

MARVIN YOUNG

CENTRE-BACK | SPARTA ROTTERDAM | 2025/26

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Marvin
Young

Sparta Rotterdam
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CB

	Date of Birth	02/10/2005 (20)
	Role	Ball-Playing
	Foot	Right
	Height	1.82m
	Market Value	€5M
	Contract Expires	30/06/2029
	Agent	Fair Deal

SEASON
2025/26

LEAGUE
Eredivisie

32
Games
Played

3112
Minutes
Played

10.2
Defensive
Actions /90

71.7%
Defensive
Duels Won

Matches
Watched

Sparta **3-3** Ajax
NEC **3-1** Sparta
Feyenoord **3-4** Sparta
Sparta **1-1** NEC
Sparta **2-0** Volendam

04/10/2025
29/11/2025
18/01/2026
17/02/2026
21/03/2026

Match Grade



Recommendation
Monitor Development

Projection

Current: Eredivisie starter
Long-term: Premier League /
Bundesliga / Serie A

Summary

- Young is a right-sided centre-back who provides defensive security through his positioning, anticipation and timing. He reads situations well inside the box and knows when to stay central or move across to protect the right side.
- He is highly involved in defensive actions, using his physicality and timing well in direct duels without being drawn into unnecessary challenges.
- His tracking is one of his main defensive qualities. He follows opponents with aggression when needed, but also understands when to hold his position and block the next action rather than chase the player.
- He is secure and reliable in possession and is regularly involved in the first phase of build-up, circulating the ball patiently and connecting with midfield through short passes or longer progressive passes.
- Despite being 1.82m, he competes well in the air through positioning and physical contact. His main development areas are reacting more quickly to loose and second balls inside the box and reducing avoidable miscontrols under pressure.

Strengths

- **Box Protection:** Reads danger early and intervenes cleanly through clearances, blocks and interceptions.
- **Duel Selection:** Chooses the right moments to engage, using timing and physical contact.
- **Tracking & Recovery:** Uses intensity and physicality to disrupt actions inside and out of the box.
- **Passing Range:** Circulates securely at short range and can connect midfield or switch play through longer passes.

