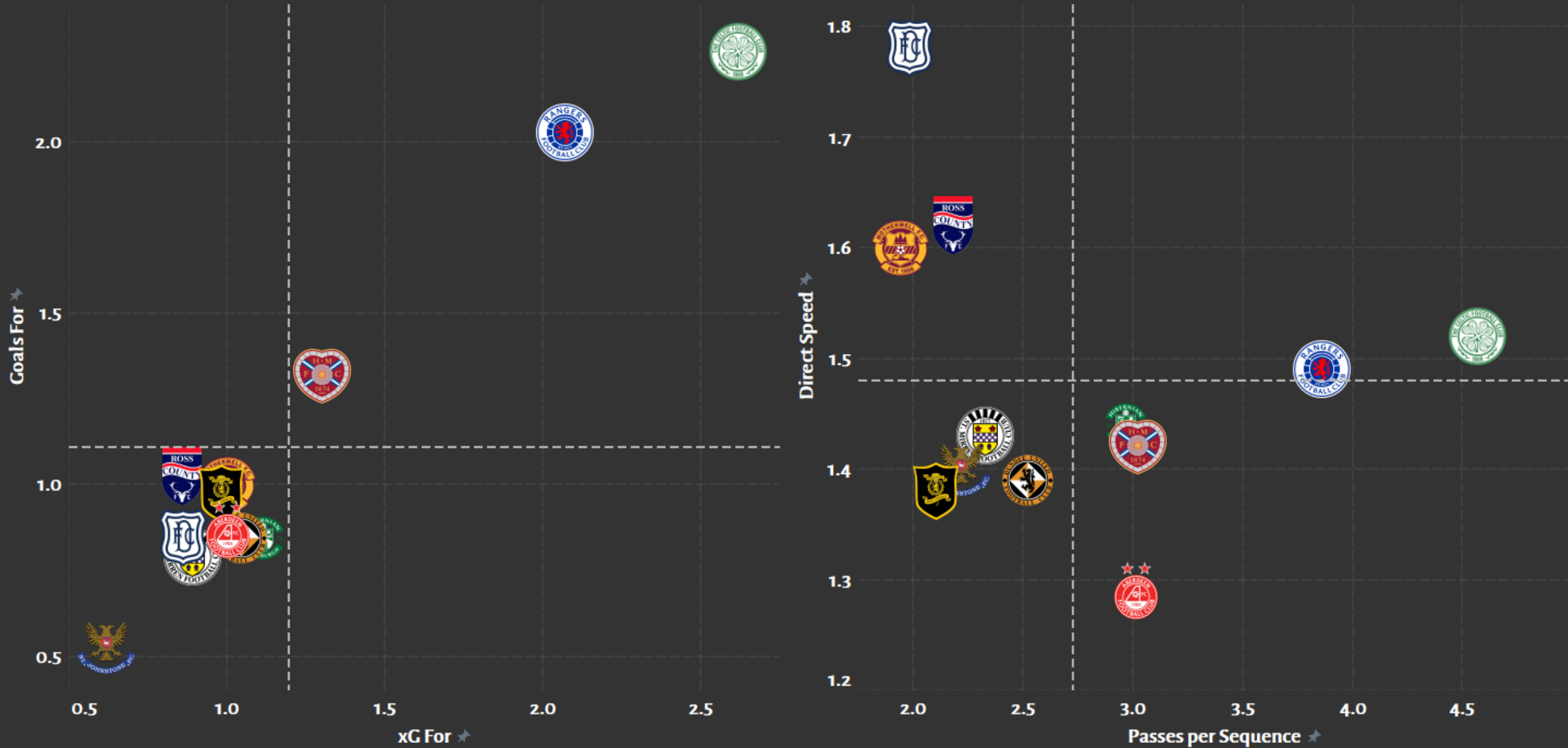
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# Offensive Style and Success

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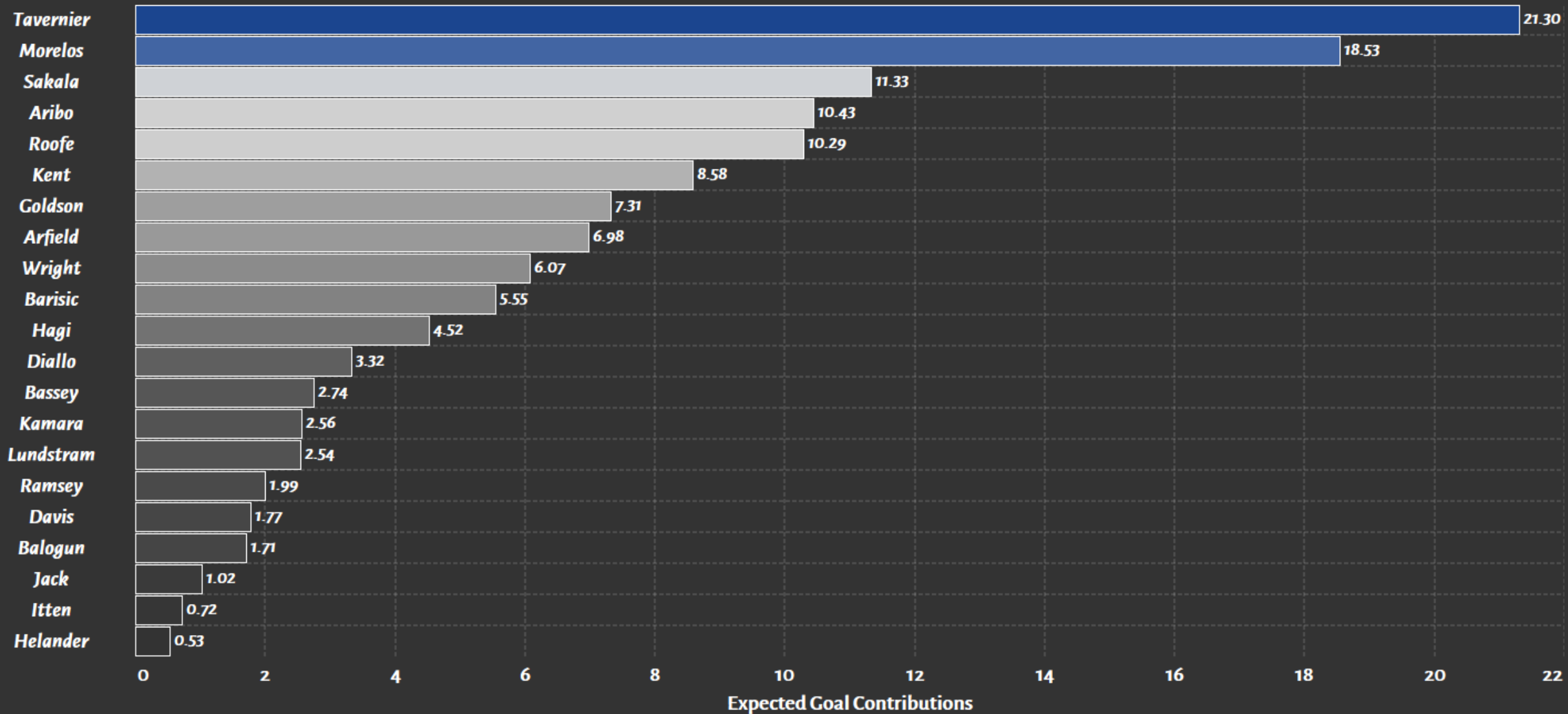
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# Who's Contributing to Goals?

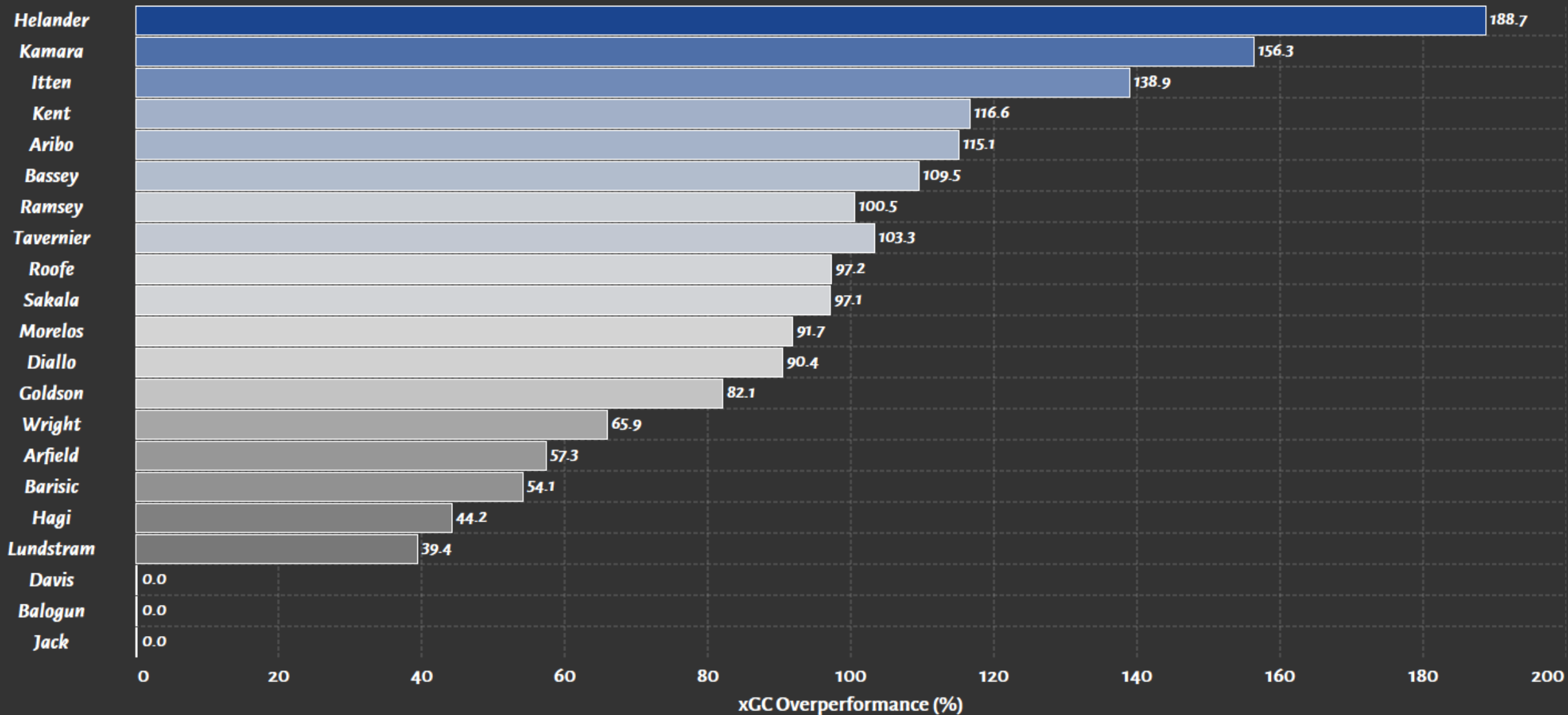
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# Who's Contributing More or Less than Expected?

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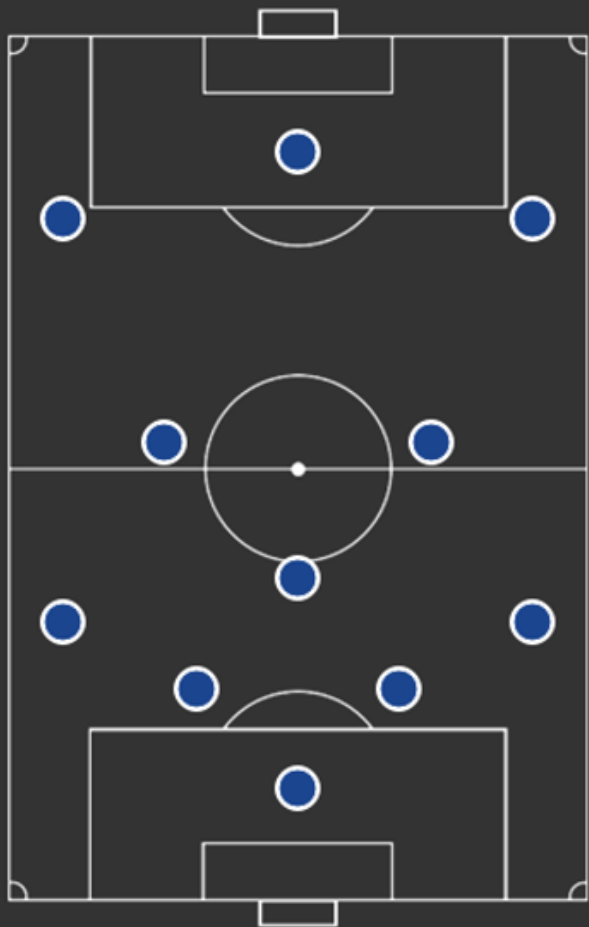


# Most Common Formations Used

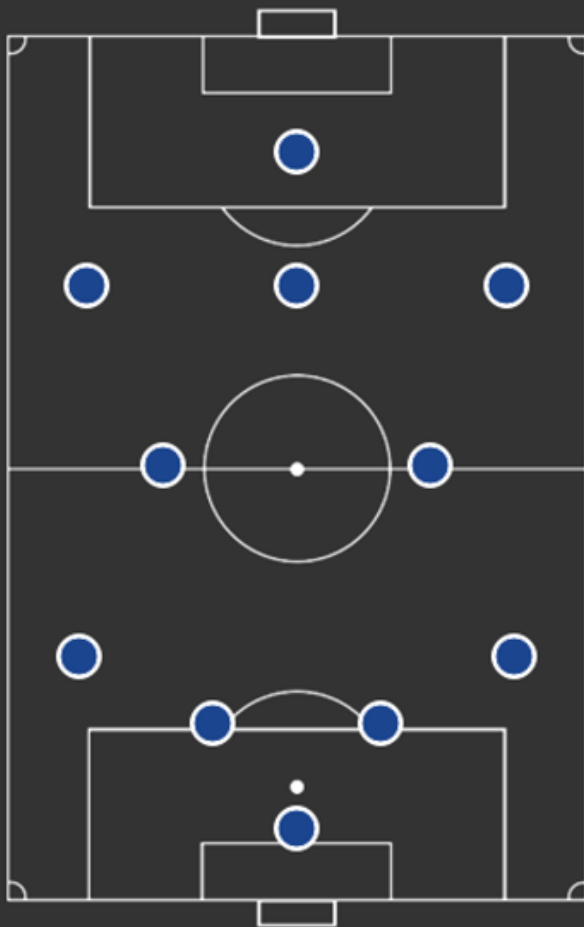
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## Notes on Shape and Formation

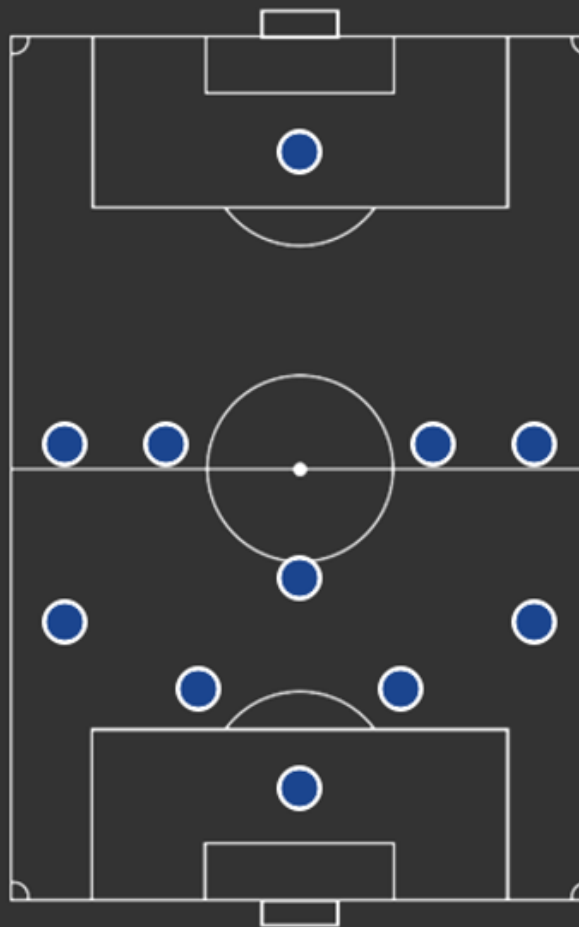
433 (45%)



4231 (31%)



4141 (6%)



- 433 the central shape with the other two being seen as variations
- Most common in-game tweak is for the 6 to drop to create a 5-atb
- 5-atb yet to be seen from the start
- Primary shapes out of poession are 541/433/442
- Goalkeeper's primary distribution is short though involvement in possession is limited
- Centre-backs form one of the central modes of ball progression, tendency to play it either long or to the 6 or FBs
- Fullbacks play high and wide, interplay with wide CM and winger
- When played in a CM Roles rotate between two 6s and an 8 and two 8s and a 6
- Front Three when used remain fluid, though not to the same extent as Gerrard's
- Ideally the CF is well-rounded, able to partake in the full anatomy of a goal



## ***Squad Depth and Contract Review***

# End of 2021/22 Squad Depth

One Position per Player based on Minutes Played



Players in All Familiar Positions

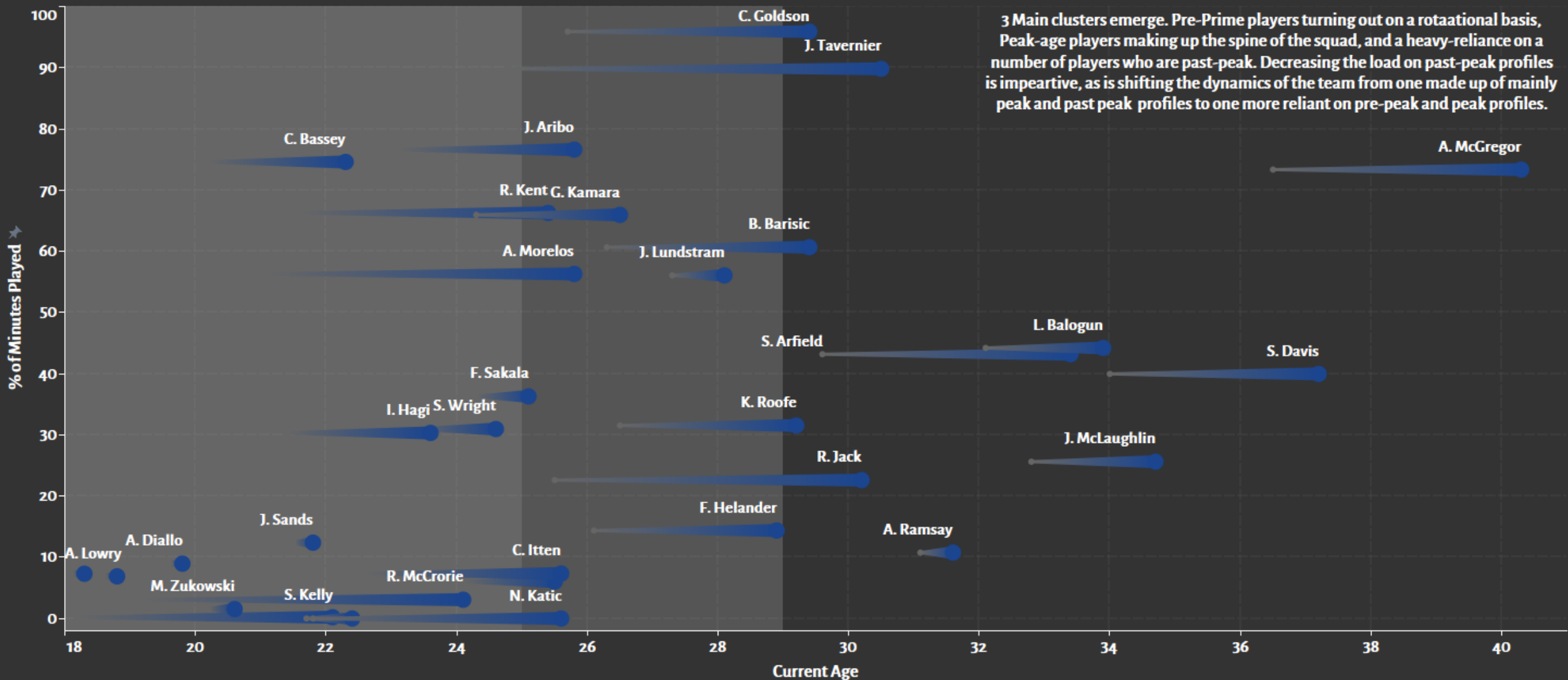




# Rangers Squad Age Profile

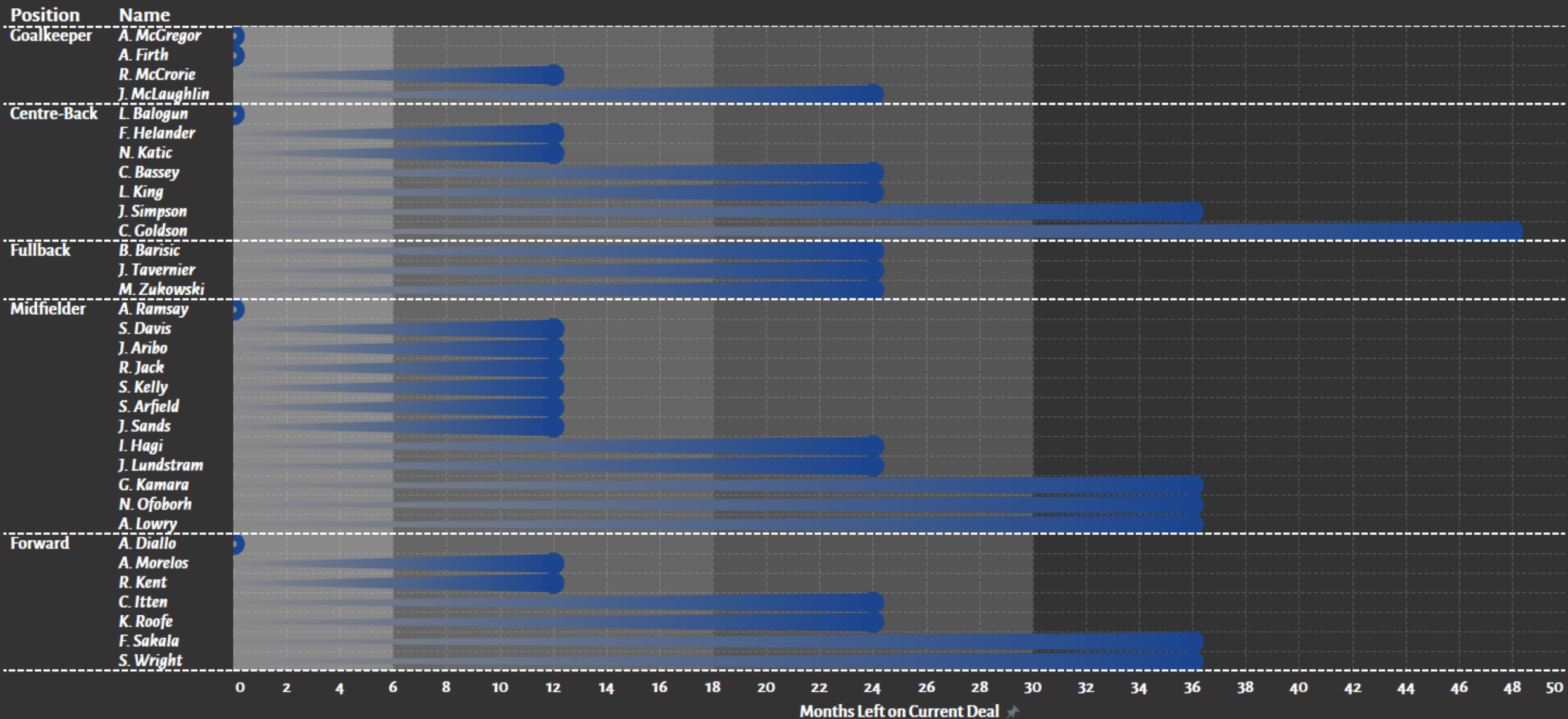
All Competitions (65 Games | 100% = 5850 Minutes)

Start of Comet = Age of Joining



# The Contract Situation at Ibrox

Data from Transfermarkt





## ***2021/22 Squad Review***

***Goalkeepers***

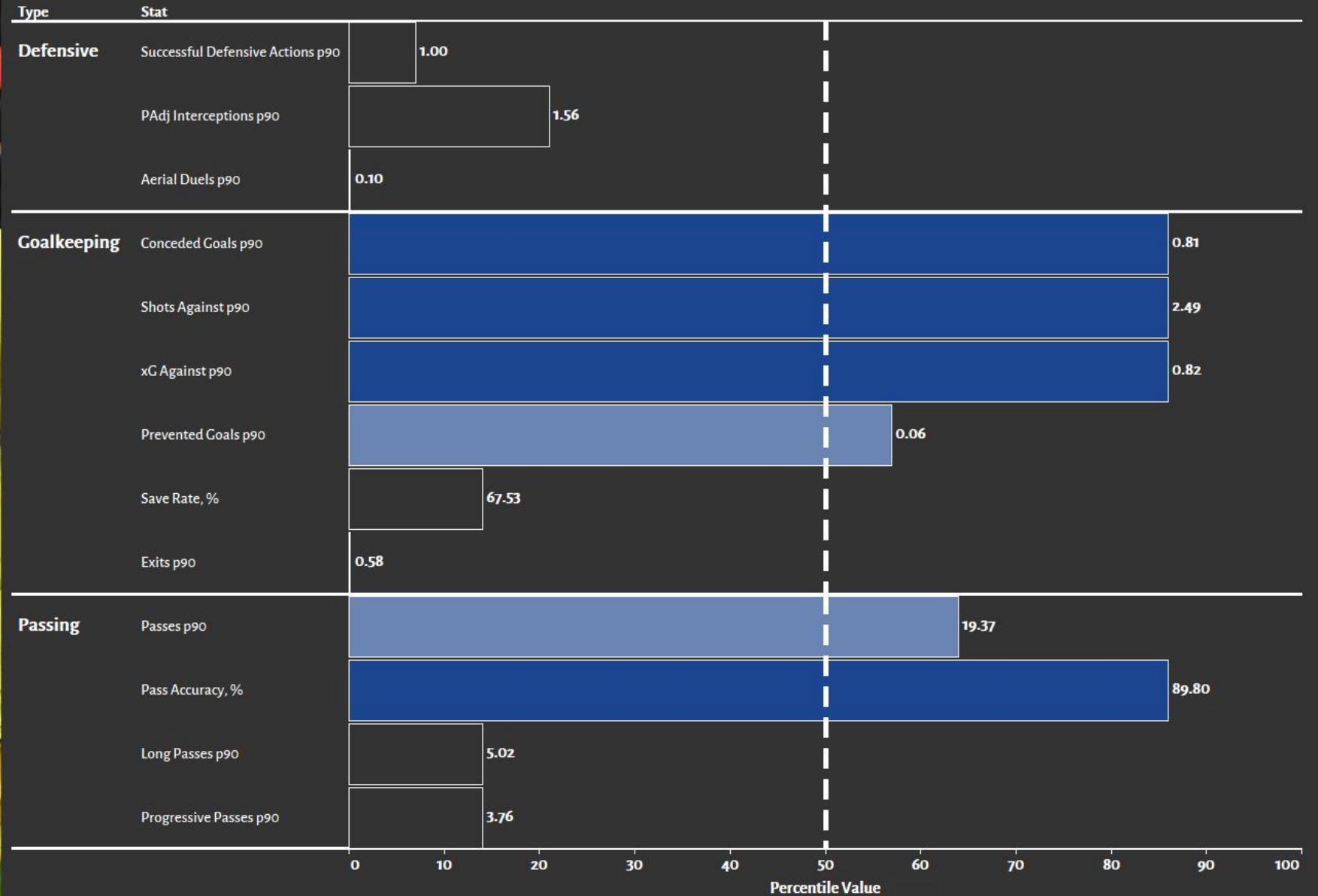




## Allan McGregor vs The Competition

GKs in the Premiership with >750 Mins in 2021/22

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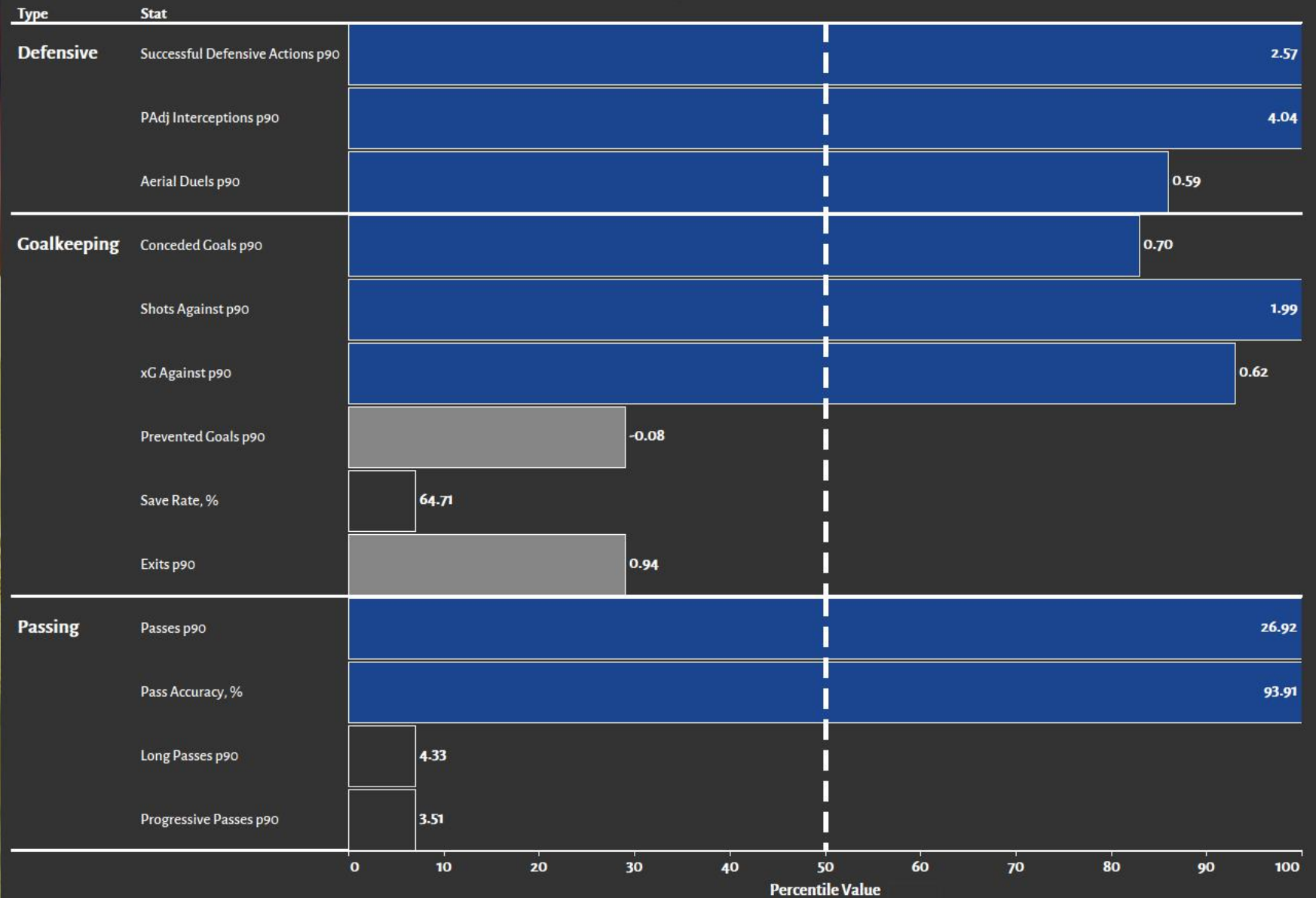




## Jon McLaughlin vs The Competition

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## Goalkeeper Review

- **Allan McGregor** retires as a Rangers legend and a firm contender for the club's greatest ever keeper. Coming off a POTY campaign in 20/21, his exploits in the 21/22 were relatively tame. However, his performances in the Europa League were the most consistently positive. He would often remind us of his shot-stopping ability by pulling off a wonder-save or two. Still, his inability to dominate his penalty box and net negative influence in possession made it evident that even if McGregor hadn't retired, Rangers would still need to look elsewhere for the no.1 shirt. Though upgrading is far from impossible, his impact off the pitch will be difficult to replace.

- **John McLaughlin** has extended his stay at Rangers until at least the summer of 2024. He has served as a fantastic deputy whilst McGregor held down the top spot over the past two seasons. His profile is more suited to the style that Rangers want to play, though he is far from perfect. It wouldn't be unreasonable to suspect that there may have been promises during his recent contract negotiations of a starting role, but that's just a hypothetical. Regardless, I do think that we can do better for our starting role, though McLaughlin has proven he is an able candidate.

- **Robby McCrorie** managed just 180 minutes of first-team football this season, managing two clean sheets in two massive games. He has long been touted as a potential McGregor replacement; however at this juncture the bulk of his experience has been inconsistent and underwhelming for a 24-year-old. I think that out of circumstance that we need him to remain at Ibrox as 3 first-team keepers is essential, and with Andy Firth leaving, we need McCrorie to continue to play third-string. Though, should he want to leave I wouldn't stand in his way.

### Verdict

- Keep McCrorie as 3rd choice, though do consider letting him go should his heart be set on it. Sign a goalkeeper who arrives either arrives as the undisputed no.1 or a younger option who can deputise for McLaughlin for a season whilst acclimatising to new surroundings, with a plan to take over the role in 23/24

# ***Full-Backs***

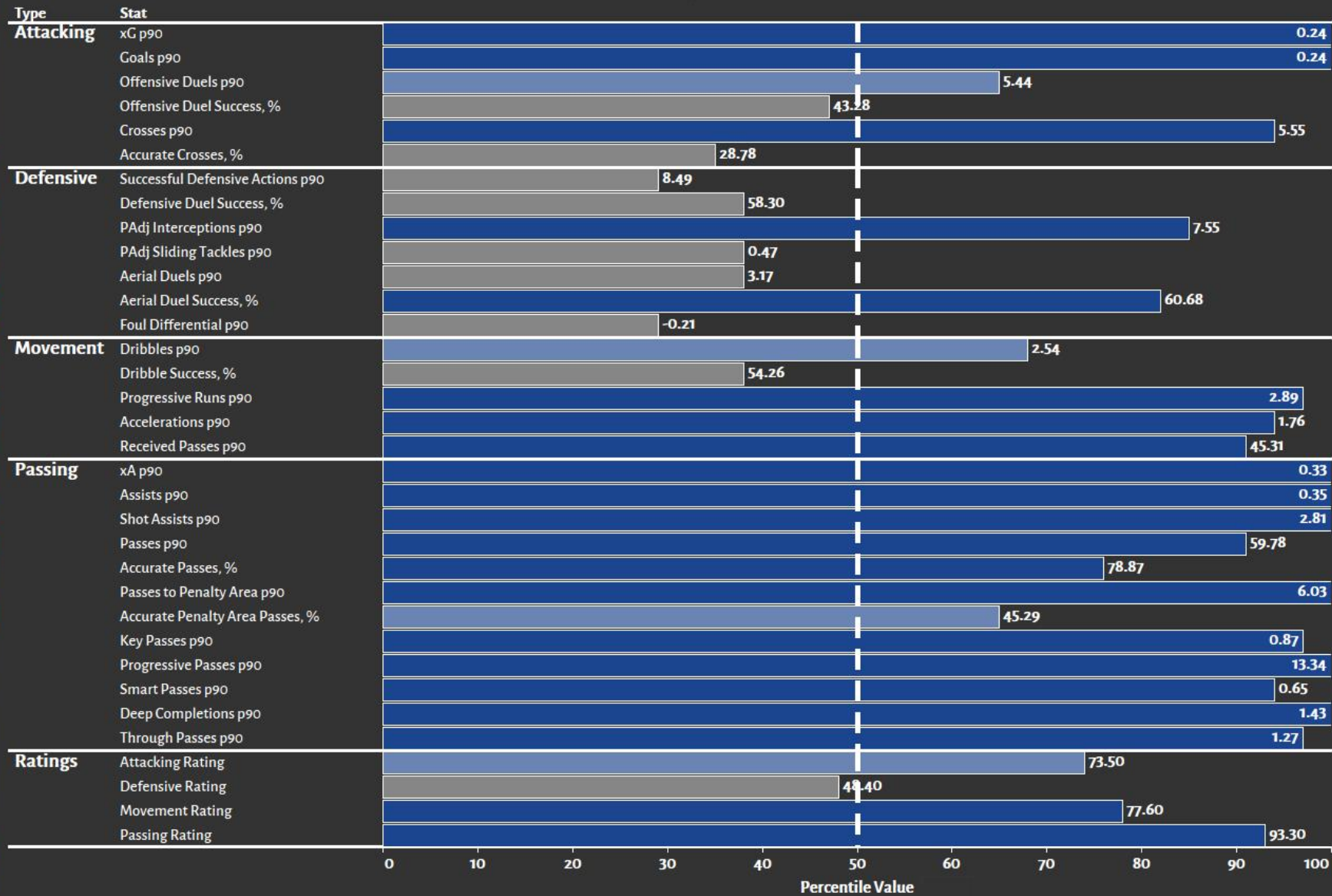




## James Tavernier vs The Competition

FB/WBs in the Premiership with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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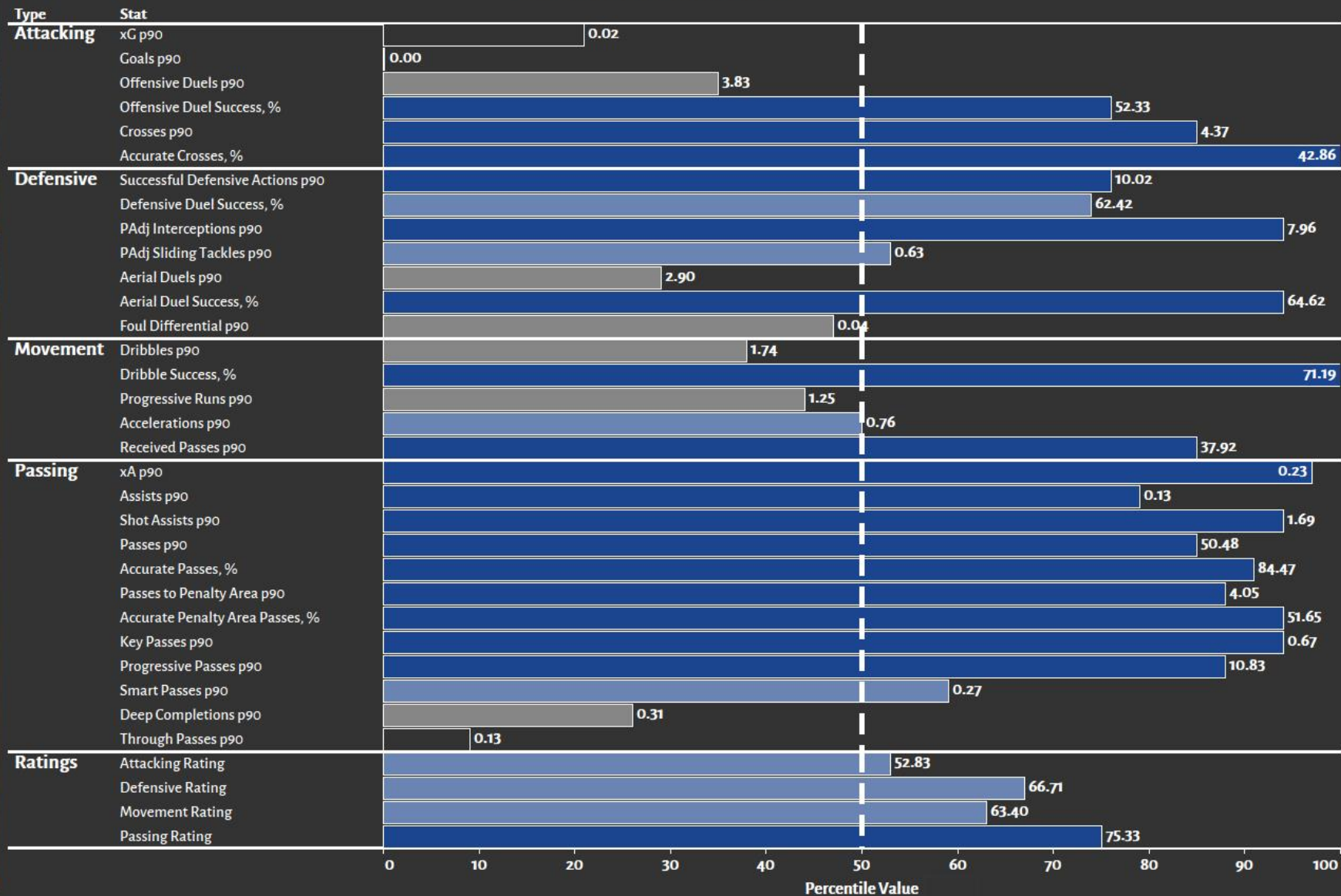




## Borna Barisic vs The Competition

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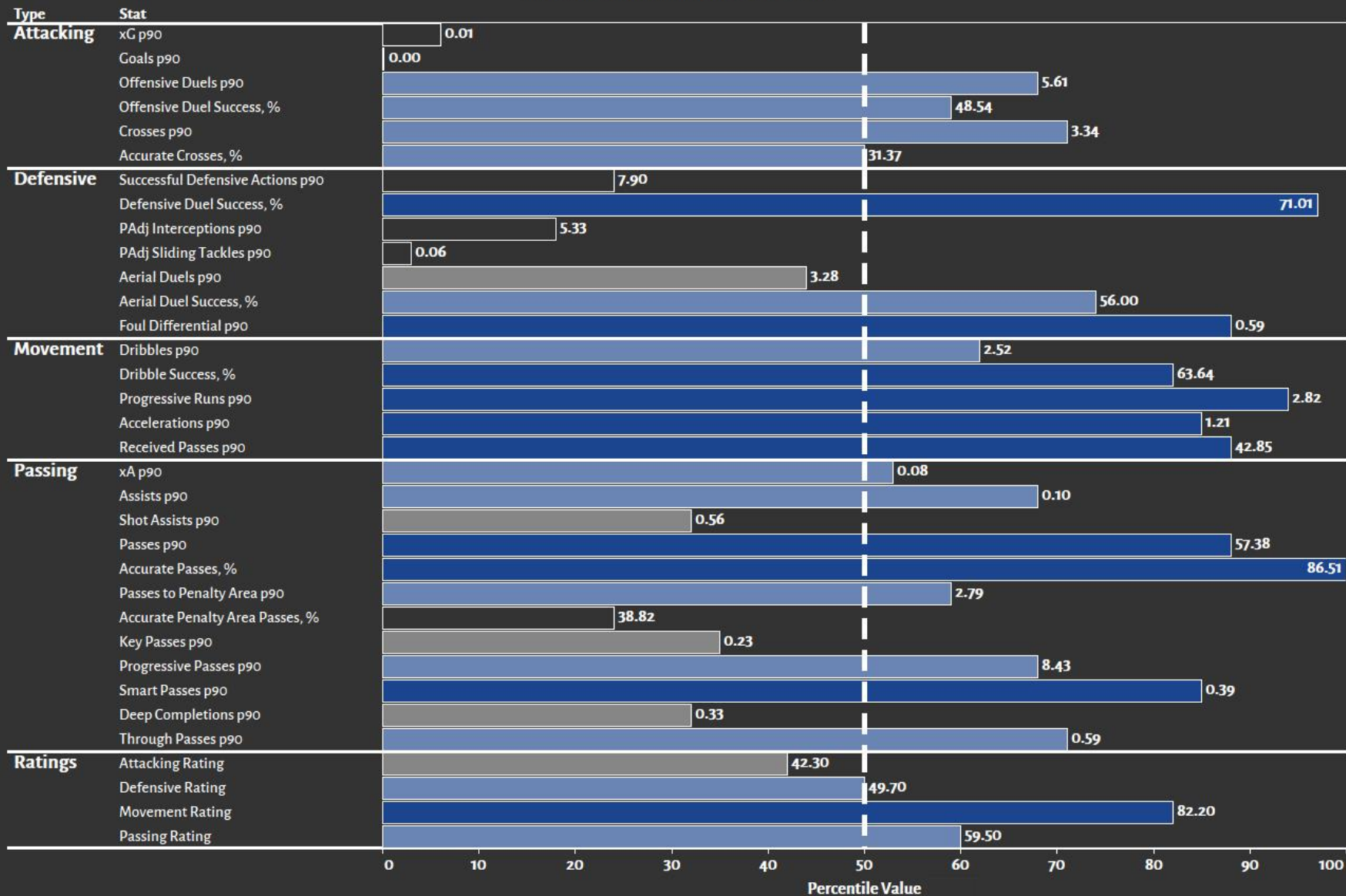




## Calvin Bassey vs The Competition

FB/WBs in the Premiership with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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## Full-Back Review

- **James Tavernier** has just come off his best season in a Rangers top, which is no mean feat given the consistently excellent standards he has set so far. Despite entering his 30s, I have no qualms regarding Tavernier maintaining his current position in the side until the expiration of his current deal in June 2024. His durability also allows us to have just one natural rotation option behind him.

- **Calvin Bassey**'s future is at CB, whether that be at Ibrox or elsewhere is another matter. Rangers should either extend his contract or sell him this summer whilst his stock is highest. If he chooses to extend he should be nothing more than a rotation option at LB, as he should be playing alongside the LB at LCB.

- **Borna Barisic** when fit and in the right frame of mind has been the archetypal Rangers fullback, however it's got to the point where the pauses of form are too great and frequent. Barisic already has a spotty injury history and a mediocre physical profile which will likely deteriorate with every passing year. As such I would look to sell him this summer looking to maximise income which will eventually be reinvested, as well as thanking him for his time at the club.

