



GIBSON YAH

DM | FC VOLENDAM | 2025/26

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Gibson
Yah

FC Volendam
#8





DM

Date of Birth

27/09/2003 (22)

Role

Ball-Winning

Foot

Right

Height

1.93m

Market Value

€1.3M

Contract Expires

30/06/2030

Agent

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SEASON

2025/26

LEAGUE

Eredivisie

23

Games Played

1664

Minutes Played

0

Goals

2

Assists

Matches
Watched

Volendam **2-3** NEC
Sparta **2-0** Volendam
Volendam **1-2** Telstar
Willem II **1-2** Volendam

07/12/2025
21/03/2026
17/05/2026
20/05/2026

Match Grade



B

Recommendation
Monitor Adaptation

Projection

Current: EFL Championship
Long-term: Premier League /
Bundesliga

Summary

- Yah is a physically dominant defensive midfielder who influences the game through active defending, anticipation and regaining possession, using explosive movements and timing to intercept or recover the ball rather than chasing opponents across the pitch.
- He adjusts his positioning by scanning the available space around him, the movements of teammates and opponents, contributing most clearly from deeper midfield zones and the left half-space while still covering central and right-sided areas.
- At 1.93m, he provides a strong physical presence in ground and aerial duels, using his body to protect possession, compete in contested situations and act as a defensive shield in front of the back line.
- After recovering the ball, he looks to move the team forward through quick carries and passes, using sharp turns and body feints to escape pressure despite not being a natural dribbler.
- He has shown the vision to create for teammates by finding them in the final third and playing through passes toward the penalty area, although this remains an occasional contribution rather than a consistent attacking influence, with limited box involvement and goal threat.

Strengths

- Ball-winning timing:** Reads passing lanes and engagement moments well, using sharp movements to regain possession without leaving his midfield position unnecessarily.
- Physical and aerial presence:** Uses his height and strength to compete in direct duels, protect the ball and provide security ahead of the back line.
- Progression after regains:** Looks forward quickly after recovering possession, using vertical passes, longer distribution and selective carries to move play upfield.

Development Areas

- Final-third influence:** Can find penetrating passes from deeper areas, but contributes little through box entries, supporting runs or shooting positions.
- Open-space coverage:** Less suited to repeated long-distance recovery runs when the midfield structure becomes stretched.
- Passing consistency:** Attempts progressive and difficult passes regularly, but execution can be uneven under pressure.