Development Areas

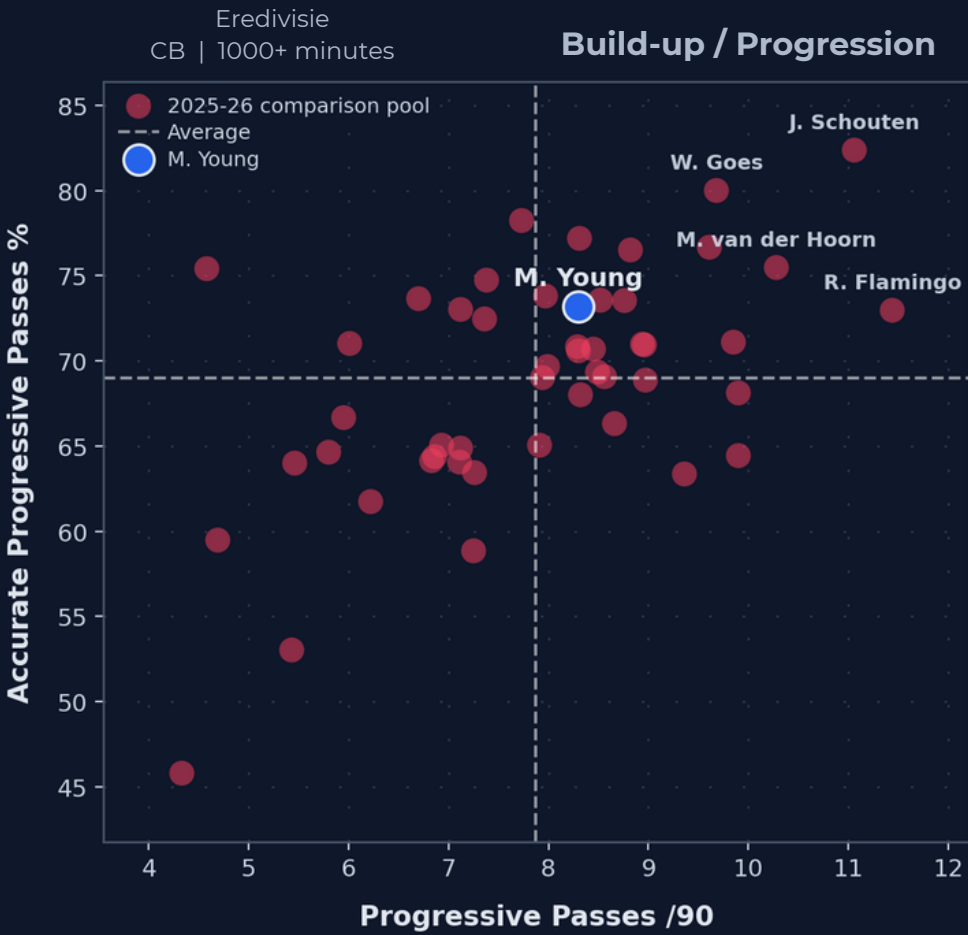
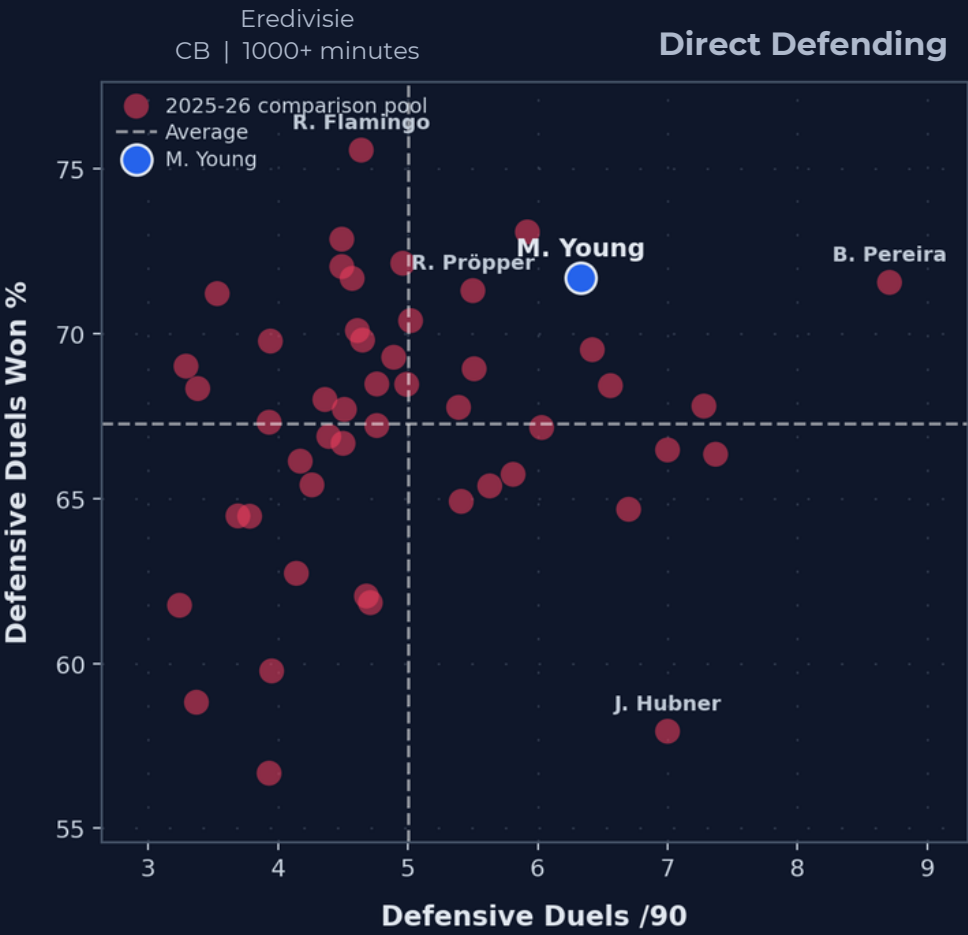
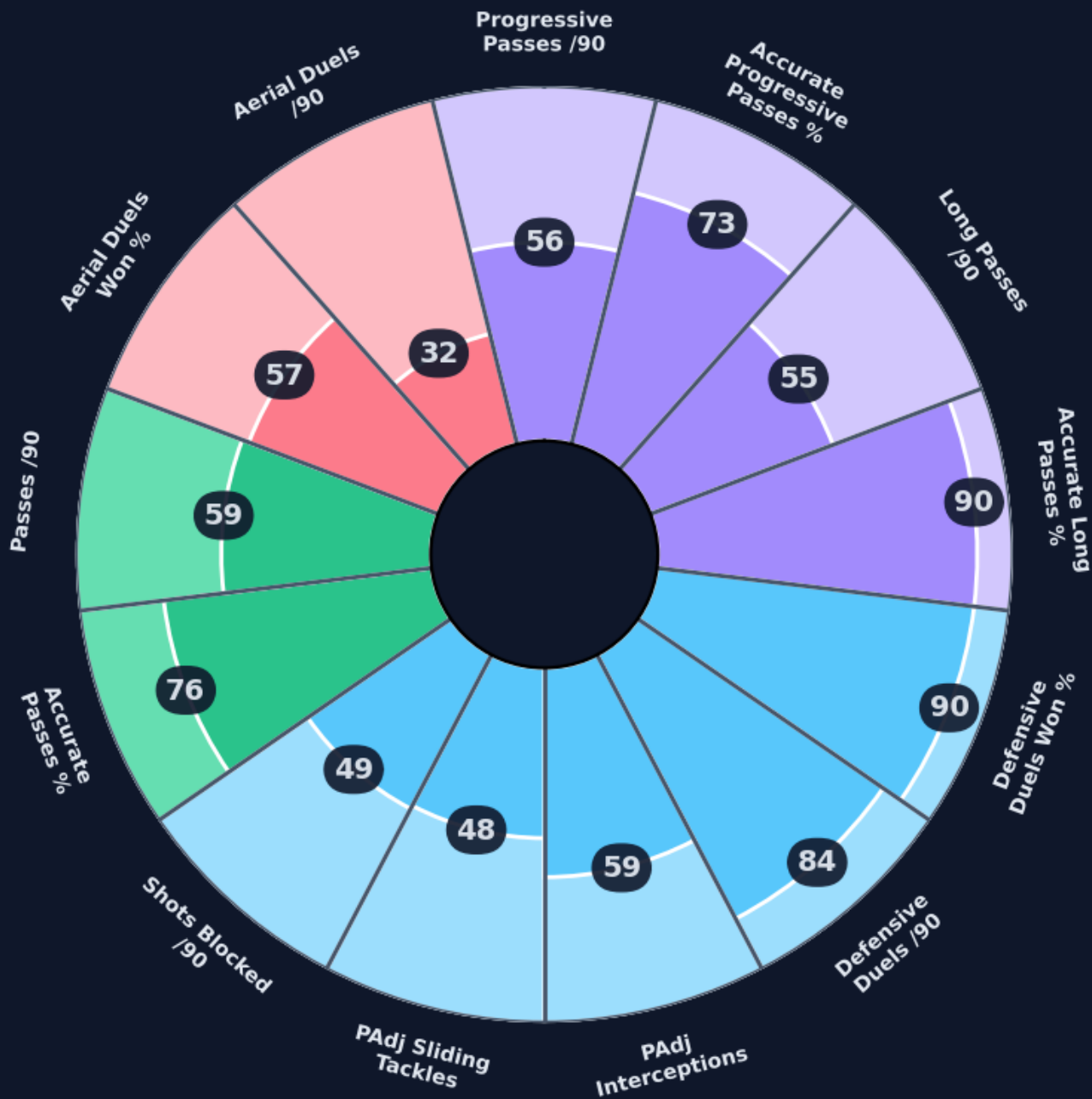
- **Wide-Space Coverage:** Lacks recovery speed over longer distances when pulled away from his usual defensive zone.
- **Second-Ball Awareness:** Does not always react early enough to loose and second balls inside the penalty area.
- **Pressured Carrying:** Carries securely into open space, but direct pressure limits his control and forward options.