- **Mateusz Zukowski** has barely featured since he swapped Poland for Scotland in large part due to an unknown injury he's suffered. Even if he was healthy he wouldn't have played much of a role, testament to Tavernier's influence. Despite this, his age and profile are ideal for a backup RB, with his form in the first half of the Ekstraklasa season evidence that he can be a contributor going forward.

- **Adam Devine** has impressed in his series of late season cameos. He's spent the vast majority of the season in the B-team, proving to be one of their more valuable players. Devine split the 20/21 season between Brechin and Partick Thistle. Sitting 3rd in the pecking order behind Tavernier and Zukowski will serve no purpose in his development, so a loan somewhere in the EFL should be the target.

### Verdict

Right-Back is sorted, the only concern is finding Devine a loan. A starting left-back should be signed to replace Barisic and contingencies should be prepared for a younger back-up option should Bassey leave.



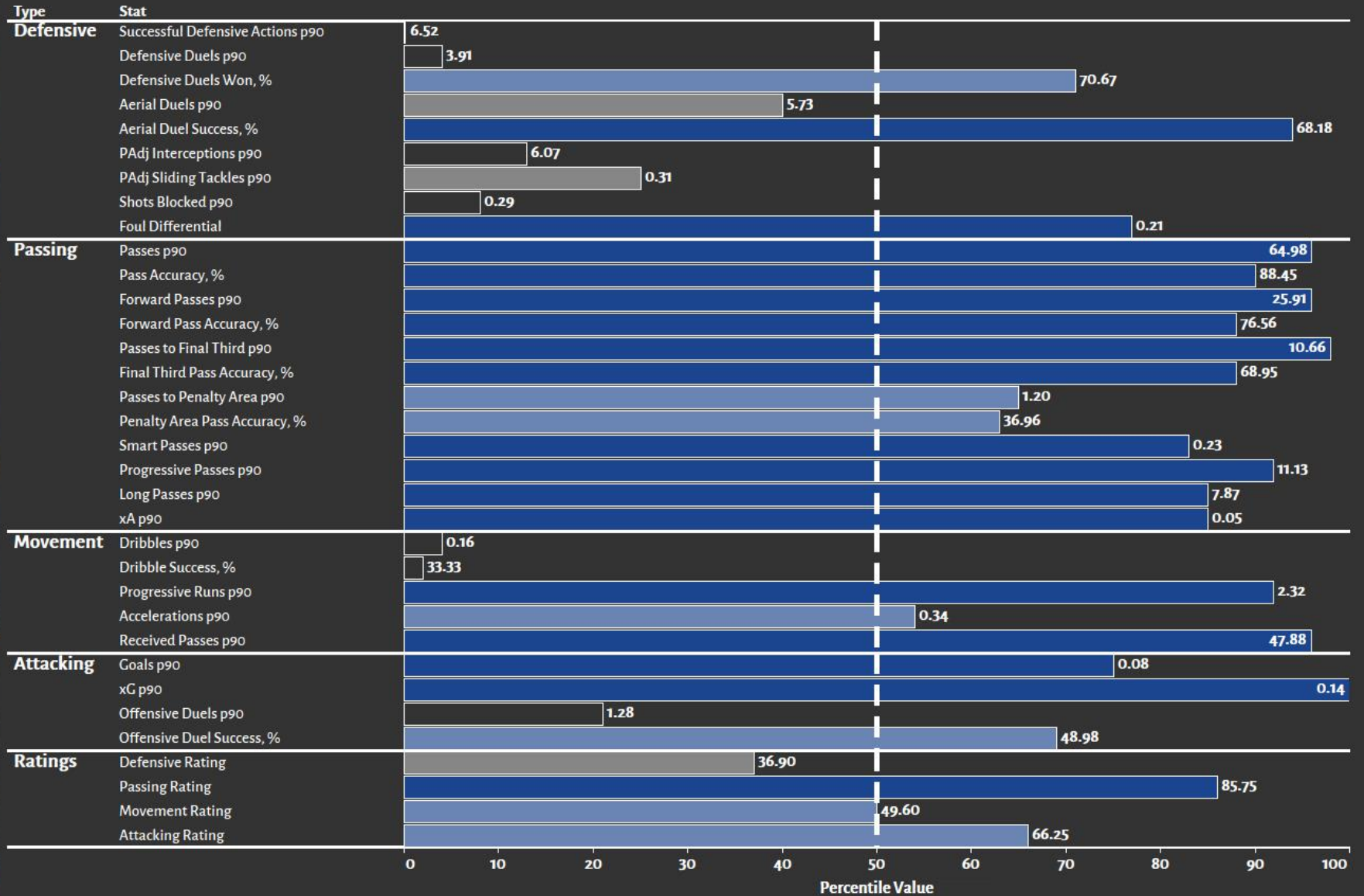
***Centre-Backs***



## Connor Goldson vs The Competition

CBs in the Premiership with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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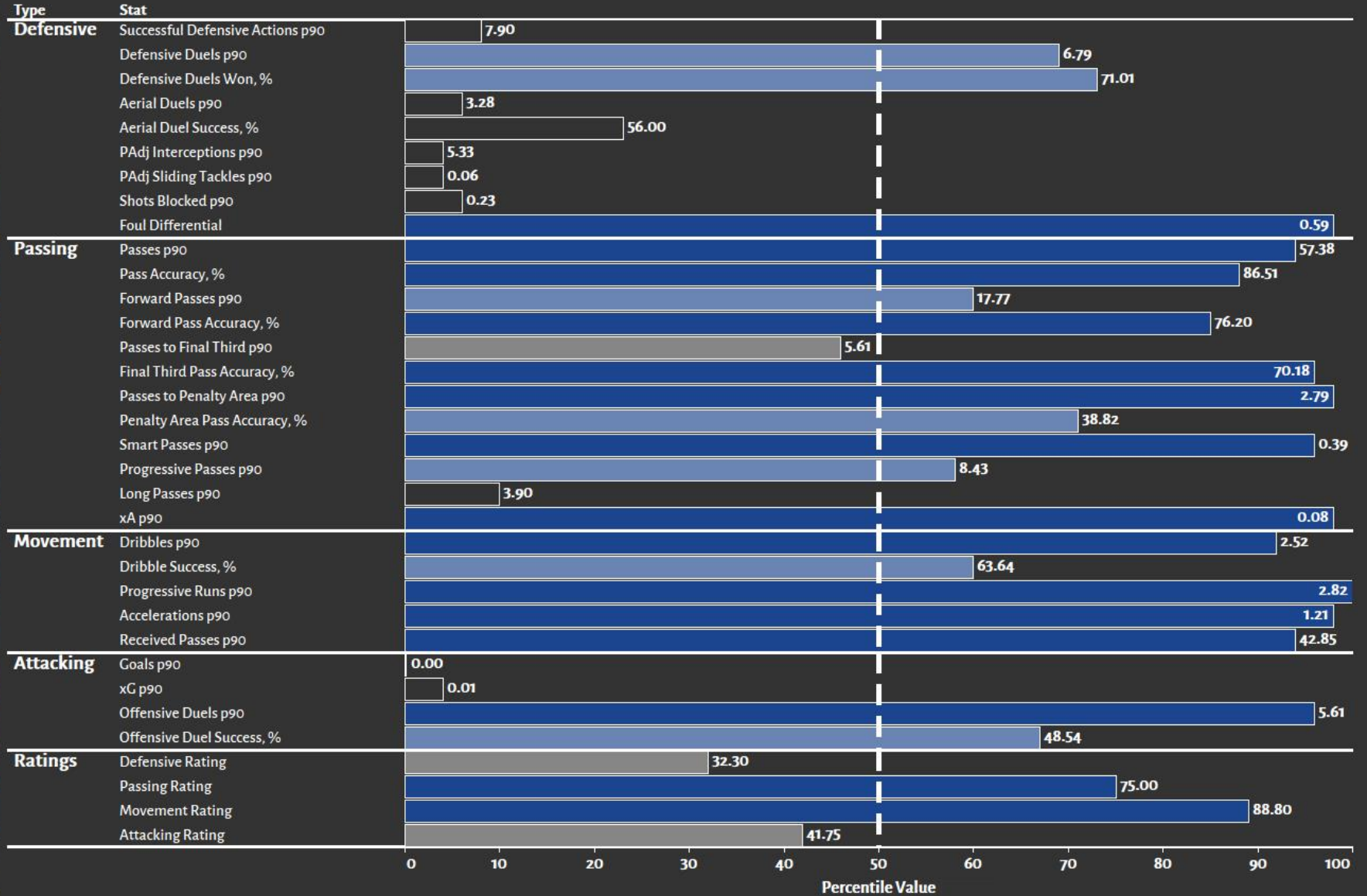




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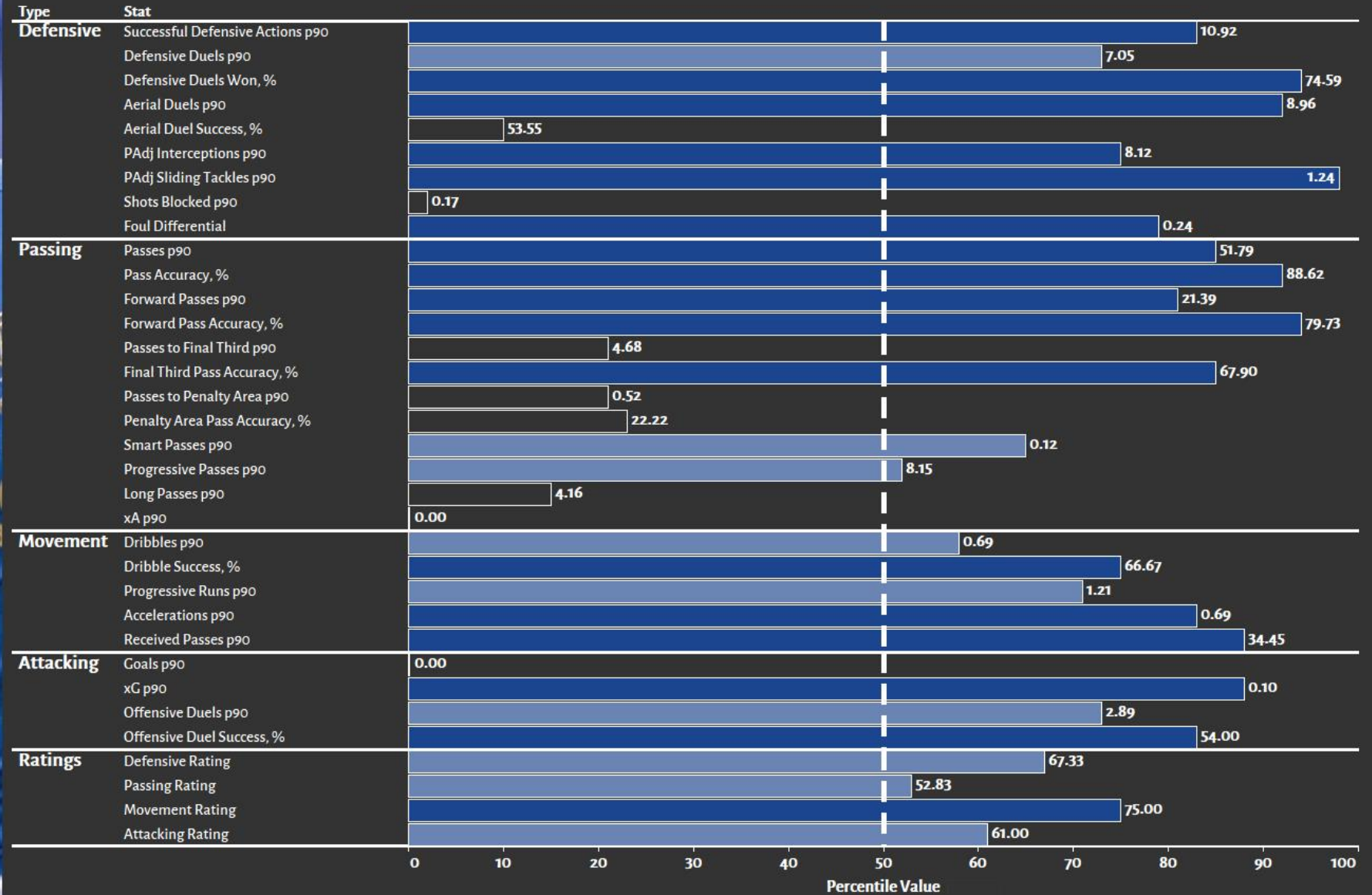




## Leon Balogun vs The Competition

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## Centre-Back Review

- **Connor Goldon's** contract extension to 2026 is the perfect way to start the summer. His durability, ball-playing and aerial abilities are invaluable. He should for at least the foreseeable future be first choice and a key member of a successful spine.
- **Calvin Bassey** has turned into a dependable option at LCB. Bassey featured in 72% of available minutes, with roughly half of those coming at LCB. Despite arriving as a LB I think his future is at CB and in a starting role. We should do our best to extend his contract and pay him accordingly.
- **Leon Balogun's** departure is bitter-sweet. When fit, he is a dynamic and robust modern CB and a great representative for the club. A mix of his age and injury issues saw him only feature in 43% of available minutes.
- Injuries have hamstrung **Filip Helander's** Rangers career. Last season he managed roughly 50% of available minutes; that figure dropped to 15% this season. When fit, he's an intelligent and experienced defender, though he lacks mobility and can appear uncomfortable in possession.
- **James Sands** has 12 months left to run on his loan deal which saw him arrive in January 2022. The majority of his time so far has been spent in the midfield, and I would expect that to continue, though he will offer a depth option at CB.
- **Leon King** spent most of the season with the B-team, though, since extending his contract, he has been involved in both the matchday squad and starting 11 on multiple occasions. It's a vital juncture for King. His development is best kept in-house.
- **Jack Simpson** only played 6% of this season's available minutes. He is contracted until 2025, though it would be best for both parties for him to leave this summer.

### Verdict

Recoup what possible for Helander as he has a sub-optimal profile and part ways with Simpson, King takes the latter's minutes. Souttar arrives as the Balogun replacement. Prepare contingencies for a Bassey departure which seems increasingly likely, and enter the market for a left-sided centre-back who will replace Helander. Lundstram and Sands can offer cover if needs be throughout the season.



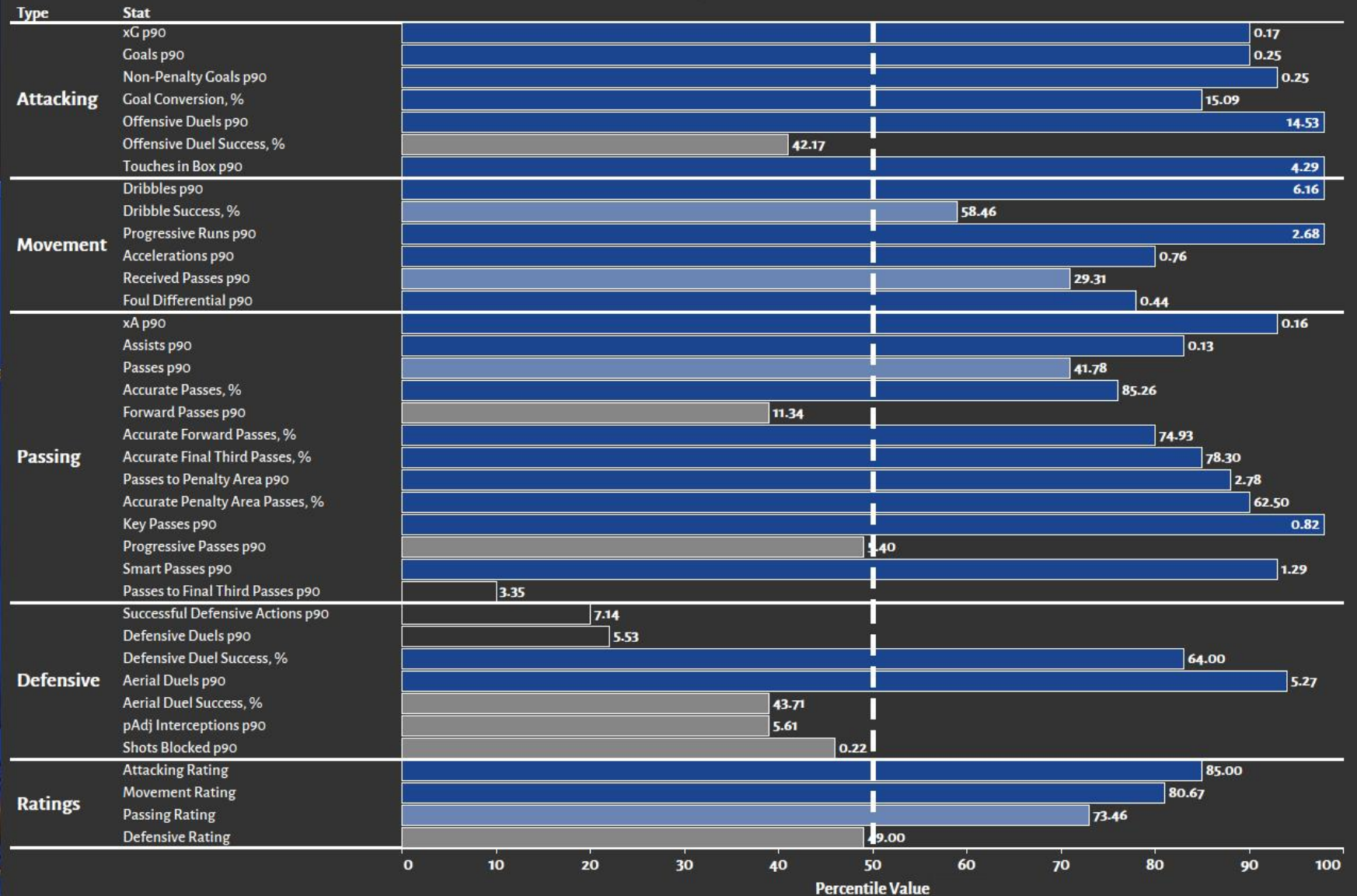
***Centre-Midfielders***



## Joe Aribo vs The Competition

CM/DMs in the Scottish Premiership with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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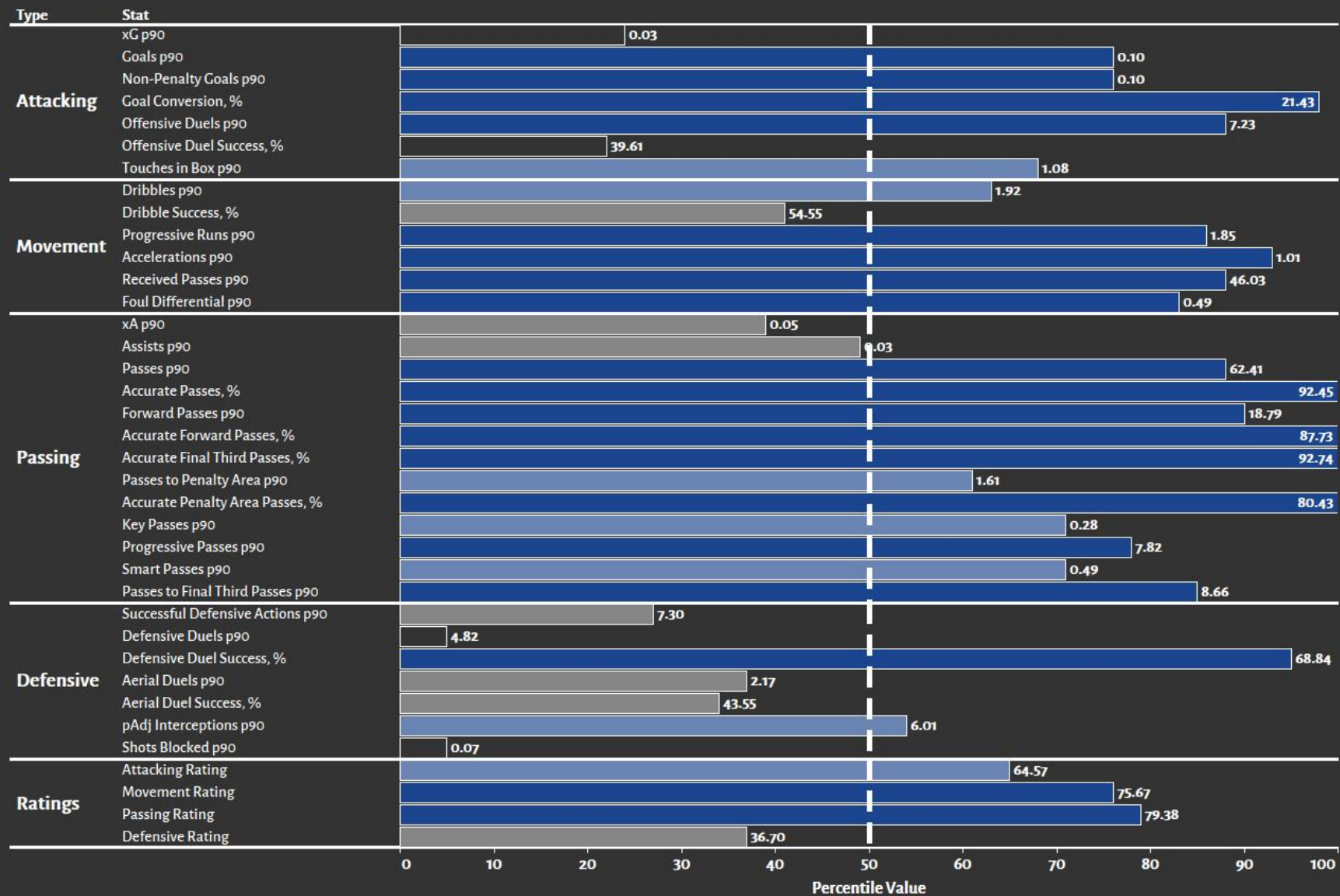
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## Glen Kamara vs The Competition

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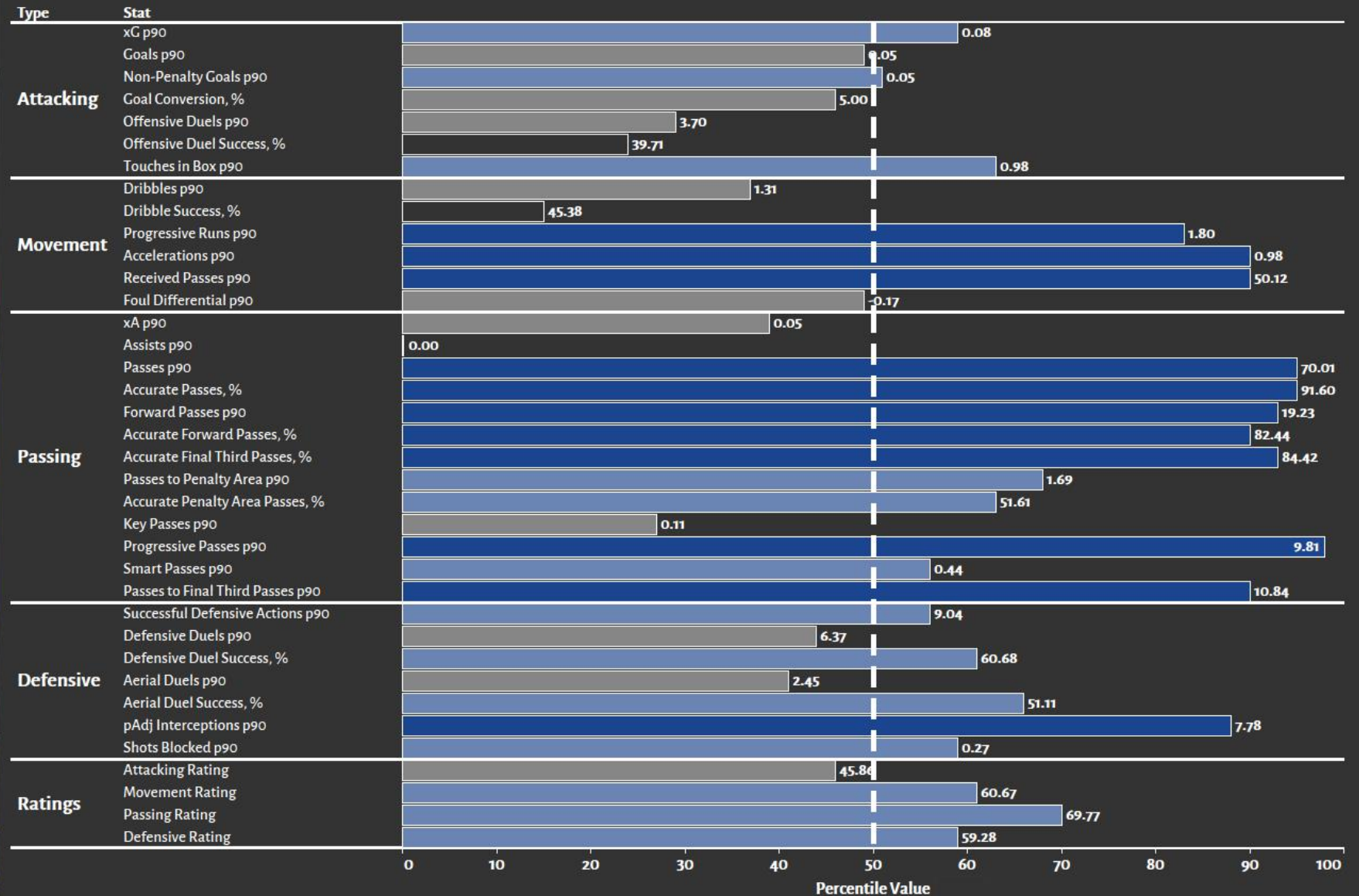




## John Lundstram vs The Competition

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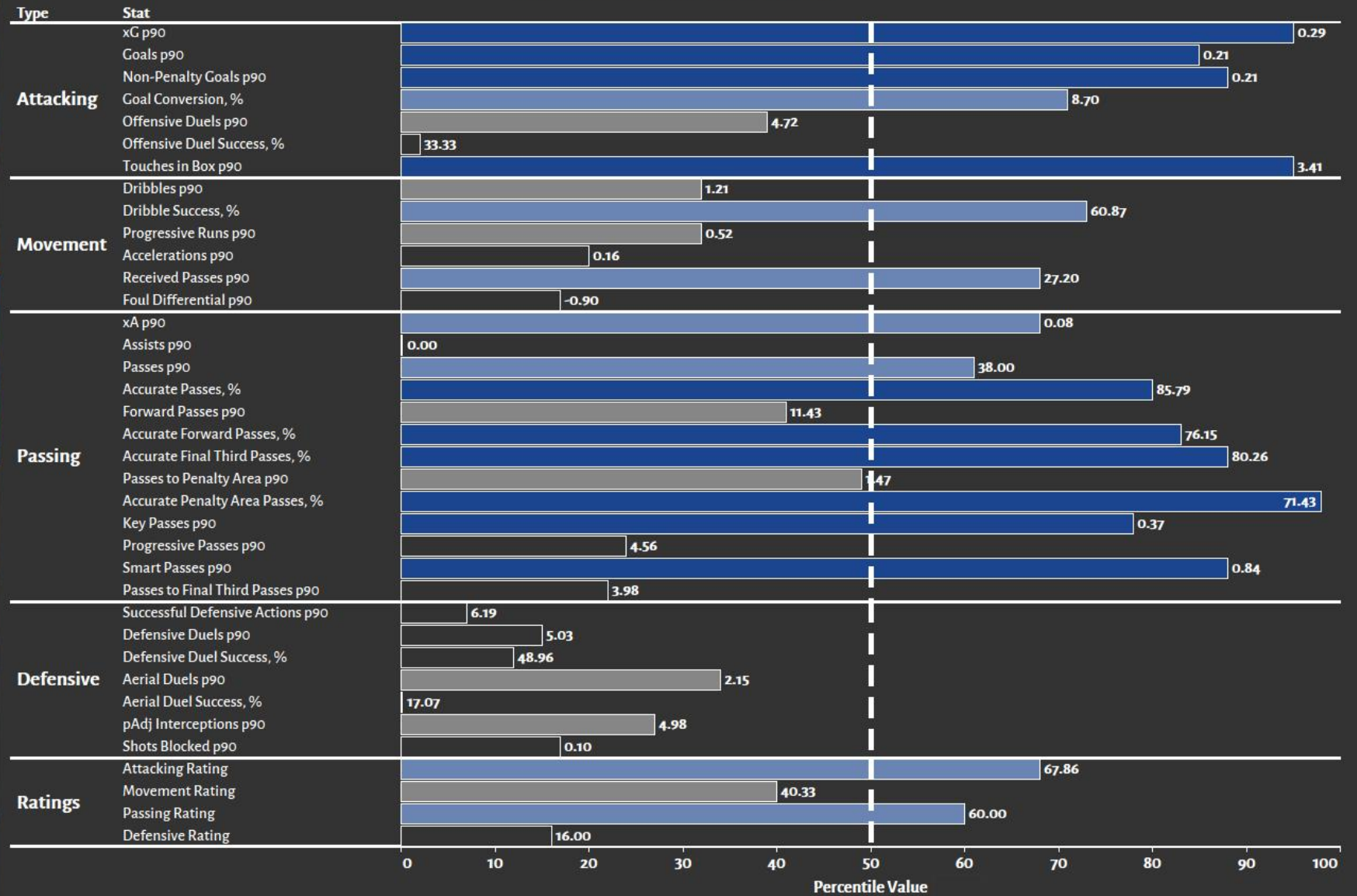




## Scott Arfield vs The Competition

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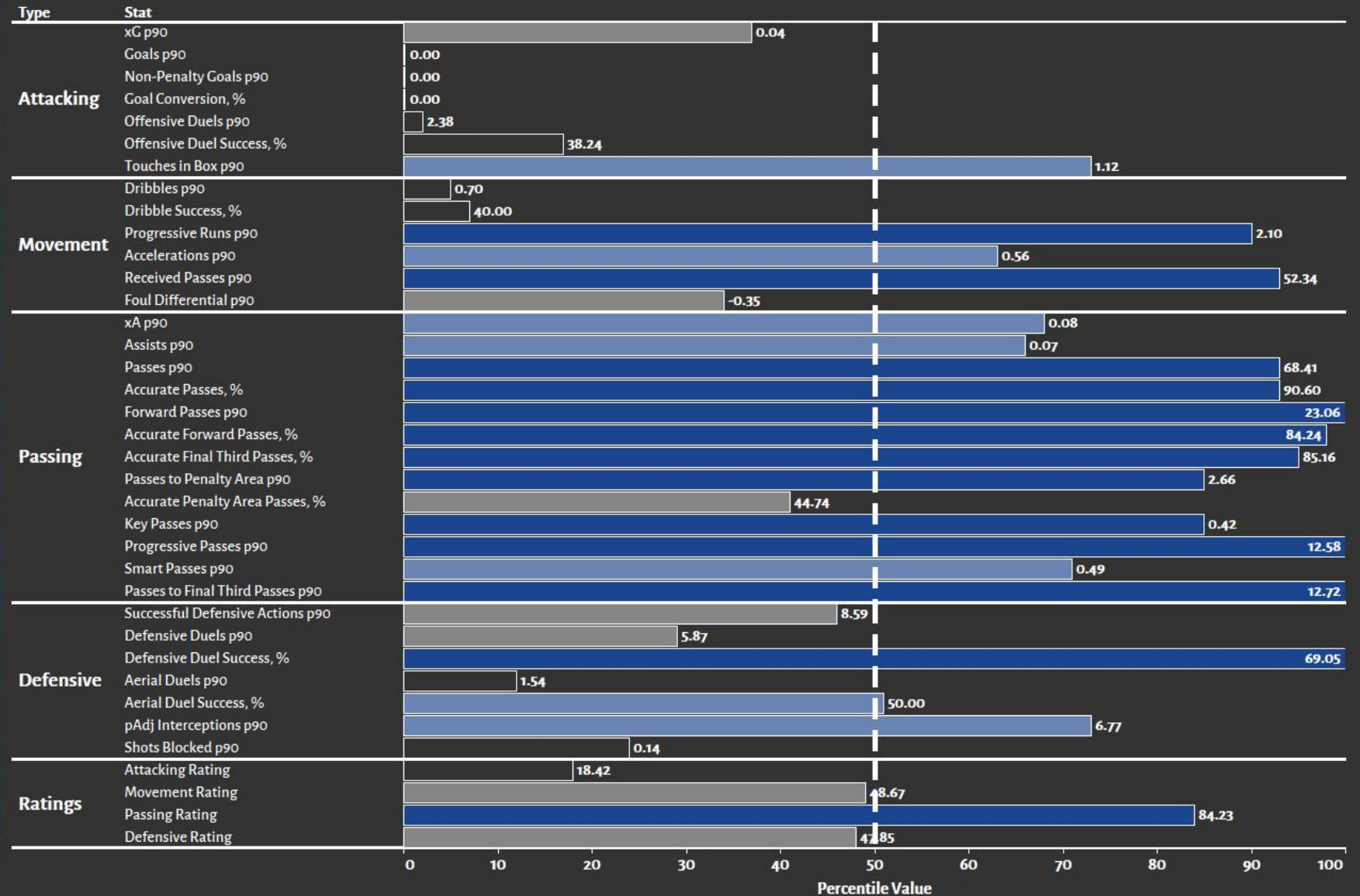
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## Steven Davis vs The Competition

CM/DMs in the Scottish Premiership with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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## Centre-Midfield Review

- **John Lundstram** is the best on earth, he's been consistently excellent ever since early February. Going forward he should maintain a starting spot in the midfield and can cover at CB should injuries make that necessary
- **Ryan Jack's** season was a tale of two halves which saw him pick only 21% of available minutes. The first half was littered with injuries whilst the second was largely successful, a reminder that when fit he serves a purpose. Even with the injury concerns I would keep him at Ibrox as a starting option.
- **Steven Davis** is here for another year and that will largely benefit the squad harmony and younger players. He should play a backup role, nothing more, nothing less.
- **Glen Kamara** failed to hit the heights of last season in a largely inconsistent 21/22 season. He looked far better at the tail-end of the season. His contractual situation is sorted and allows us to reject smaller bids, though I would consider letting him go should the right bid come in.
- **Joe Aribo** was the form player up until AFCON. He's played almost every role between CM, RW, and even CF. Sadly his contract situation is sub-optimal and as such we either need to extend his deal or part ways for a satisfactory figure.
- **James Sands's** played a limited role since arriving, but has looked comfortable playing as a 6. I would expect him to become a more prominent fixture in the 11 next season so we can fully evaluate whether or not we exercise our buy clause
- **Charlie McCann** was the Academy POTY and showed his quality in first-team cameos. At this juncture minutes in legs is imperative, as such I would look to line up a loan to the EFL or Scottish Premiership.

### Verdict

- Plan contingencies for both a Kamara and more likely, an Aribo departure. Sands picks up most of Davis's minutes as he steps back into a backup role. Sign a box-to-box option as that is currently lacking in the midfield rotation.

# ***Attacking-Midfielders***

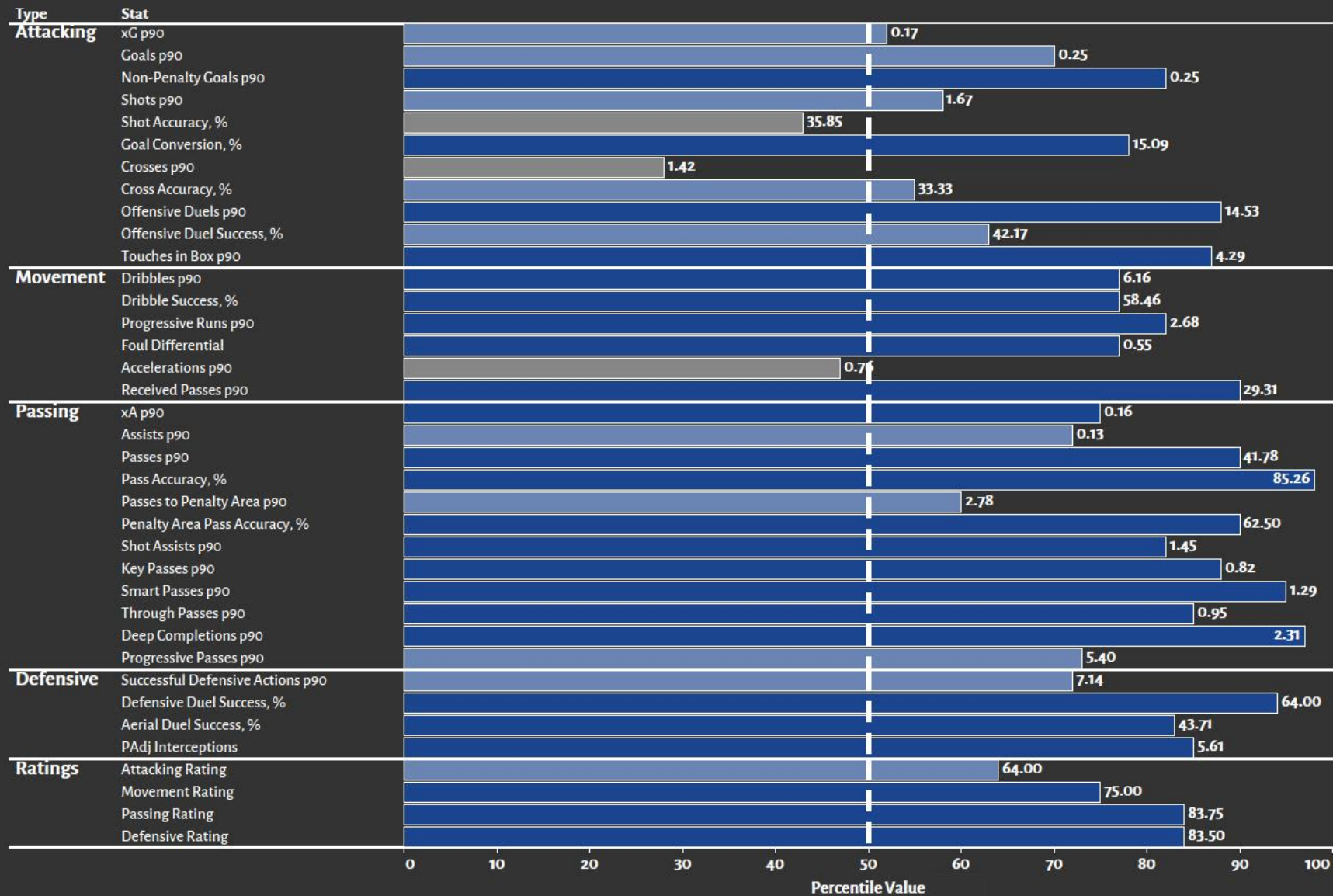




## Joe Aribio vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Scottish Premiership with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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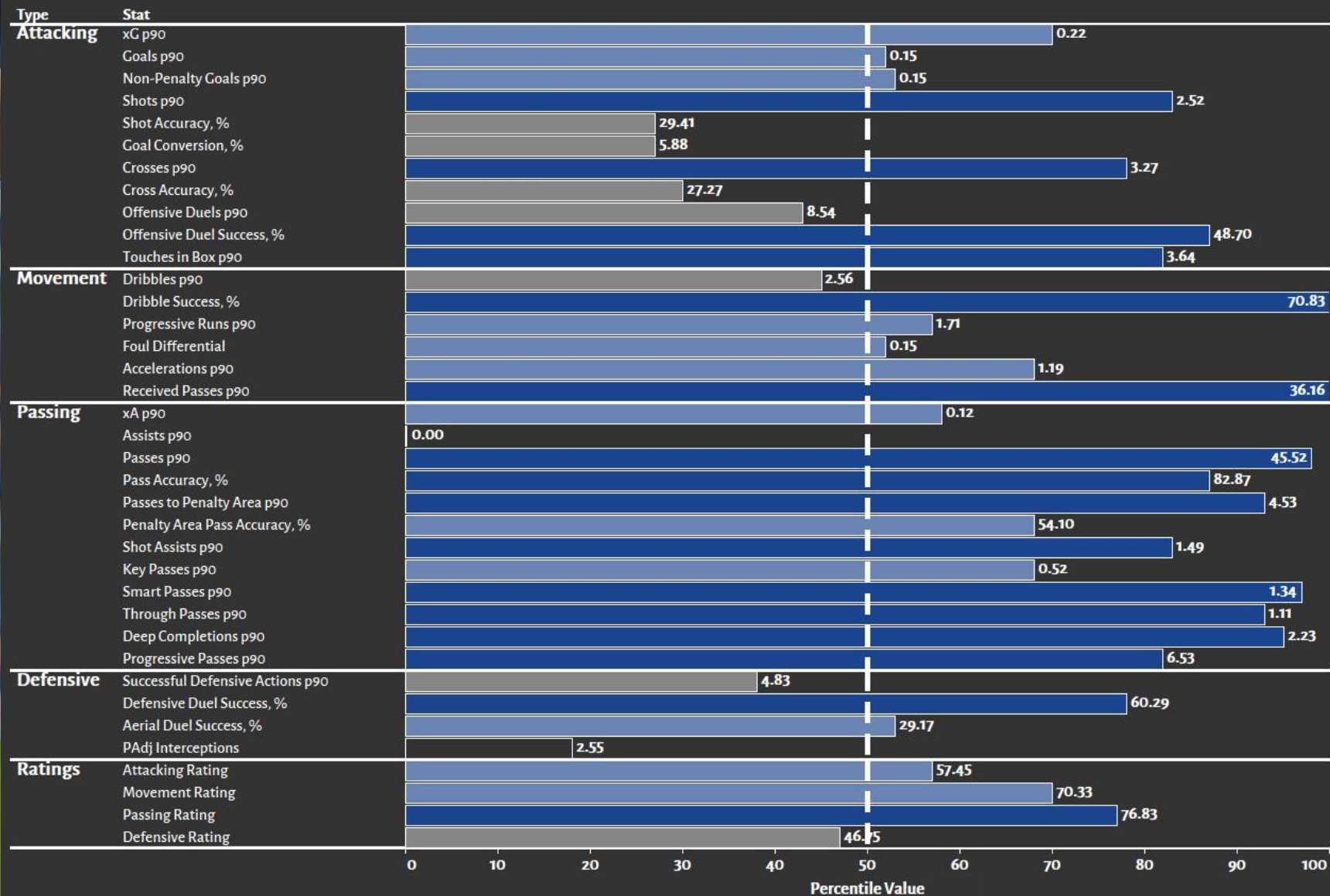




## Ianis Hagi vs The Competition

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## Attacking-Midfield Review

- **Joe Aribo** deputised centrally, on the right, and in a deeper role in the midfield. His physical and technical versatility proved invaluable in this and seasons past. Should he extend his deal, he's the number one option, and as such, contingencies for his departure should be made.

- **Ianis Hagi** missed the second half of the season but is ahead of his rehab schedule and is set to be back upon the beginning of pre-season. He was fine but less impressive than his exploits in the 20/21 season when fit this season. Hagi should no longer be played on the right unless necessary and should be seen as a rotation option with the potential to become a starter at the 10.

- **Alex Lowry** has surpassed all expectations and shown genuine glimpses of quality during his time on the pitch. He looks most comfortable playing centrally or off to the left. He is talented enough to be in and around the team and should head into the 22/23 season as a rotational option.

- **Aaron Ramsey's** time at Ranger cannot be described as anything but a disappointment. Between time spent in the treatment room and on the bench, he was unable to impose himself. Rangers should not look to extend his time in Glasgow and rather part ways upon the expiration of his loan deal.

- **Scott Arfield** signed a one-year extension in May. He has been a more central figure under GvB than Gerrard but should step back into a backup role heading into the 22/23 season. His influence in the dressing room is invaluable during a summer filled with transition

### Verdict

Lowry should assume a more prominent role in the squad, inheriting all of Ramsey and the bulk of Arfield's minutes. A starting quality player should be brought in as it looks likely Aribo will leave. They should provide Hagi and Lowry with competition for the starting shirt; ideally, profiling as a more sure-fire threat in the final third.