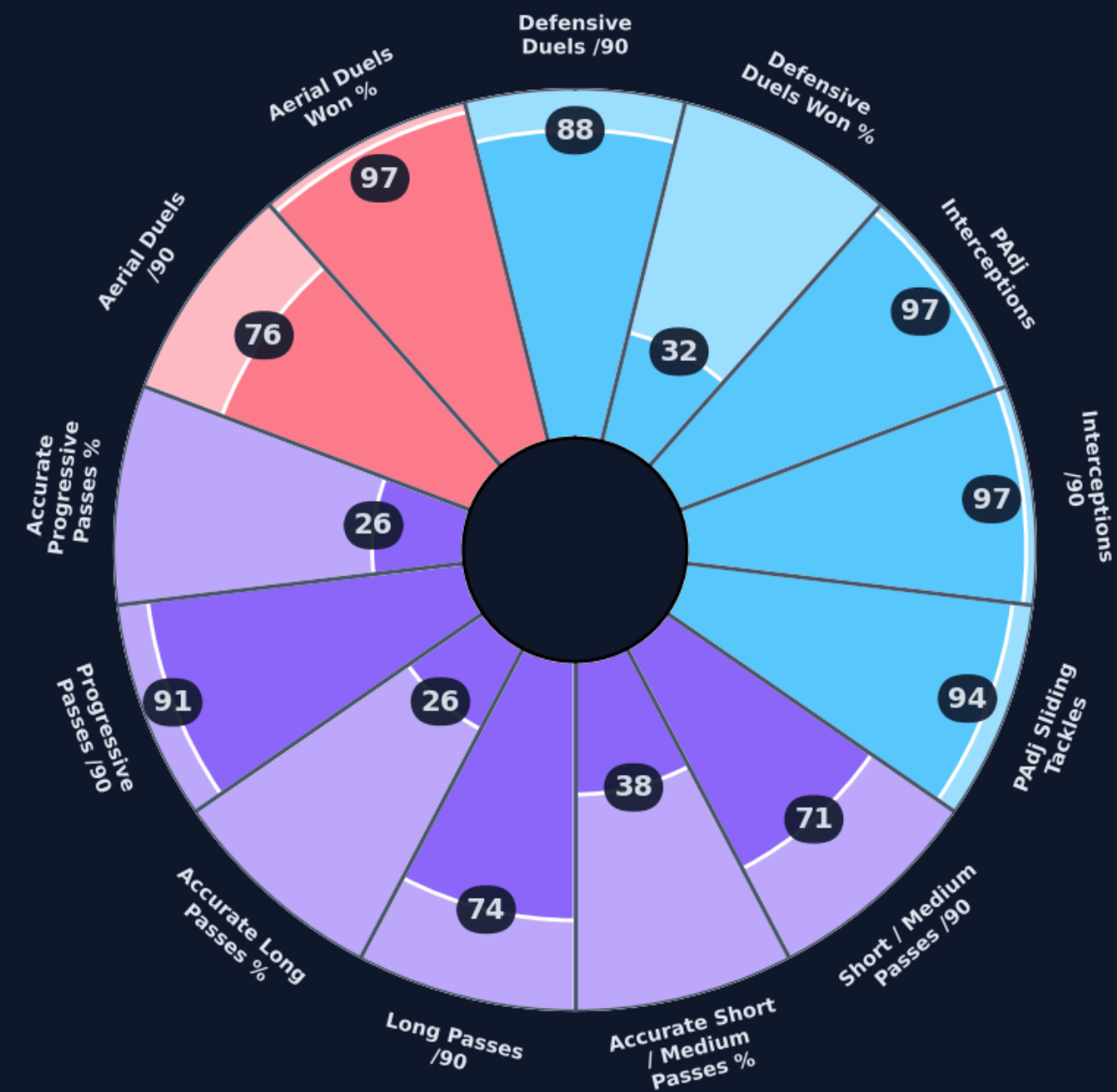
Tactical Fit

- Best fit:** A deeper CM/DM protecting the space outside the penalty area, with freedom to step forward. He benefits from a quicker midfield partner, or mobile centre-backs, who can cover the space left behind when he moves out to engage.
- In possession:** He fits a structure that uses him to connect deeper areas with the final third through vertical and long passes, while giving him opportunities to attempt line-breaking through balls.