Tactical Fit

- **Best role:** Right-sided or central centre-back who can protect space behind the defensive line, then step forward to engage in direct duels. Suited to both a back four and a back three.
- **In possession:** Fits a patient build-up structure, circulating securely until a passing lane opens. Can also carry into the middle third when space is available.
- **Out of possession:** Most effective when controlling his zone, tracking runners and choosing when to hold the line or step out to challenge.
- **Less suitable fit:** A wide centre-back role that regularly pulls him into large spaces or requires repeated recovery runs along the channel would expose his current limitations over distance.

Statistical & Data Analysis | Ball-Playing Centre-Back Profile

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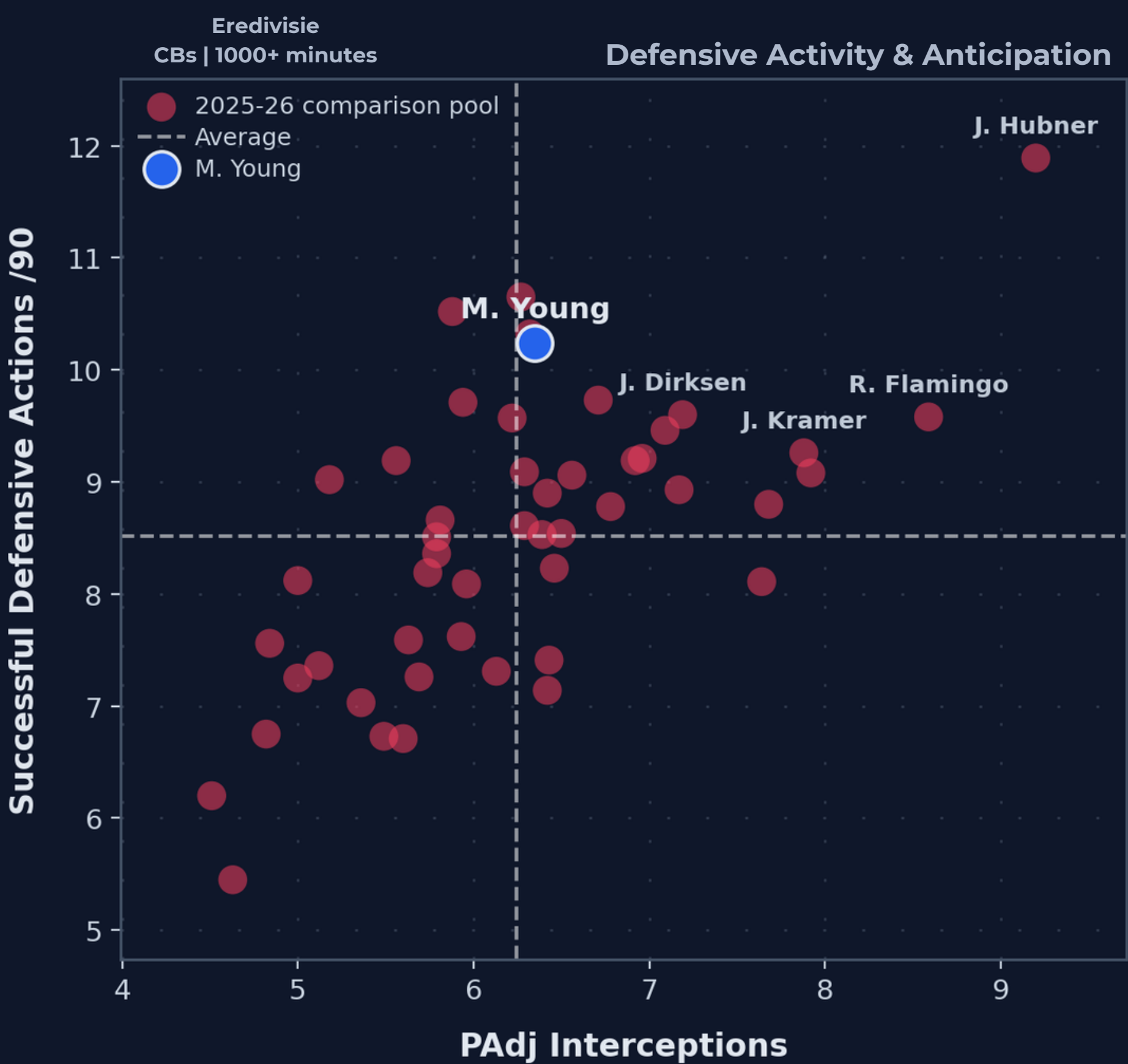