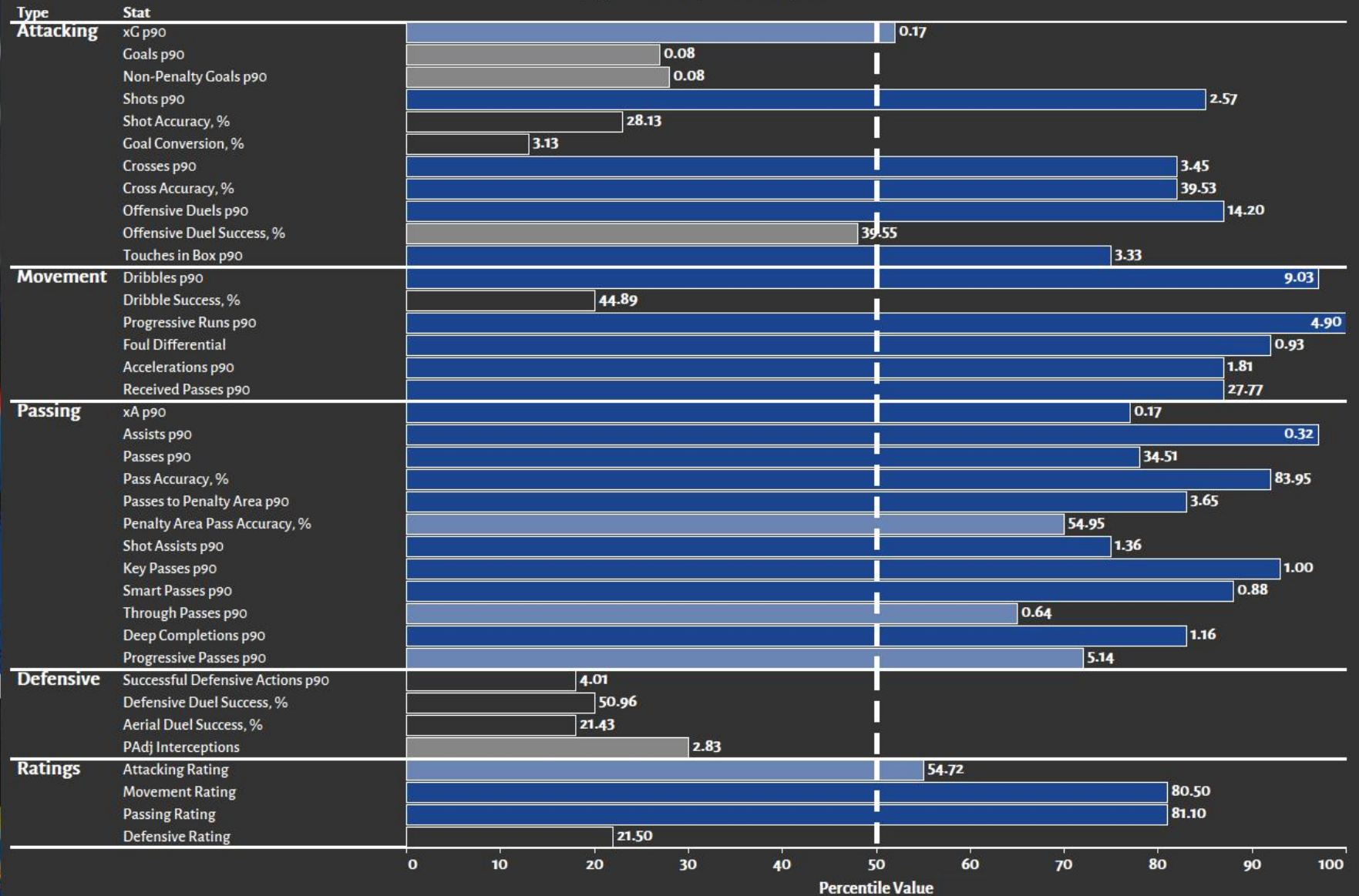


***Wingers***

## Ryan Kent vs The Competition

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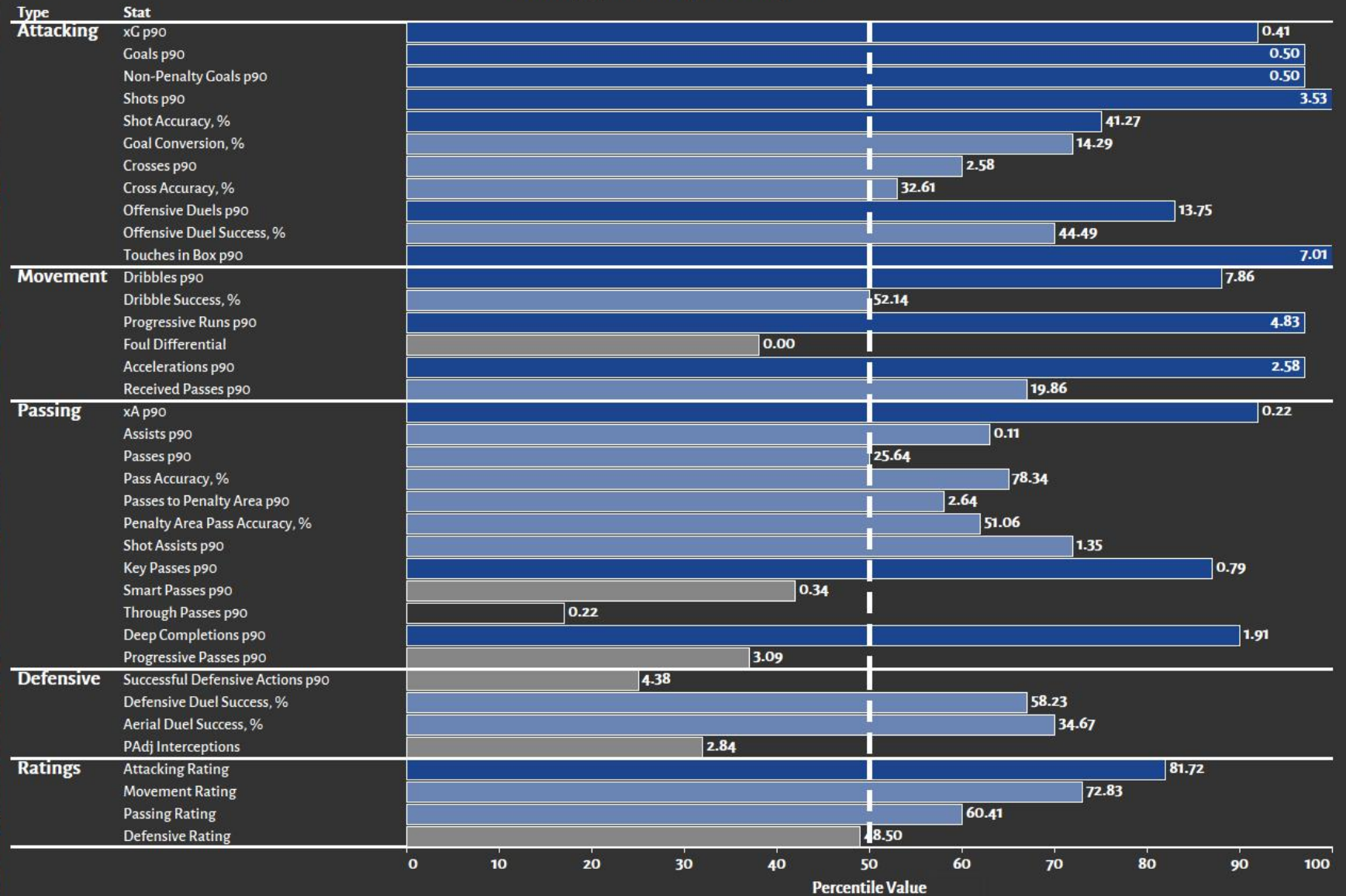




## Fashion Sakala vs The Competition

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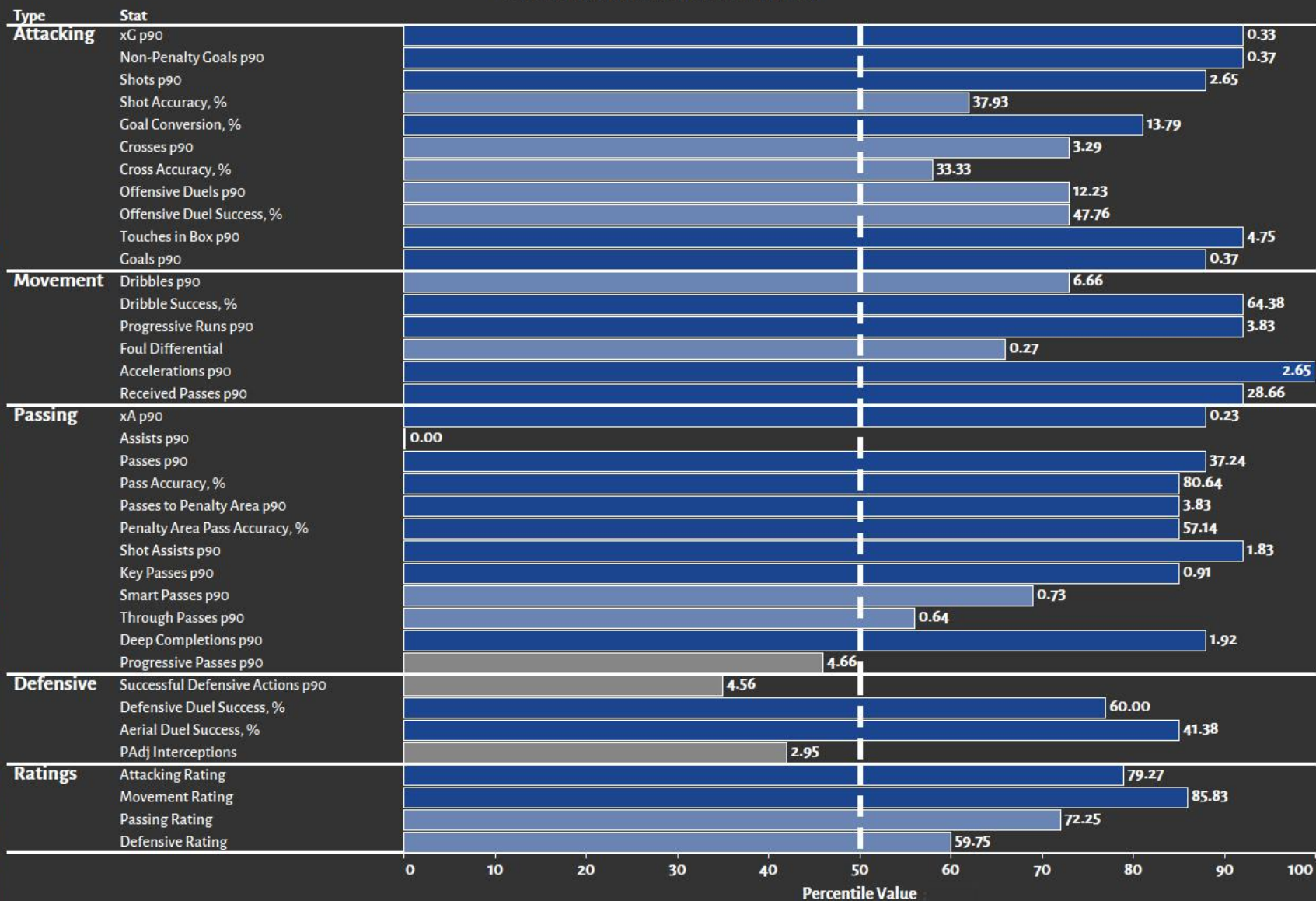




## Scott Wright vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Premiership with >900 Mins in 2021/22

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## Winger Review

- **Ryan Kent's** season has been a mixed bag compared to his outstanding 20/21 campaign. Domestically he failed to impose himself to the level expected, though he wasn't helped with injury problems. He was fantastic in the UEL, culminating in his selection in the Tournament's Best XI. Kent's contract situation is not ideal, and as such, we must entertain bids and plan accordingly.

- **Fashion Sakala** arrived as a ST but has shown a more significant threat when playing on the wing. Despite looking far more comfortable on the left, circumstance has forced him to play on the right more often. He is rough around the edges but carries plenty of threat and should be seen as a rotation option in all three roles across the front three.

- **Scott Wright** performed well in the second-half of the season after playing a bit-part role under Gerrard. He has done enough to cement a rotation role on the right, but he should deputise behind a new incoming starting right-winger.

- Much like his time as a 10, **Scott Arfield** has served a function when playing on the right. Much of it was out of circumstance, and that should be the line from now on. Arfield should only be seen on the wing should injuries force it.

- **Amad Diallo** has been a victim of circumstance. He arrived with limited first-team experience and no familiarity with his surroundings and was expected to hit the ground running. He failed to do so but has impressed in the last few games of the season. If the club and player have a mutual interest in extending the loan, I would do so. Still, Diallo shouldn't be the starting option heading into next season.

### Verdict

Kent is a guaranteed starter should he stay, though contingencies need to be prepared in the event he leaves. Scott Wright will be the backup RW, with Sakala operating as a rotation option on both wings and centrally. A starting quality right-winger must be signed regardless of all other business.

***Strikers***

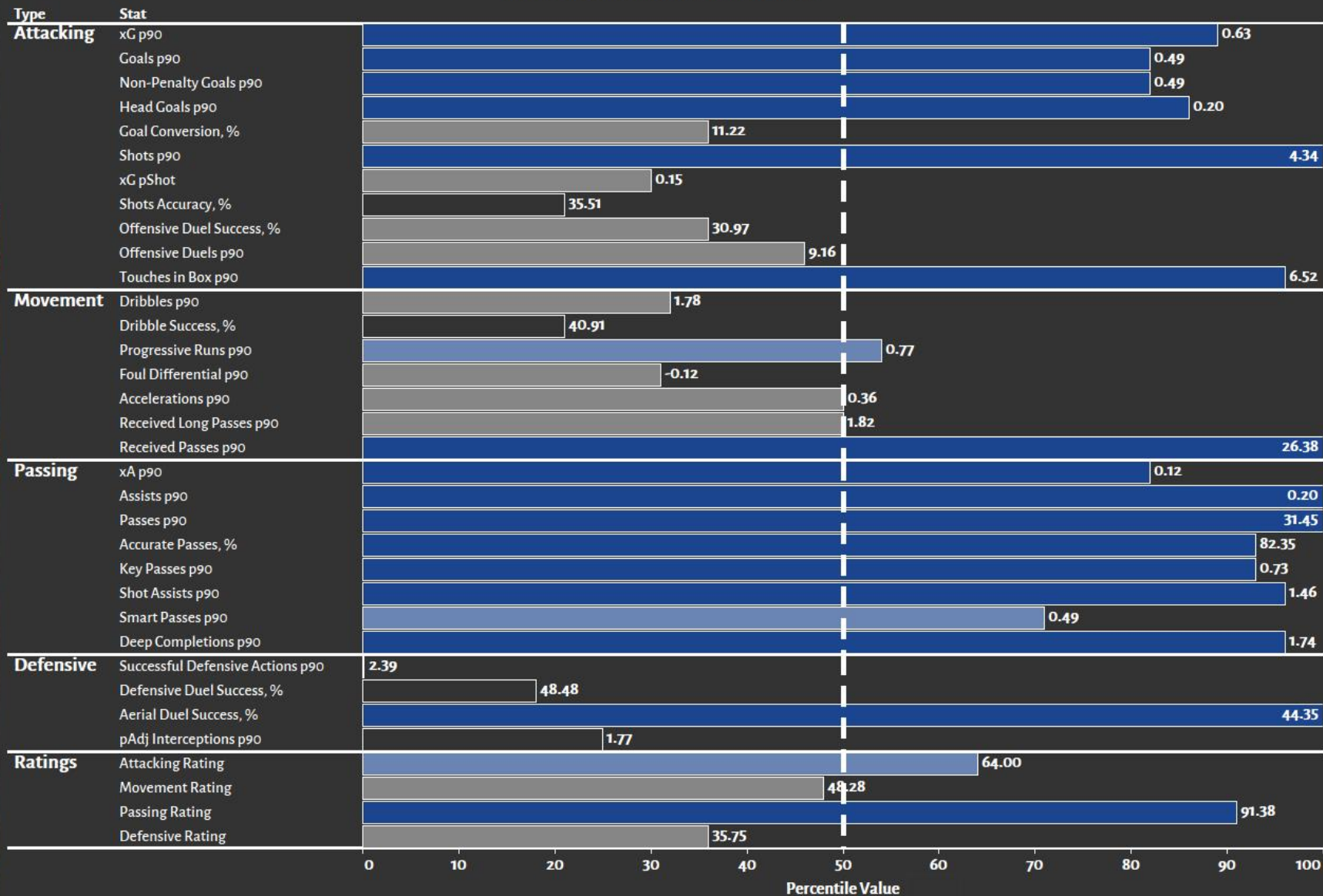




## Alfie Mullen vs The Competition

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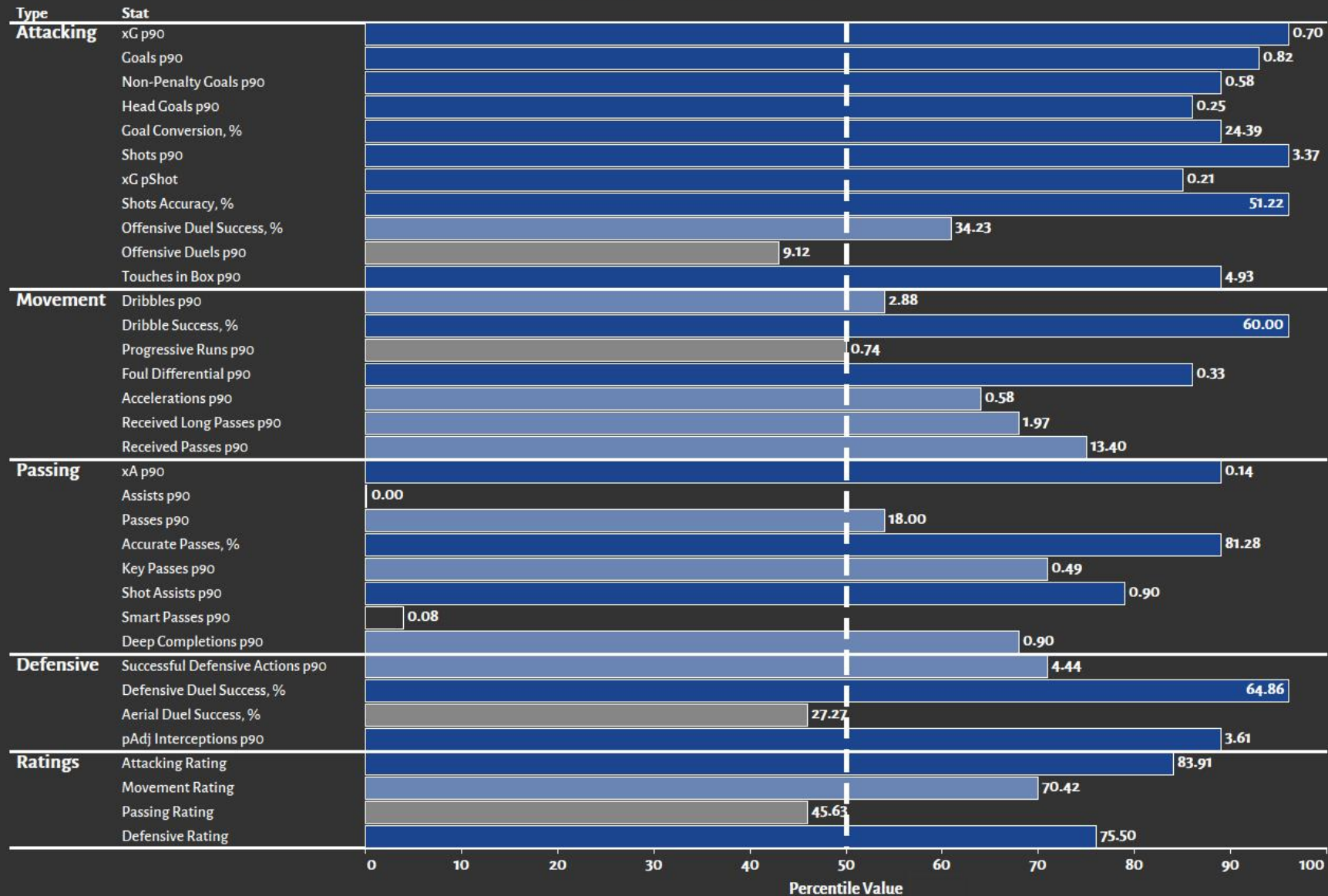




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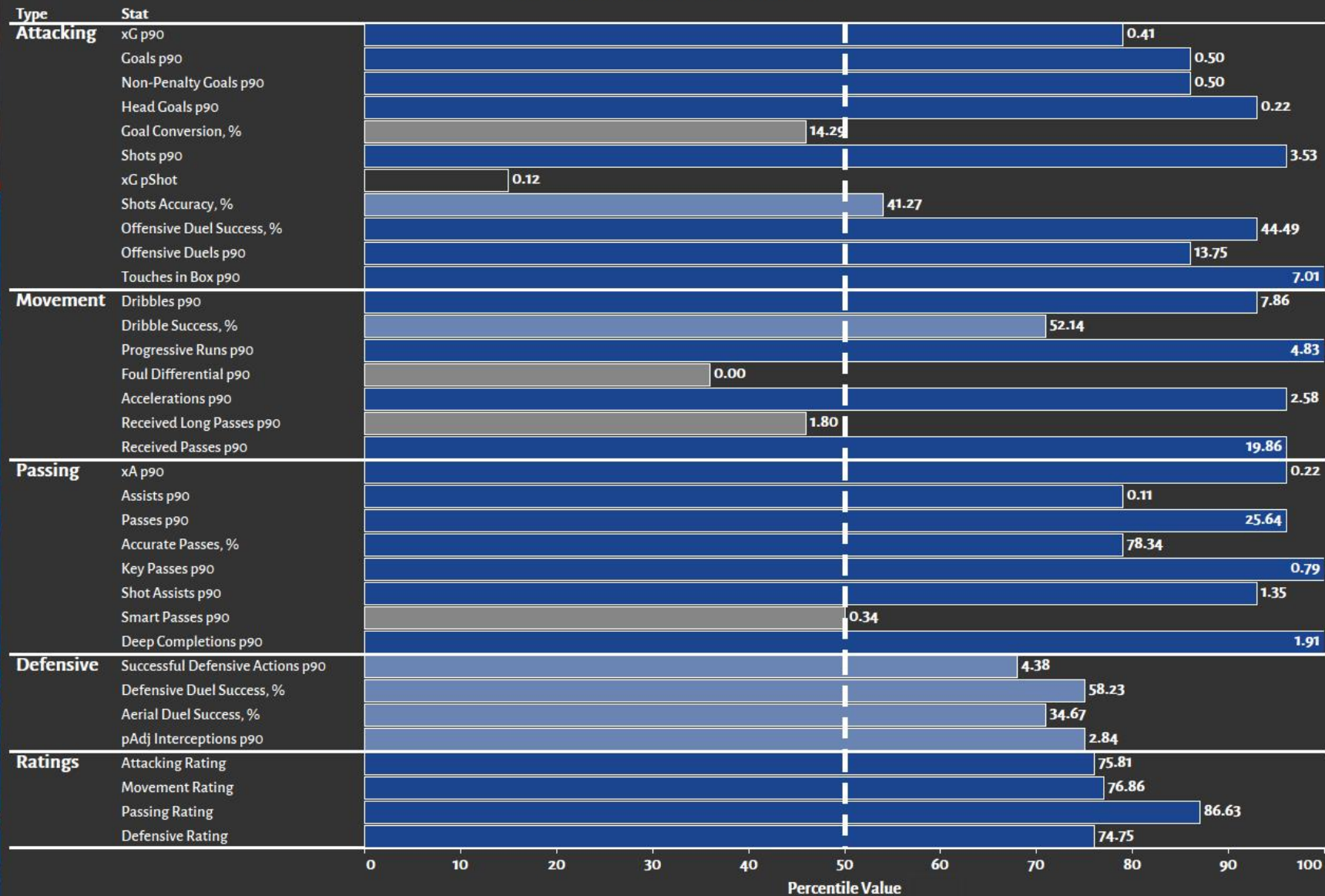




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## Striker Review

- **Alfredo Morelos** came off another successful season, albeit injuries late in the campaign stopped him from reaching his full potential. Like Kent and Aribio, Morelos enters the last 12 months of his current deal. So we are in a situation where we either convince him to extend or are forced to consider any and all bids. Contingencies must be prepared should the latter comes to fruition.

- **Kemar Roofe** experienced a truncated season due to injuries and not being favoured early into GvBs tenure. However, he eventually grew into his plans. Roofe remains incredibly injury prone, but when fit, he guarantees goals. Should we be able to extend Morelos's current deal, I would put Roofe in the shop window, and a replacement should be signed. However, if Morelos doesn't extend, I would keep Roofe at Ibrox, as parting with our two best goalscorers in a single summer is far too much of a risk.

- **Fashion Sakala** has failed to look comfortable when playing as a lone striker. However, his technical profile lacks the polish needed to thrive when isolated up top. Despite this, he remains an effective backup option, especially when the game is stretched. He should maintain his role as a backup ST option whilst getting the bulk of his minutes on the wing.

- **Cedric Itten** has failed to get going at Rangers over the past two seasons. A loan to Grefer Furth offered little respite. It's time that we cash in on the Swiss International when still possible, though any potential fee is likely to be minimal compared to what we paid. Sakala has the goals against Motherwell covered.

### Verdict

Do everything in your power to extend Morelos's contract and if he does, then place Roofe in the shop window. Should he not choose not to sign a new deal, then accept a fair offer for and keep Roofe. Contingencies for both Roofe and Morelos departures should be prepared. Itten should be sold regardless of the situation with the Roofe and Morelos. In the worst-case scenario a loan is palatable.

# ***Loan Players***

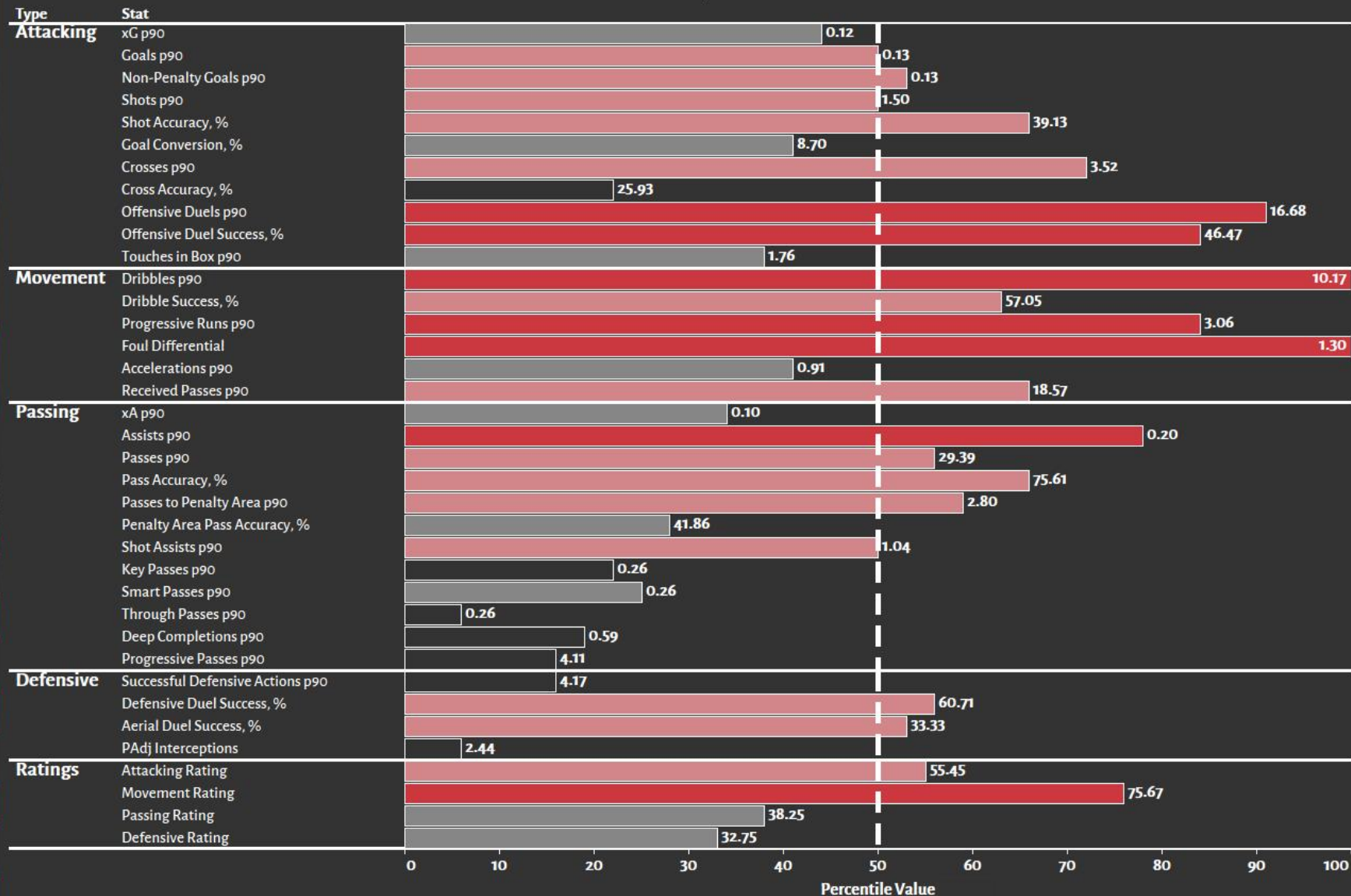




## Kai Kennedy vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Scottish Championship with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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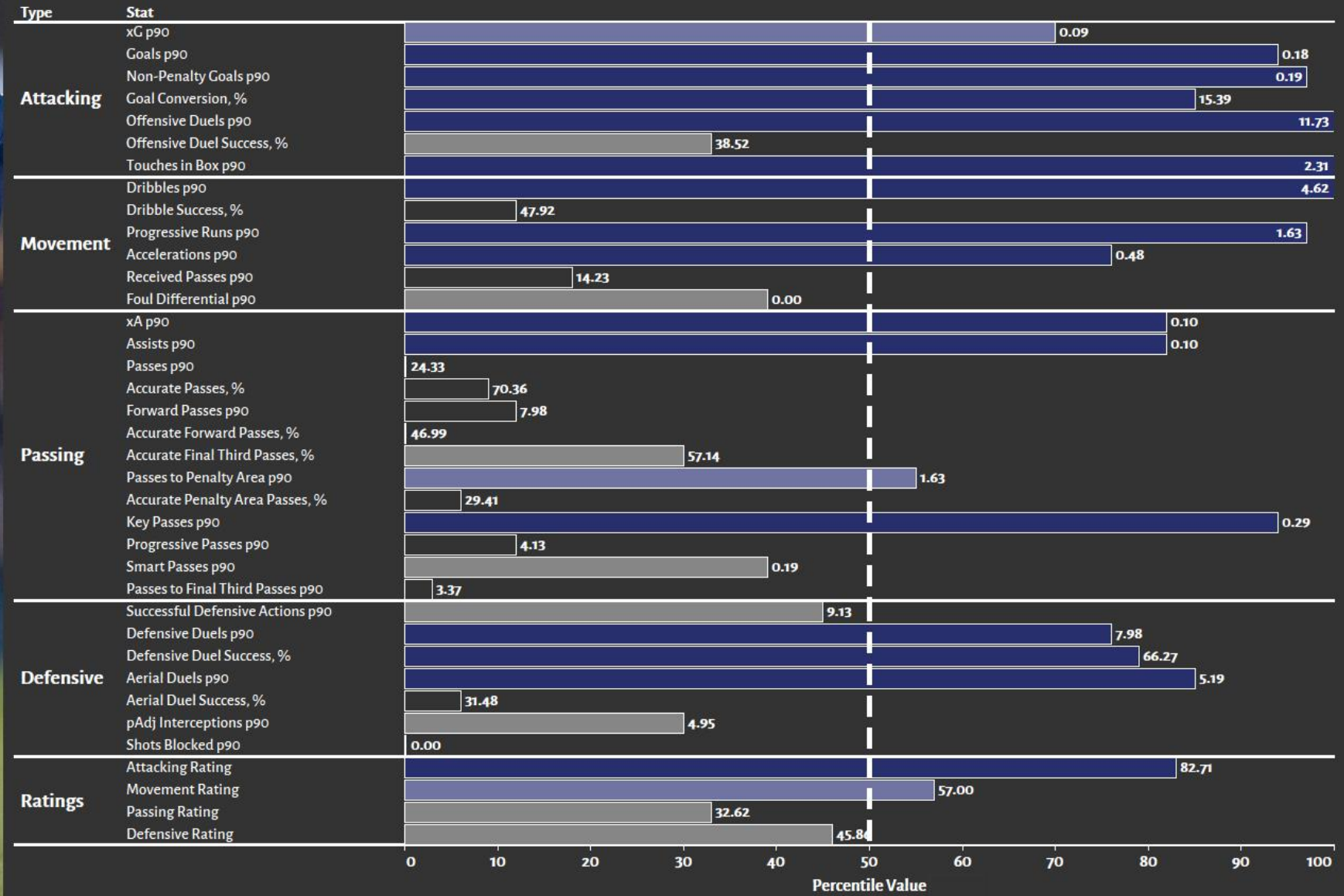




## Ben Williamson vs The Competition

CM/DMs in the Scottish Championship with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

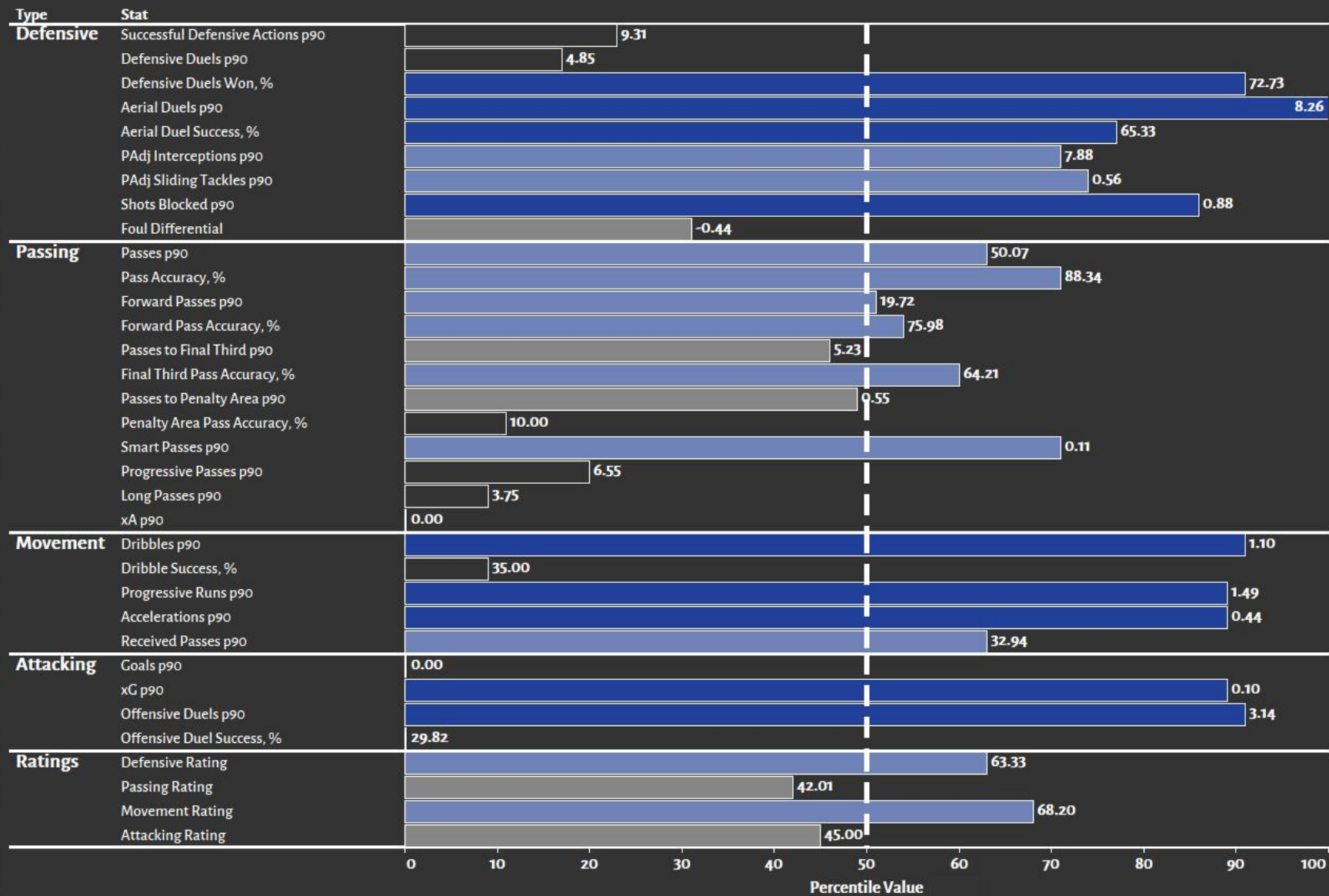
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## Nikola Katic vs The Competition

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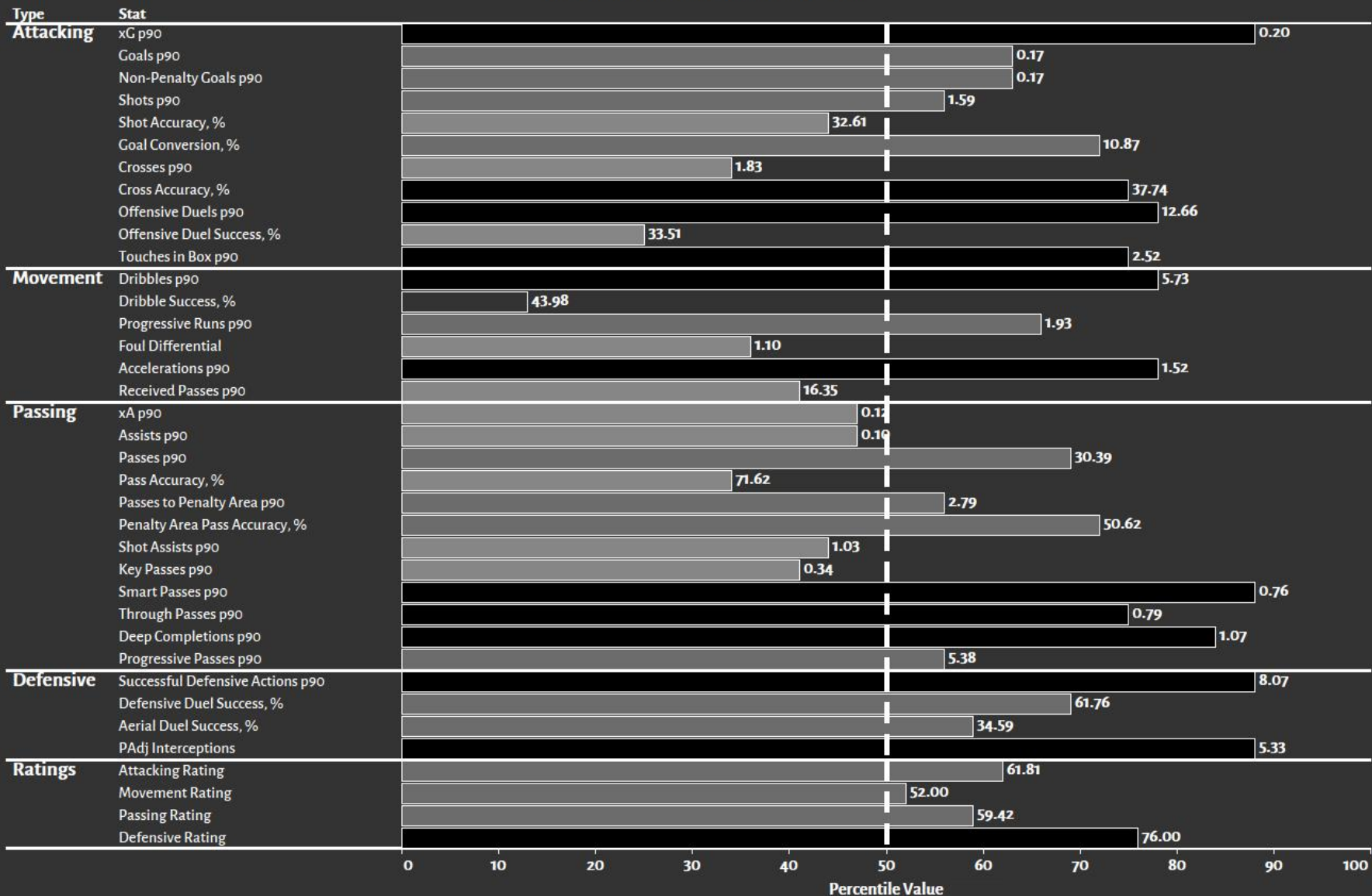




## James Maxwell vs The Competition

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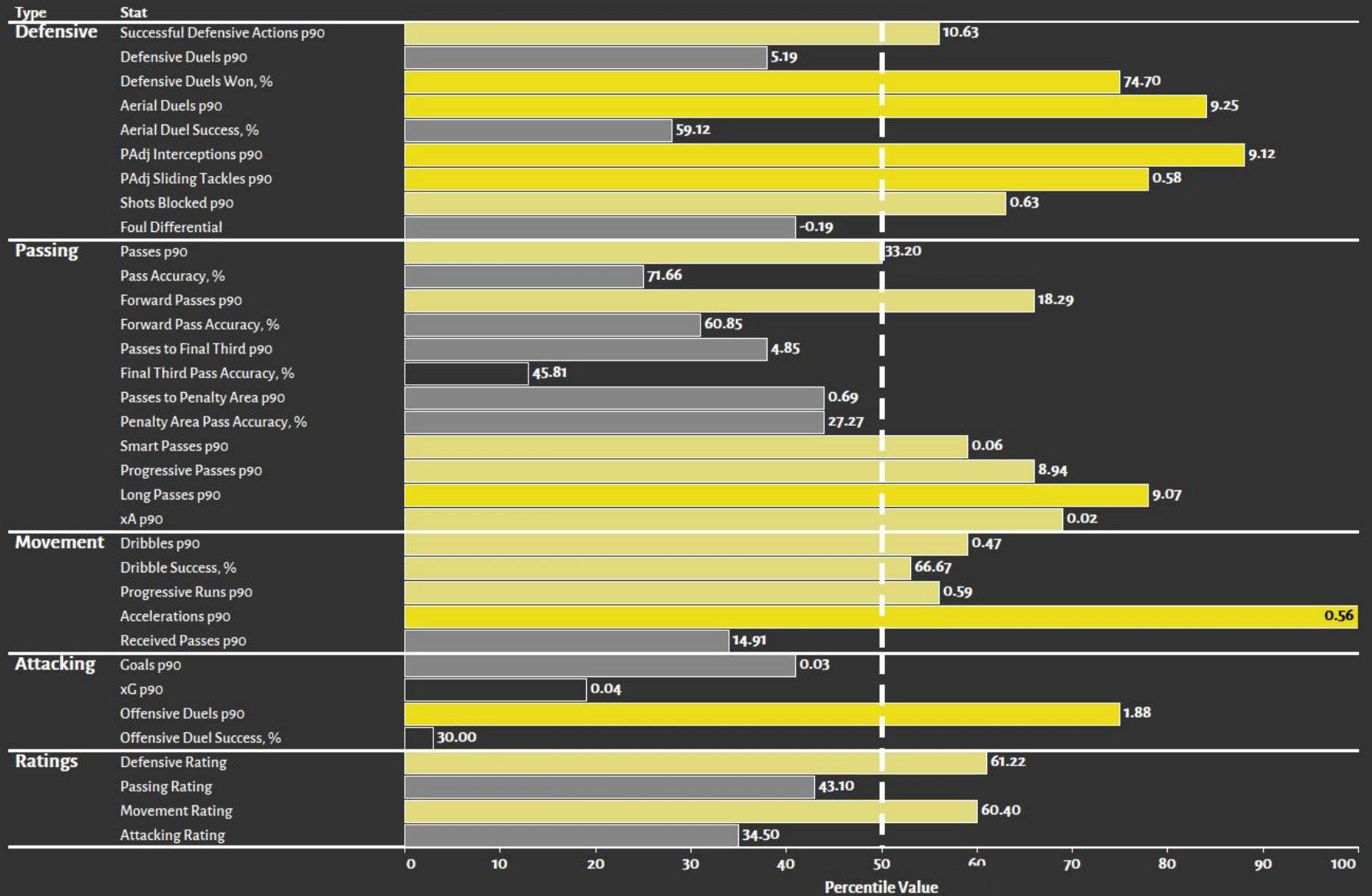




## Lewis Mayo vs The Competition

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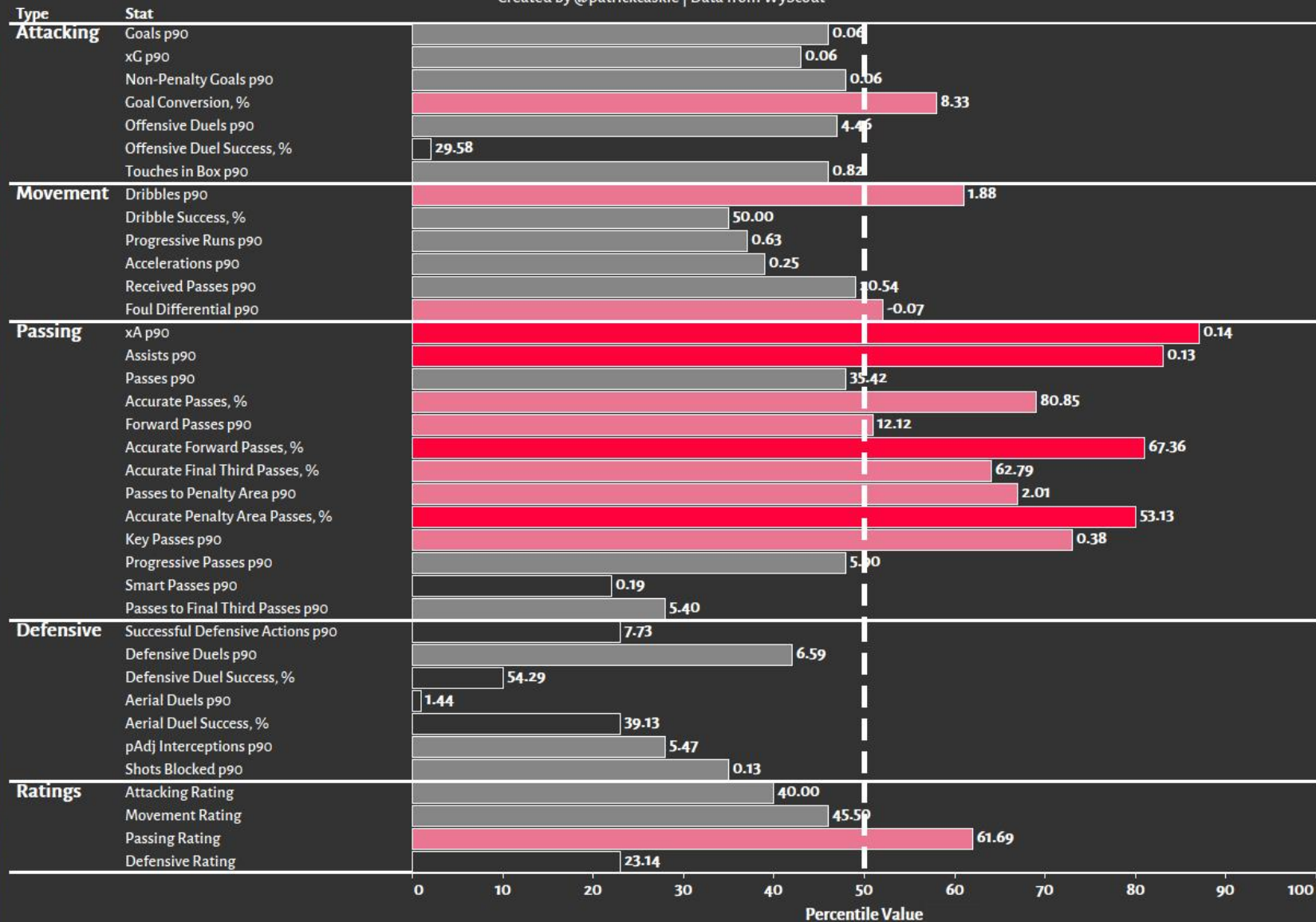




## Stephen Kelly vs The Competition

CMs in EFL League 2 with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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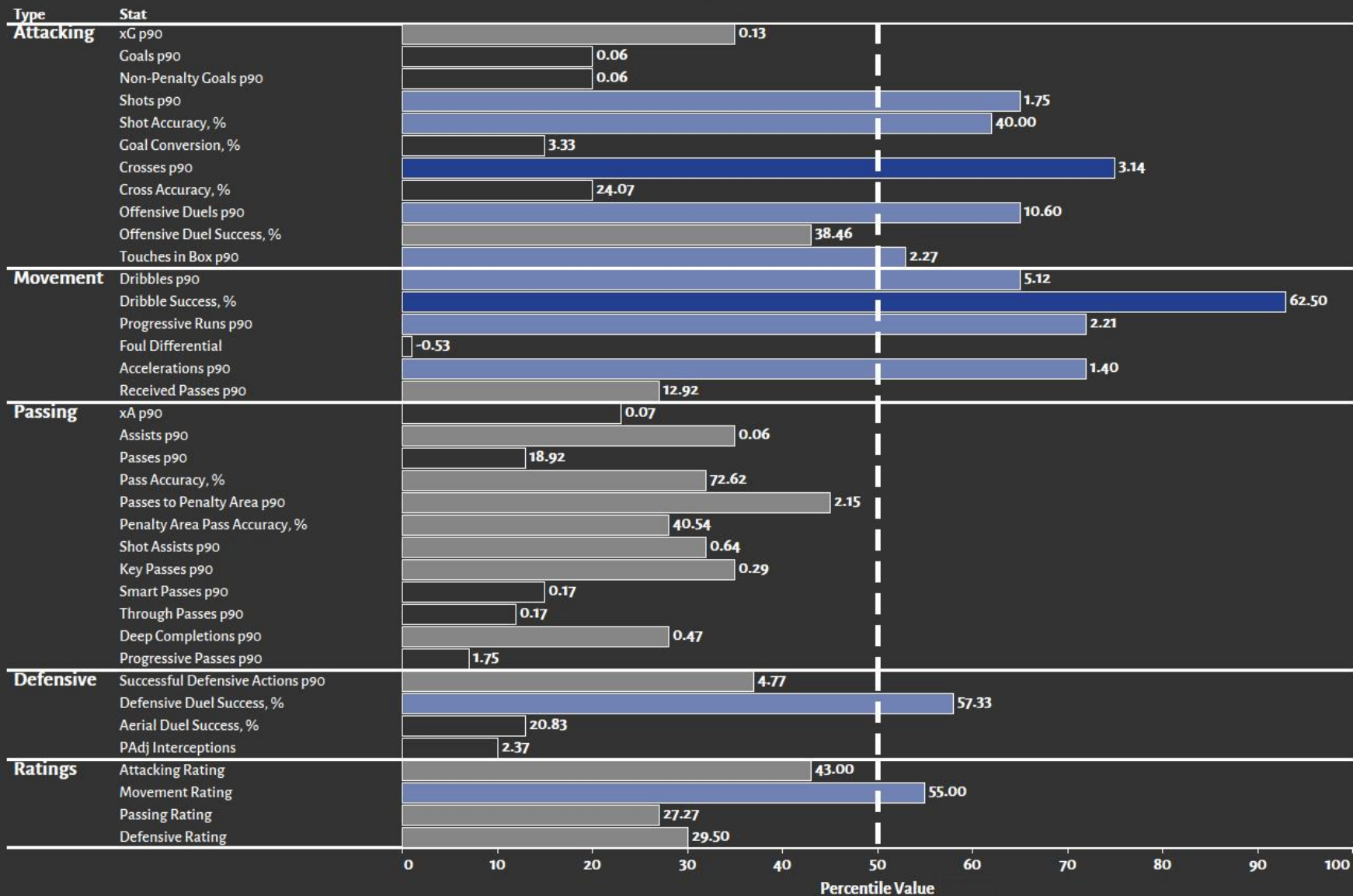




## Glenn Middleton vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Scottish Premiership with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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## Loan Review

- **Nikola Katic**'s stint in Croatia as beneficial for all parties. Katic regained match fitness and played a consistent role in a season which saw Hajduk come close to dethroning Dinamo. There was a buy-clause in the loan agreement which if exercised takes Katic's future out of our hands. If Hajduk chose not to exercise the clause then we should place Katic in the shop window.