- Out of possession:** He fits an active defensive structure where he can screen central spaces, organize from deeper zones and step out at the right moment to disrupt play.
- Less suitable:** He is less suited to an exposed lone-pivot role, a box-to-box role requiring repeated recovery runs and box arrivals, or a deep-lying playmaker role based on consistent rhythm control.

Data sourced from Wyscout, available as of 20 July 2026. Visualisations, scouting and analysis by Yago Ferreira.

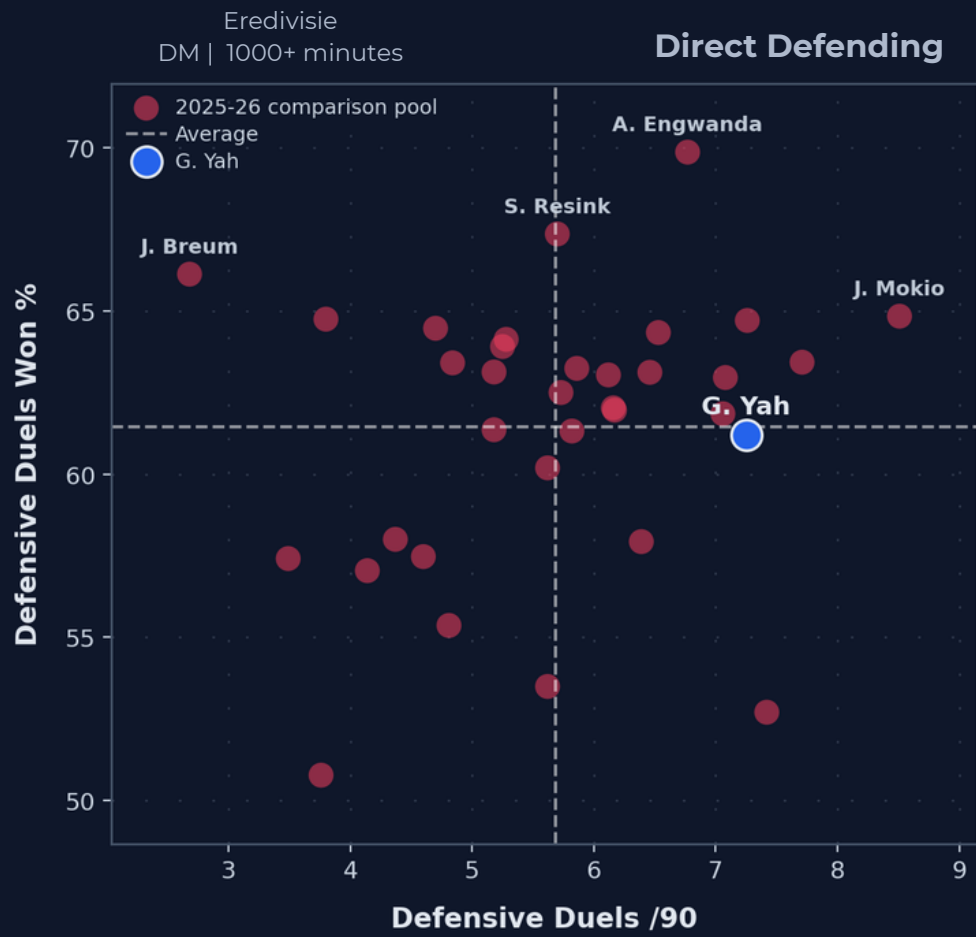
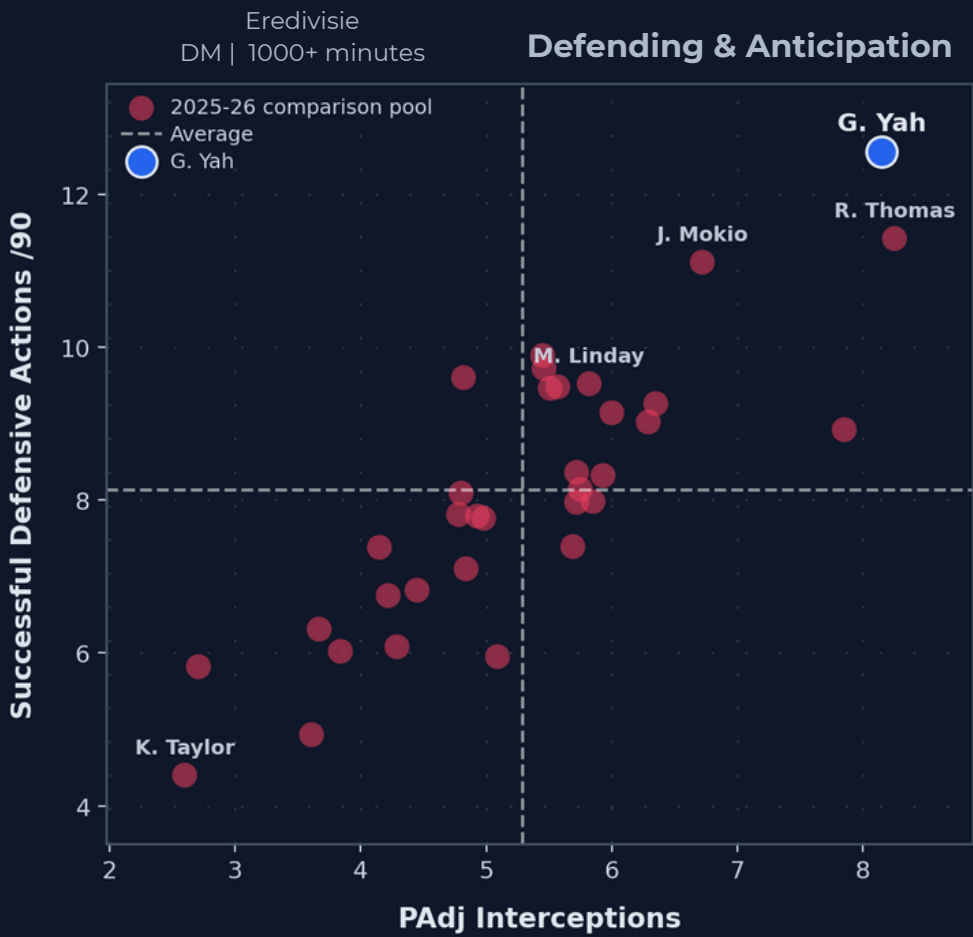
Statistical & Data Analysis | Ball-Winning Midfielder Profile