Scout Interpretation

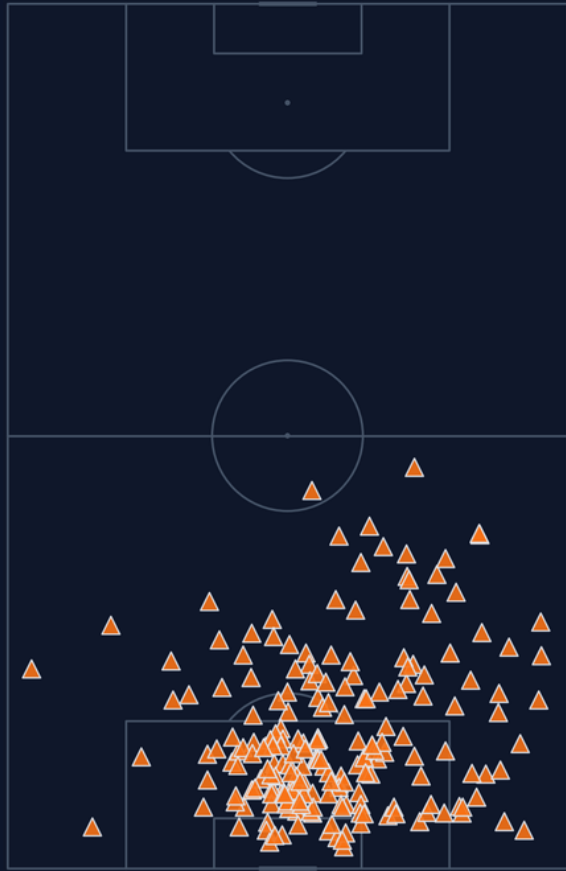
- Young’s data profile shows a centre-back who already brings defensive security and reliable build-up involvement. His strongest indicators come through defensive duels, successful defensive actions, passing accuracy and progressive distribution.
- He stands out in direct defending, combining strong duel involvement with a high success rate. This reflects his timing and judgement, stepping out aggressively when the situation demands it.
- His progressive passing volume and accuracy show a defender capable of connecting the first phase with midfield and moving the team forward.
- His aerial profile is competitive rather than dominant. He competes well through positioning and physical contact, but aerial defending is not one of the strongest parts of his game, while his attacking set-piece involvement remains limited.

Statistical & Data Analysis | Defensive Control, Box Protection & Recoveries

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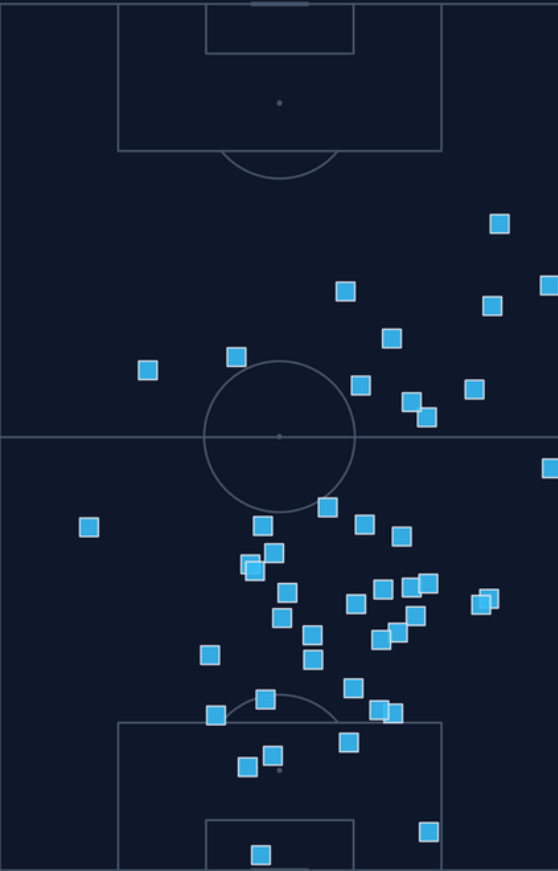


Marvin Young | Sparta Rotterdam | Clearance Map



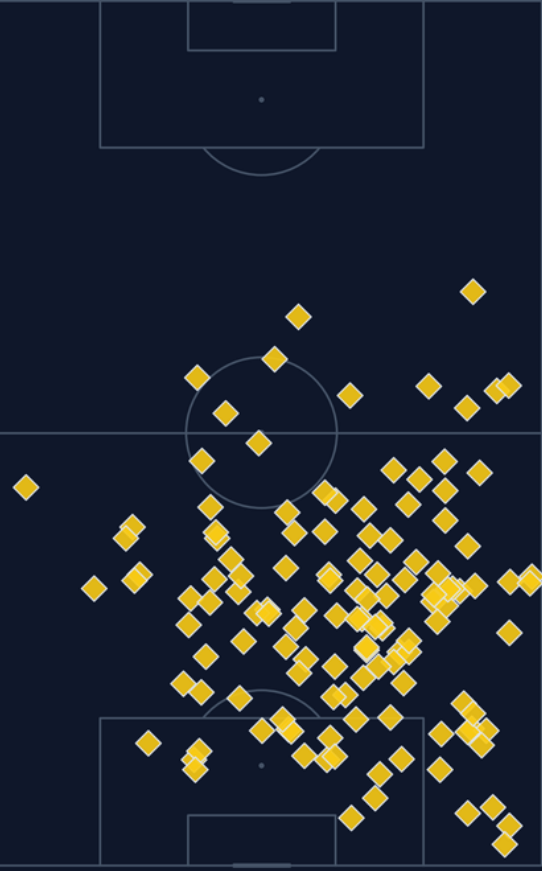
▲ Clearance (207/207)

Marvin Young | Sparta Rotterdam | Interception Map



■ Interception (44/44)

Marvin Young | Sparta Rotterdam | Recovery Map



◆ Recovery (128/128)