- **Ben Williamson** split the season between Livingston and Raith Rovers, with latter spell proving far more successful. Whether it be a poor fit or too much too soon, Williamson failed to adapt to the Premiership. This summer we should look to loan him to a club in the EFL or Scottish Premiership.

- **Kai Kennedy** failed to build-on a constructive 20/21 campaign. He to split time between different clubs, but failed to show consistent quality. Like Williamson he is in last chance saloon and has one more loan to prove himself, again, we should target the Scottish Premiership or EFL.

- **Lewis Mayo** played a consistent role for Partick Thistle as they finished their season in the playoff spots. Like Williamson and Kennedy he to likely has one last shot at impressing on loan before having to find a new permanent home.

- **Stephen Kelly** spent the second half of the season at in EFL League 2 at Salford. He proved to be a good option but failed to stand out much at that level. Given his age he needs to be playing consistent first-team football and the best way to grant him this is via a permanent transfer away from Ibrox

- **Glenn Middleton**'s situation is much like Kelly's. He needs to leave Ibrox permanently as he will be afforded little-to-no opportunities here. Should St Johnstone stay up they may be interesting in taking him on permanently, if not, place him in the shop window for others.

- **James Maxwell** shone during his time at Ayr Utd, even been linked with a move to Leeds in January. I don't think he is yet at the level to offer much for the first-team, but like many his age, he likely has one more loan to show what he's got.

### Verdict

Sell Katic should Hajduk not exercise their clause. Move on from Kelly and Middleton on a permanent. Target EFL or Premiership loans for Kennedy, Mayo, Williamson, and Maxwell.





# The Transfers

- Thoughts on Work Permits and Budget
  - Longlists
- Scout Reports
- Decisions





## Thoughts on Work Permits and Budgets

The budget allocated to transfers this season and the work permit allocation processes is largely unknown. However, educated guesses can be harboured and likely fall somewhere close to reality.

The Scottish FA hasn't publicised its work permit allocation rules and procedures. It is likely to follow something similar to England's Point and Appeal system, though, as evidenced by those granted permits north of the border, with greater leniency. In the past 12 months, we've seen teenagers from the Finish and Ghanian Leagues given the all-good to work in Scotland. Considering this and other market activity, it's safe to say that any and all players mentioned in this plan should pass the work permit procedure, as many satisfy England's point system and, if not, have compelling cases for appeal. I have considered work permits and the process when selecting all the players in both the long and shortlists. As such, I am confident that all would receive the relevant paperwork that would allow them to play for Rangers.

Regarding funding allocated to player amortisation, I think an educated guess of between £10-15m is fair. This figure doesn't consider any outgoings, both those I prescribe in this piece (Barisic/Helander/Itten) and those that are unplanned (Kent/Kamara/Bassey). Additionally, the potential of UCL qualification increases the potential pot. Even though I am confident in us doing so, the prize money is allocated in the last few days of the window and shouldn't be banked upon. No doubt any outgoings would increase that pot available. Between the funding brought in for the Patterson and Gerrard departures and the prize money won during the UEL run, you would expect that Rangers have a decent chunk of cash to play with and, as mentioned earlier, could be supercharged with any outgoings, though that is entirely hypothetical. Something important to note is that no transfer is "free". Even when a transfer fee is absent and a player is signed as a free agent, their wages and signing on costs are usually inflated. In some cases, the yearly amortisation fee is similar to another deal where a fee was paid to secure the player's services.





# Transfer Targets

Longlists and Shortlists







# Goalkeeper

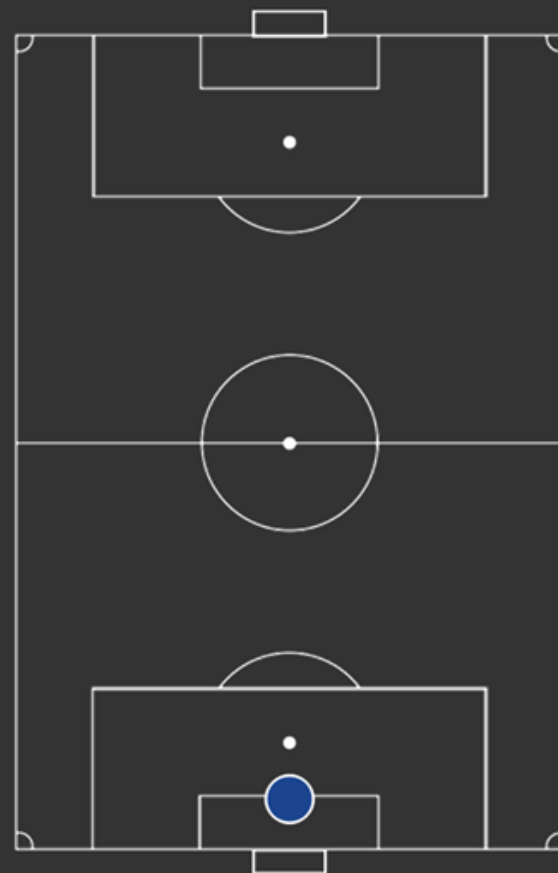
## *Objectives*

Sign a McGregor Replacement



# Goalkeeper Longlist

Name	Club During 21/22	Age	Position	Transfermarkt Value (£)	Contract
Amir Abedzadeh	Ponferradina	29	GK	1.35	Jun-23
Arijanet Muric	Adana Demirspor	23	GK	1.98	Jun-24
Benjamin Siegrist	Dundee Utd	30	GK	0.65	Jun-22
Ivan Provedel	Spezia	28	GK	2.7	Jun-23
Ivica Ivusic	Osijek	27	GK	3.6	Jun-25
Ivo Grbic	Lille	26	GK	3.15	Jun-24
Jean Butez	Antwerp	26	GK	3.6	Jun-24
Jesse Joronen	Brescia	29	GK	1.35	Jun-22
Mads Hermansen	Brondby	21	GK	1.35	Jun-25
Nikita Haikin	Bodo/Glimt	26	GK	1.35	Dec-22
Stefan Ortega	Arminia Bielefeld	29	GK	5.4	Jun-22
Tim Ronning	Elfsborg	23	GK	0.81	Dec-26
Vladan Kovacevic	Rakow	24	GK	1.8	Jun-24
Yvon Mvogo	PSV	27	GK	2.25	Jun-23







# Vladan Kovacevic

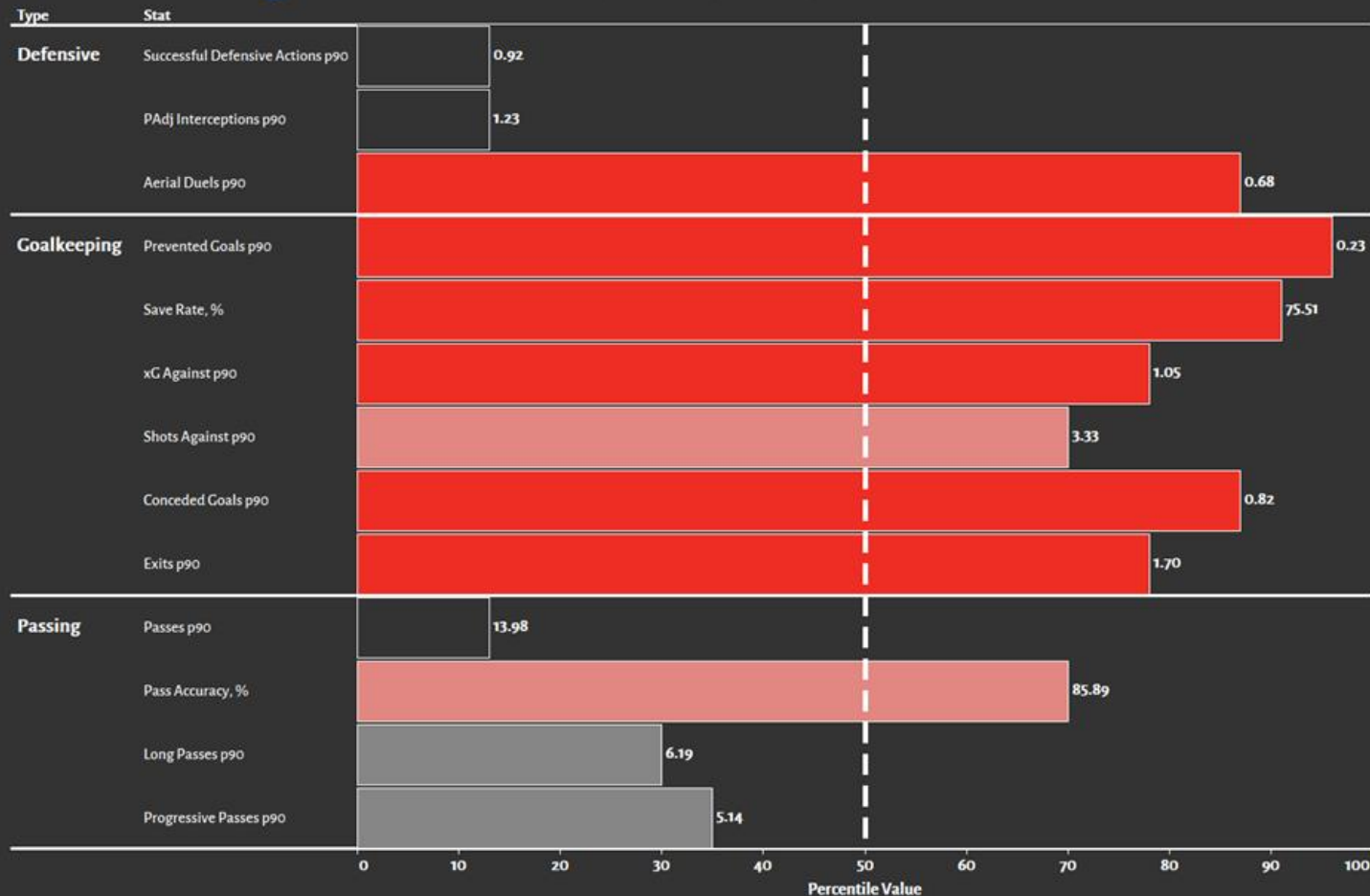
Age: 24 | Height: 192 cm

Value: £1.8m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Vladan Kovacevic vs The Competition

GKs in the Ekstraklasa with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Shot-Stopping
- Reflexes
- Solid Frame
- Comfortable in Possession
- Penalty-Saving
- Abundance of Experience for Age

### Weaknesses

- Positioning
- English Level
- Slightly Passive In the Box

### Appropriate Roles:

Goalkeeper

### Preferred Role:

Goalkeeper

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £4m



# Jean Butez

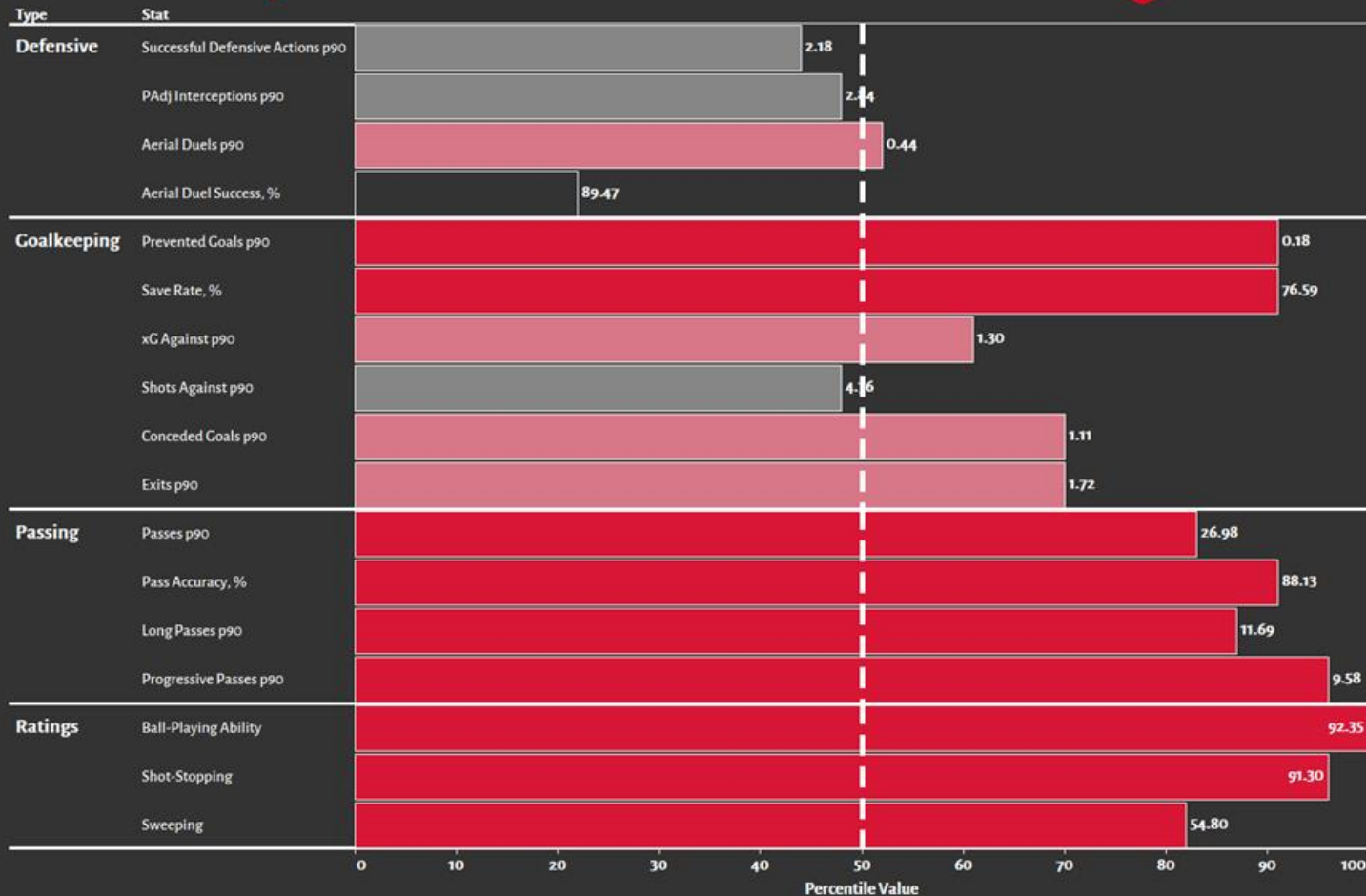
Age: 26 | Height: 190cm

Value: £3.6m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Butez vs The Competition

GKs in the Pro League with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Long Passing
- Shot-Stopping
- Commanding In The Box
- Decision Making
- Leadership
- Durability

### Weaknesses

- Antwerp's POTY Reluctant To Sell
- English Levels?

### Appropriate Roles:

- Goalkeeper

### Preferred Role:

- Goalkeeper

### Conditions for Arrival

- Available for under £4m





# Arijanet Muric

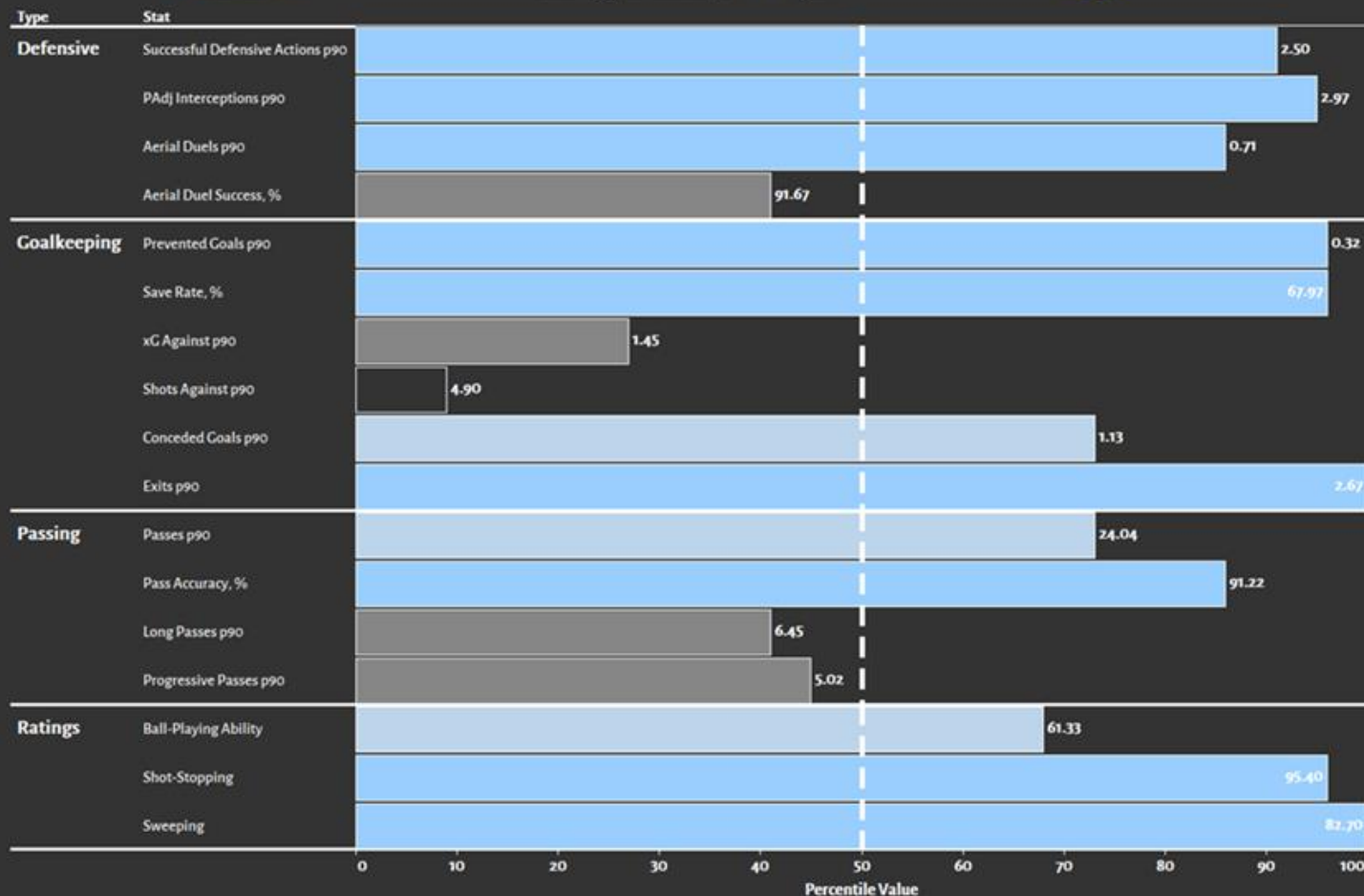
Age: 23 | Height: 198cm

Value: £1.98m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Muric vs The Competition

GKs in the Super Lig with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Intimidating Frame
- Shot-Stopping
- Commanding In The Box
- Decision Making
- Fluent in English
- Decent Passing Range

### Weaknesses

No Significant Weaknesses

### Appropriate Roles:

Goalkeeper

### Preferred Role:

Goalkeeper

### Conditions for Arrival

Loan-To-Buy or under £4m





# Amir Abedzadeh

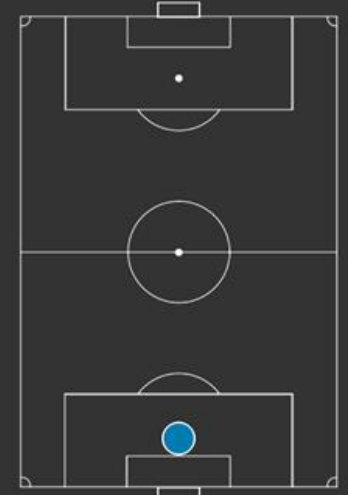
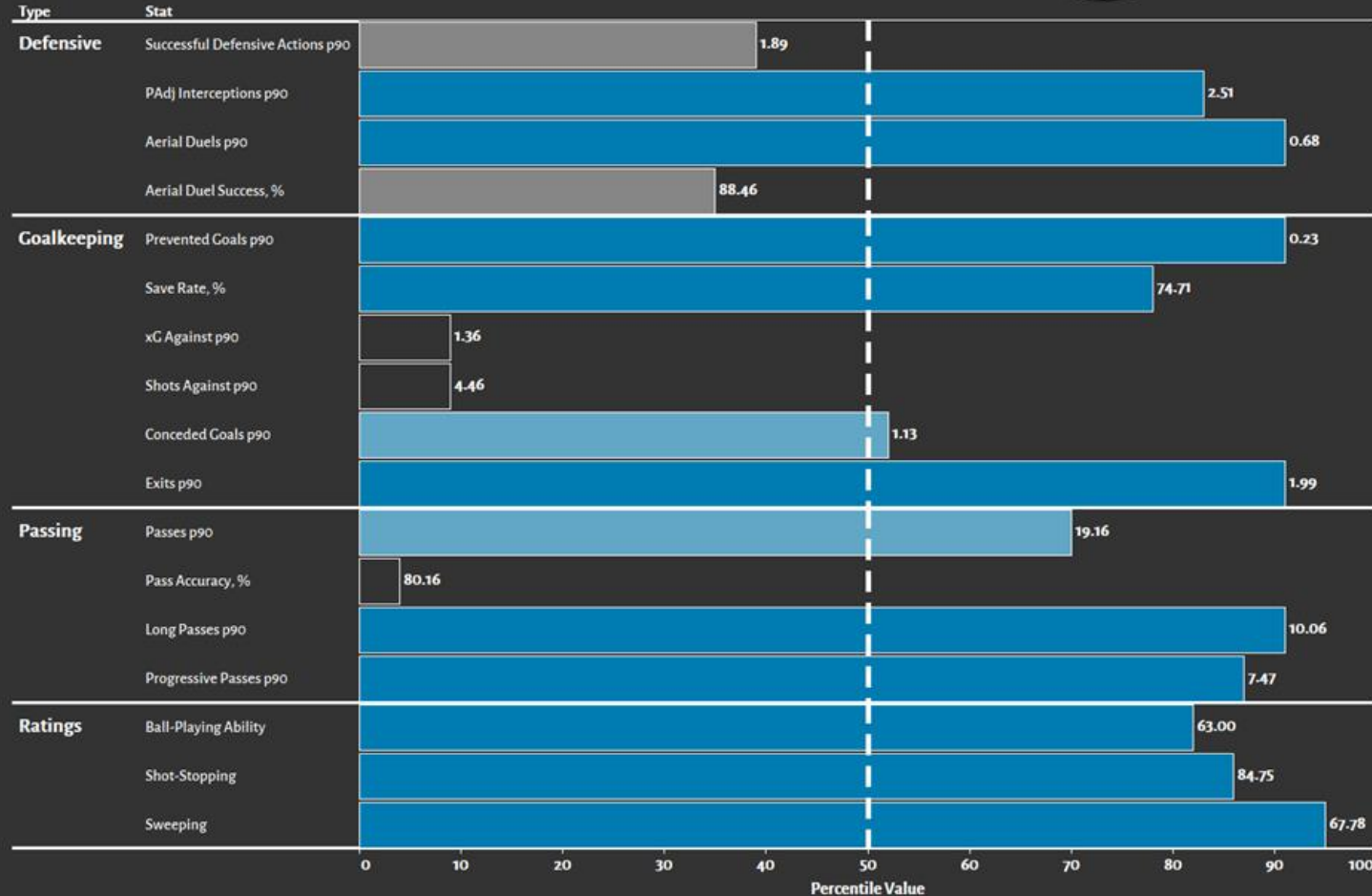
Age: 29 | Height: 186cm

Value: £1.35m | Contract Expiration: June 2023



## Abedzadeh vs The Competition

GKs in the Segunda Division with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Long Passing
- Shot-Stopping
- Reflexes
- Diving
- Active In the Box
- Lived in UK and USA

### Weaknesses

- Short

### Appropriate Roles:

- Goalkeeper

### Preferred Role:

- Goalkeeper

### Conditions for Arrival

- Available for under £3m

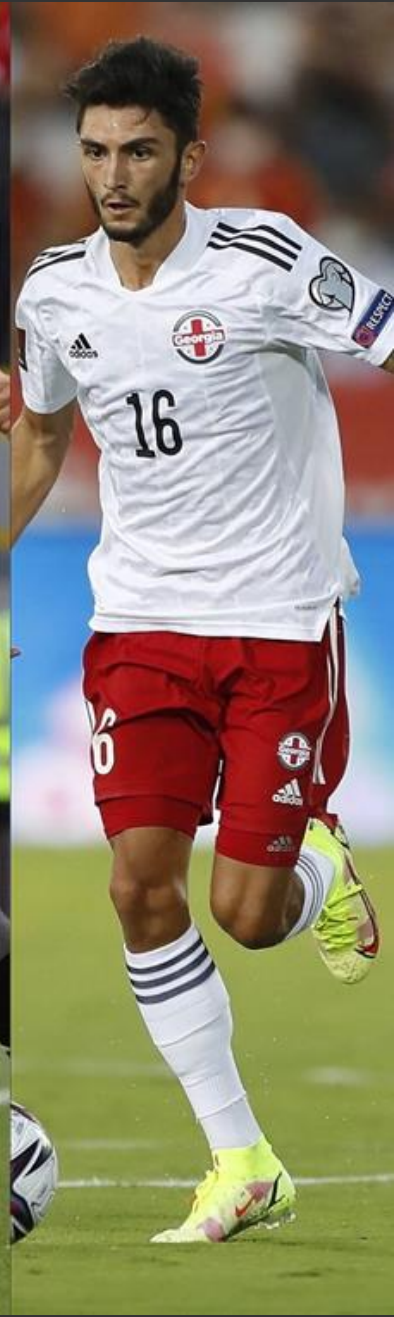


# Left-Back

## *Objectives*

Sign Starting-Level Replacement for Barisic

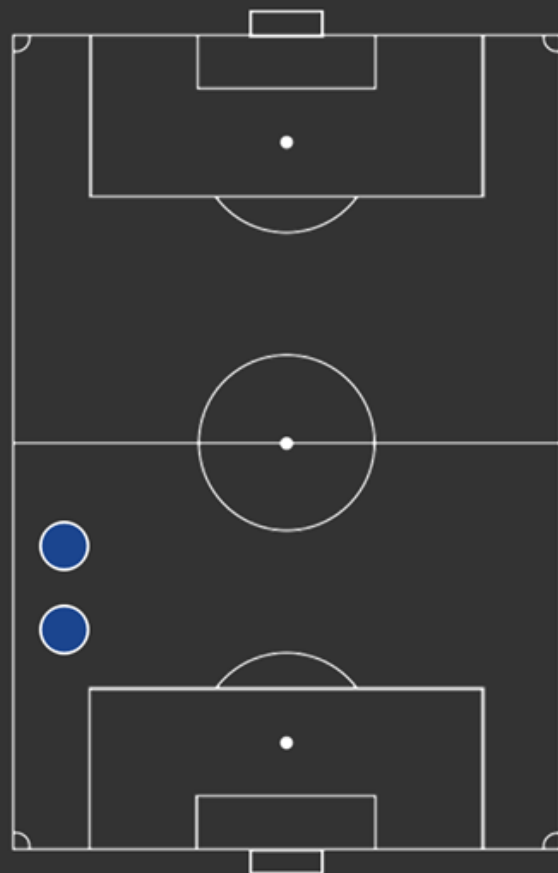
Prepare Contingencies for Rotation Option In Case of  
Bassey Departure





# Left-Back Longlist

Name	Club During 21/22	Age	Position	Transfermarkt Value (£)	Contract
Ahmed Fatouh	Zamalek	24	LB, LM, LW	1.35	Jun-25
Bradley Mazikou	CSKA Sofia	25	LB, LM	1.35	Jun-22
DeJuan Jones	New England Revolution	24	LB, LW, RB	1.8	Dec-24
Doron Leidner	Hapoel Tel Aviv	20	LB	1.08	Jun-25
Eren Elmali	Kasimpasa	21	LB, LM, RB	1.62	Jun-25
Eric Kahl	Aarhus	20	LB, LM, LW	1.35	Jun-26
Erick Otieno	AIK	25	LB, LM	1.35	Dec-24
Gideon Mensah	Bordeaux	23	LB	1.98	Jun-24
Irakli Azarovi	Dinamo Batumi	20	LB, LM	1.08	Jun-24
Kai Wanger	Philidelphia Union	25	LB, LM	2.7	Dec-22
Lee Buchanan	Derby County	21	LB, CB	3.15	Jun-22
Roberto Fernandez	Bolivar	22	LB, RB, LM	0.563	Dec-24
Tymoteusz Puchacz	Trabzonspor	23	LB, LM	2.25	Jun-25
Yanis Hamache	Boavista	22	LB, LM, LW	1.8	Jun-23







# Irakli Azarovi

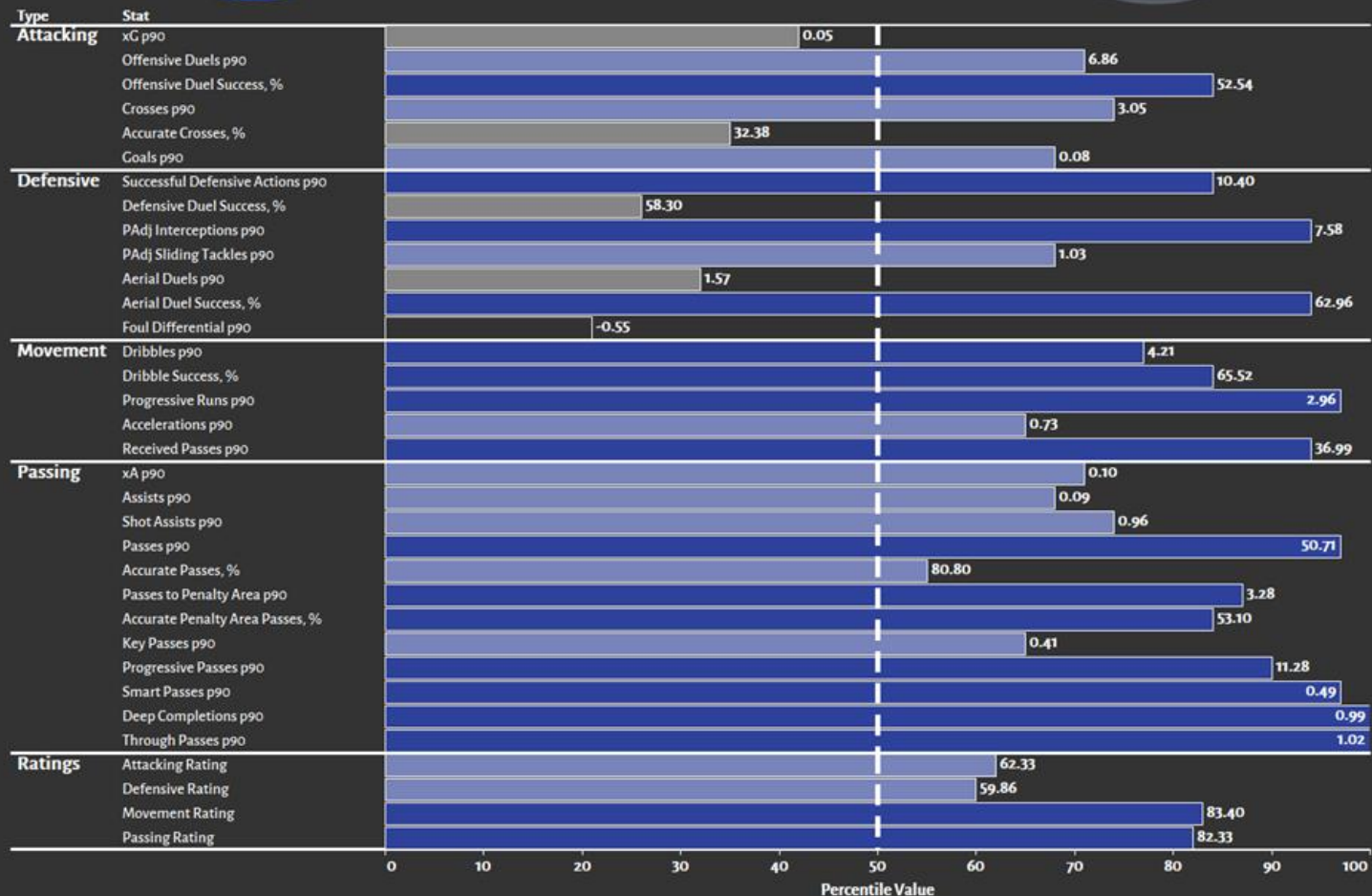
Age: 20 | Height: 179 cm

Value: £1.08m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Irakli Azarovi vs The Competition

FB/WBs in the Evronuli Liga with >1000 Mins in the Past Calendar Year  
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### Strengths

- Passing-Range
- Technique
- Ball Progression
- Dynamism and Speed
- Aggressive Defensive Style

### Weaknesses

- Slender Frame
- Poor Weak Foot

### Appropriate Roles:

- Full-Back
- Wing-Back
- Classic Winger

### Preferred Role:

- Full-Back

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £2m



# Ahmed Fatouh

Age: 24 | Height: 175 cm

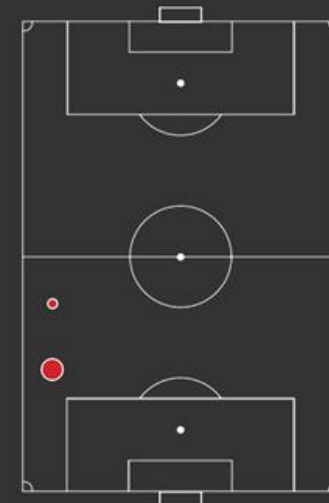
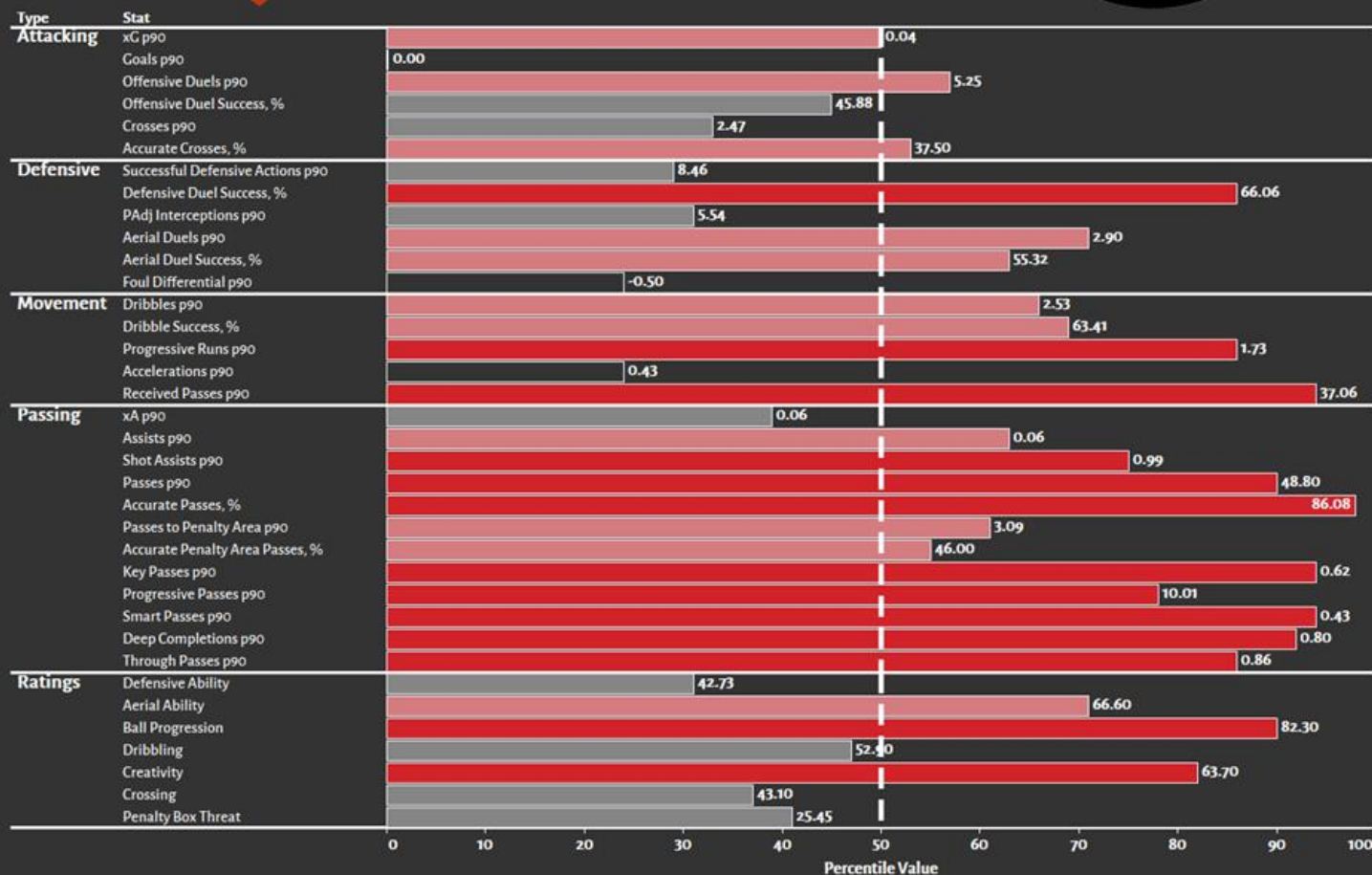
Value: £1.35m | Contract Expiration: June 2025



## Ahmed Fatouh vs The Competition

FB/WBs in Egyptian Premier League with >1000 Mins in the Past Calendar Year

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### Strengths

- Ball Progression
- Intelligent Defender
- Final-Ball
- Aerially Competitive
- Secure in Possession
- Quick

### Weaknesses

- Lack of Goal Threat
- Slight Frame

### Appropriate Roles:

- Left-Back
- Left Wing-Back

### Preferred Role:

- Left-Back

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £4m





# Yanis Hamache

Age: 22 | Height: 177 cm

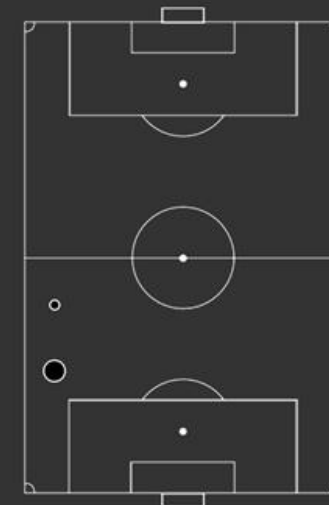
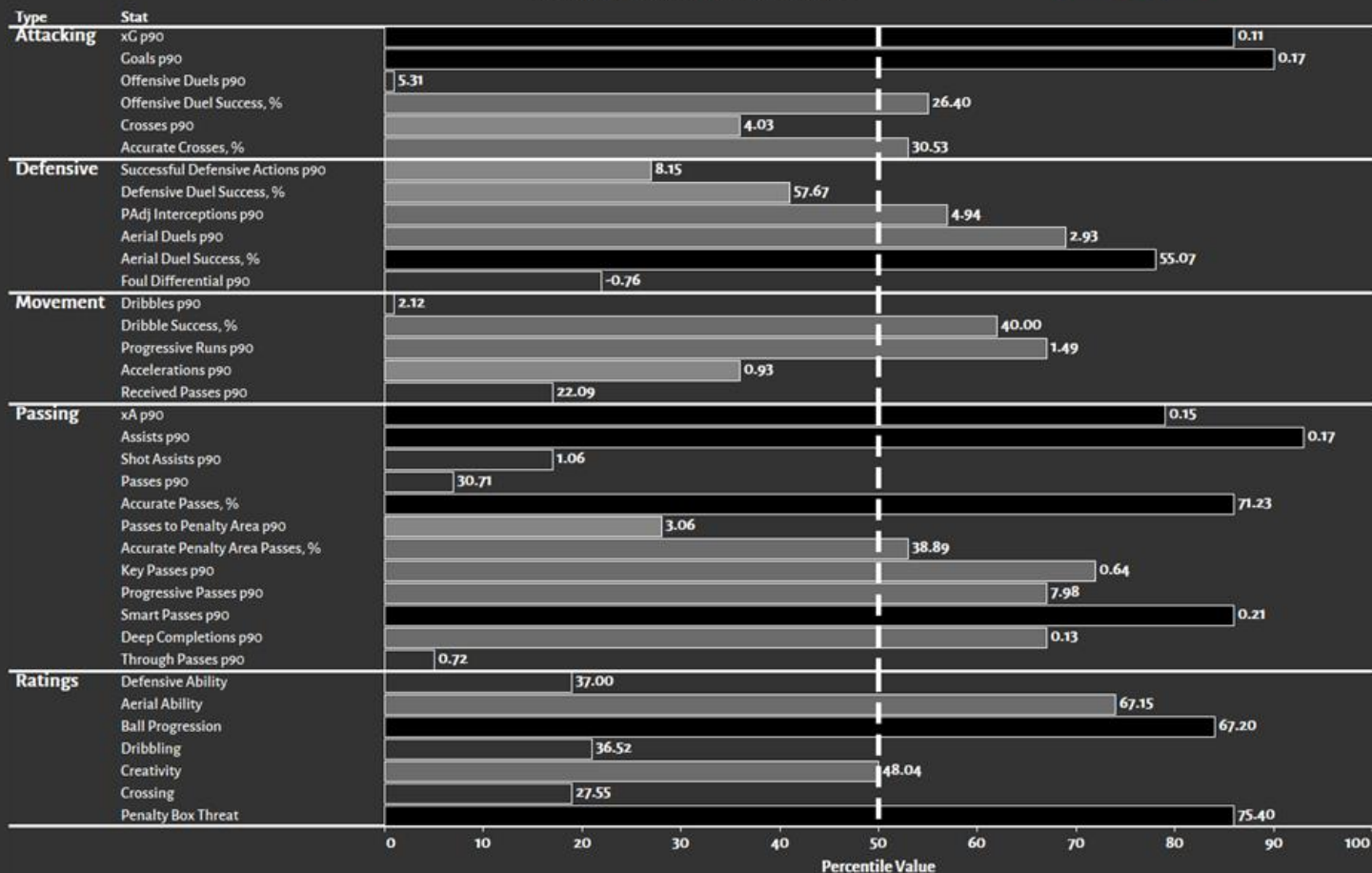
Value: £1.8m | Contract Expiration: June 2023