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Ground Defending Aerial Ability
Distribution

Percentile Rank (vs DM)
Compared to 33 players
1000+ minutes | Eredivisie - 2025-26

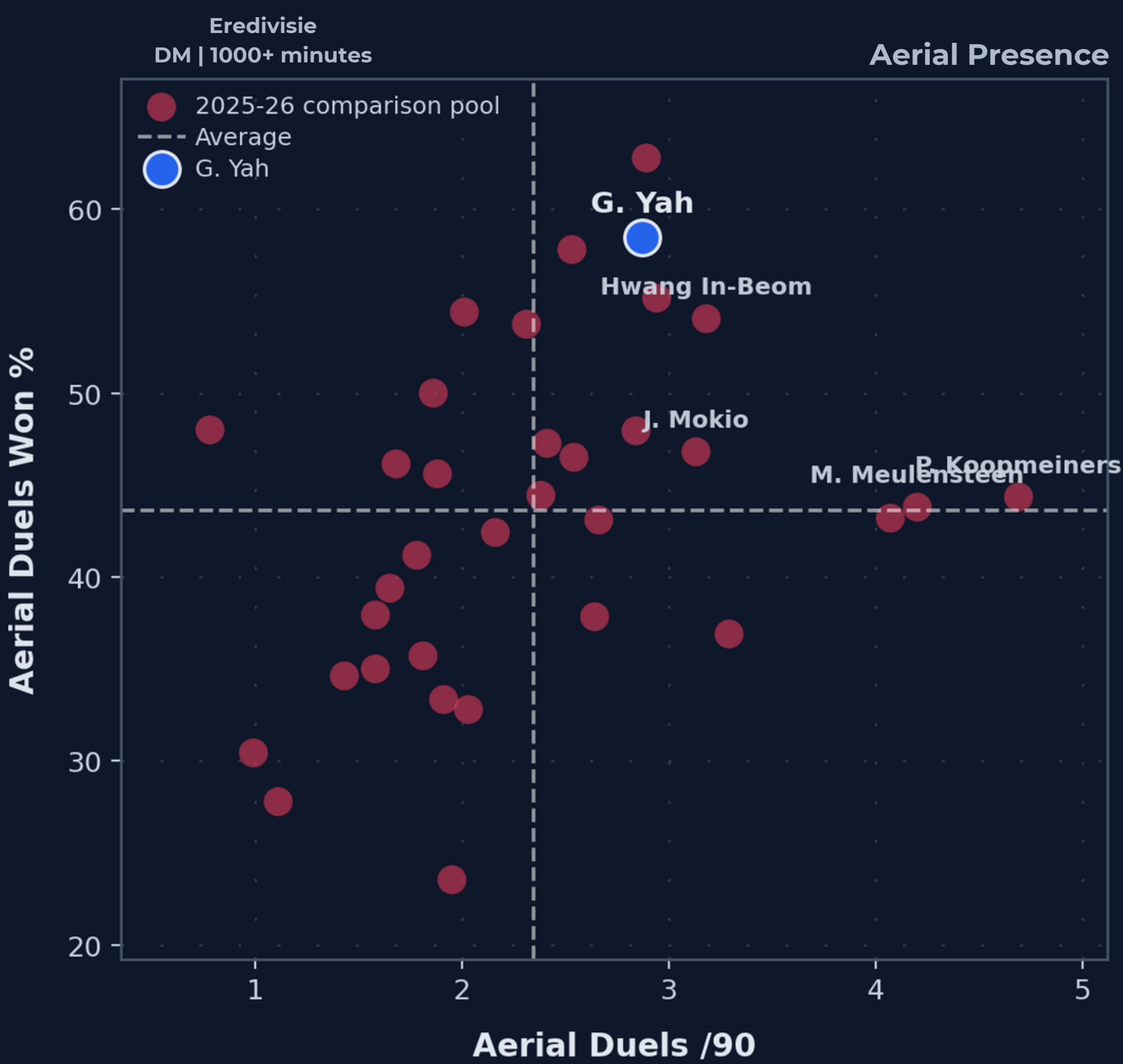


Scout Interpretation

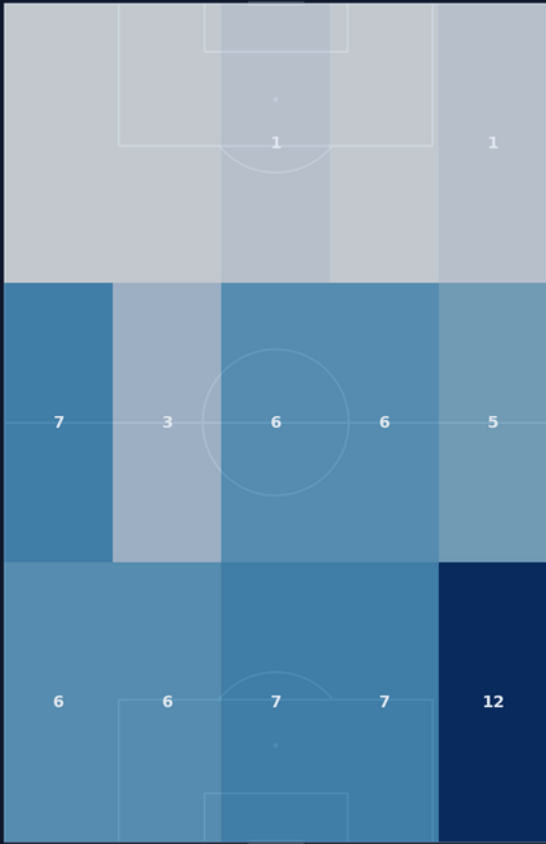
- Yah’s data profile shows a player defined by a high volume of interceptions and successful defensive actions, supporting his ability to regain possession through scanning, reading passing lanes and well-timed movements.
- He engages consistently in defensive duels, but his success rate is closer to average. His ball-winning value comes more from anticipation, persistence and repeated involvement than from consistently overpowering opponents in 1v1 situations.
- His aerial volume and win rate show how his height, positioning and use of physical contact provide reliable control of contested balls, adding security in midfield and around his own penalty area.
- The combination of interceptions, tackles and overall defensive actions reflects a midfielder who steps out to disrupt play rather than only holding his position ahead of the defensive line.

Statistical & Data Analysis | Defensive Control, Territory Protection & Aerial Duels

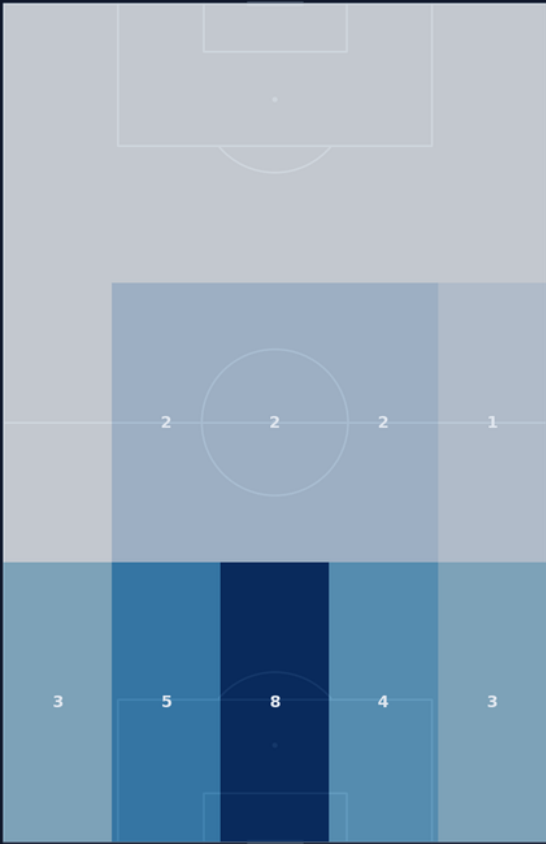
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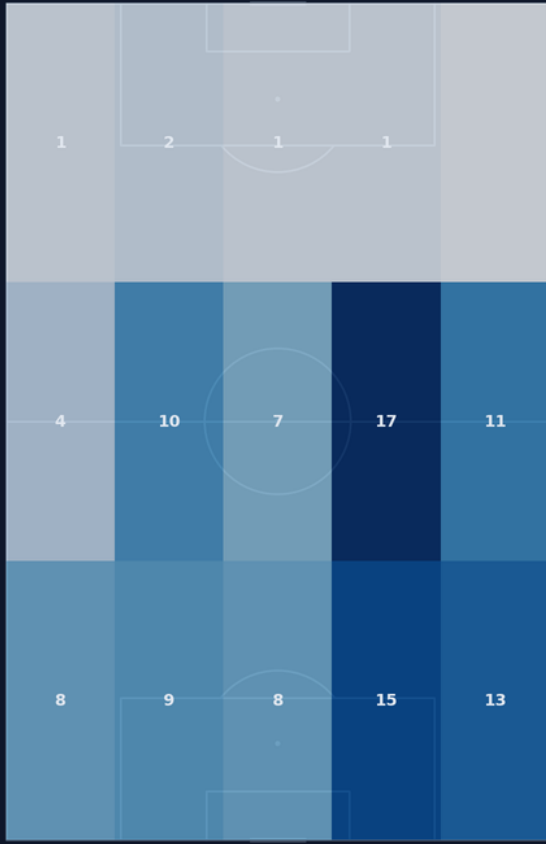
G. Yah | Tackle Zones
Tackle: 67



G. Yah | Interception Zones
Interception: 30



G. Yah | Recovery Zones
Recovery: 107



Defensive Influence

- Yah's defensive presence works like a shield in front of the defensive line, protecting central spaces and the area outside the penalty box before attacks can reach dangerous zones.
- His recovery zones show a player constantly in alert mode, ready to react to loose balls, second actions and broken sequences across midfield and both half-spaces.
- The spread of his tackles reflects a midfielder who does not wait passively for play to arrive, instead stepping out to support teammates, disrupt progression and break attacking rhythm.
- His aerial involvement adds another layer of protection, with his height, timing and physical contact helping him secure direct balls and reduce pressure after clearances or long passes.