Defensive Influence

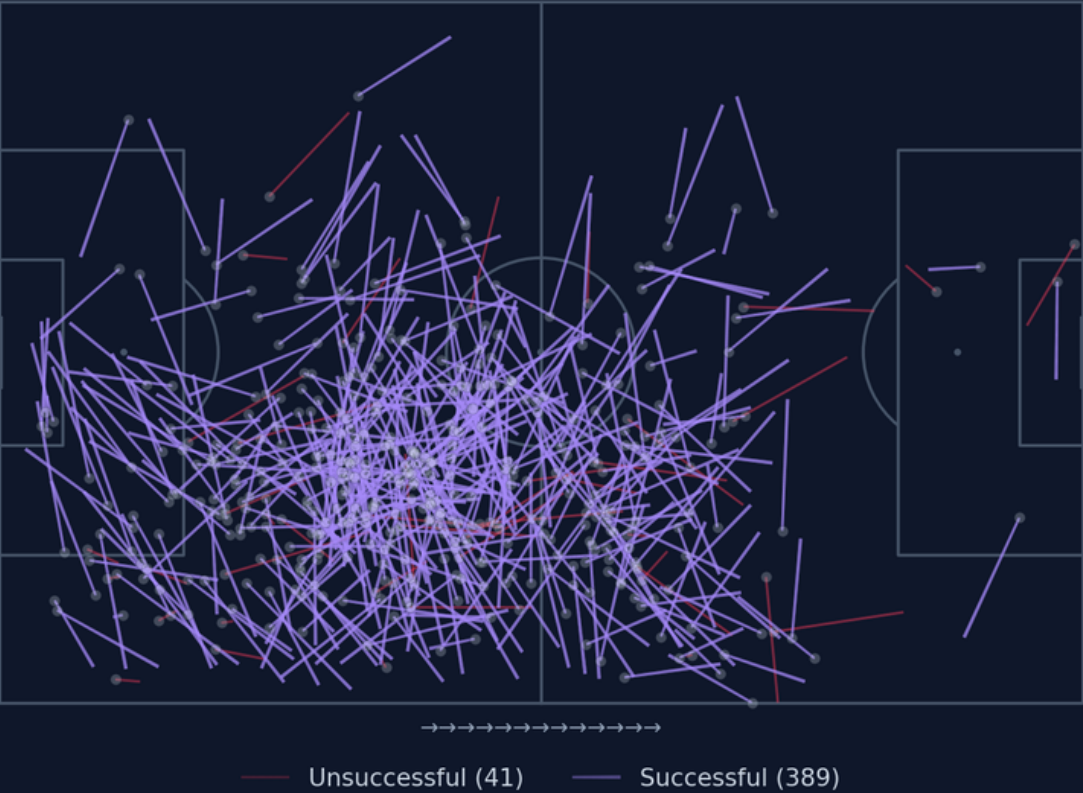
- Young records above-average successful defensive activity, while his interception volume is closer to the league average. His influence comes from a broader combination of interventions.
- His clearances are concentrated inside the penalty area and across the right side of the defensive third, reflecting his responsibility for protecting the central-right zone and removing immediate danger.
- The recovery map shows his involvement across the defensive half into midfield. He can step out in more advanced zones to attack loose balls and disrupt actions, helping his team regain control and restart possession.
- His interception map supports the observation that he reads forward passes and steps into actions while maintaining responsibility for the space behind him.

Statistical & Data Analysis | Build-up Influence & Progressive Distribution

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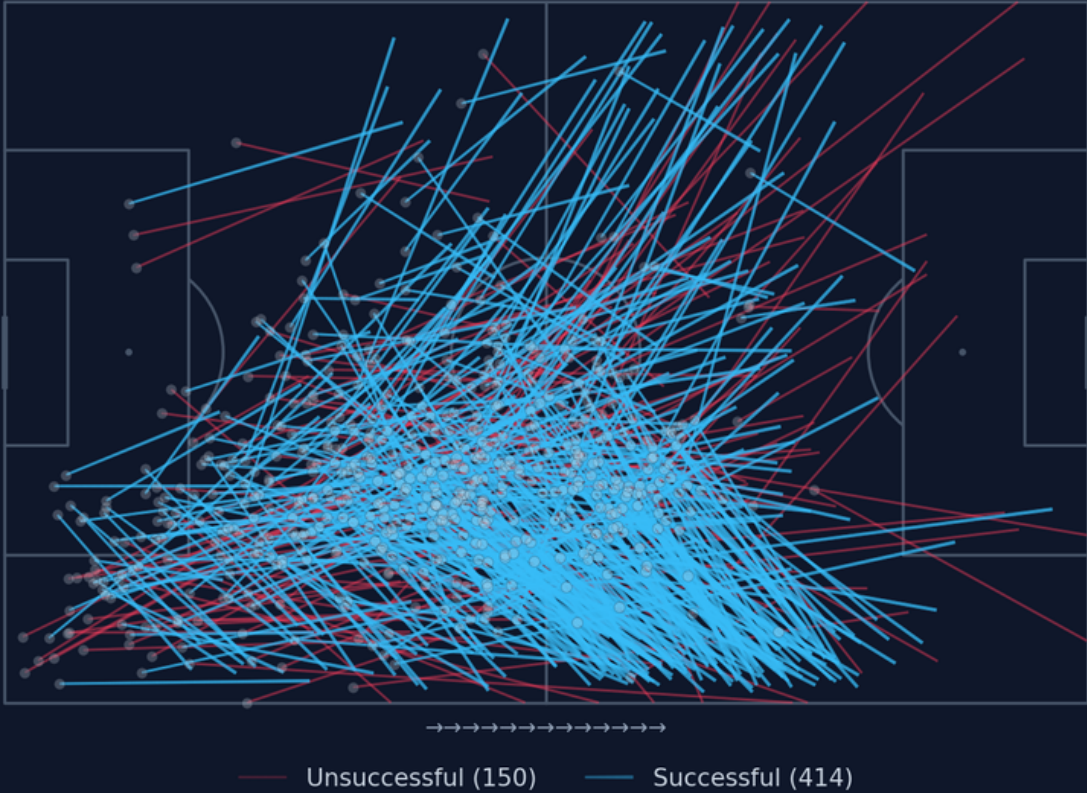
Marvin Young | Sparta Rotterdam | Short passes