## Yanis Hamache vs The Competition

FB/WBs in Liga Portugal Bwin with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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### Strengths

- Ball Progression
- Pace
- Dead-Ball Threat
- Aerially Competitive
- Final-Third Product
- Impressive in a Sub-Par Side

### Weaknesses

- Security in Possession
- Inconsistent Crosser

### Appropriate Roles:

- Left-Back
- Left Wing-Back

### Preferred Role:

- Left-Back

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £3m





# DeJuan Jones

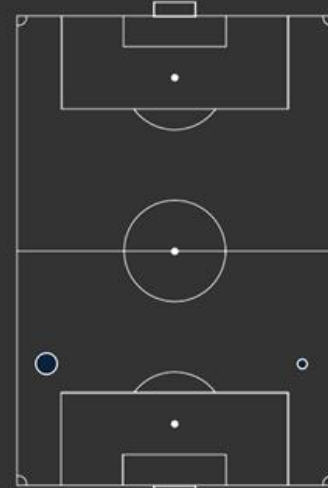
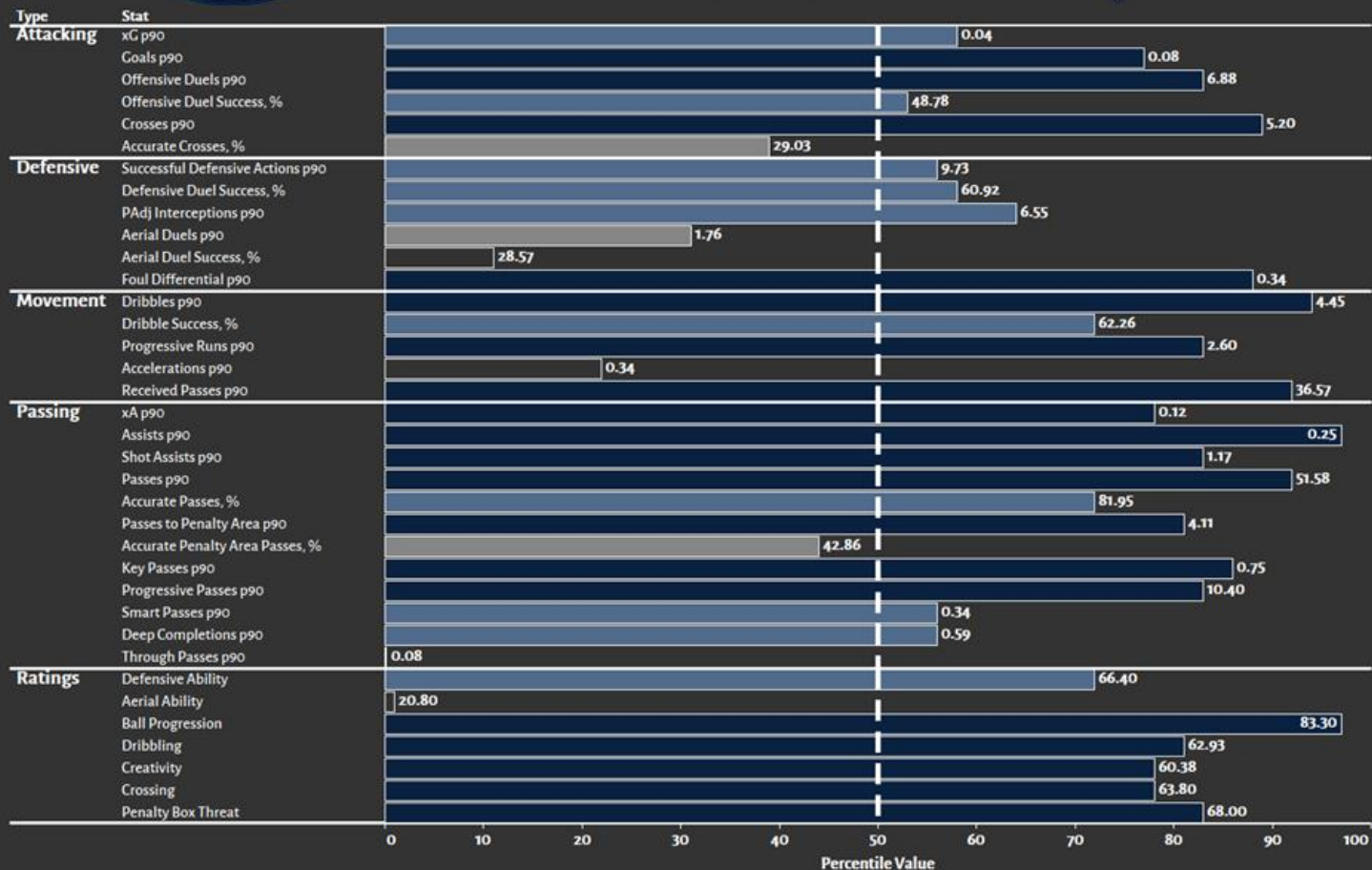
Age: 24 | Height: 175 cm

Value: £1.8m | Contract Expiration: December 2024



## DeJuan Jones vs The Competition

FB/WBs in the MLS with >1000 Mins in 2022  
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### Strengths

- Ball Progression
- Effective and Consistent Dribbler
- Chance Creation
- Secure in Possession
- Quick

### Weaknesses

- Defensive Awareness
- Aerial Ability

### Appropriate Roles:

- Left-Back
- Right-Back

### Preferred Role:

- Left-Back

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £3m





# Centre Back

## *Objectives*

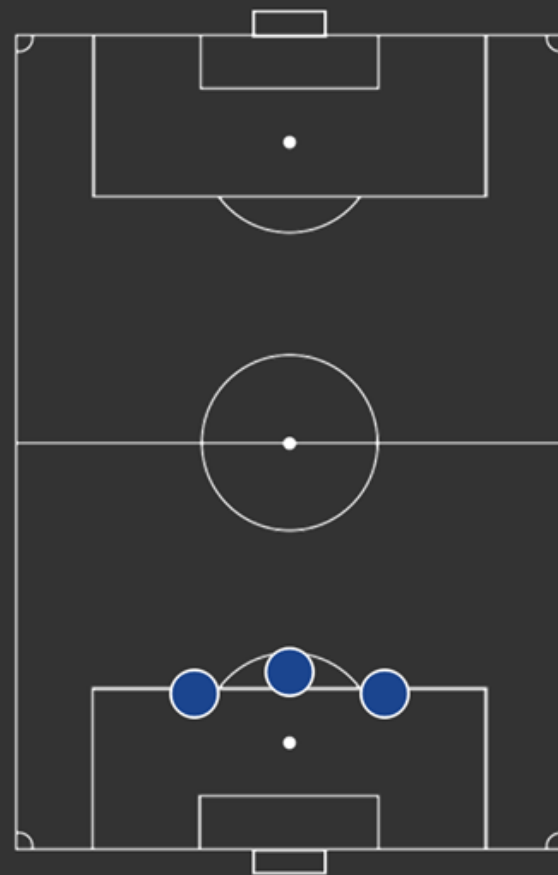
Sign a Helander Replacement

Prepare Contingencies for a Bassey Departure



# Centre-Back Longlist

Name	Club During 21/22	Age	Position	Transfermarkt Value (£)	Contract
Achraf Dari	Wydad Casablanca	23	RCB, DM, RB	1.08	Jun-22
Adonis Frias	Defensa y Justicia	24	RCB, LCB	3.6	Jun-23
Emmanuel Agbadou	KAS Eupen	24	RCB, LCB, DMF	2.25	Jun-25
Formose Mendy	Amiens	21	RCB, LCB, RB	1.35	Jun-25
Sheriff Sinyan	Molde	25	RCB, LCB, DMF	0.63	Dec-22
Yousseuf Ndayishimiye	Basaksehir	22	RCB, DM, RCMF	3.51	Jun-25
Birk Risa	Molde	24	LCB, LB, RCB	0.72	Dec-23
Duplexe Tchamba	Sonderjyske	23	LCB, RCB, DM, LB	0.405	Jun-25
Giannis Michailidis	PAOK	22	LCB, RCB, LB	3.6	Jun-25
Jake Clarke-Salter	Coventry	25	LCB, RCB	1.8	Jun-22
Kamal Miller	Montreal	25	LCB, LB	2.25	Dec-24
Modibo Sagnan	Tondela	23	LCB, RCB, LB	2.7	Jun-24
Pedrão	Portimonense	25	RCB, LCB	1.35	Jun-27
Teenage Hadebe	Houston	26	LCB, RCB, LB	1.3	Dec-23







# Kamal Miller

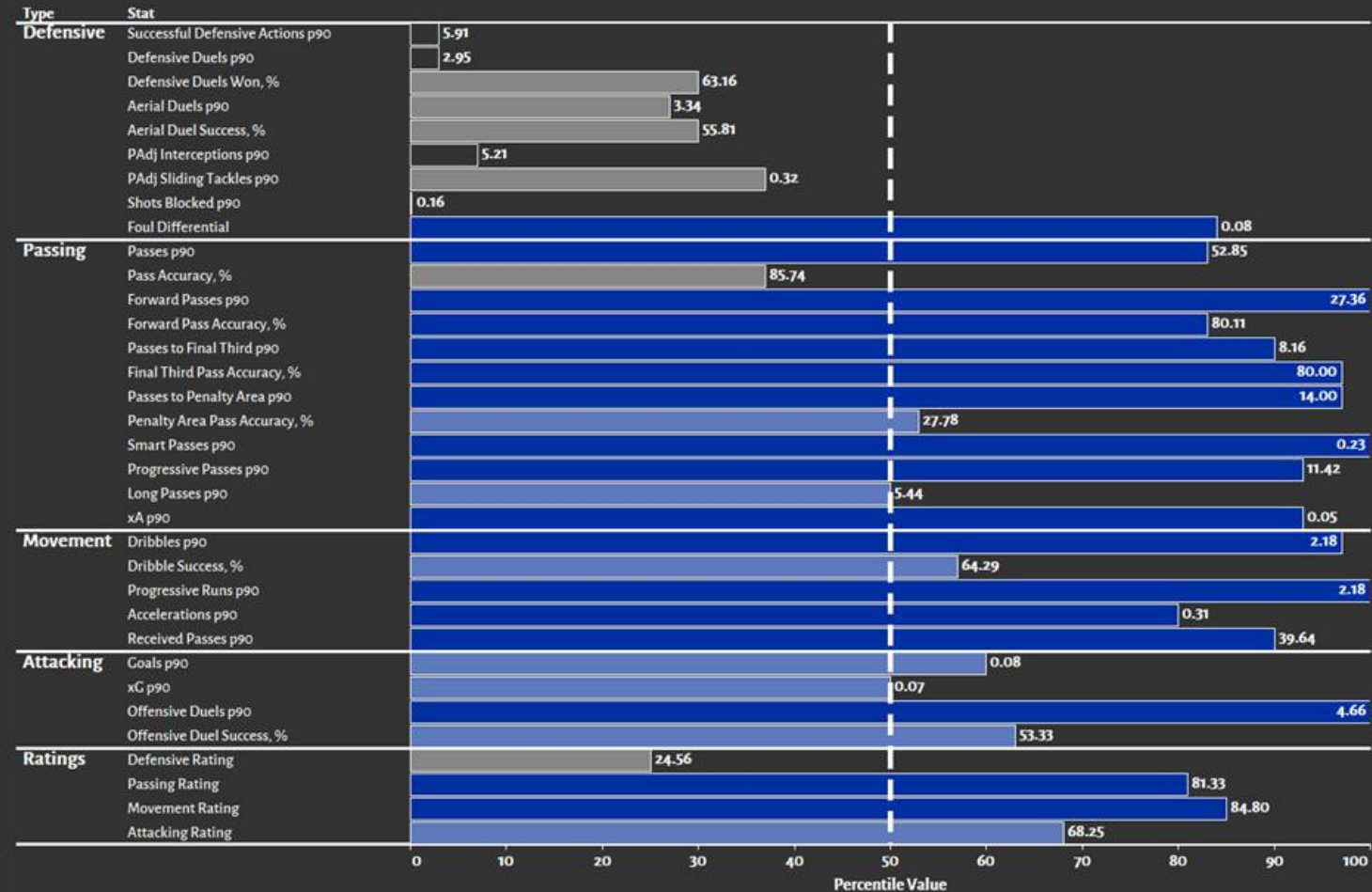
Age: 25 | Height: 183 cm

Value: £2.25m | Contract Expiration: December 2024



## Kamal Miller vs The Competition

CBs in the MLS with >1000 Mins in 2022  
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### Strengths

- Good Build-Up Option
- Consistently Excellent Ball Progresser
- Aggressive and Skilled Dribbler
- Robust Frame
- Intelligent Dueller

### Weaknesses

- Relatively Short
- Low-Quantity Defender

### Appropriate Roles:

Left Centre-Back

### Preferred Role:

Left Centre-Back

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £3m



# Birk Risa

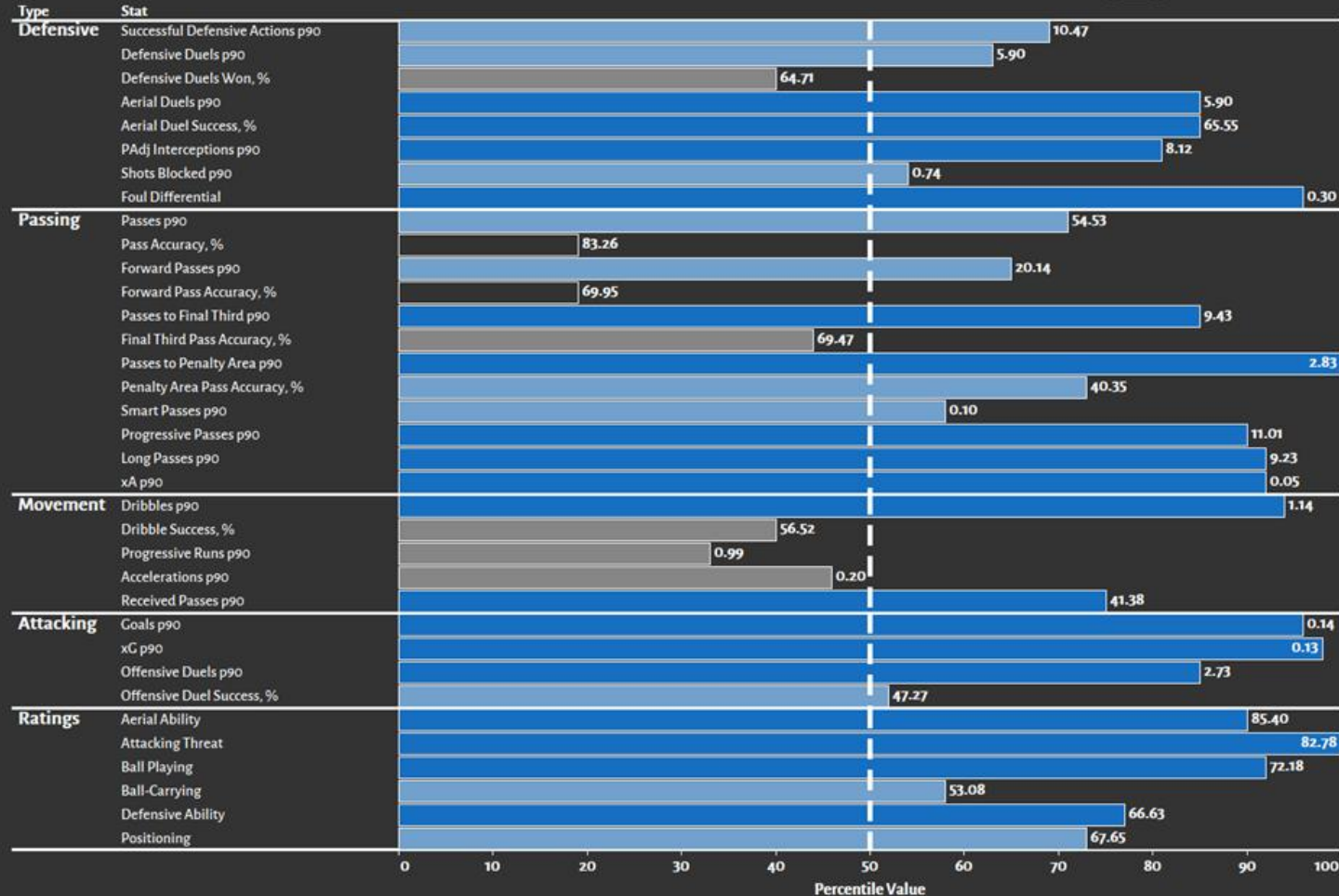
Age: 24 | Height: 188cm

Value: £720th | Contract Expiration: December 2023



## Risa vs The Competition

CBS in the Eliteserien with >1000 Mins in the Past Calendar Year  
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### Strengths

- Crossing
- Aerial Ability
- Progressive Passing
- Intelligent Defender

### Weaknesses

- Progressive Running
- Close Control
- Very Slim

### Appropriate Roles:

- Left Centre-Back
- Right Centre-Back
- Left-Back

### Preferred Role:

- Left Centre-Back

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £2m





# Jake Clarke-Salter

Age: 24 | Height: 188cm

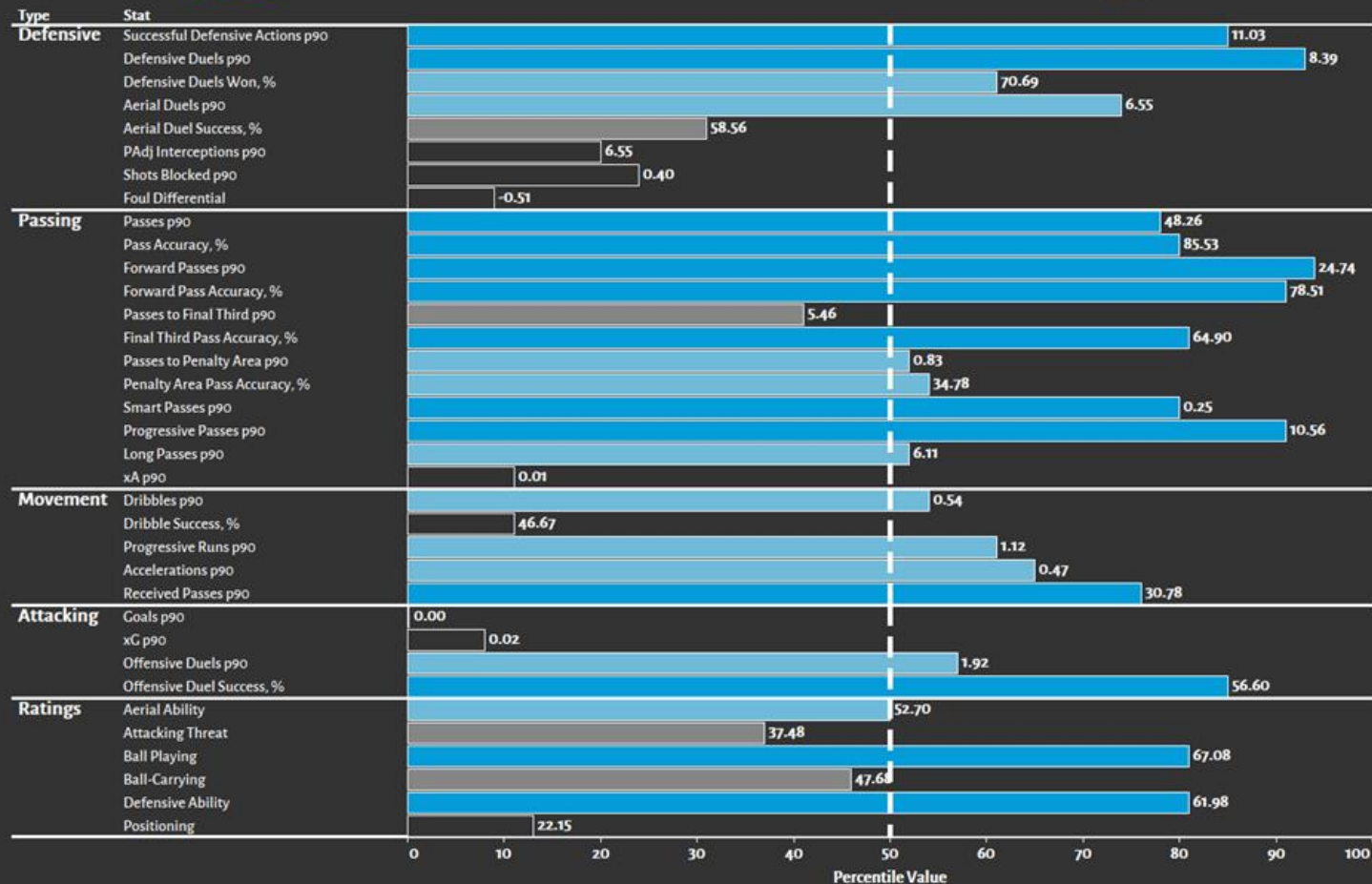
Value: £1.8m | Contract Expiration: June 2022



## Jake Clarke-Salter vs The Competition

CBs in the English Championship with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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### Strengths

- Tackling
- Progressive Passer
- Willing and Proficient in Build-Up
- Aerial Ability
- Physical Profile

### Weaknesses

- Lack of First-Team Experience for Age
- Injury Disrupted 18/19 and 19/20

### Appropriate Roles:

- Left Centre-Back
- Right Centre-Back

### Preferred Role:

- Left Centre-Back

### Conditions for Arrival

- Reasonable Wage Packet





# Teenage Hadebe

Age: 26 | Height: 180cm

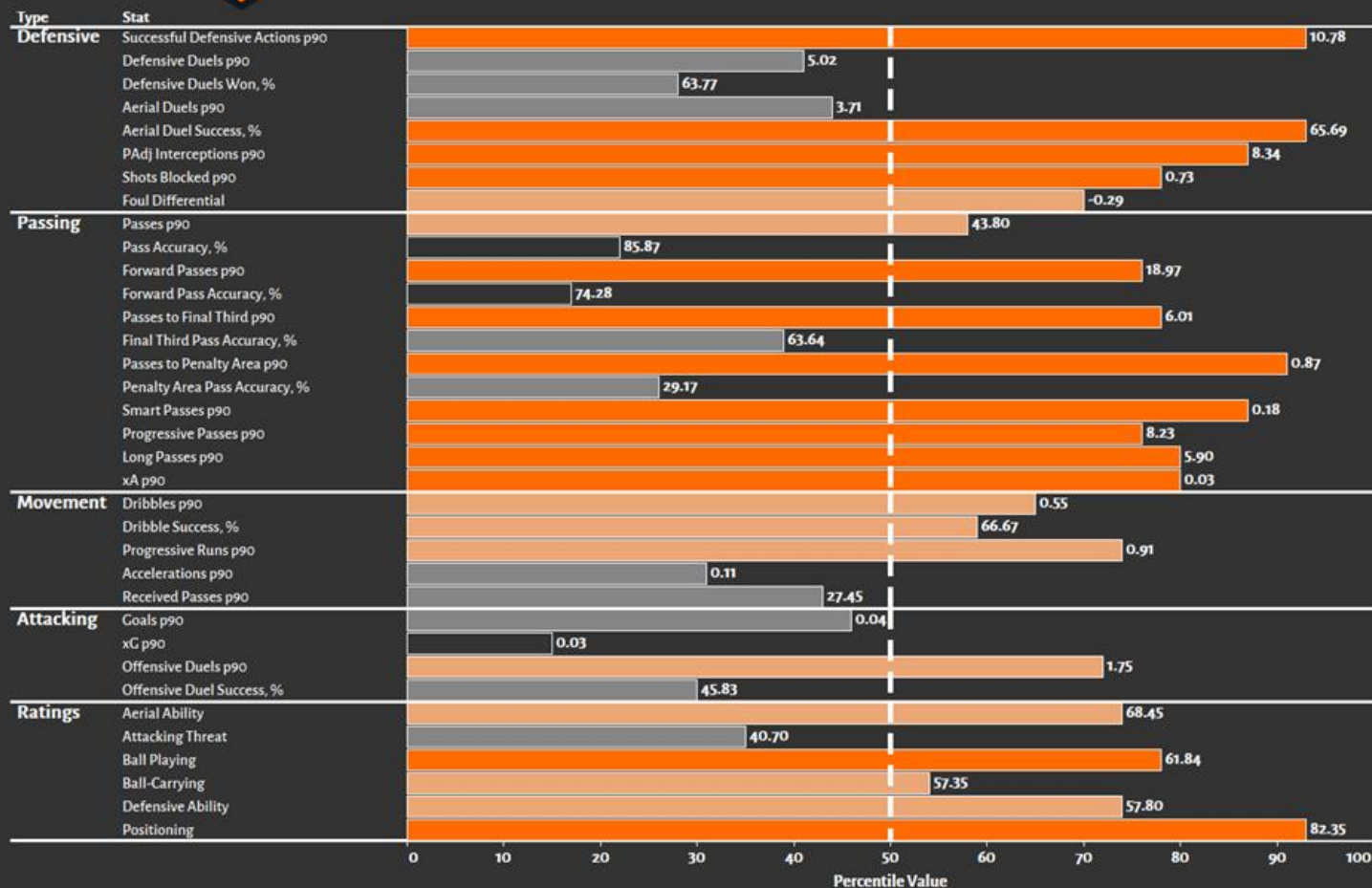
Value: £1.35m | Contract Expiration: December 2023



## Teenage Hadebe vs The Competition

CBs in the MLS with >1000 Mins in the Past Calendar Year

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### Strengths

- Positioning
- Anticipation
- Progressive and Long Passing
- Risk-Averse
- Contract Expiring in 18 months

### Weaknesses

- Height
- Discipline
- £15k per Week Salary at Houston

### Appropriate Roles:

- Left Centre-Back
- Right Centre-Back

### Preferred Role:

- Left Centre-Back

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £2m



# Giannis Michailidis

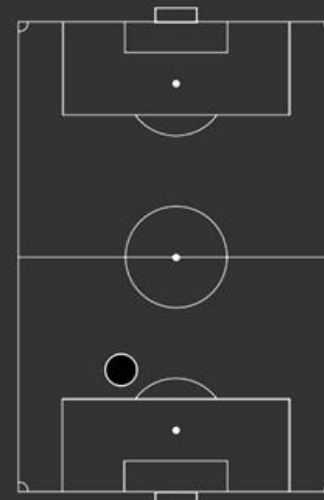
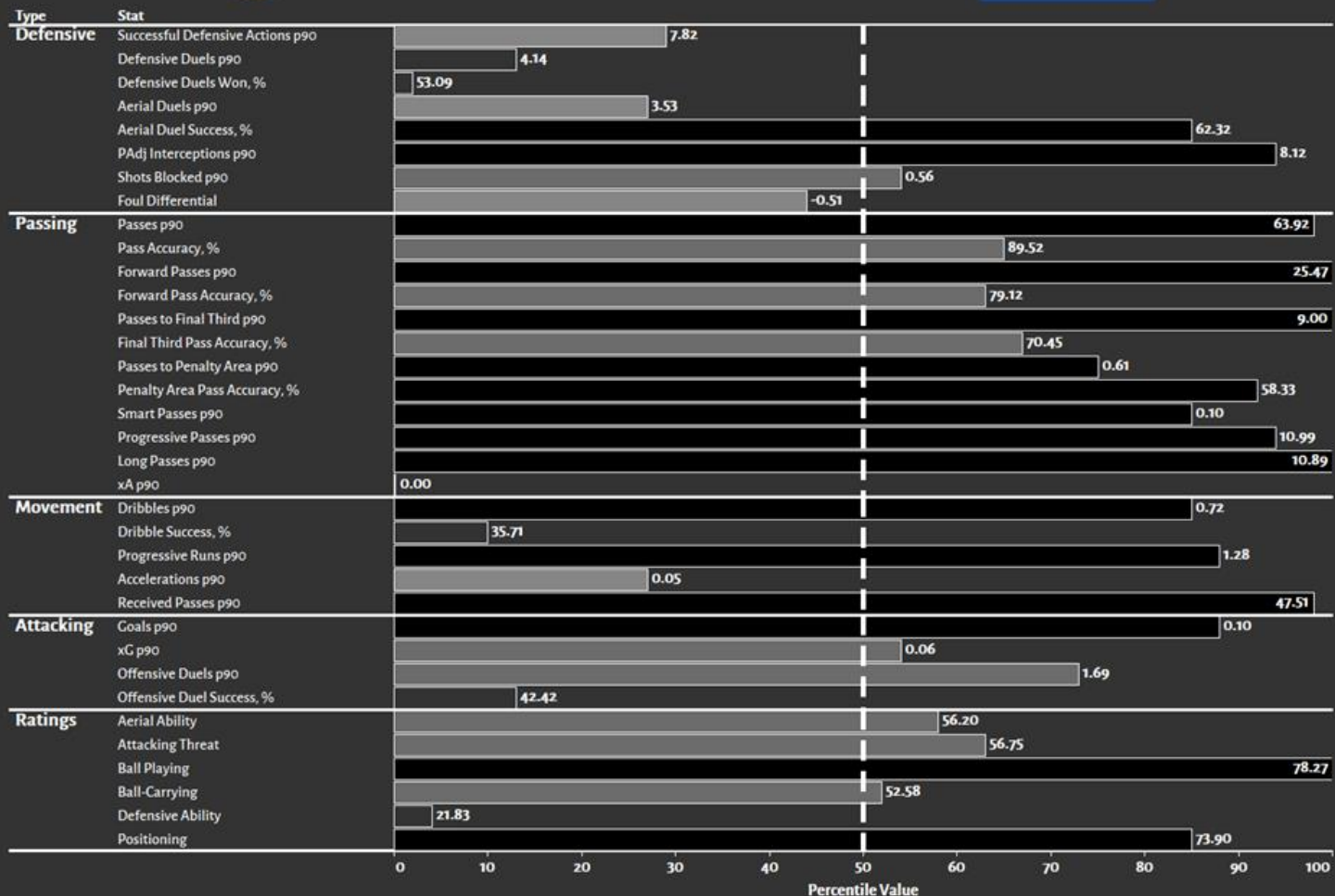
Age: 22 | Height: 188cm

Value: £3.6m | Contract Expiration: June 2025



## Michailidis vs The Competition

CBs in the Super League with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Build-Up Role
- Defensive Positioning
- Aerial Threat
- Progressive Passing
- Decision Making
- Left-Footed

### Weaknesses

- Just Signed a New Contract
- Agility
- Strength

### Appropriate Roles:

Ball-Playing Centre-Back

### Preferred Role:

Ball-Playing Centre-Back

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £4m





# Emmanuel Agbadou

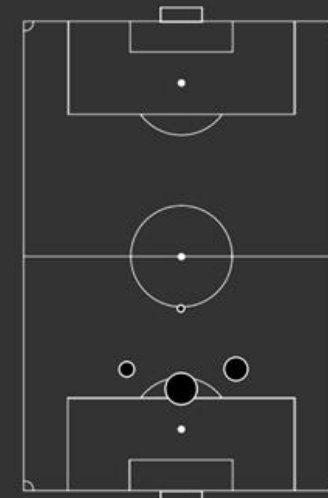
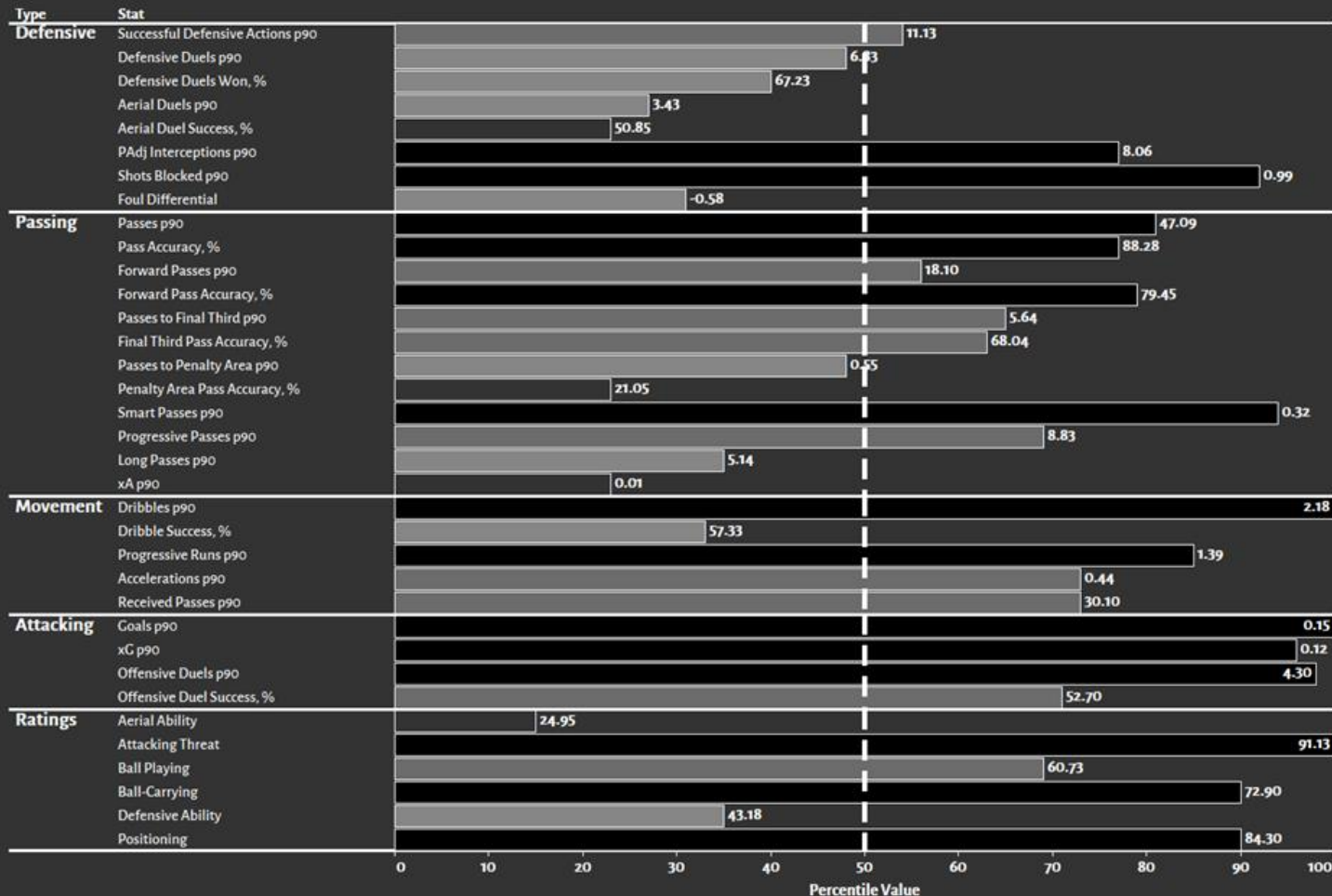
Age: 24 | Height: 192cm

Value: £2.25m | Contract Expiration: June 2025



## Emmanuel Agbadou vs The Competition

CBs in the Pro League with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Dribbling
- Defensive Positioning
- Goal Scoring Threat
- Breaking The Lines
- Physical Profile
- Aerially Strong
- Strong 1v1 Defender

### Weaknesses

No Significant Weaknesses

### Appropriate Roles:

- Ball-Playing Centre-Back
- Ball-Winning Defensive Midfielder

### Preferred Role:

Ball-Playing Centre-Back

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £5m

# Duplexe Tchamba

Age: 23 | Height: 191cm

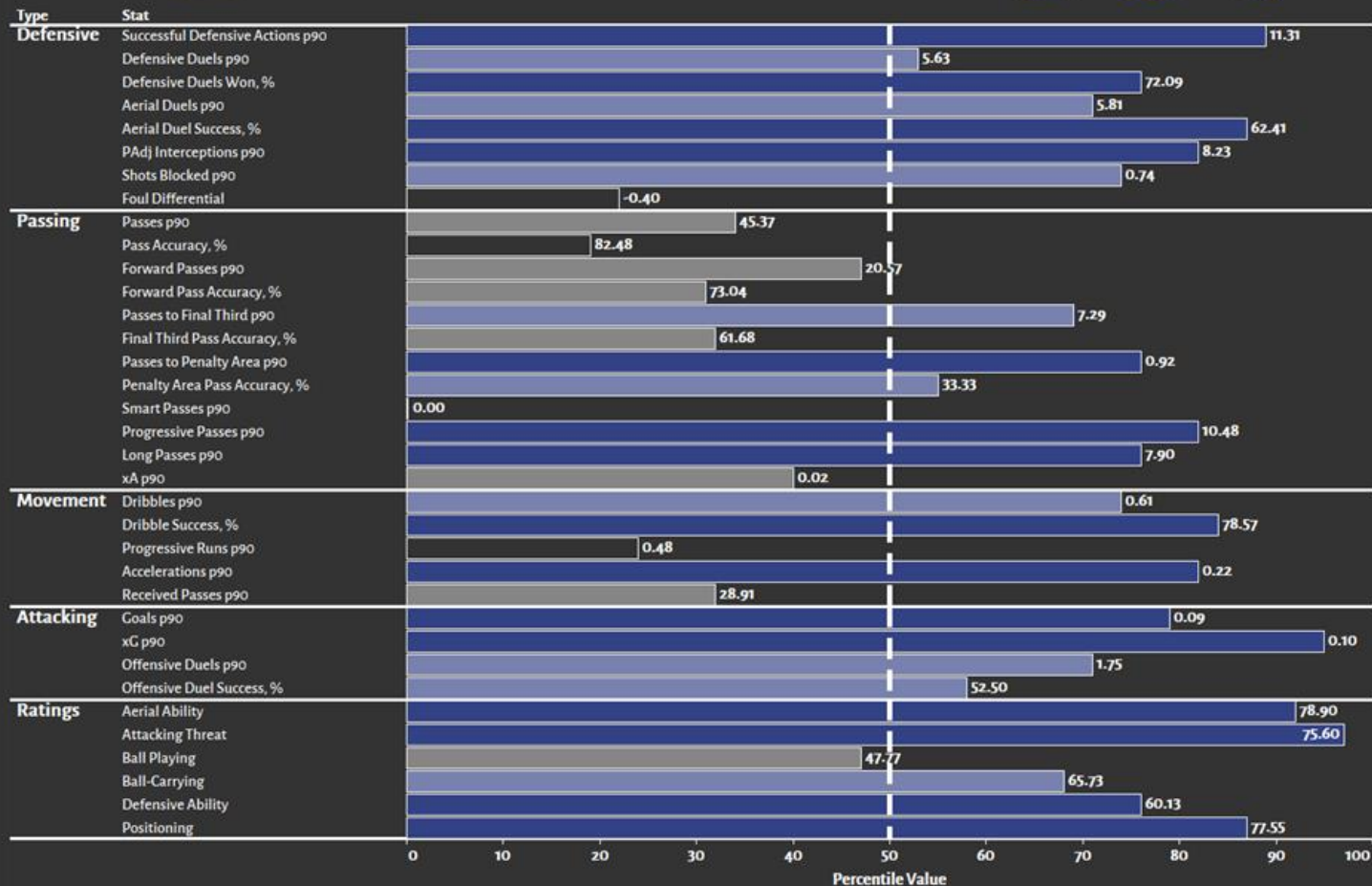
Value: £405th | Contract Expiration: June 2025



## Duplexe Tchamba vs The Competition

CBs in the Danish Superligaen with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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### Strengths

- Positioning
- Anticipation
- Progressive and Long Passing
- Physical Profile
- Aerial Threat
- Sonderjyske Context

### Weaknesses

- Has a Mistake In Him
- Inconsistent Build-Up Option

### Appropriate Roles:

- Left Centre-Back
- Left-Back

### Preferred Role:

- Left Centre-Back

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £1m





# Sheriff Sinyan

Age: 25 | Height: 188cm

Value: £0.63m | Contract Expiration: December 2022



## Sinyan vs The Competition

CBs in the Eliteserien with >1000 Mins in the Past Calendar Year  
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### Strengths

- Ball Progression
- Comfortable on Both Sides
- Physical Profile
- Aerially Strong
- Strong 1v1 Defender
- Safe in Possession

### Weaknesses

- Overly Aggressive At Times
- Currently Injured

### Appropriate Roles:

- Ball-Playing Centre-Back
- No-Nonsense Centre-Back

### Preferred Role:

- Ball-Playing Centre-Back

### Conditions for Arrival

- Available for under £1m





# Central Midfield

## *Objectives*

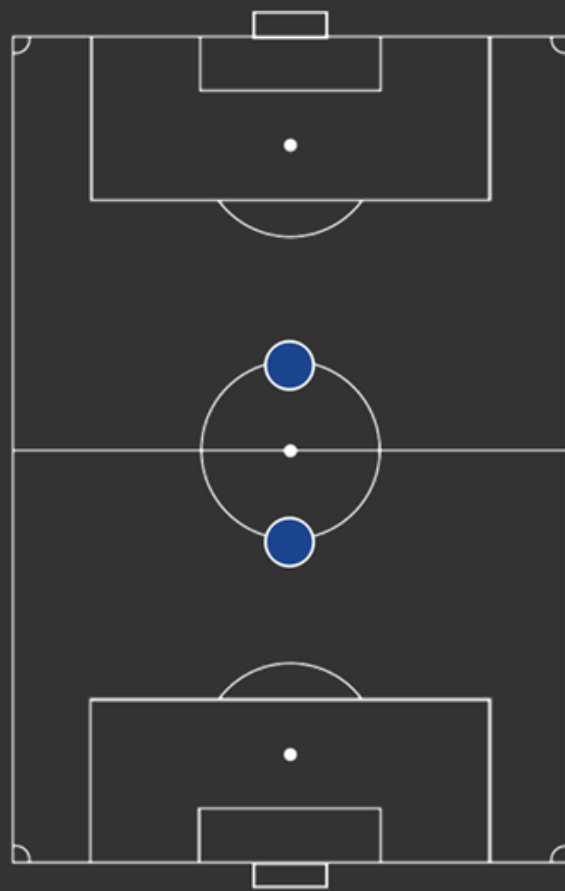
- Sign a Starting Box-to-Box Option
- Prepare Contingencies for a Kamara Departure
- Prepare Contingencies for an Aribio Departure





# Centre-Midfield Longlist

Name	Club During 21/22	Age	Position	Transfermarkt Value (£)	Contract
Adam Gnezda Cerin	Rijeka	22	RCMF, DMF, LCMF	1.62	Jun-23
Aissa Laidouni	Ferencvaros	25	LCMF, DMF, RCMF, RM	2.7	Jun-23
Arturo Gonzalez	Monterrey	27	LCMF, LM, AMF	3.6	Jun-22
Check Oumar Diakite	Paris FC	19	DMF, RCMF, AMF	1.08	Jun-24
Edmund Addo	Sheriff	22	DMF, RCMF, RCB	0.99	Jun-24
Eliel Peretz	Wolfsberger	25	CM, AMF	0.9	Jun-22
Emil Breivik	Molde	21	CM, DM, LCB, RCB	0.72	Dec-22
Hwang In Beom	Rubin Kazan	25	RCMF, LCMF, DMF, AMF, LM	2.7	Jun-23
Jaime Seoane	Huesca	25	RCMF, LCMF, AMF, DMF	3.15	Jun-22
Johan Hove	Stromgodset	21	AMF, RCMF, DMF	0.99	Dec-23
Lewis Ferguson	Aberdeen	22	RCMF, LCMF, DMF, AMF	1.8	May-24
Mohamed Ali Ben Romdhane	Esperance	22	LCMF, RCMF, DMF, AMF	2.25	Jun-23
Rassoul Ndiaye	Souchaux	20	LCMF, RCMF, DMF	0.9	Jun-24
Sasa Zdjelar	Partizan	27	DMF, RCMF, LCMF	3.15	Jun-23