Statistical & Data Analysis | Progression & Final-Third Contribution

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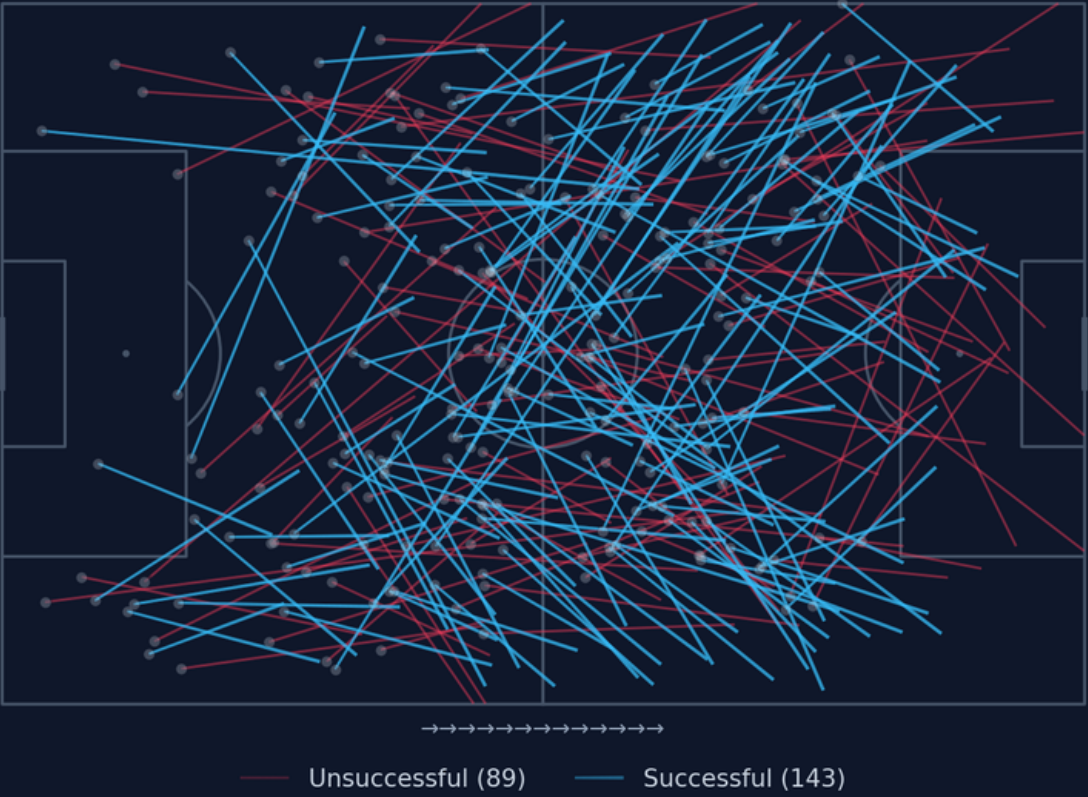
G. Yah | Forward carries