Total: 430 | Successful: 389 | Accuracy: 90.5%



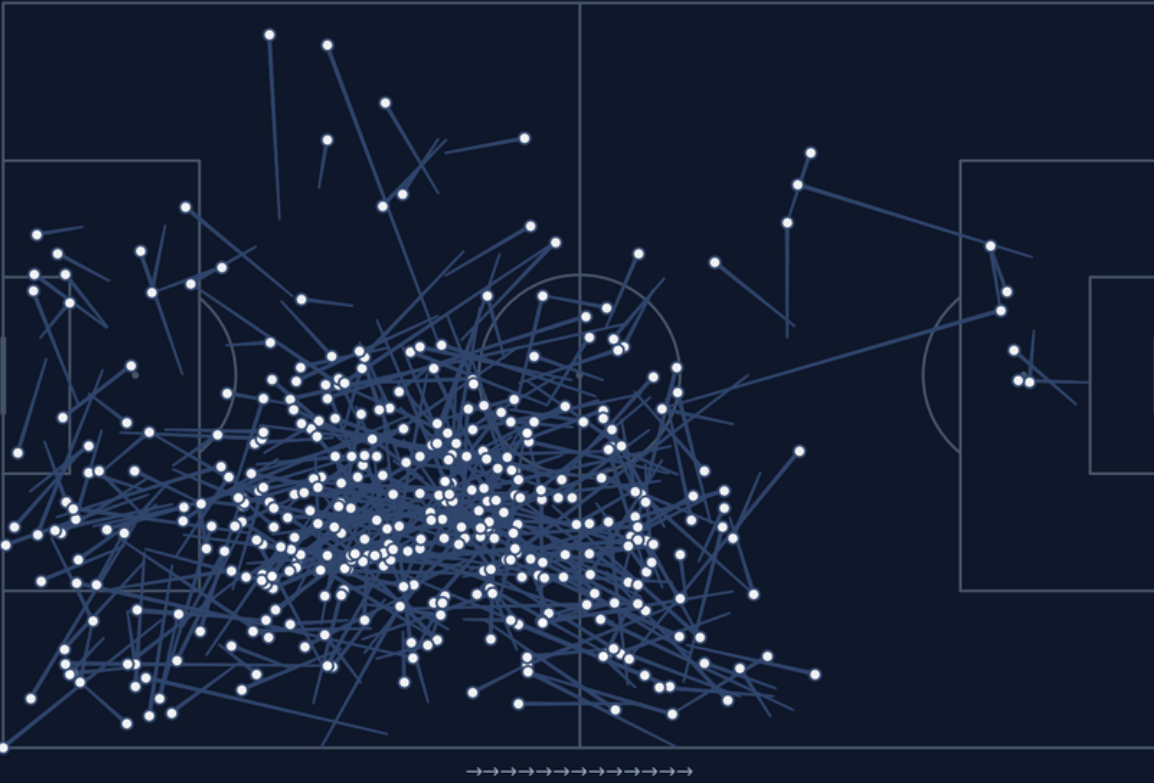
Marvin Young | Sparta Rotterdam | Progressive passes

Total: 564 | Successful: 414 | Accuracy: 73.4%



Marvin Young | Sparta Rotterdam | Carry Map

All carries: 391 | Avg carry distance: 10.7 m

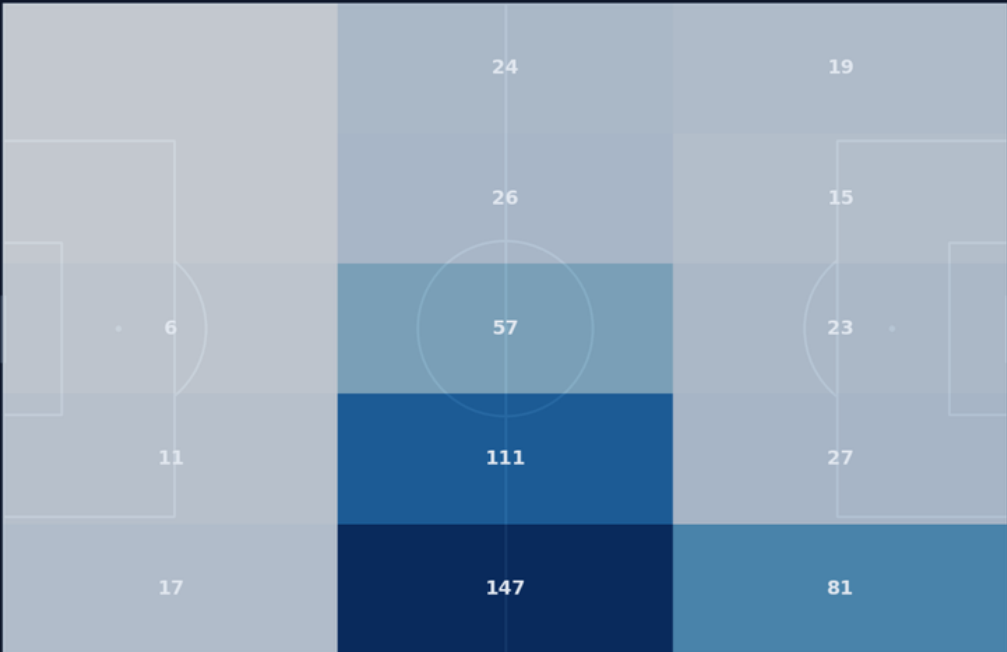


Scout Interpretation

- Young is a key part of Sparta’s build-up structure, offering a constant short passing option and helping the team retain possession through the first phase.
- His progressive output comes mainly through distribution. He connects regularly with midfield, uses forward passes and switches play to advance the build-up from deep areas.
- He carries forward selectively when space opens and direct pressure is limited. These actions are controlled and purposeful, adding another route into midfield without weakening the team’s structure.
- The end-zone distribution shows that Young progresses play mainly into central and right-sided midfield areas. He consistently connects with the next line, recording 564 attempts at 73.4% accuracy.