# Rassoul Ndiaye

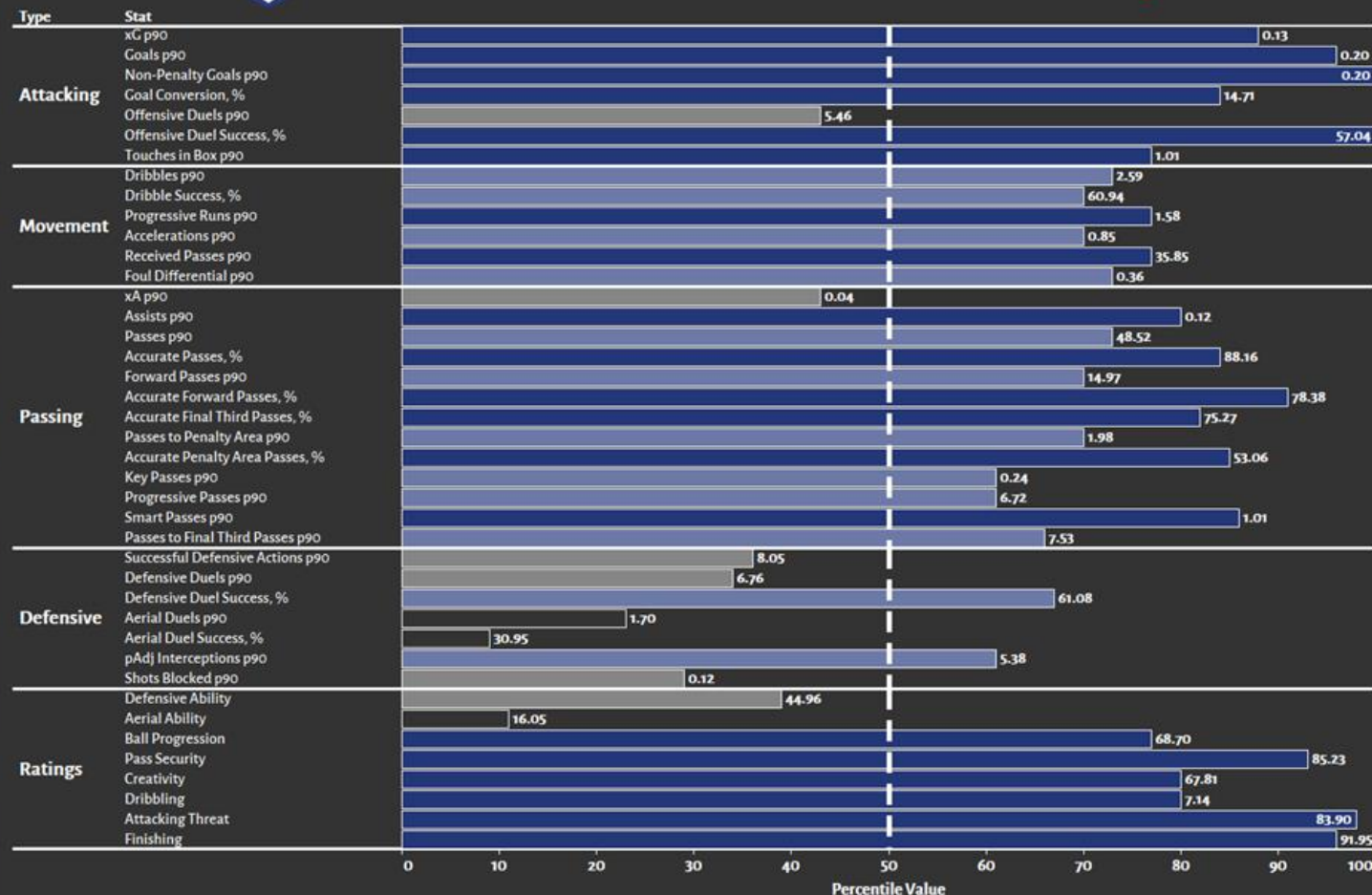
Age: 20 | Height: 179cm

Value: £0.9m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Rassoul Ndiaye vs The Competition

AM/Ws in Ligue 2 with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Energy
- Security in Possession
- Use of Body
- Attacking Movement
- Intelligent Defender

### Weaknesses

- Slight-Frame
- Final Ball

### Appropriate Roles:

- Box-to-Box
- Pivot
- Sitter

### Preferred Role:

- Box-to-Box

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £3.5m





# Hwang In-Beom

Age: 25 | Height: 177 cm

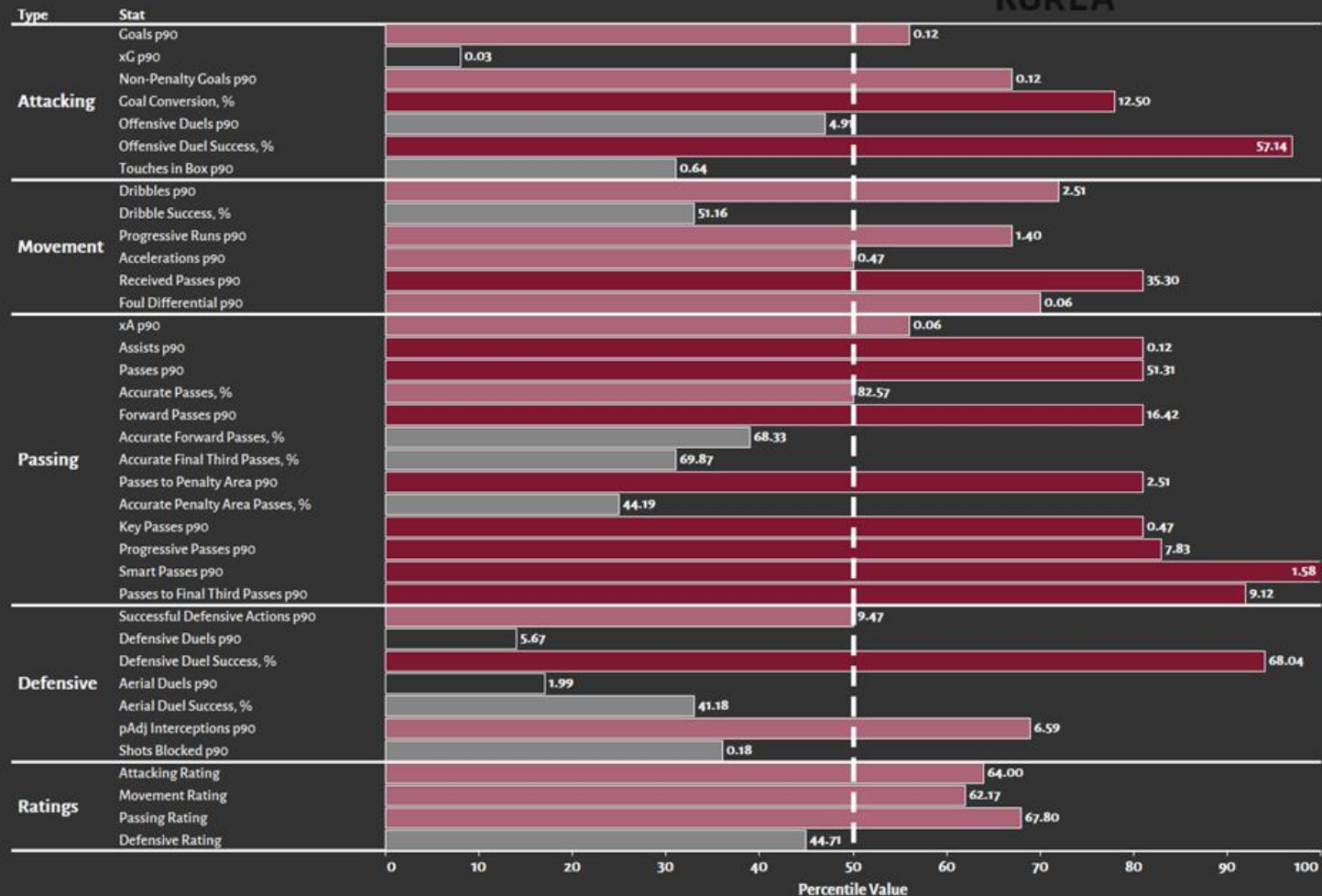
Value: £2.7m | Contract Expiration: June 2023



KOREA

## Hwang In-Beom vs The Competition

CM/DMs in the RPL with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Relaxed and Composed Distributor
- Breaking The Lines
- Active and Smart Defender
- Tangible Penalty-Box Threat
- Comfortable with English

### Weaknesses

- Completley Ineffctive in the Air
- Physically Weak for the SPFL
- Inconsistent Stint in MLS

### Appropriate Roles:

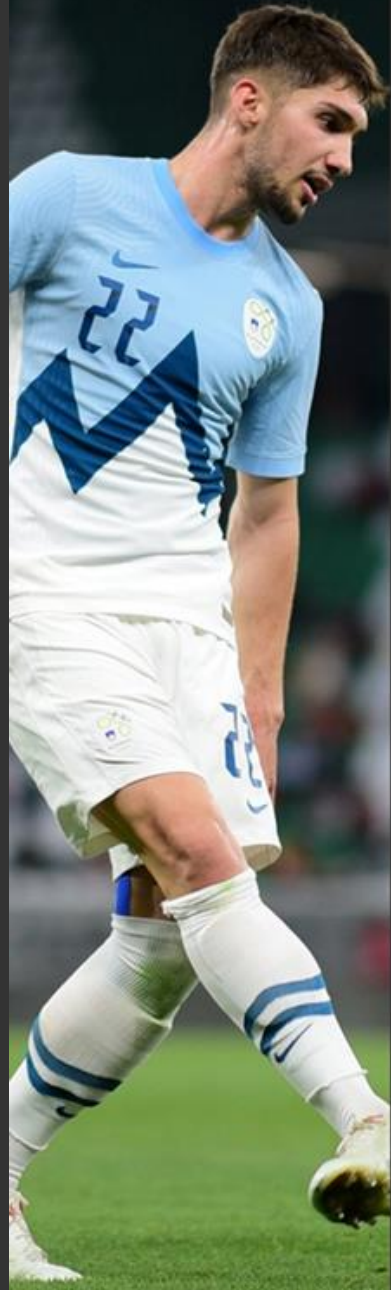
Any Central Midfield Role (6/8/10)

### Preferred Role:

Box-to-Box

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £3.5m



# Adam Gnezda Cerin

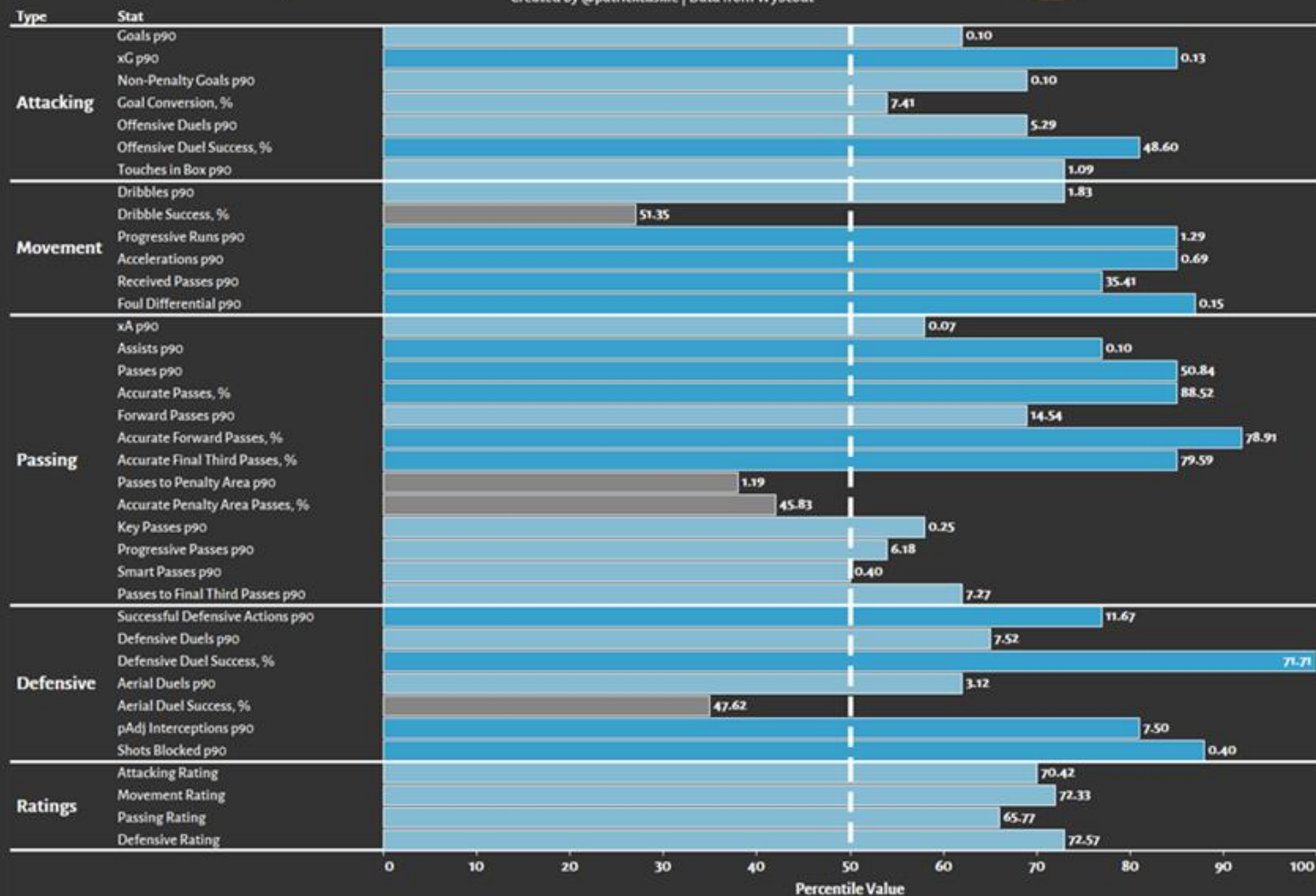
Age: 22 | Height: 180cm

Value: £1.62m | Contract Expiration: June 2023



## Adam Gnezda Cerin vs The Competition

CM/DMs in 1.HNL with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Effective Progressive Distributor
- Influential In All Facets
- Defensively Stable
- Natural with Both Feet
- Set-Piece Threat
- European and NT Experience

### Weaknesses

- Slight Frame
- Inconsistent in Front of Goal
- Unsure of English Levels

### Appropriate Roles:

- Any Deeper Role in a 2 or 3

### Preferred Role:

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### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £2m





# Aissa Laidouni

Age: 25 | Height: 183 cm

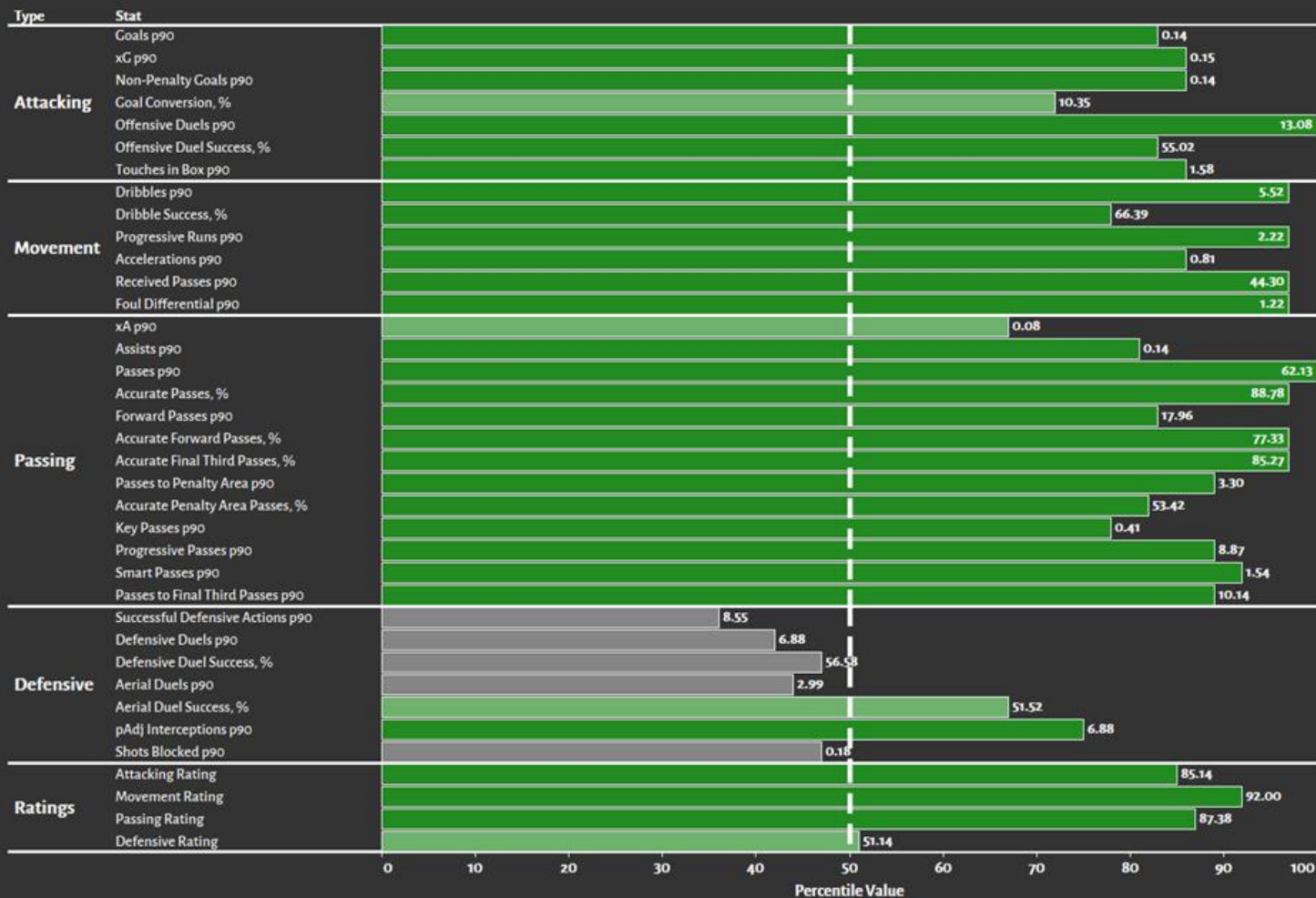
Value: £2.7m | Contract Expiration: June 2023



## Aissa Laidouni vs The Competition

CM/DMs in the NB.1 with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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### Strengths

- Strong and Adventurous Dribbler
- Ball Progression
- Final-Third Product
- Physical Presence/Body Manipulation
- Defensively Sound and Active
- Domestic Form Mirrored in Europe

### Weaknesses

- Yet to Test Himself in a "Good" League
- Was Nothing Special in Romania

### Appropriate Roles:

- Any Central Midfield Role

### Preferred Role:

- Deep-Lying Playmaker
- Box-to-Box

### Conditions for Arrival

- Kamara Replacement



# Lewis Ferguson

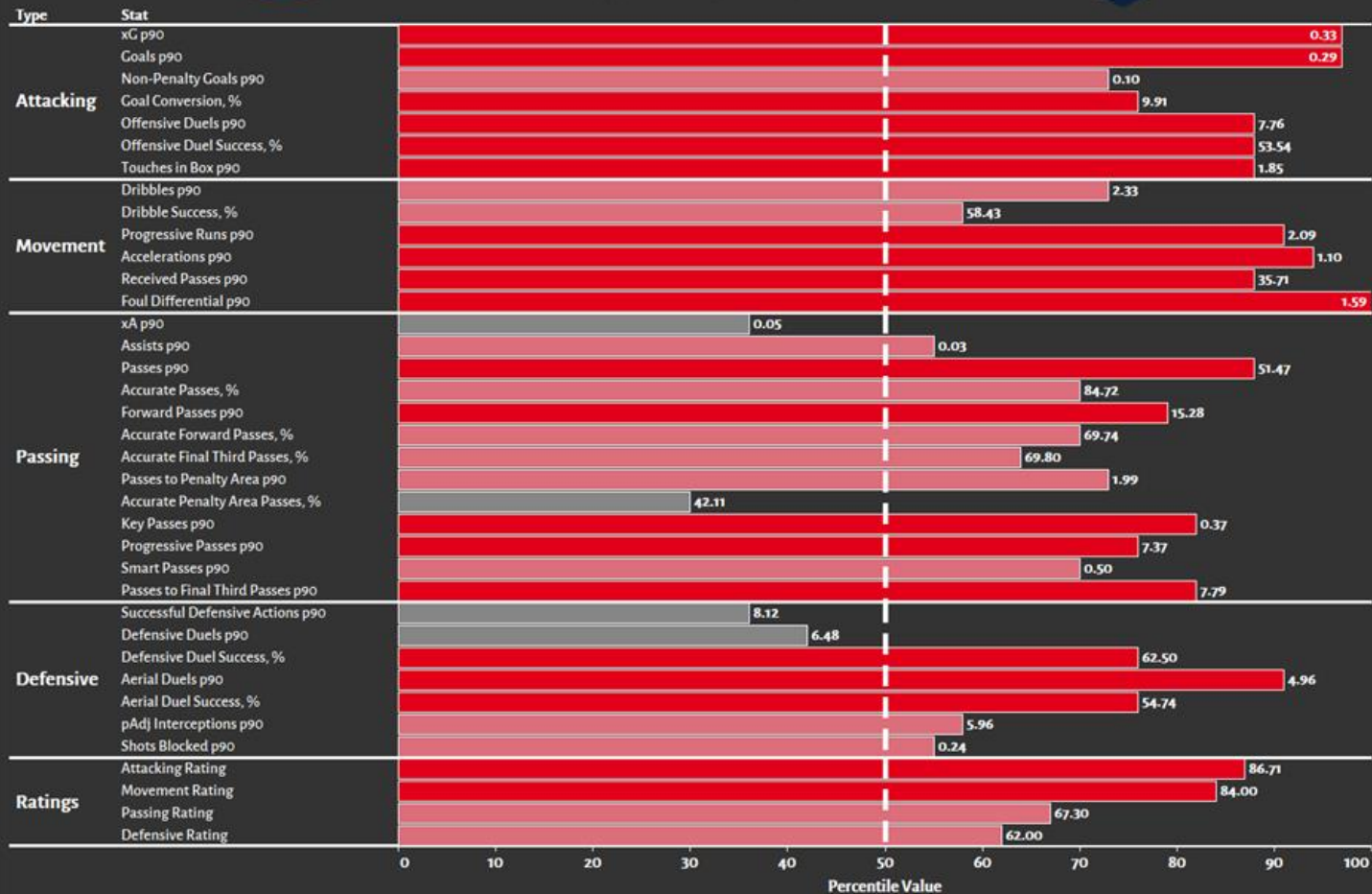
Age: 22 | Height: 181 cm

Value: £1.8m | Contract Expiration: May 2024



## Lewis Ferguson vs The Competition

CM/DMs in the Scottish Premiership with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Attacking Movement
- Physical Profile
- Combatative
- Progressive Passer and Runner
- Homegrown Association Status

### Weaknesses

- Discipline
- Final Third Chance Creation

### Appropriate Roles:

- Ball-Winner
- Box-to-Box
- Pivot

### Preferred Role:

- Box-to-Box

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £3m





# Jaime Seoane

Age: 25 | Height: 177 cm

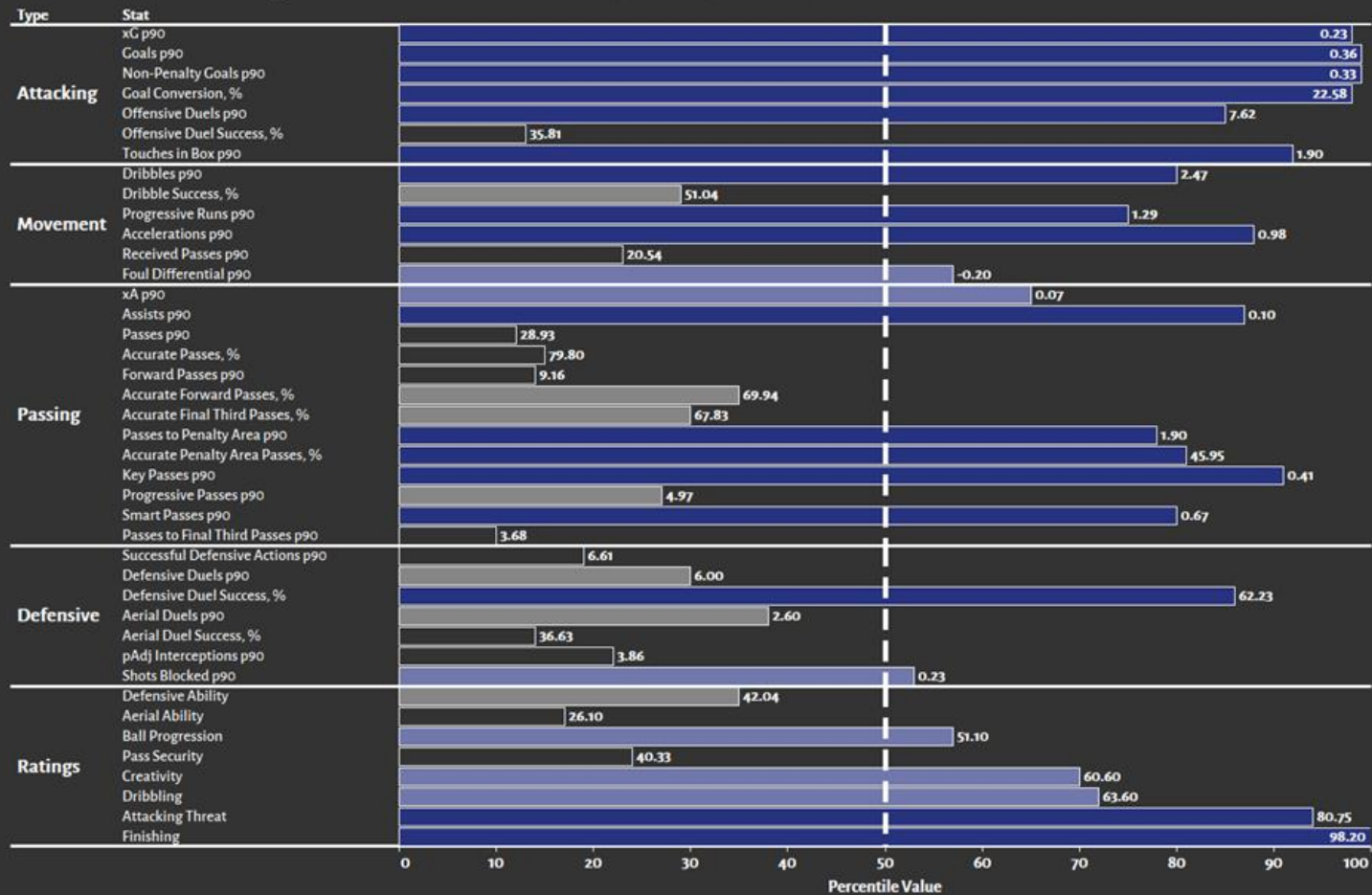
Value: £3.15m | Contract Expiration: June 2022



## Jaime Seoane vs The Competition

CM/DMs in the Segunda Division with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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### Strengths

- Finishing
- Progressive Passing
- Taking Players On
- Chance-Creation
- Crossing

### Weaknesses

- Slight Frame
- Net-Negative Defender

### Appropriate Roles:

- Number 10
- Box-to-Box
- Mezzala

### Preferred Role:

- Mezzala

### Conditions for Arrival

- Reasonable Wage Packet



# Mohamed Ali Ben Romdhane

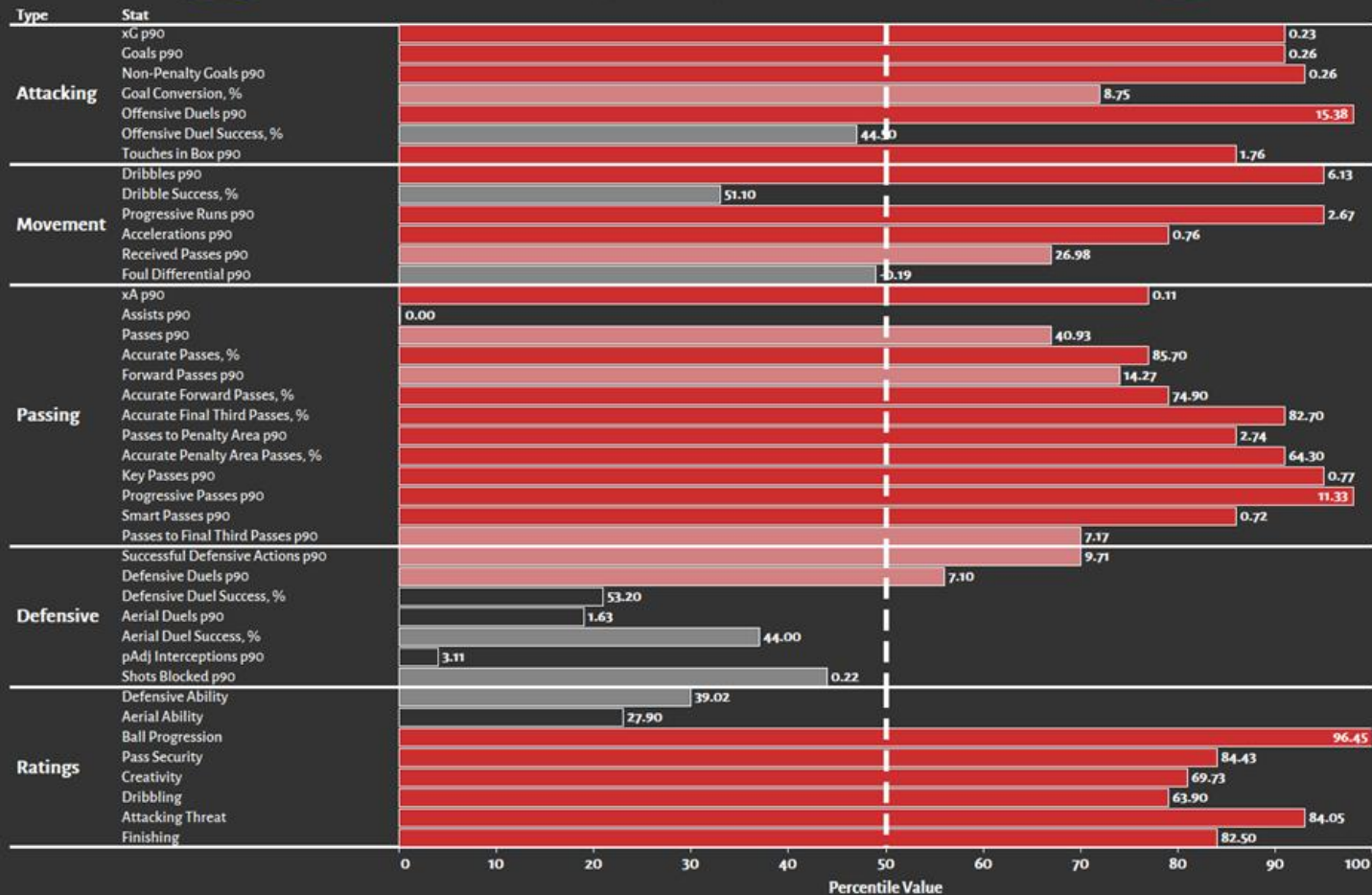
Age: 22 | Height: 185 cm

Value: £2.25m | Contract Expiration: June 2023



## Mohamed Ali Ben Romdhane vs The Competition

CM/DMs in the Scottish Premiership with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Attacking Movement
- Ball Progression
- Chance-Creation
- Shooting from Distance
- Secure in Possession

### Weaknesses

- Effort out of Possession
- Foul-Happy

### Appropriate Roles:

- Number 10
- Box-to-Box
- Pivot

### Preferred Role:

- Box-to-Box

### Conditions for Arrival

Under £4m or Aribo Replacement





# Emil Breivik

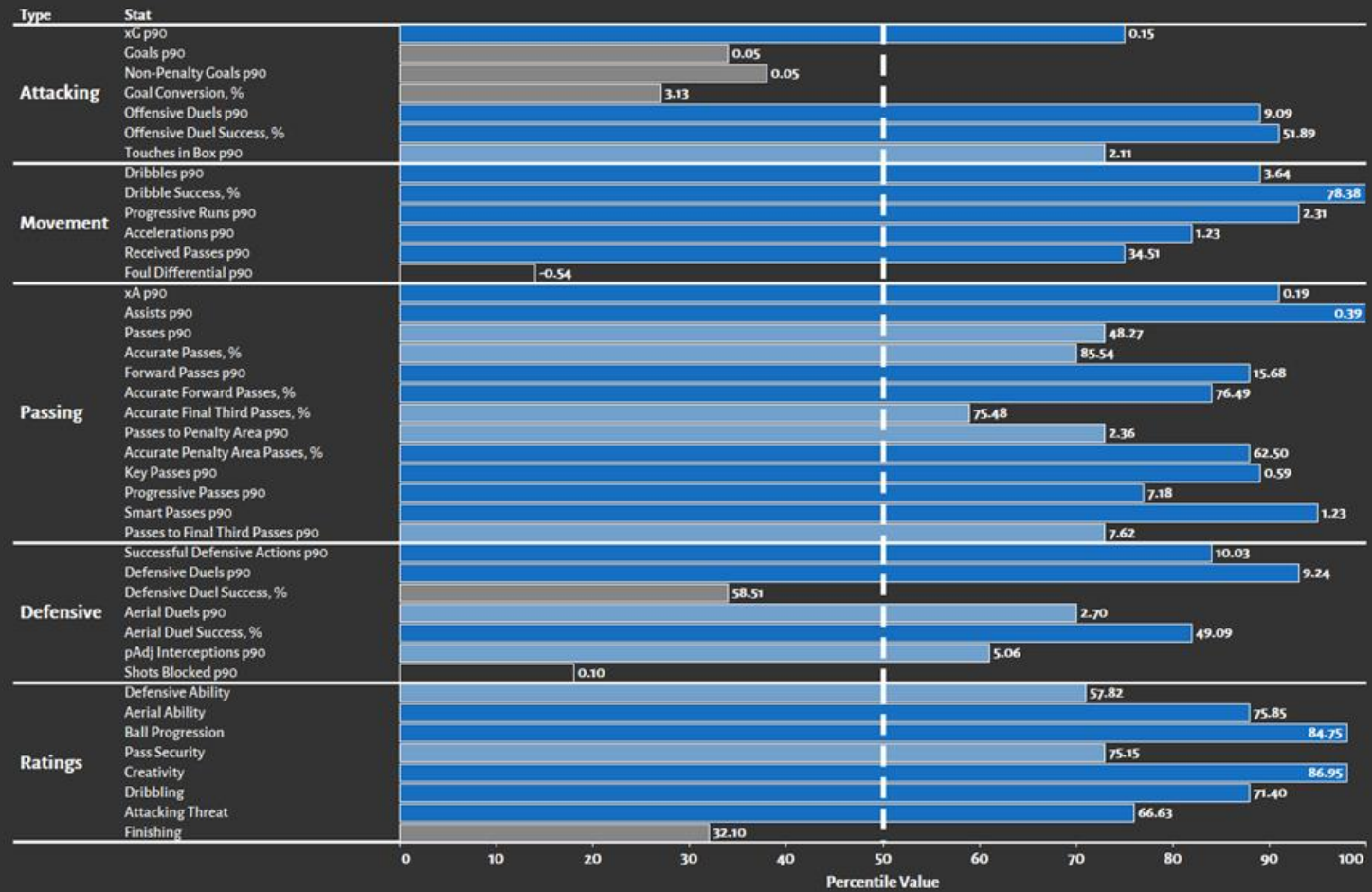
Age: 21 | Height: 180 cm

Value: £720th | Contract Expiration: December 2022



## Emil Breivik vs The Competition

CM/DMs in the Eliteserien with >1000 Mins in 2022  
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### Strengths

- Ball Progression
- Chance-Creation
- Physical Profile
- Secure in Possession
- Dribbling

### Weaknesses

- Finishing
- Limited Top-Fight Experience

### Appropriate Roles:

- Box-to-Box
- Pivot
- Sitter

### Preferred Role:

- Box-to-Box

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £2.5m



# Attacking-Midfield

## *Objectives*

Prepare Contingencies for Aribo Departure

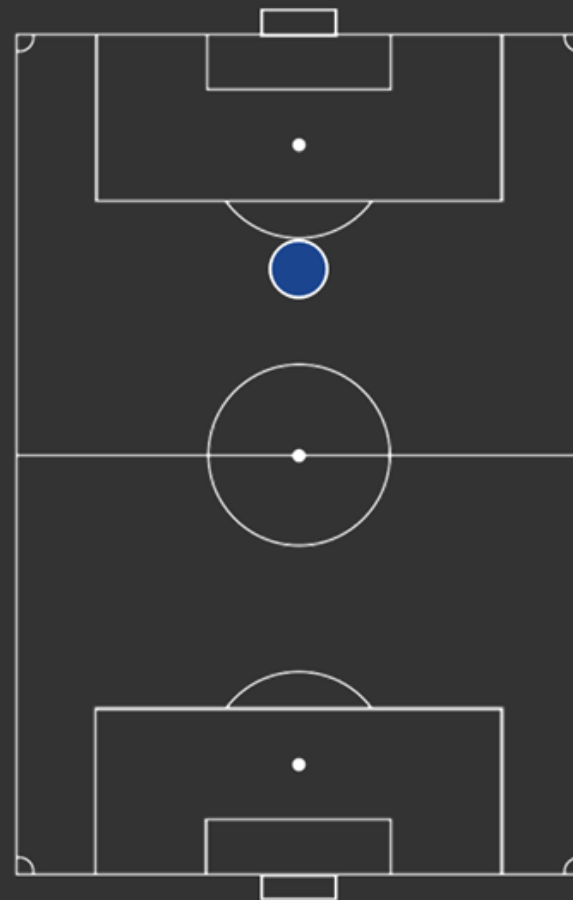
Sign a Starting Quality Option





# Attacking Midfield Longlist

Name	Club During 21/22	Age	Position	Transfermarkt Value (£)	Contract
Afsha	Al Ahly	26	AMF, LW, RW	2.25	Jun-24
Alan Sonora	Independiente	23	LCMF, AMF, RCMF	2.7	Dec-22
Alex Baena	Girona	20	LW, AMF, RW	2.25	Jun-25
Daniil Utkin	Akhmat Grozny	22	LCMF, RCMF, AMF, DMF	2.7	Jun-23
Filip Krovinovic	Hajduk Split	26	AMF, LCMF, RCMF, DMF	3.6	May-24
Gaston Pereiro	Cagliari	26	AMF, RW, SS	3.15	Jun-25
Lincoln	Santa Clara	23	AMF, LW, RW	4.5	Jun-24
Mads Frokjaer	Odense	22	AMF, LCMF, LW	0.72	Jun-24
Nicolas Gimenez	FC Baniyas	26	AMF, RCMF	3.15	Jun-24
Onni Valakari	Pafos	22	AMF, SS, LCMF	1.35	May-23
Santiago Rodriguez	NYCFC	22	AMF, RW, LW	2.25	Dec-23
Sebastian Kowalczyk	Pogon Szczecin	23	AMF, LCMF, LW, RCMF	1.53	Jun-23
Yassine Benrahou	Nimes	23	AMF, RW	2.7	Jun-23
Yeison Guzman	Atletico Nacional	24	AMF, SS, LW	1.44	Jun-24





# Lincoln

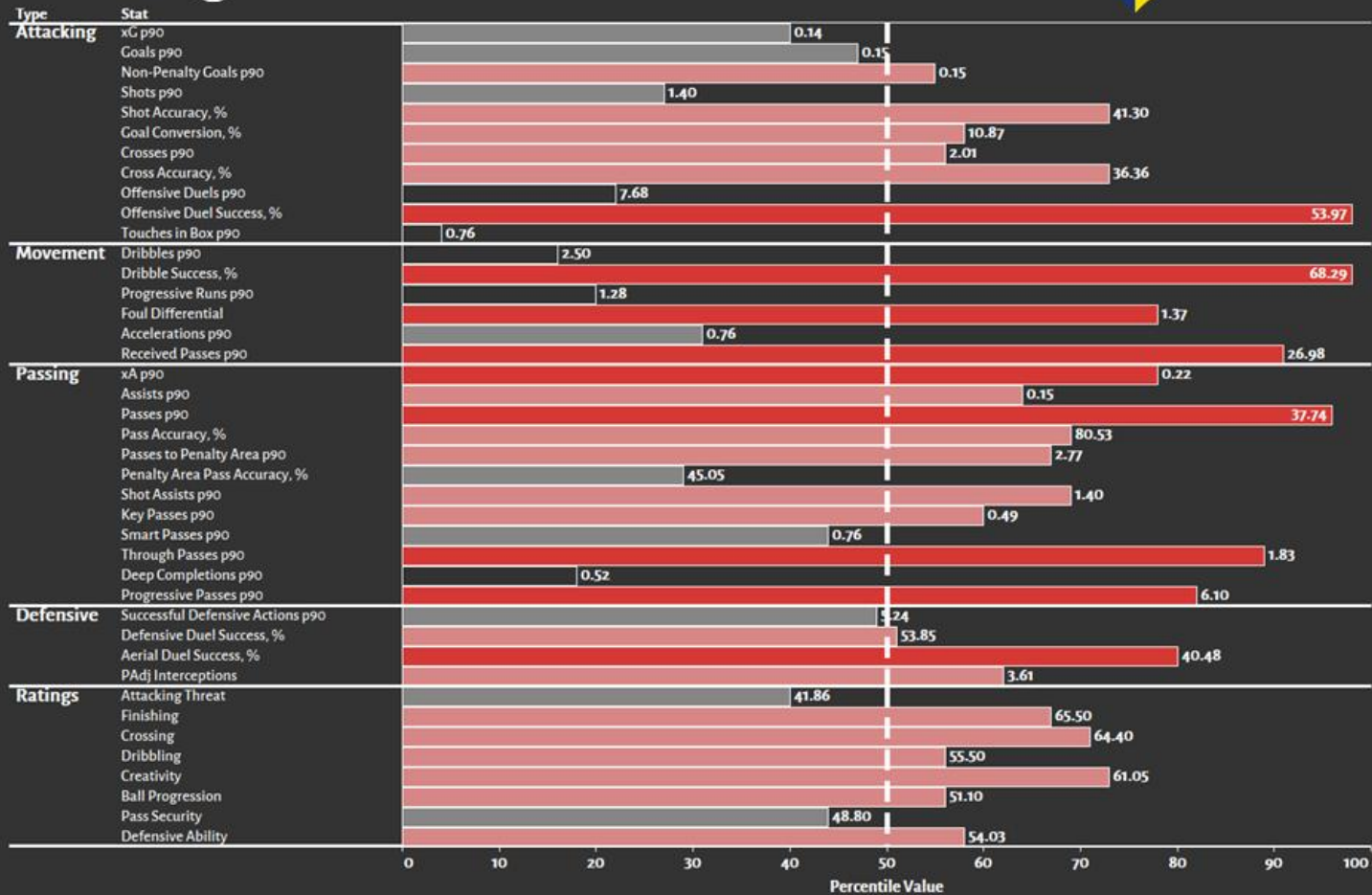
Age: 23 | Height: 178 cm

Value: £4.5m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Lincoln vs The Competition

AM/Ws in Primeira Liga with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Attacking Movement
- Positioning
- Taking Players On
- Chance Creation
- Set-Piece Threat
- Ball Striking

### Weaknesses

- Lack of Top-Level Athleticism
- Defensive Ability

### Appropriate Roles:

- Number 10
- Mezzala

### Preferred Role:

- Number 10

### Conditions for Arrival

Aribo Replacement or under £4m





# Sebastian Kowalczyk

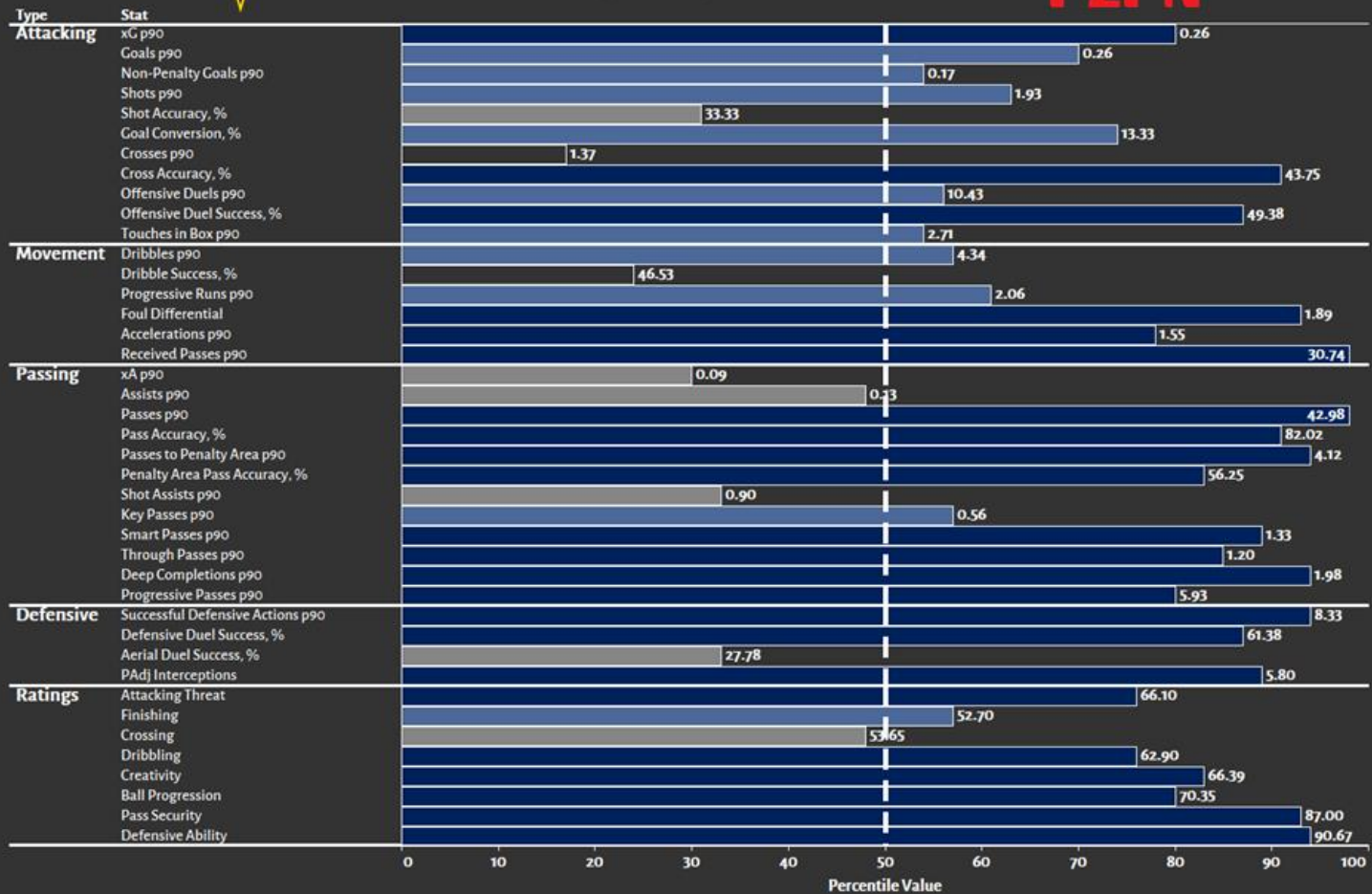
Age: 23 | Height: 169 cm

Value: £1.53m | Contract Expiration: June 2023



## Sebastian Kowalczyk vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Ekstraklasa with >1000 Mins in 2022  
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- Strengths**
- Attacking Movement
  - Agility
  - Taking Players On
  - Chance Creation
  - Close Control