Carries: 120 | Distance: 1272.8 m | Average: 10.6 m | Progression: +1052.3 m

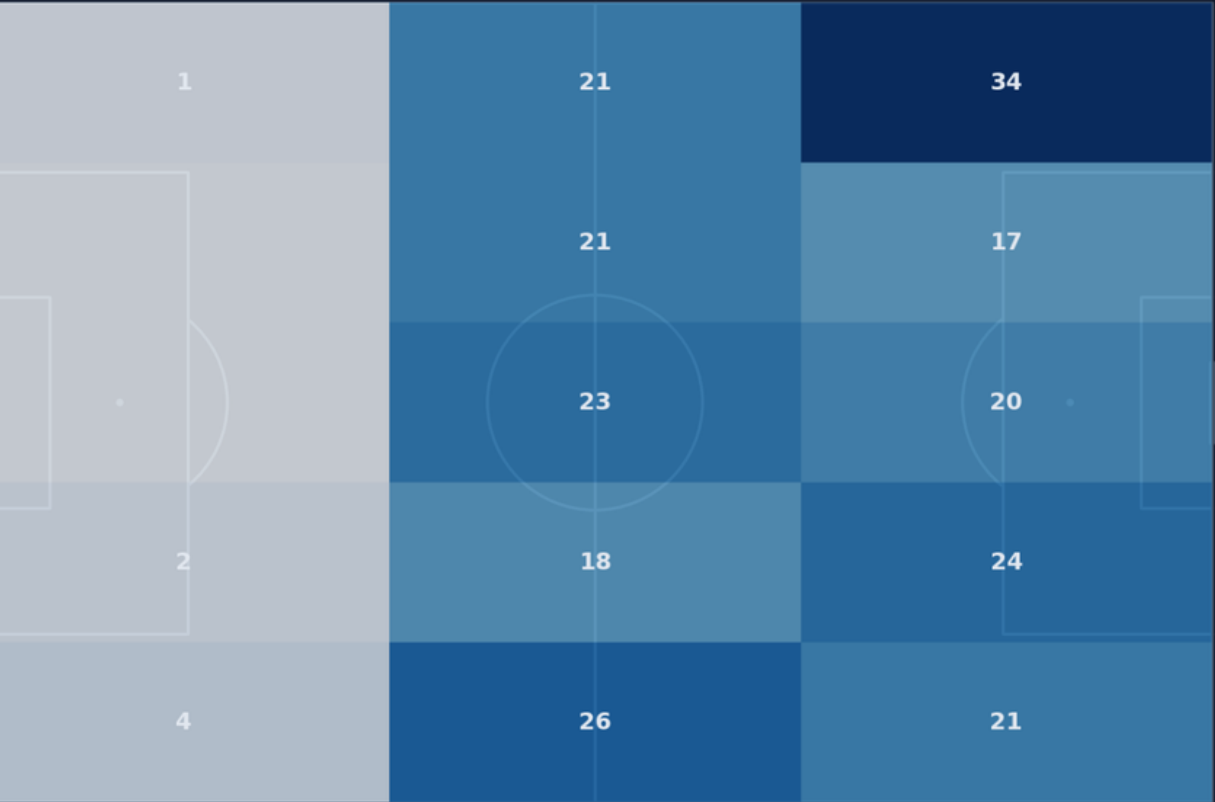


G. Yah | Progressive passes

Total: 232 | Successful: 143 | Accuracy: 61.6%



G. Yah | Progressive Pass End Zones
Progressive Pass End: 232

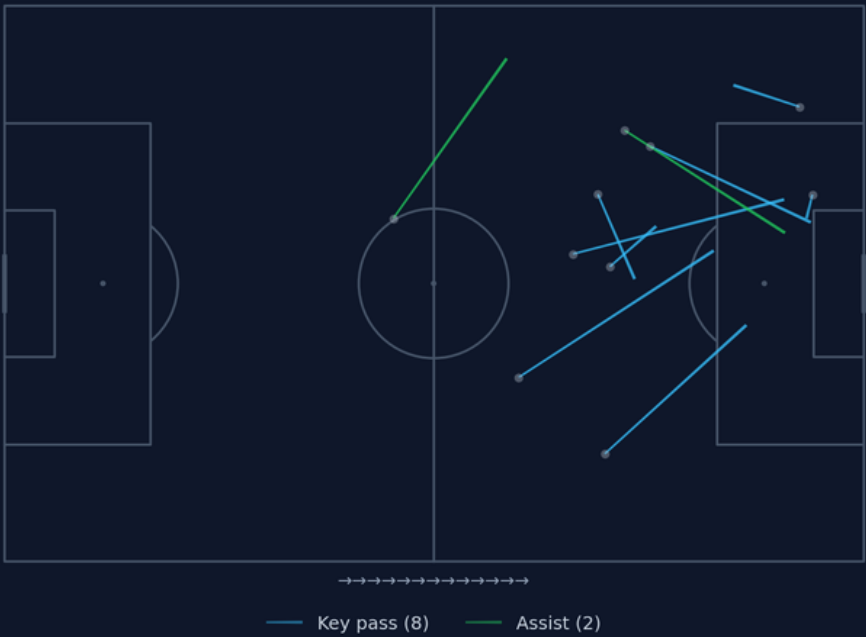


Scout Interpretation

- Yah moves possession forward mainly through vertical and long passing, linking deeper build-up with midfield and final-third areas rather than progressing through frequent dribbles.
- His forward carries are selective but useful after recoveries, allowing him to attack open space and keep transitions moving before releasing the ball.
- His progressive passing volume is strong, although the lower completion rate shows that his execution can become inconsistent when attempting more ambitious actions.
- Chance creation remains low in volume, but his through balls show the vision to release runners into clear 1v1 situations. With more clinical finishing ahead of him, those chances could translate into a higher assist return.