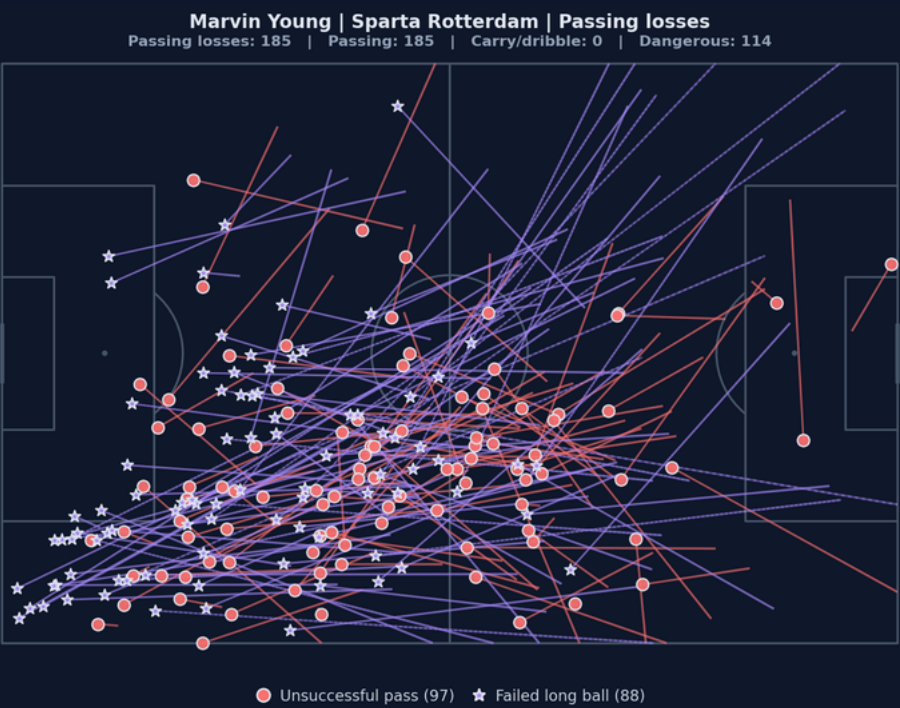
Marvin Young | Sparta Rotterdam | Progressive passes | End zone

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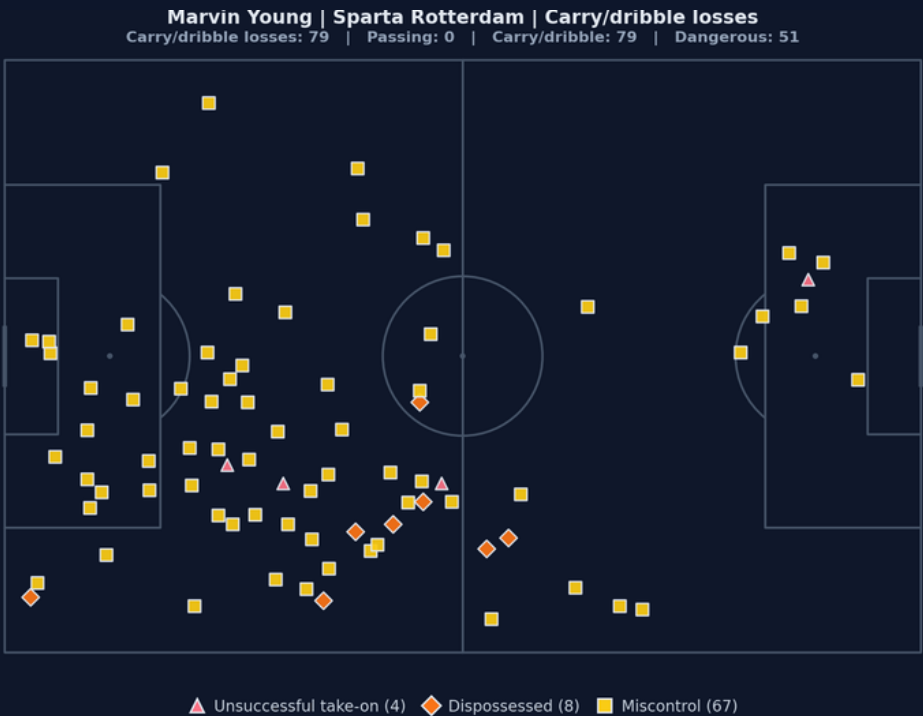


Statistical & Data Analysis | Possession Risk, Fouls & Turnovers

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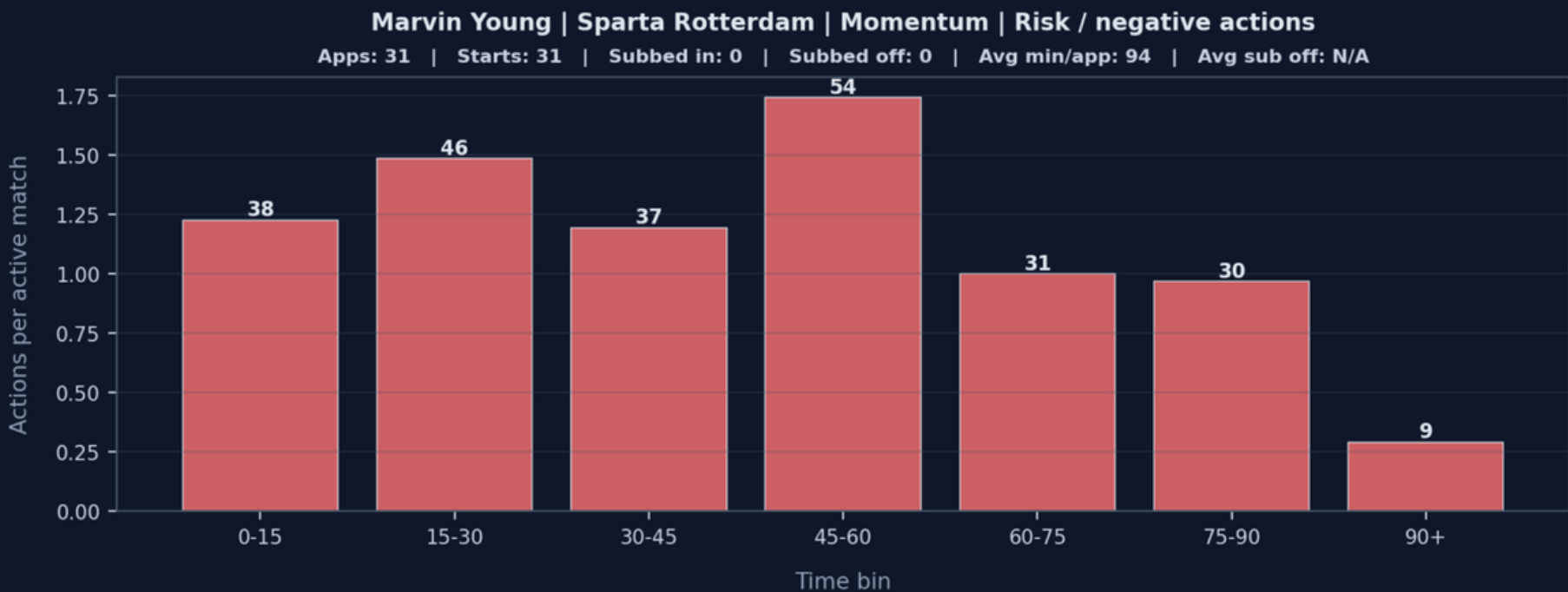
- Most of Young's losses come through distribution, including unsuccessful passes and failed long balls attempted from the first line.
- Despite several occurring in deeper areas, the volume remains controlled relative to his overall passing and accuracy.