- Weaknesses**
- Lack of Top-Level Athleticism
  - Finishing

- Appropriate Roles:**
- Number 10
  - Wide 10
  - Mezzala

- Preferred Role:**
- Number 10

**Conditions for Arrival**  
Available for under £2m



# Yeison Guzman

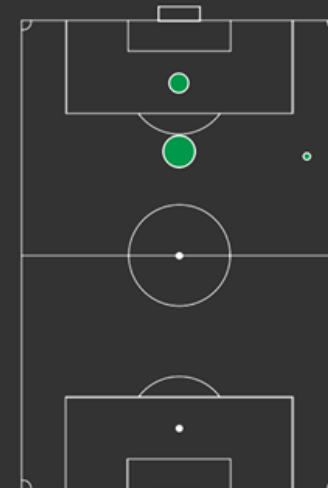
Age: 24 | Height: 170cm

Value: £1.44m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Yeison Guzman vs The Competition

AM/Ws in Liga Bet Play with >1000 Mins the Past Calendar Year  
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### Strengths

- Attacking Movement
- Finishing
- Vision
- Chance Creation
- Close Control
- Security in Possession

### Weaknesses

- Lack of Top-Level Athleticism
- Aerial Ability

### Appropriate Roles:

- Number 10
- Second Striker

### Preferred Role:

- Number 10

### Conditions for Arrival

Aribo Replacement or under £3m





# Yassine Benrahou

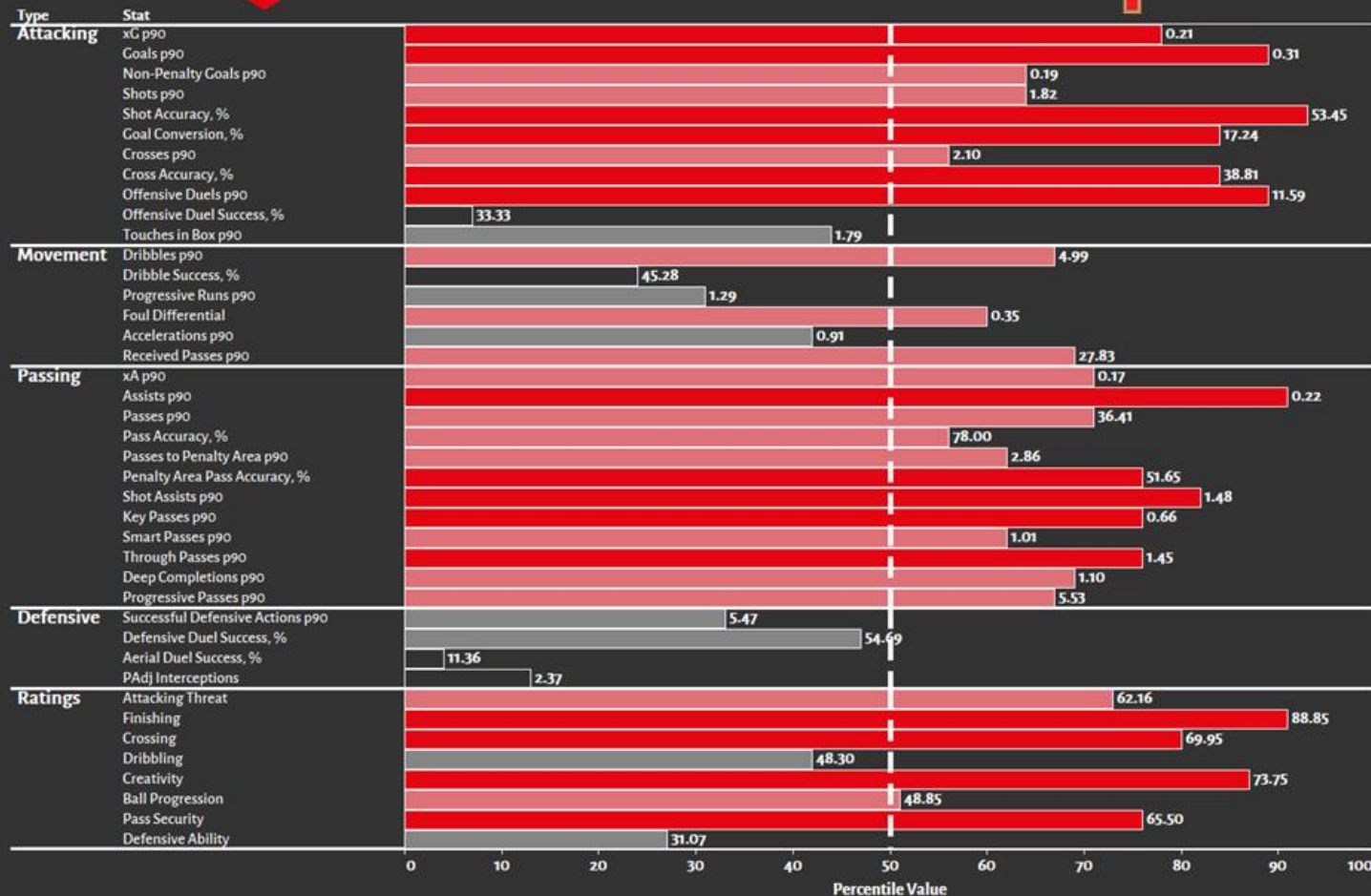
Age: 23 | Height: 170cm

Value: £2.7m | Contract Expiration: June 2023



## Yassine Benrahou vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Ligue 2 with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Attacking Movement
- Finishing
- Chance Creation
- Close Control
- Set-Piece Threat

### Weaknesses

- Lack of Top-Level Athleticism
- Defensive Contribution

### Appropriate Roles:

- Number 10
- Wide 10
- Second Striker

### Preferred Role:

- Number 10

### Conditions for Arrival

Aribo Replacement or under £4m





# Left-Wing

## *Objectives*

Prepare Contingencies for Kent Departure

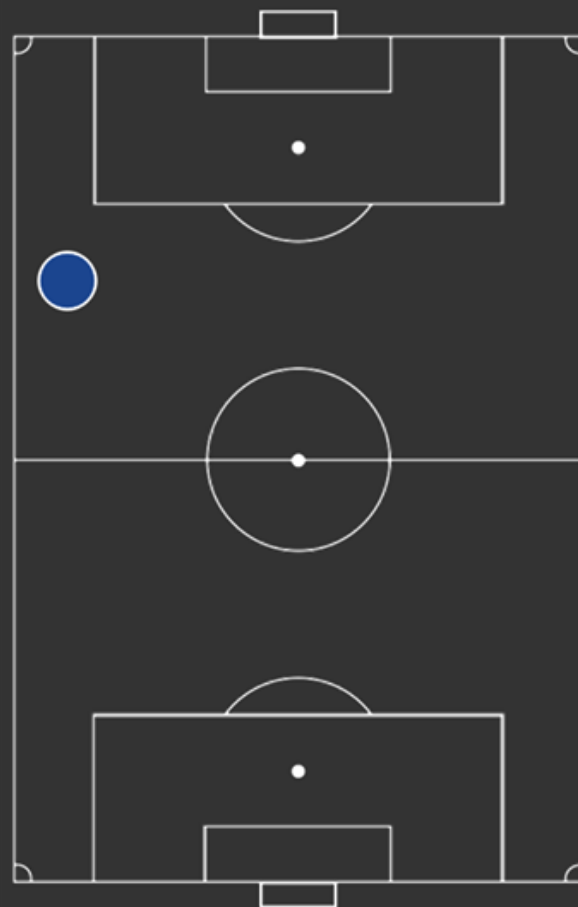
Monitor Market for a Rotation Option





# Left-Wing Longlist

Name	Club During 21/22	Age	Position	Transfermarkt Value (£)	Contract
Achraf Bencharki	Zamalek	27	LW, ST, SS	2.25	Jun-22
Andrei Ivan	Craiova	25	LW, RW, ST	1.44	Jun-23
Duvan Vergara	Monterrey	25	LW, RW, AMF	3.6	Jun-24
Joao Rojas	Emelec	24	LW, RW, AMF	1.8	Dec-22
Kastriot Imeri	Servette	21	LM, LW, LCMF, RM	5.4	Jun-23
Marco Grull	Rapid Vienna	23	LW, ST, RW	4.5	Jun-24
Martin Ojeda	Godoy Cruz	23	LW, AMF, RW	5.4	Dec-23
Min-Kyu Song	Jeonbuk	22	LW	1.35	Dec-25
Octavian Popescu	FSCB	19	LW, RW, SS	2.7	Jun-24
Ola Brynhildsen	Molde	23	LW, LM, RW	1.08	Dec-24
Queensy Menig	Partizan	26	LW, RW	1.8	Jun-24
Tashreeq Matthews	Varbergs BOIS	21	LW, RW, AMF	0.72	Dec-22
Veljko Birmancevic	Malmo	24	LW, AMF, RW	3.15	Dec-24
Zymer Bytyqi	Konyaspor	25	LW, RW, AMF	3.78	Jun-23





# Andrei Ivan

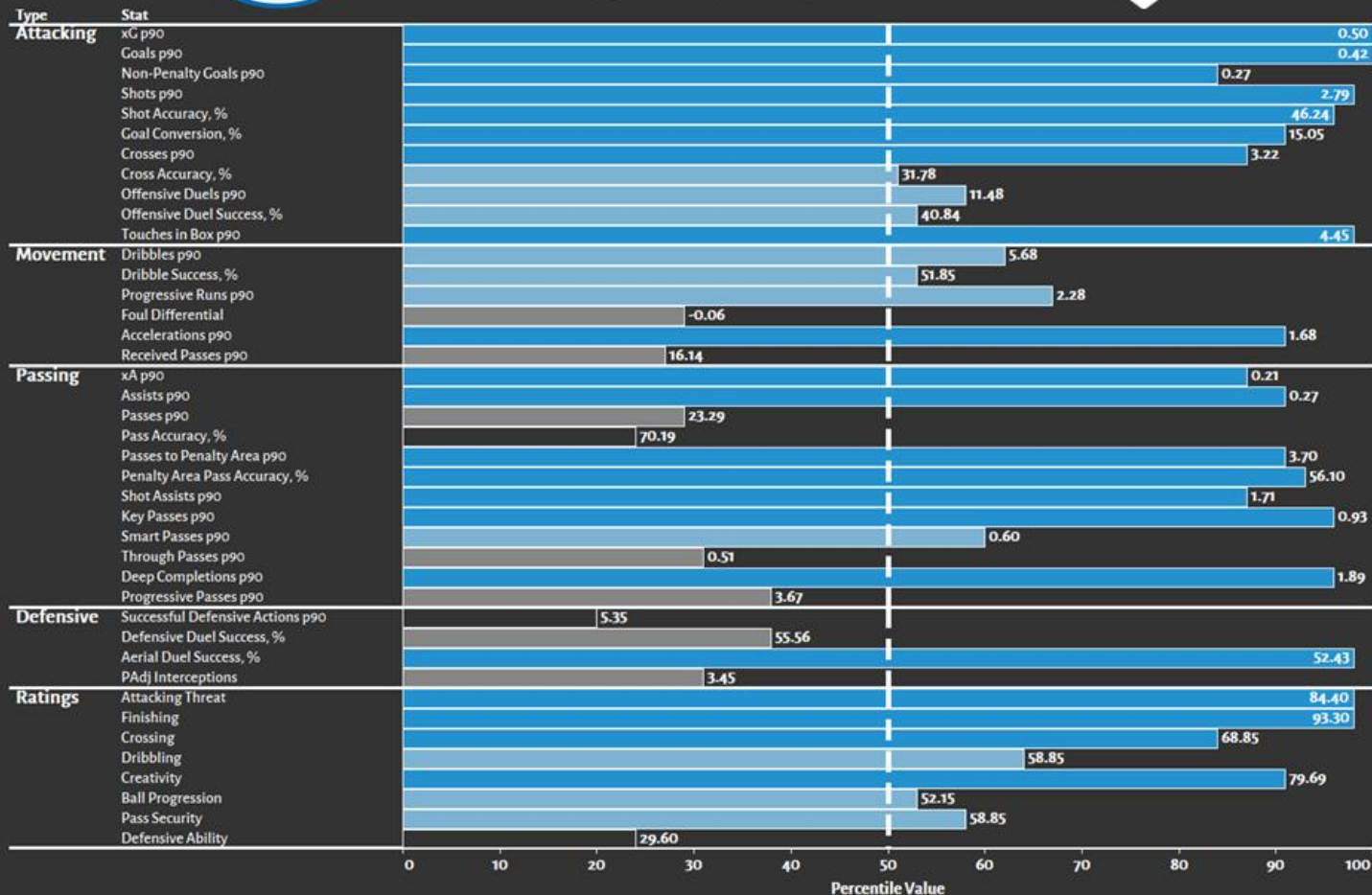
Age: 25 | Height: 185 cm

Value: £1.44m | Contract Expiration: June 2023



## Andrei Ivan vs The Competition

AM/Ws in Liga 1 with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Finishing
- Chance Creation
- Attacking Movement
- Hold-Up Play
- Taking On Players

### Weaknesses

- Decision-Making
- Struggled in Austria and Russia
- Effort Out of Possession

### Appropriate Roles:

- Inside Forward
- Lone-Forward

### Preferred Role:

- Inside-Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

Kent Replacement or under £3.5m





# Martin Ojeda

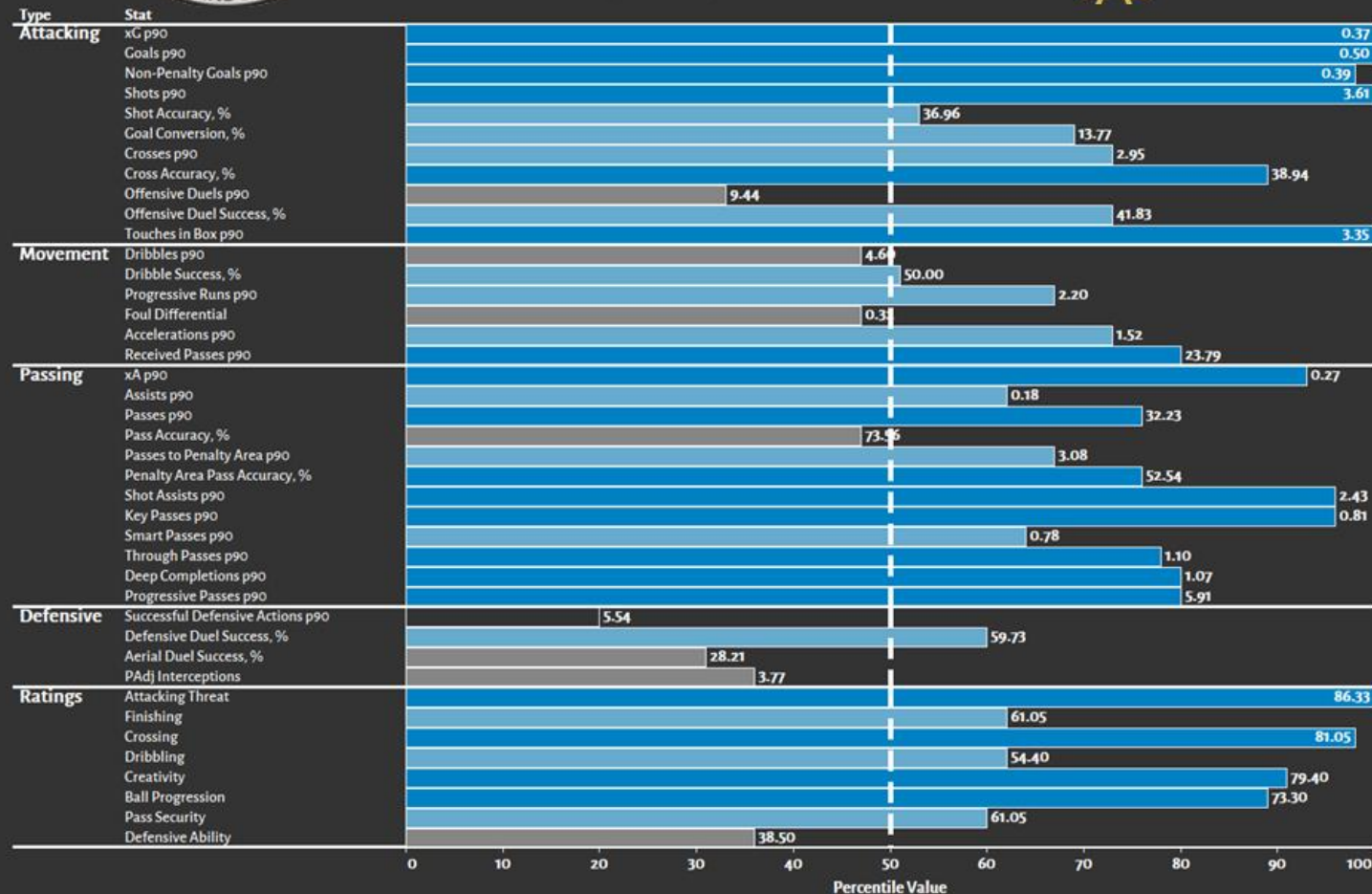
Age: 23 | Height: 179 cm

Value: £5.4m | Contract Expiration: December 2023



## Martin Ojeda vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Primera Division with >1000 Mins the Past Calendar Year  
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### Strengths

- Finishing
- Chance Creation
- Attacking Movement
- Strong on Both Feet
- Taking On Players
- Physical Profile
- Set-Piece Threat

### Weaknesses

- Effort Out of Possession

### Appropriate Roles:

- Inside Forward
- Classical Winger

### Preferred Role:

- Inside-Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

- Kent Replacement



# Joao Rojas

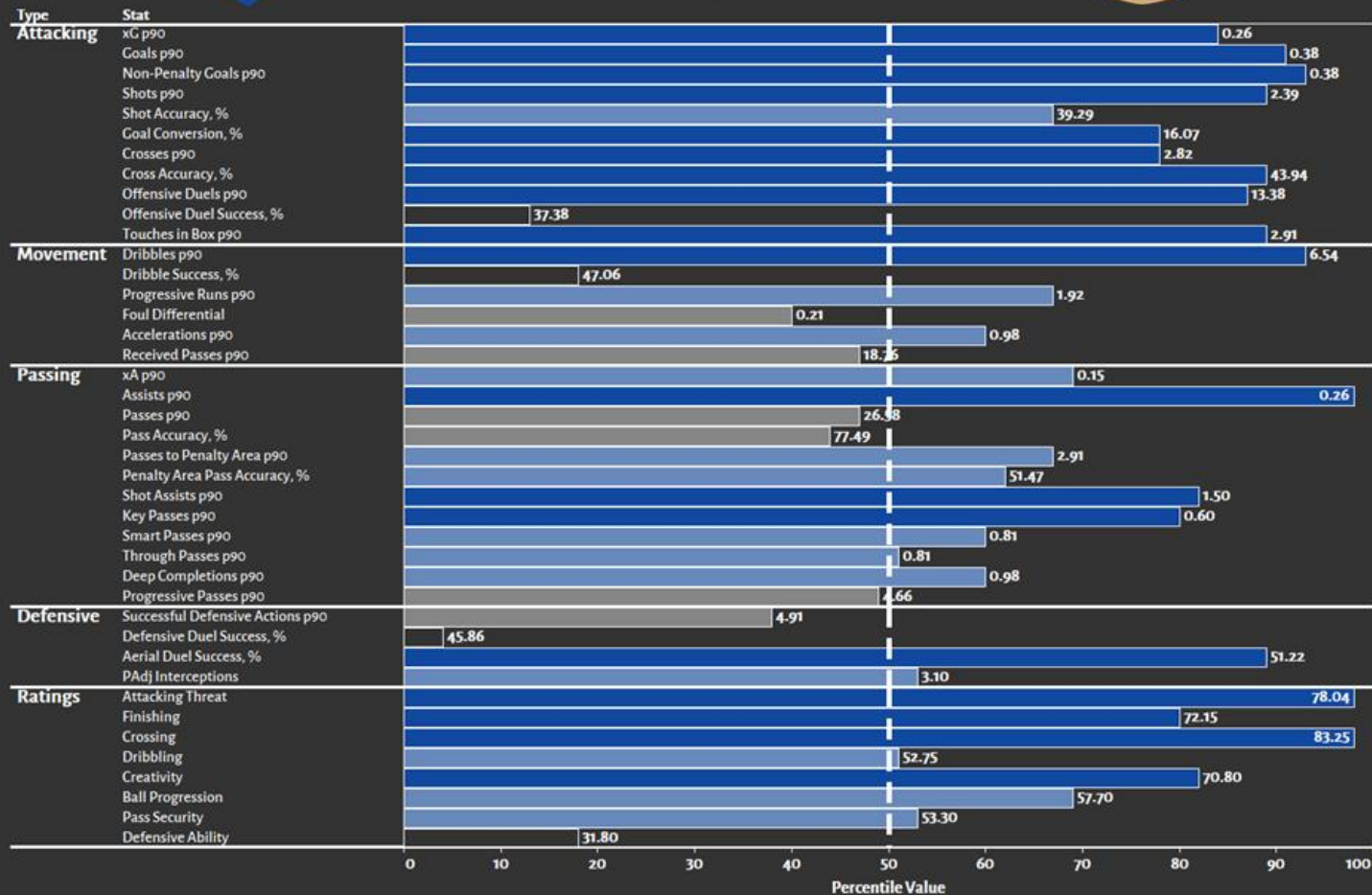
Age: 24 | Height: 172 cm

Value: £1.8m | Contract Expiration: December 2022



## Joao Rojas vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Ecuadorian Serie A with >1000 Mins in the Past Calendar Year  
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### Strengths

- Chance Creation
- Attacking Movement
- Positioning
- Taking On Players
- Physical Profile
- Vision

### Weaknesses

- Decision Making
- Finishing

### Appropriate Roles:

- Inside Forward
- Classical Winger

### Preferred Role:

- Inside-Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

Kent Replacement or under £2.5m





# Veljko Birmancevic

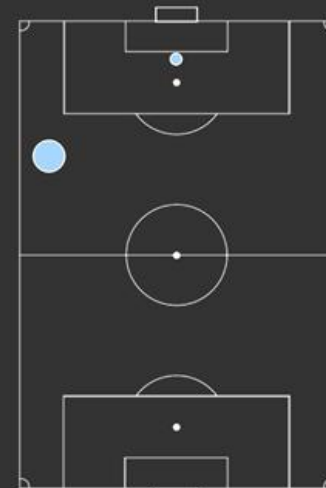
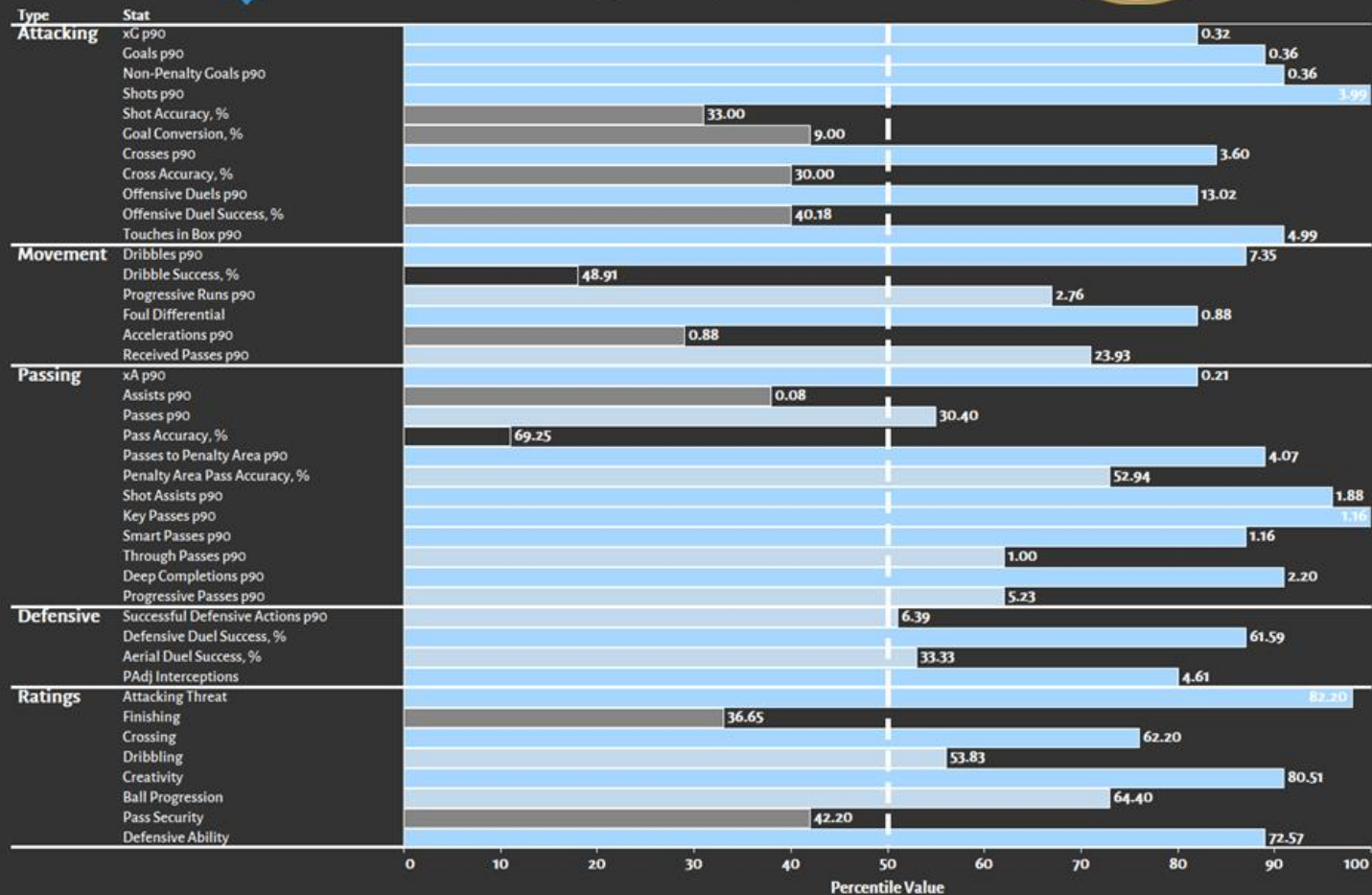
Age: 24 | Height: 172 cm

Value: £1.8m | Contract Expiration: December 2022



## Veljko Birmancevic vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Allsvenskan with >1000 Mins in the Past Calendar Year  
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### Strengths

- Attacking Movement
- Positioning
- Taking Players On
- Chance Creation
- Energy In and Out of Possession
- Flair

### Weaknesses

- Lack of Top-Level Athleticism
- Aerial Ability

### Appropriate Roles:

- Inside Forward
- Poacher

### Preferred Role:

- Inside-Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

Kent Replacement or under £3.5m





# Right-Wing

## Objectives

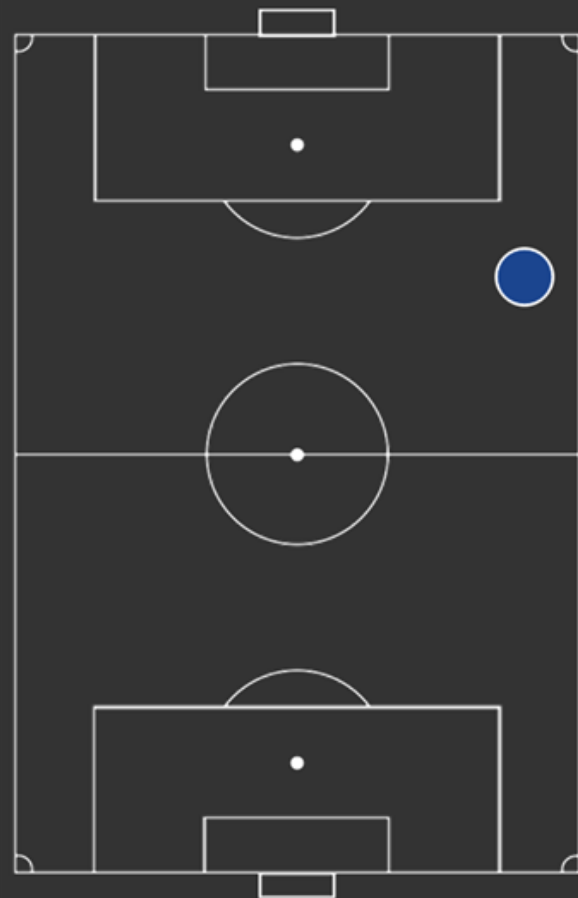
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# Right-Wing Longlist

Name	Club During 21/22	Age	Position	Transfermarkt Value (£)	Contract
Alberth Ellis	Bordeaux	26	RW, ST, LW	5.85	Jun-24
Bakery Jatta	Hamburg	23	RW, LW, ST	1.17	Jun-24
Bernard Tekpetey	Ludogorets	24	RW, LW, ST	2.07	Jun-24
Brian Ocampo	Club Nacional	22	RW, LW	2.7	Dec-22
Daniel Verde	Spezia	25	RW, LW, AMF	3.15	Jun-25
Gabriel Strefezza	Lecce	25	RW, RM, LW	4.5	Jun-25
Gonzalo Plata	Valladolid	21	RW, LW	4.5	Jun-23
Kiril Despodov	Ludogorets	25	RW, LW, SS	3.15	Jun-24
Marco Tilio	Melbourne City	20	RW, LW	0.81	Jun-24
Robert Muric	Rijeka	26	RW, AMF, LW	3.15	Jun-23
Rodrigo Riquelme	Mirandes	22	RW, AMF, LW	1.35	Jun-24
Sebastian Jorgensen	Silkeborg	21	RW, ST, RM	0.9	Jun-25
Zelimkhan Bakaev	Spartak	25	RW, AMF, LW	4.5	Jun-22
Zizo	Zamalek	26	RW, LW, RCMF	1.8	Jun-24





# Sebastian Jorgensen

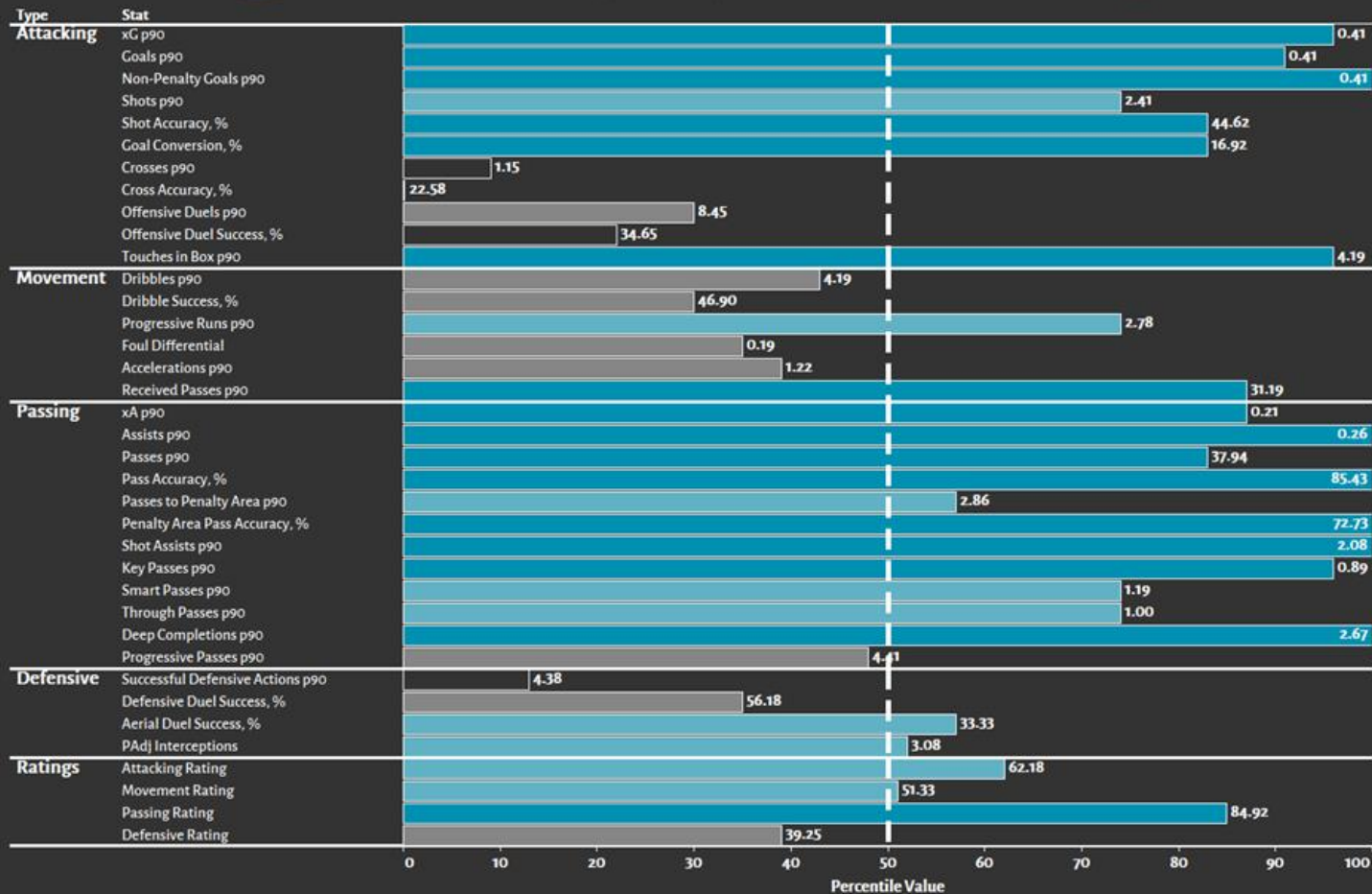
Age: 21 | Height: 183 cm

Value: £900th | Contract Expiration: June 2025



## Sebastian Jorgensen vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Danish Superligaen with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Pace
- Tricky Dribbler
- On and Off Ball Movement
- Finishing
- Chance-Creation

### Weaknesses

- Slight Frame
- Crossing
- Defensive Contribution

### Appropriate Roles:

- Inside Forward
- Classical Winger

### Preferred Role:

- Inside Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £3m





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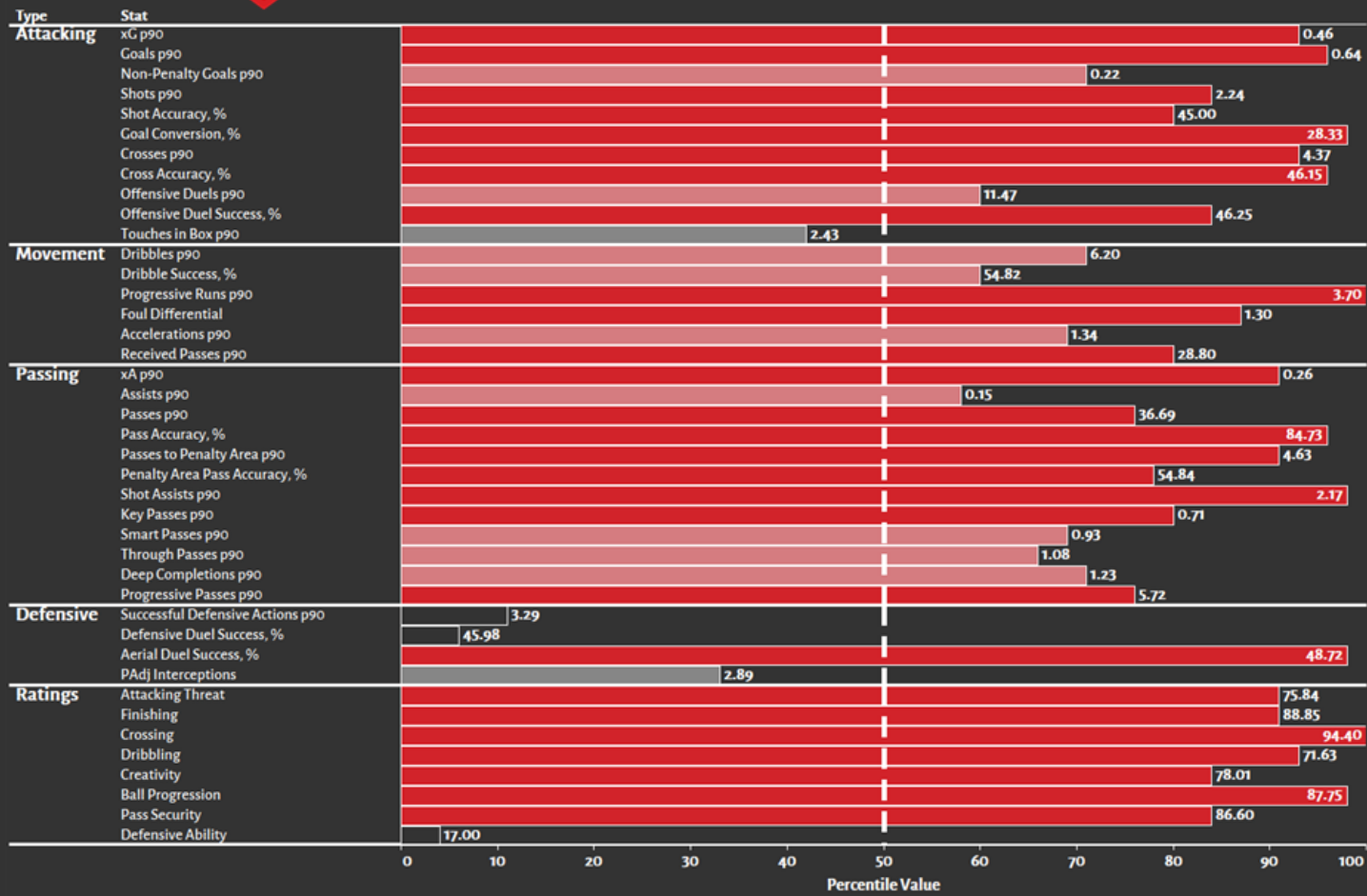
Age: 26 | Height: 180 cm

Value: £1.8m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Zizo vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Egyptian Premier League with >1000 Mins in the Past Calendar Year  
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### Strengths

- Attacking Movement
- Finishing
- Ball-Striking
- Chance Creation
- Progressive Running
- Ball Control

### Weaknesses

- Lack of Top-Level Athleticism
- Inconsistent Spell in Europe

### Appropriate Roles:

- Inside Forward
- Classical Winger

### Preferred Role:

- Inside-Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £3.5m

# Rodrigo Riquelme

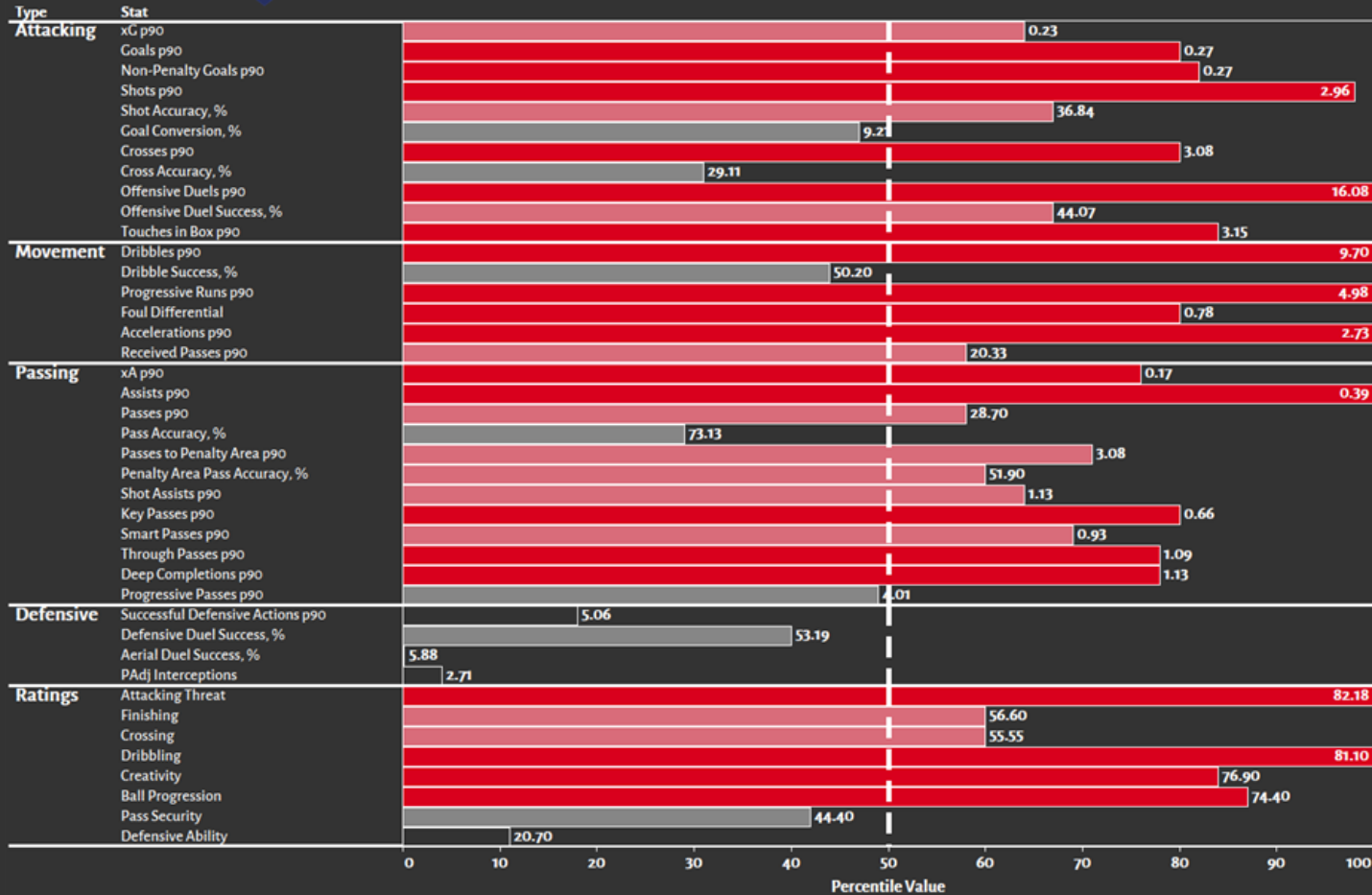
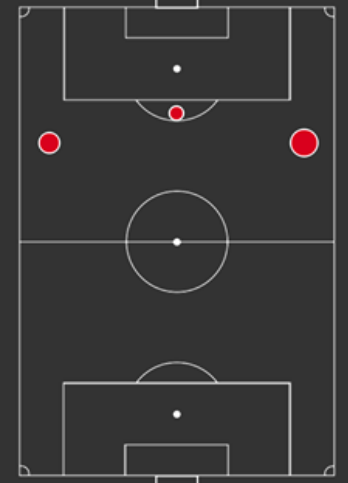
Age: 22 | Height: 174 cm

Value: £1.35m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Rodrigo Riquelme vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Segunda Division with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Attacking Movement
- Ball-Striking
- Chance Creation
- Progressive Running
- Ball Control

### Weaknesses

- Lack of Top-Level Athleticism
- Consistency in Build-Up

### Appropriate Roles:

- Number 10 or Wide 10
- Inside-Forward
- Wide-Playmaker

### Preferred Role:

- Inside-Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

- Under £3m or Loan-to-Buy







# Bernard Tekpetey

Age: 24 | Height: 172cm

Value: £2.07m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Bernard Tekpetey vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the efBet Liga with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Attacking Movement
- Finishing
- Chance Creation
- Ball Progression
- Physical Profile