G. Yah | All chances

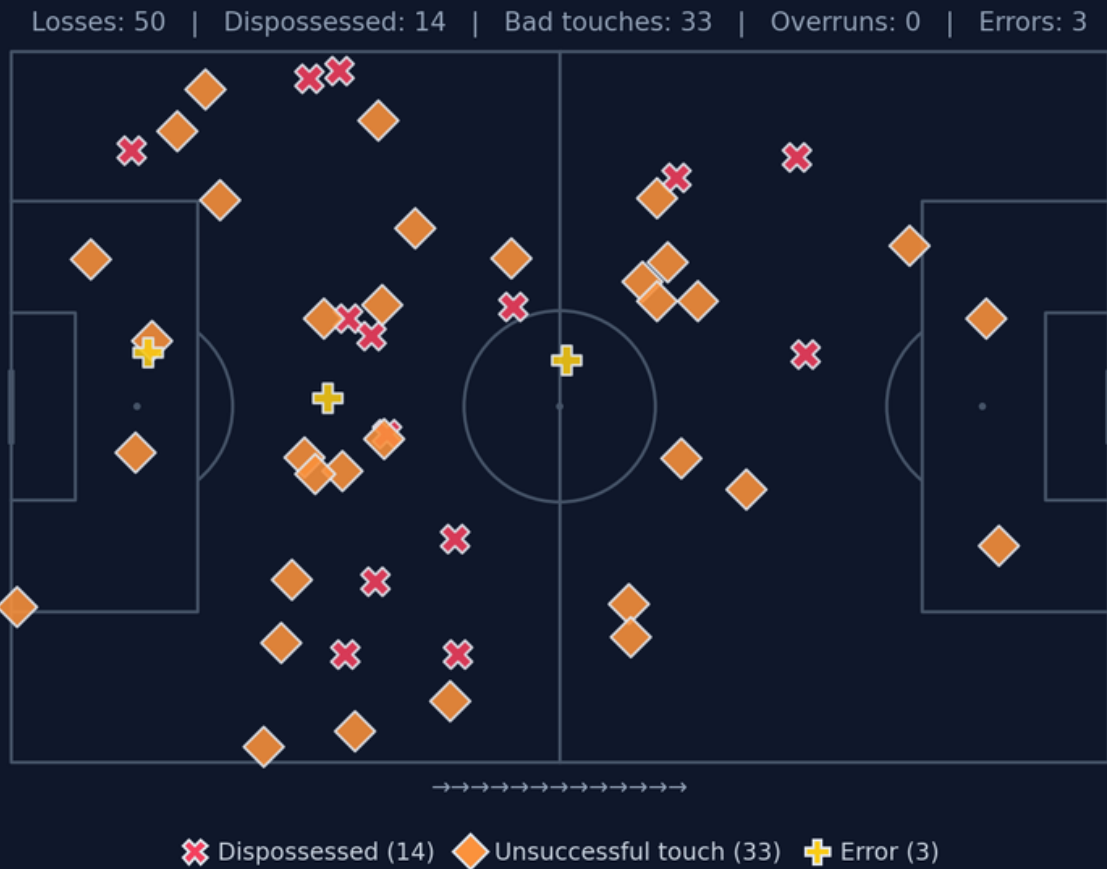
Total: 10 | Key passes: 8 | Assists: 2



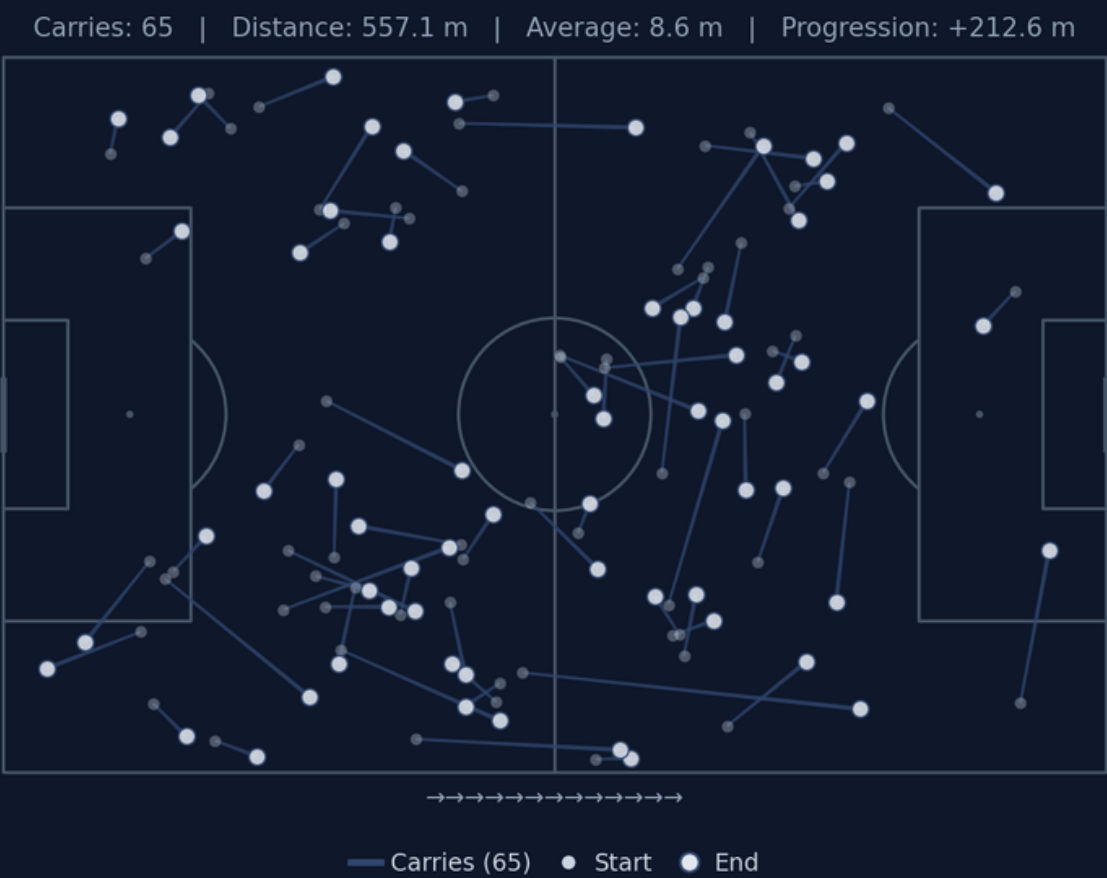
Statistical & Data Analysis | Possession Risk, Fouls & Turnovers