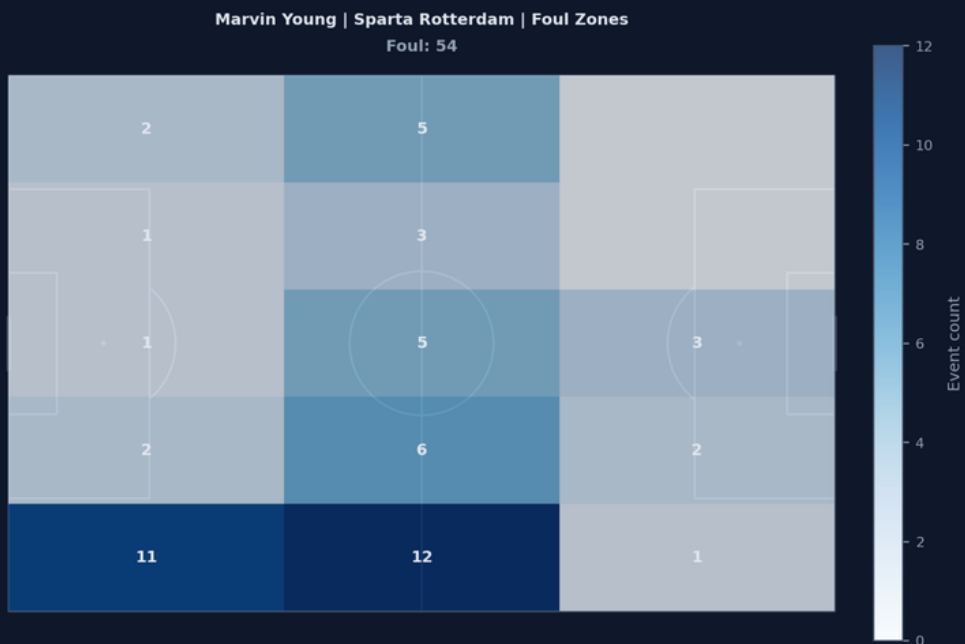
- Carry-related losses are limited and come mainly from miscontrols rather than opponents dispossessing him directly.
- This reflects his selective approach, carrying forward when space opens rather than forcing actions under pressure.

Risk Profile

- Young's risk profile is connected mainly to his responsibility in build-up, rather than insecure possession or excessive individual actions.
- Carry-related losses have a different profile. Most are miscontrols, while direct dispossessions and failed take-ons remain rare, reinforcing that opponents do not often remove the ball from him during controlled carries.
- His fouls are concentrated in the defensive half and central-right areas, consistent with his responsibility to step into duels, protect the channel and stop opposition progression around his defensive zone.



- Negative actions peak during the opening 15 minutes of the second half, after remaining relatively consistent across the first 45 minutes.
- Their decline in the final 30 minutes should be interpreted cautiously. As Young was not substituted in the available match-event sample, changes in game state and team tempo may be more relevant than reduced availability or intensity.



Scouting Profile

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Technical

- He is strong in the technical execution of defensive duels, timing **tackles** and using clean contact to stop opponents without needing to commit too early.
- He **circulates the ball** patiently and securely across different distances, connecting defense with midfield.
- Can carry the ball when space is available, usually avoiding these actions when direct pressure is arriving.

Development Focus

- Can reduce **miscontrols** when receiving with limited time or an opponent closing quickly.

Physical

- He uses **strength and physical** contact well in direct duels, using intense tackles to make it difficult for opponents to turn or escape pressure.
- Despite not being particularly tall for a centre-back, he **can compete in aerial duels** through positioning and physicality.
- His speed is useful for **tracking runners and recovering over shorter distances** within his normal defensive area.

Development Focus

- He is less suited to **covering large distances in the wide channel**, where longer recovery runs can expose his lack of pace over distance.

Tactical

- He shows good **tactical awareness** in his positioning, understanding when to stay central and when to move across to the right or step forward, which allows him to cover different situations without exposing the defense.
- Demonstrates **reliable engagement decisions**. He can follow runners and challenge aggressively, but also knows when chasing the opponent would create a larger problem behind him.
- In build-up, he provides a **consistent option on the right side**, helping the team circulate until a route into midfield becomes available.

Development Focus

- His **positioning for loose and second balls** can improve, as he does not always move quickly enough into the likely second-action zone.

Psychological

- Young shows **patience in possession**, continuing to circulate rather than forcing progression when the forward option is not available.
- He defends with **controlled aggression**, choosing when the situation requires direct physical engagement and when it is better to protect the space.
- His decisions show **defensive responsibility**, with a clear understanding of his positioning and tactical role.

Development Focus

- He can maintain greater **alertness after the initial intervention**, ensuring that he continues following the action when the first danger appears to have been controlled.