### Weaknesses

- Discipline
- Consistency in Build Up

### Appropriate Roles:

- Inside Forward
- Classical Winger
- Poacher

### Preferred Role:

- Inside-Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £4m



# Bakery Jatta

Age: 23 | Height: 184 cm

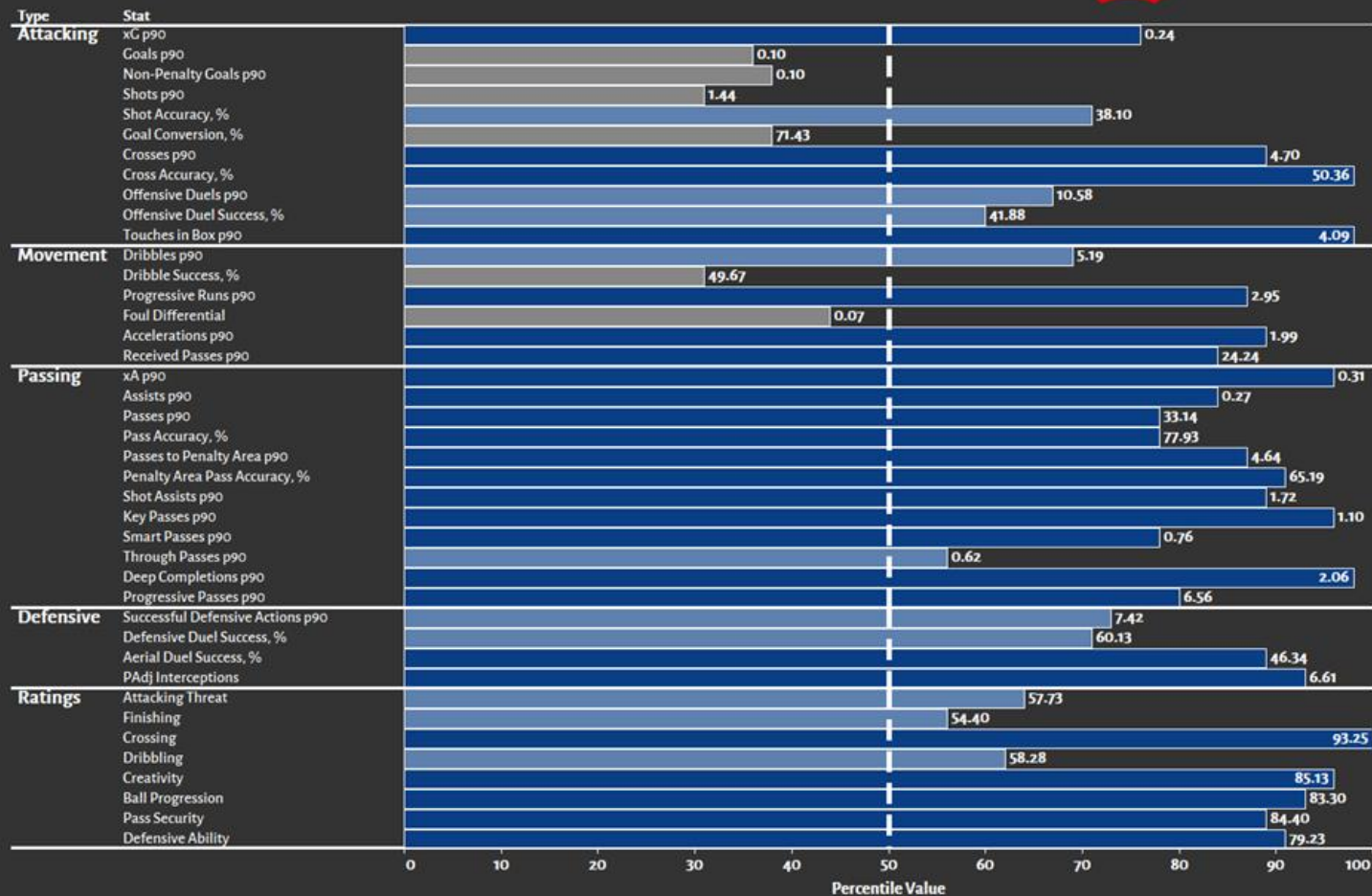
Value: £1.17m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Bakery Jatta vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the 2. Bundesliga with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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### Strengths

- Speed
- Final Ball
- Secure in Possession
- Active Out of Possession
- Ball Progression
- Transition Threat

### Weaknesses

- Finishing
- Penalty Box Decision-Making

### Appropriate Roles:

- Inside Forward
- Classical Winger

### Preferred Role:

- Inside-Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £3.5m





# Gonzalo Plata

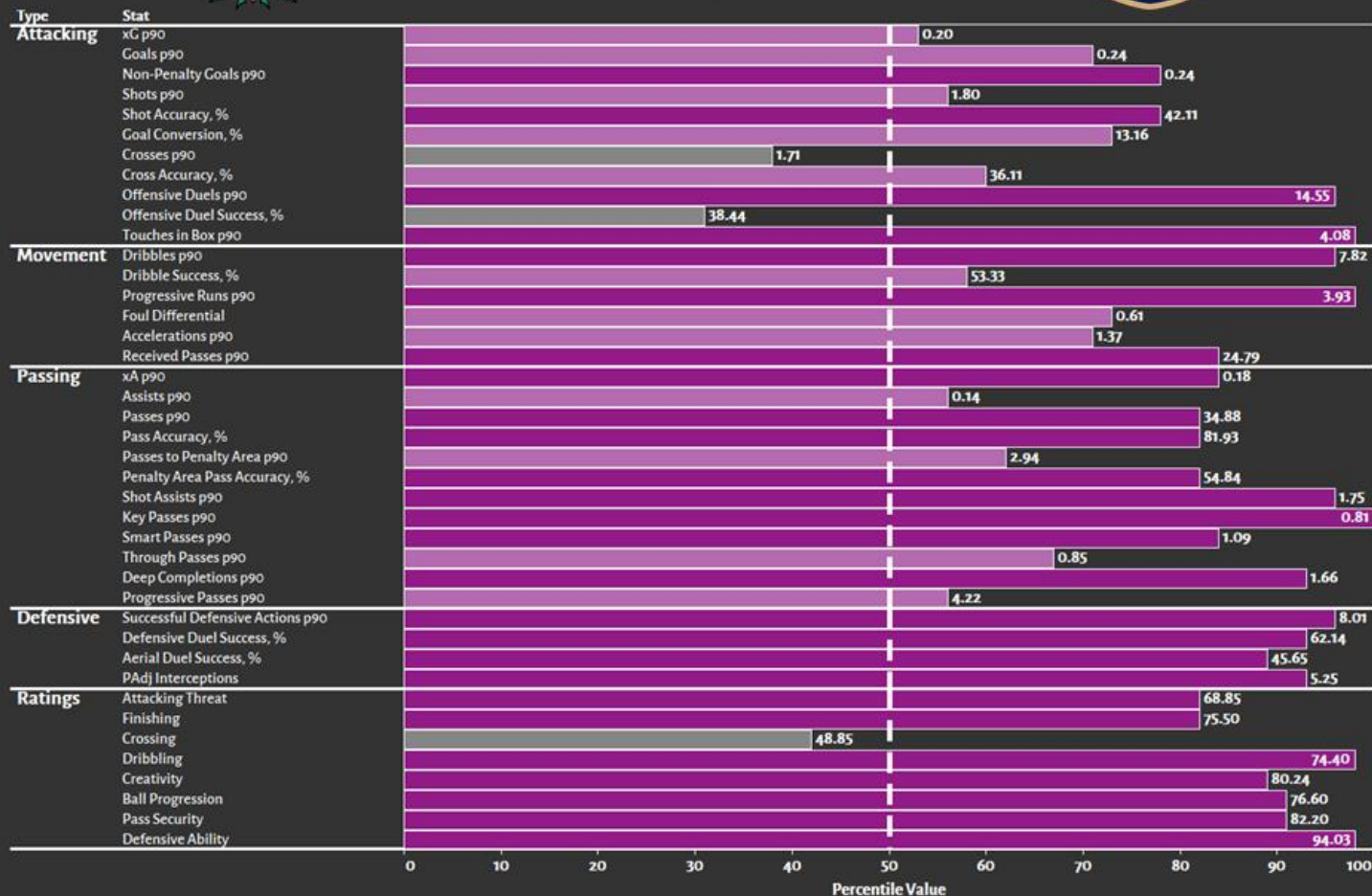
Age: 21 | Height: 178 cm

Value: £4.5m | Contract Expiration: June 2023



## Gonzalo Plata vs The Competition

AM/Ws in the Segunda Division with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Speed
- Ball Progression
- Taking on Players
- Attacking Movement
- Defensive Effort
- Chance-Creation

### Weaknesses

No Significant Weaknesses

### Appropriate Roles:

- Inside Forward
- Classical Winger
- Poacher

### Preferred Role:

Inside-Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

Under £7m or Loan-to-Buy





# Striker

## *Objectives*

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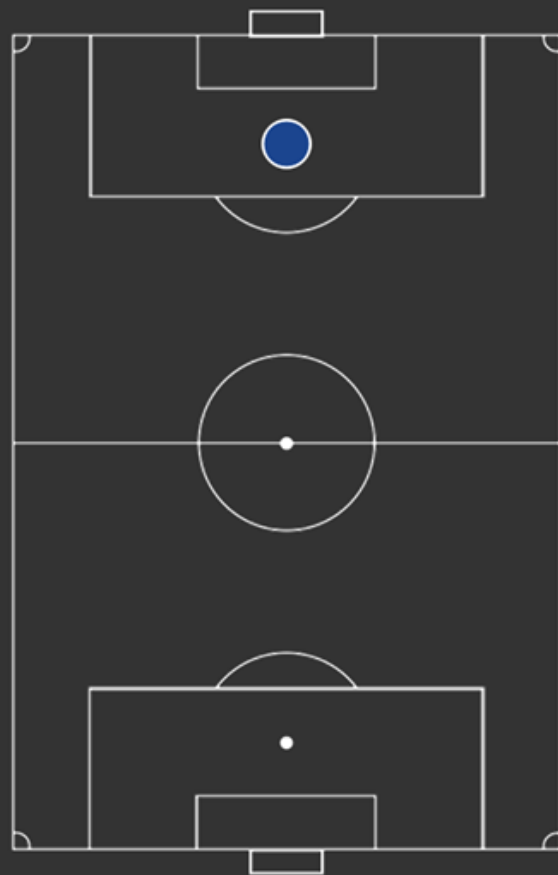
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# Striker Longlist

Name	Club During 21/22	Age	Position	Transfermarkt Value (£)	Contract
Antoine Semenyo	Bristol City	22	CF, LW, RW	2.25	Jun-23
Dante Vanzeir	USC	24	CF, RW, SS	4.95	Jun-24
Dembo Darboe	Shakhtar Soligorsk	23	CF, AM, RW	2.25	Dec-23
Erik Botheim	Krasnodar	22	CF	3.6	Jun-22
Georges Mikautadze	RFC Seirang	21	CF, LW, RW	1.98	Jun-25
Jackson Muleka	Kasimpasa	22	CF, RW, LW	3.42	Jun-24
Lois Openda	Vitesse	22	CF, LW, RW	4.95	Jun-24
Mateo Cassierra	Sochi	25	CF, LW, RW	3.15	Jun-23
Mohamed Sherif	Al-Ahly	26	ST, LW, RW	2.25	Jun-24
Robert Morales	Cerro Porteno	23	CF, RW	1.8	n/a
Ryan Mmaee	Ferencvaros	24	CF, SS, LW	1.62	Jun-24
Samson Akinyoola	Caracas	22	CF, SS	0.36	Dec-23
Simon Banza	Famalicao	25	CF, RW	4.5	Jun-23
Sory Kaba	OH Leuven	26	CF	2.25	Jun-24

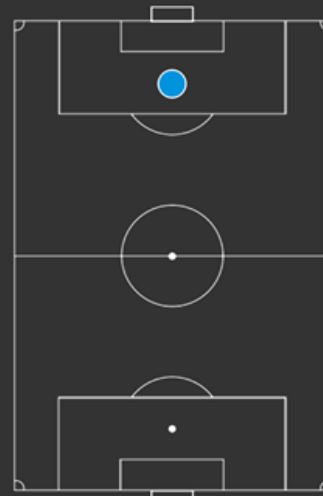




# Mateo Cassierra

Age: 25 | Height: 179 cm

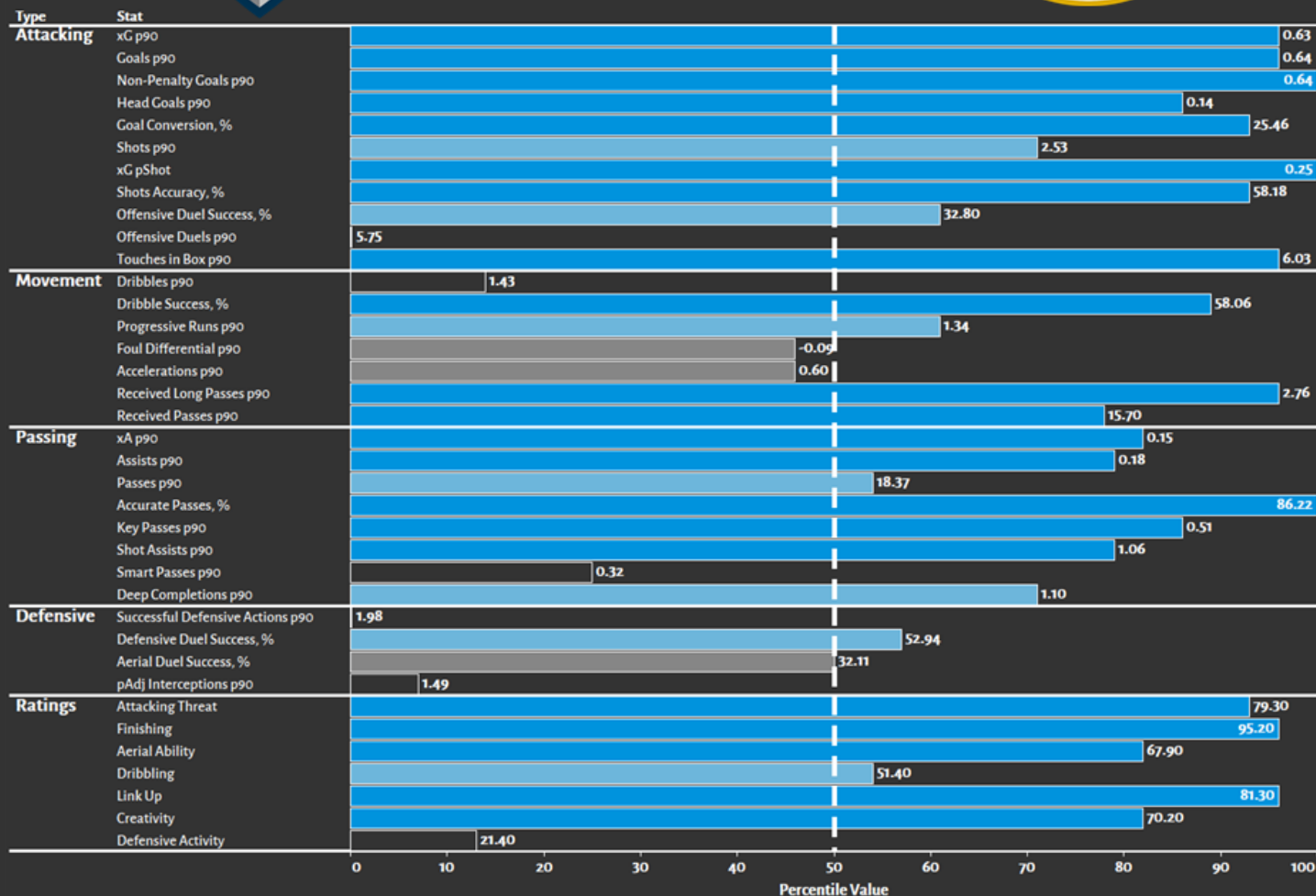
Value: £3.15m | Contract Expiration: June 2023



## Mateo Cassierra vs The Competition

STs in the RPL with >1000 Mins in 2021/22

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### Strengths

Finishing  
Speed  
Hold-Up Play  
Chance Creation  
Aerial Threat

### Weaknesses

Out of Possession  
Beating His Man in Possession

### Appropriate Roles:

Lone Forward  
Poacher

### Preferred Role:

Lone Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £2.5m





# Ryan Mmaee

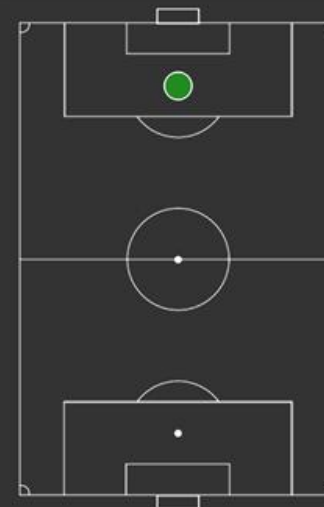
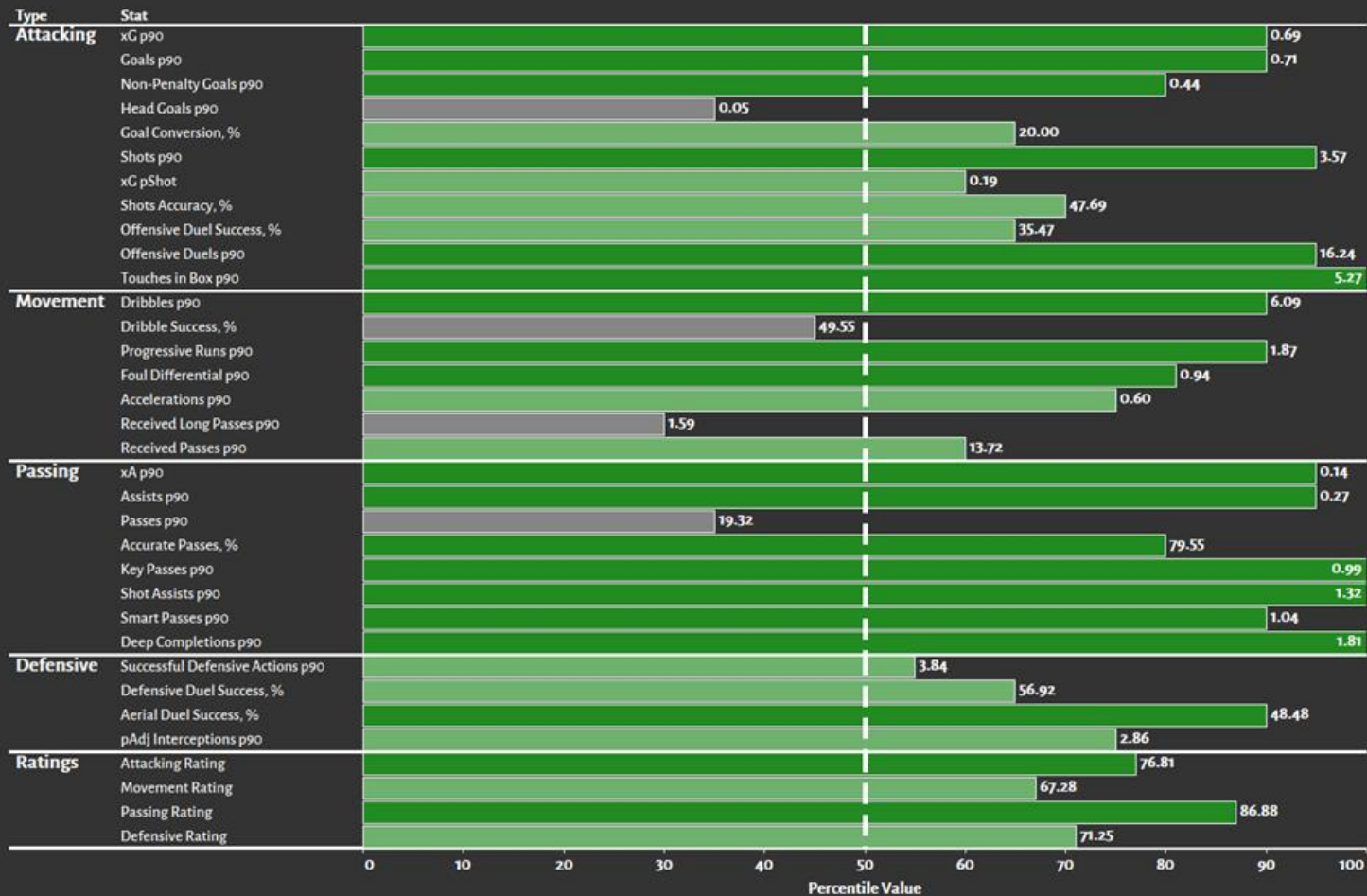
Age: 24 | Height: 185cm

Value: £1.62m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Ryan Mmaee vs The Competition

STs in the NB.1 with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Strong and Explosive
- Quick Feet Filled with Flair
- Creative Presence
- Clean Ball Striker (Penalty Option)
- Scores all Types of Goals
- Mirrored Domestic Form in Europe

### Weaknesses

- Injured Since April 2022
- Struggled in Belgium and Denmark
- Purple Patch Inflated Fee

### Appropriate Roles:

Any Striker Role

### Preferred Role:

Complete Lone Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £4m



# Erik Botheim

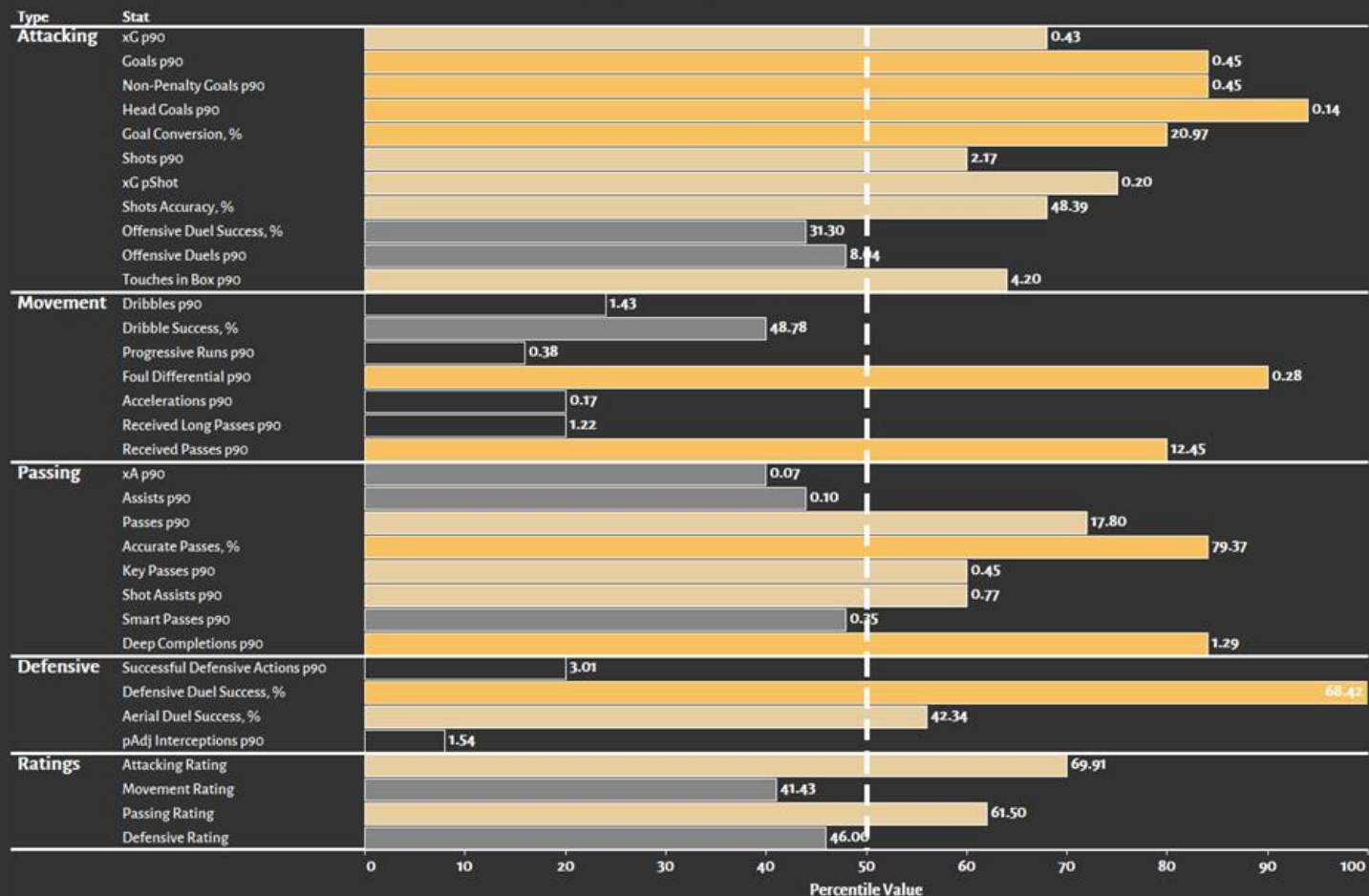
Age: 22 | Height: 185 cm

Value: £3.6m | Contract Expiration: Unattached



## Erik Botheim vs The Competition

STs in the Eliteserien with >1000 Mins in the Past Calendar Year  
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### Strengths

- Intelligent Movement
- Aerial Threat
- Quick Link Play
- Penalty-Box Finishing
- Robust Frame

### Weaknesses

- Extended Periods in Possession
- Taking Players on With The Ball

### Appropriate Roles:

- Lone-Forward
- Target-Man
- Poacher

### Preferred Role:

- Lone-Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

- Reasonable Wage Packet





# Lois Openda

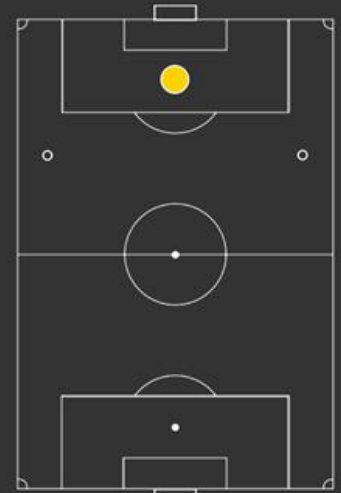
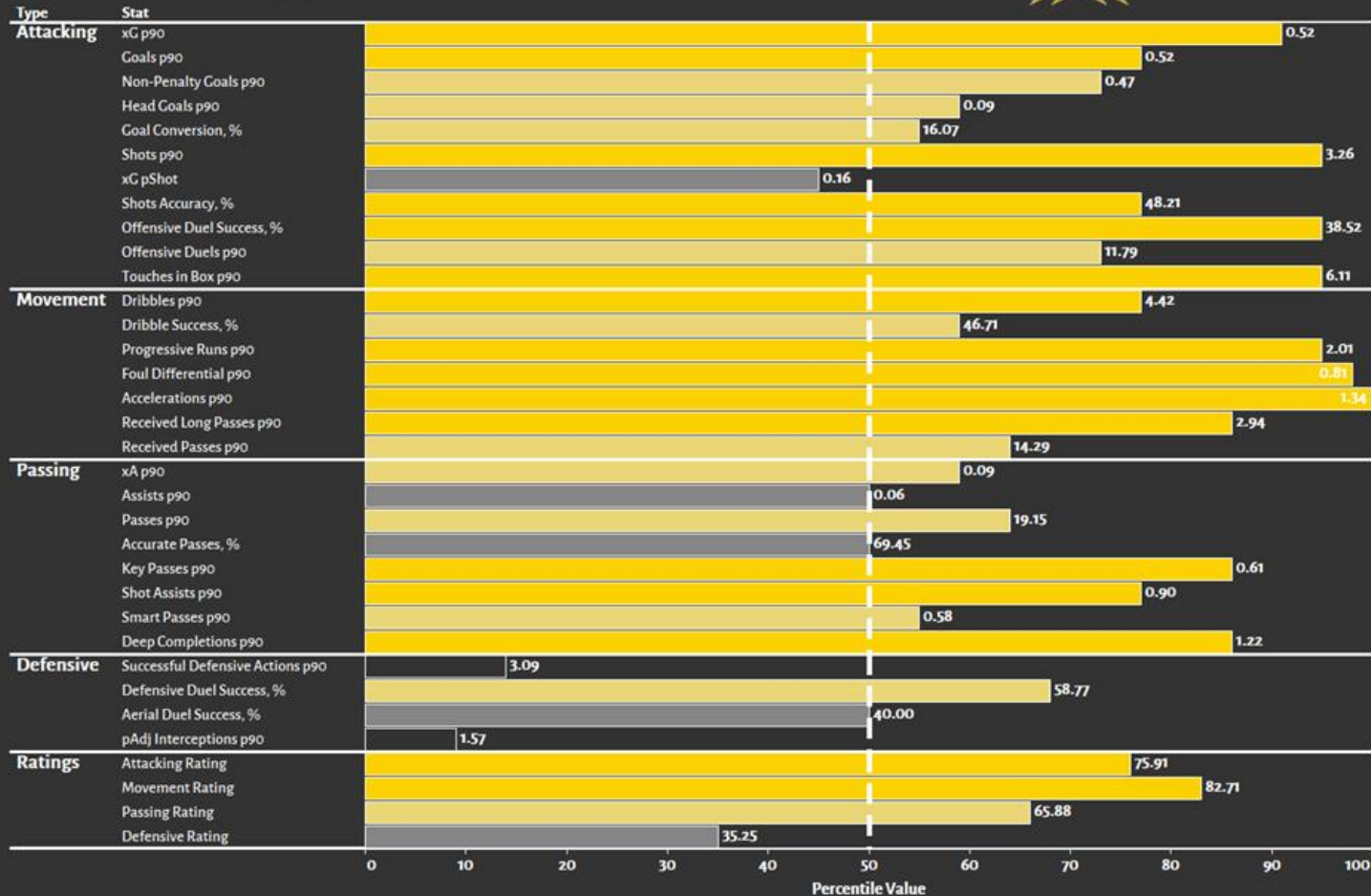
Age: 22 | Height: 175 cm

Value: £4.95m | Contract Expiration: June 2024



## Lois Openda vs The Competition

STs in the Eredivisie with >1000 Mins in 2021/22  
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### Strengths

- Finishing
- Attacking Movement
- Pace and Agility
- Taking Players-on
- Winning Fouls

### Weaknesses

- Extended Periods in Possession
- Aerial Ability

### Appropriate Roles:

- Lone-Forward
- Poacher
- Advanced in a Pair

### Preferred Role:

- Lone-Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

- Morelos Replacement



# Dembo Darboe

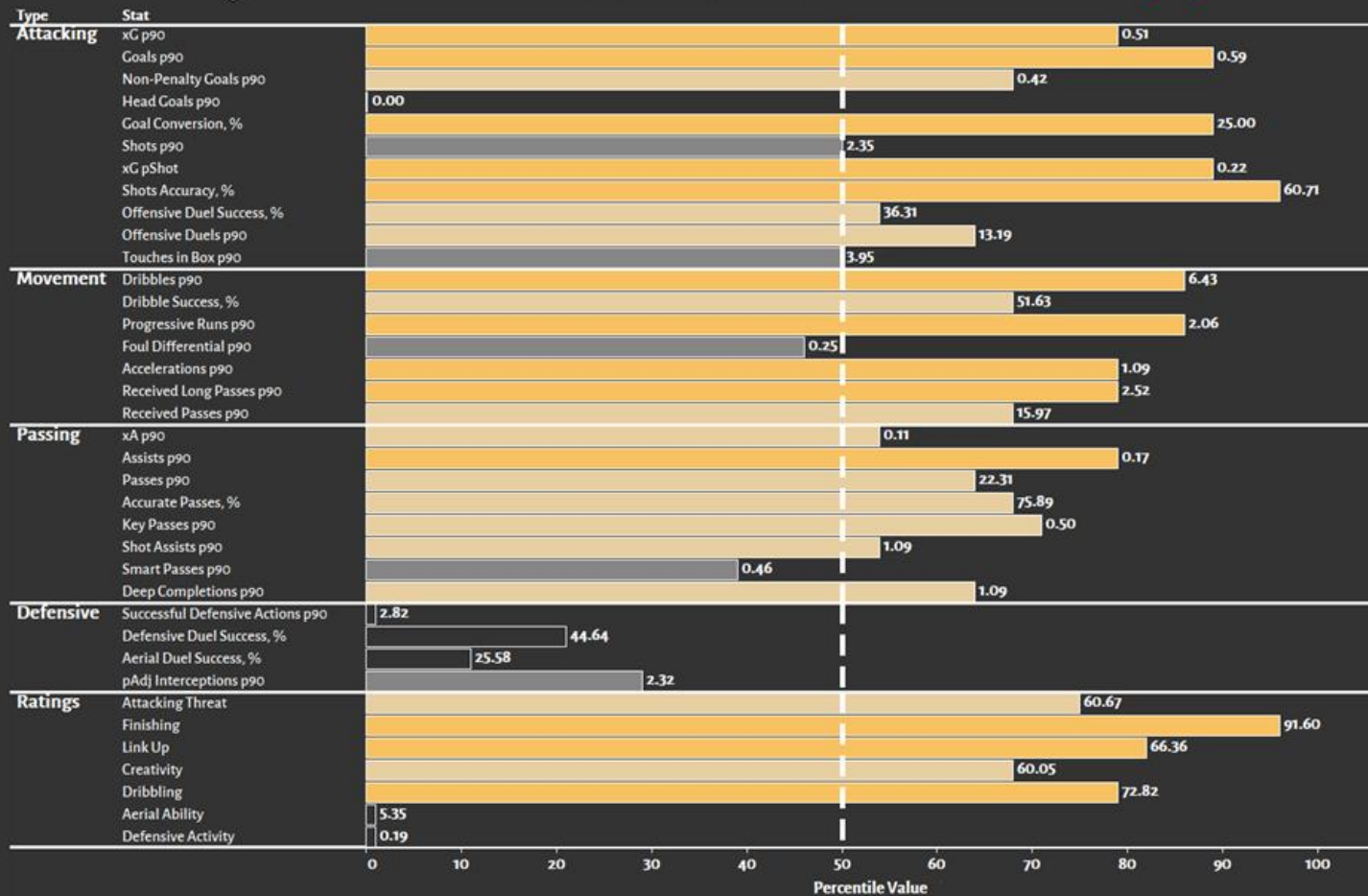
Age: 23 | Height: 186 cm

Value: £2.25m | Contract Expiration: December 2023



## Dembo Darboe vs The Competition

STs in the Belarusian Premier League with >1000 Mins in the Past Calendar Year  
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### Strengths

- Physical Profile
- Link and Hold Up Play
- Taking Players On
- Finishing
- Flair
- Chance-Creation

### Weaknesses

- Effort Out of Possession
- Questions over Domestic Level

### Appropriate Roles:

- Target Man
- Lone-Forward

### Preferred Role:

- Lone-Forward

**Conditions for Arrival**  
Available for under £2.5m





# Samson Akinyoola

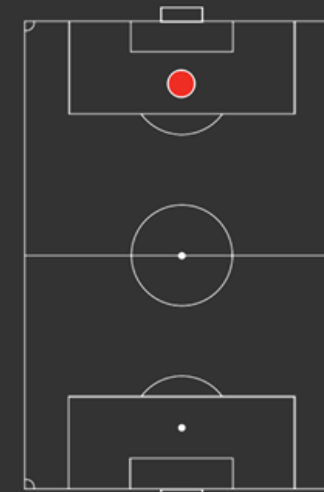
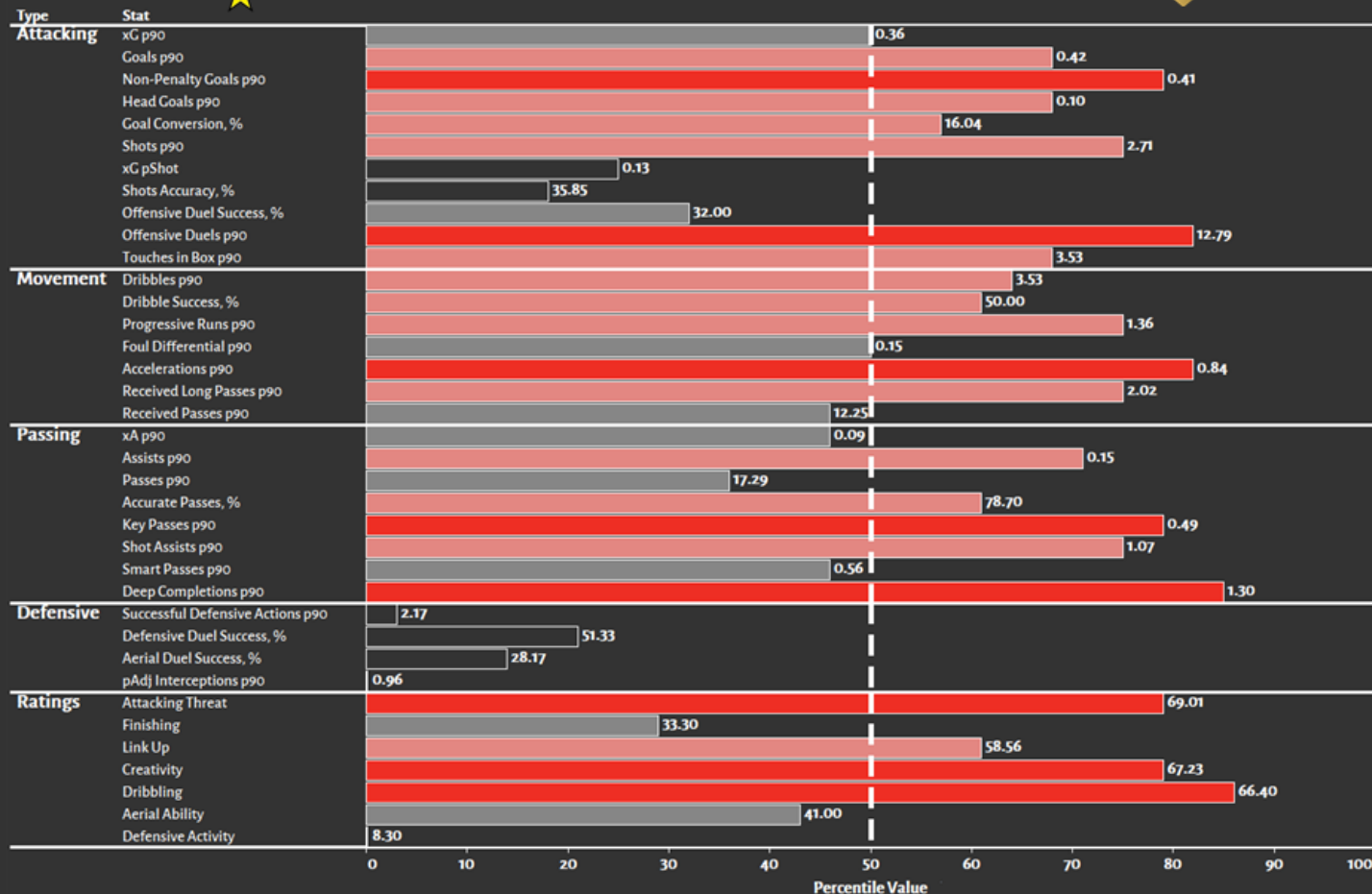
Age: 22 | Height: 173 cm

Value: £360th | Contract Expiration: December 2023



## Samson Akinyoola vs The Competition

STs in Liga FUTVE with >1000 Mins in the Past Calendar Year  
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### Strengths

Physical Profile  
Link and Hold Up Play  
Taking Players On  
Chance-Creation

### Weaknesses

Finishing  
Effort Out of Possession  
Height

### Appropriate Roles:

Target Man  
Lone-Forward

### Preferred Role:

Lone-Forward

### Conditions for Arrival

Available for under £1.5m



# Proposed 2022/23 Squad







## ***Proposed Transfers***

### ***Definites***

McGregor Replacement - Arijanet Muric

Barisic Replacement - Irakli Azarovi

Helander Replacement - Duplexe Tchamba

Box-To-Box Starter - Mohamed Ali Ben Romdhane

Right-Wing Starter - Bernard Tekpetey

Starting 10 - Lincoln

Itten Replacement - Dembo Darboe

### ***Contingencies***

Bassey Replacement - Kamal Miller

Aribo Replacement - Hwang In-Beom

Kamara Replacement - Aissa Laidouni

Kent Replacement - Martin Ojeda

Rotation LW Option - Joao Rojas

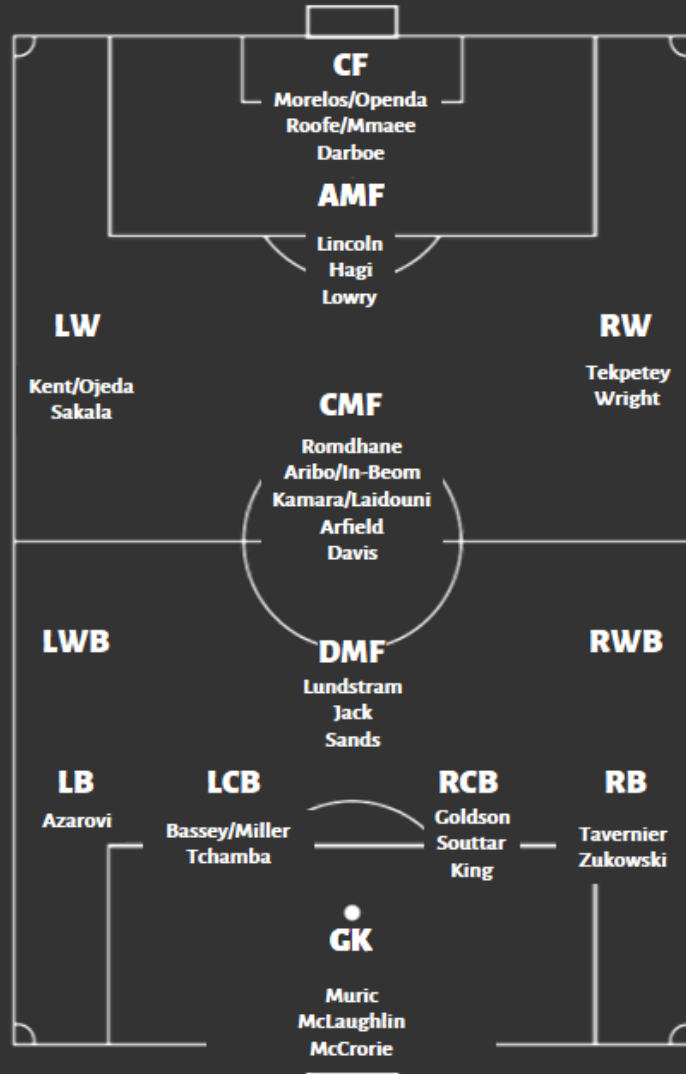
Morelos Replacement - Lois Openda

Roofe Replacement - Ryan Mmaee

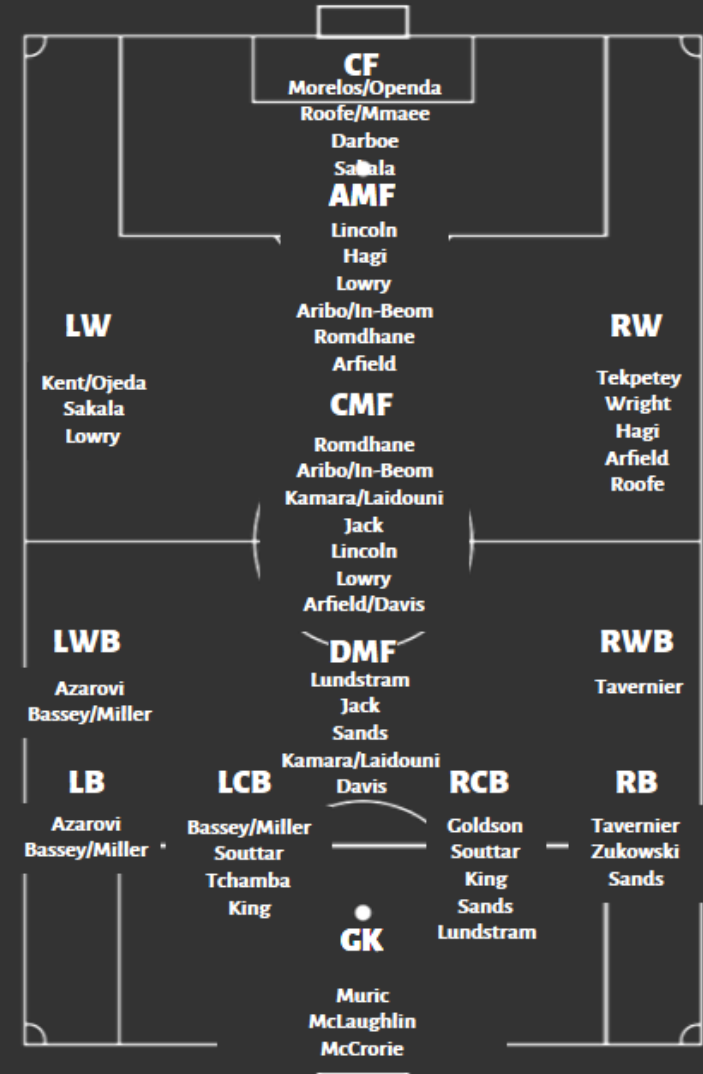
# Rangers Proposed 2022/23 Squad Depth

(/) Next to name indicates replacement should player depart

One Position per Player based on Minutes Played



Players in All Familiar Positions








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If this is your first time encountering a piece of my work, I invite you to follow me on Twitter, where I share plenty of similarly constructed and written threads, articles, and much more; my username is @patrickcaskie. I would also suggest you check out both ThisIsIbrox, ScoutedFootball and The Rangers Review, as I am a regular contributor to all three great outlets.

Given the fact that this took a lot of effort and time, it would be appreciated if you could share this piece to generate as much discussion as possible. I'd love to hear your thoughts on the players scouted, those you think I shouldn't have left off, the decisions made and much more.

Additionally, if you are financially able to do so, any donations through my Ko-Fi link, which is embedded on my Twitter, would be appreciated, albeit definitely not expected!