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G. Yah | Ball Loss Map



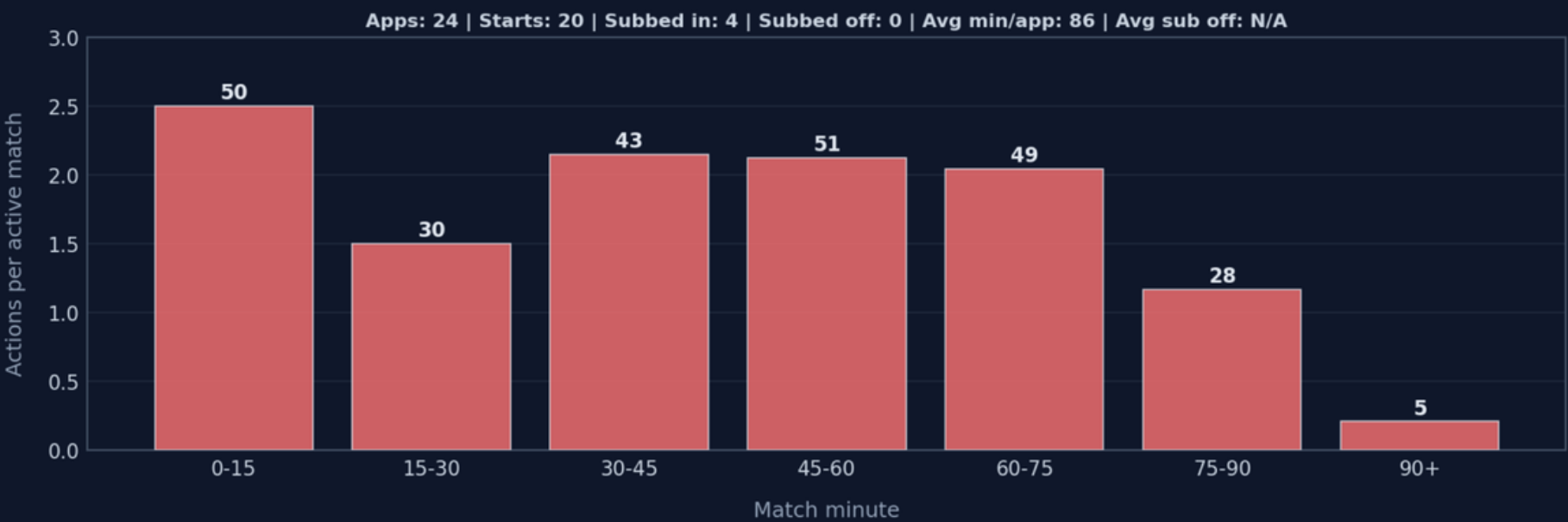
G. Yah | Ending in ball loss



Profile Reading

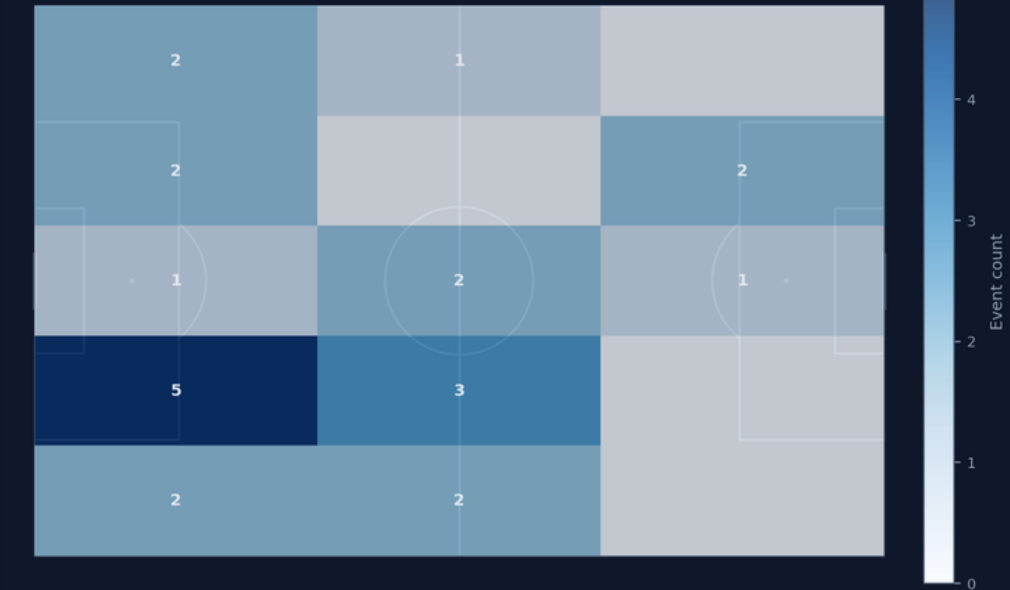
- Yah's possession risk comes more from unsuccessful touches than direct dispossession, suggesting that control and execution are greater concerns than opponents regularly taking the ball from him.
- His carry-related losses are spread across deeper and midfield areas, reflecting attempts to move possession forward after receiving or recovering the ball rather than excessive individual actions.
- The low number of direct errors balances the profile, although cleaner first contacts would reduce avoidable turnovers in exposed areas.
- His fouls are mainly committed in the defensive half and midfield, reflecting his aggressive role in disrupting progression and protecting the back line.

G. Yah | Momentum Chart | Risk / negative actions



- Negative actions are highest in the opening 15 minutes, then remain relatively elevated from the 30th to the 75th minute.
- The late decline should be read cautiously, as match state and team possession may reduce the number of risk situations available.

G. Yah | Fouls Committed Zones



Defensive Midfield Development Pathway

Stylistic benchmarks and long-term pathway | Profile comparison with Amadou Onana and Mandela Keita | 2026/27



Gibson Yah

Bristol City FC | DM
EFL Championship

Current Profile

- Active defensive midfielder who regains possession through anticipation, scanning and explosive movements.
- Progresses after recoveries through vertical passing and forward carries.



Amadou Onana

Aston Villa FC | DM
Premier League

Long-term profile reference

- Physically dominant deeper midfielder who combines aggression, strength and intelligent timing.
- Represents the level of duel control and defensive consistency Yah could develop toward.



Mandela Keita

Parma Calcio | DM
Serie A

Current Stylistic Reference

- Energetic profile who moves laterally to close passing lanes and engage carriers.
- Shares Yah’s explosive ball-winning and ability to progress through carries.



Development Pathway

Yah is currently closest to Keita in energy, lateral coverage and explosive ball-winning. Onana represents the longer-term benchmark, showing how a similar physical and defensive profile can develop through greater duel dominance, passing security and added box presence.

Comparison based on playing characteristics and development direction, not current player level.

Scouting Profile

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Technical

- Yah uses **well-timed tackles** and **interceptions** to regain possession, relying more on anticipation and clean contact than repeated physical challenges.
- His **vertical and longer passes** help move play out of deeper areas, while **quick turns** and **body feints** allow him to escape pressure before releasing possession.
- He demonstrates reliable **aerial technique**, using his body position and timing to attack the ball and control contested situations.

Development Focus

- He can improve the weight and consistency of **progressive passes**, while reducing loose first touches in deeper areas.
- He still has room to develop his **shooting** and **finishing** technique when opportunities open around the box.

Physical

- At 1.93m, Yah provides a strong **physical presence** and uses his frame to protect possession, compete through contact and add security in aerial duels.
- His **first movements are explosive**, helping him attack passing lanes, react to loose balls and close opponents quickly over short distances.
- He shows the **strength** and **balance** to remain competitive in contested situations and hold his position under pressure.

Development Focus

- Improve **repeated acceleration** and long-distance recovery capacity to remain effective in more open structures.

Tactical

- Yah demonstrates strong **positional awareness** by scanning the space around him and adjusting to the movements of teammates and opponents.
- He can **protect the area ahead of the back line** by closing passing lanes, moving across midfield and stepping out when the right engagement moment appears.
- He looks to progress play after regaining possession, while his **disruptive interventions** also create loose balls for teammates to collect and continue the transition.

Development Focus

- He can refine his coverage when midfield becomes stretched and improve the timing of movements away from his starting position.
- He can increase his **attacking participation** by offering a passing option outside the box and making more supporting movements into the penalty area.

Psychological

- Yah plays with constant **defensive alertness**, reacting quickly to passing cues, second balls and changes in the space around him.
- His **persistence** keeps him involved throughout defensive sequences, as he continues competing when the first intervention does not fully end the action.
- He approaches defensive engagements with **aggression** and **confidence**, allowing him to influence play proactively rather than waiting ahead of the back line.

Development Focus

- Maintain his **defensive intensity** while improving control in risky possession moments and direct defensive engagements.