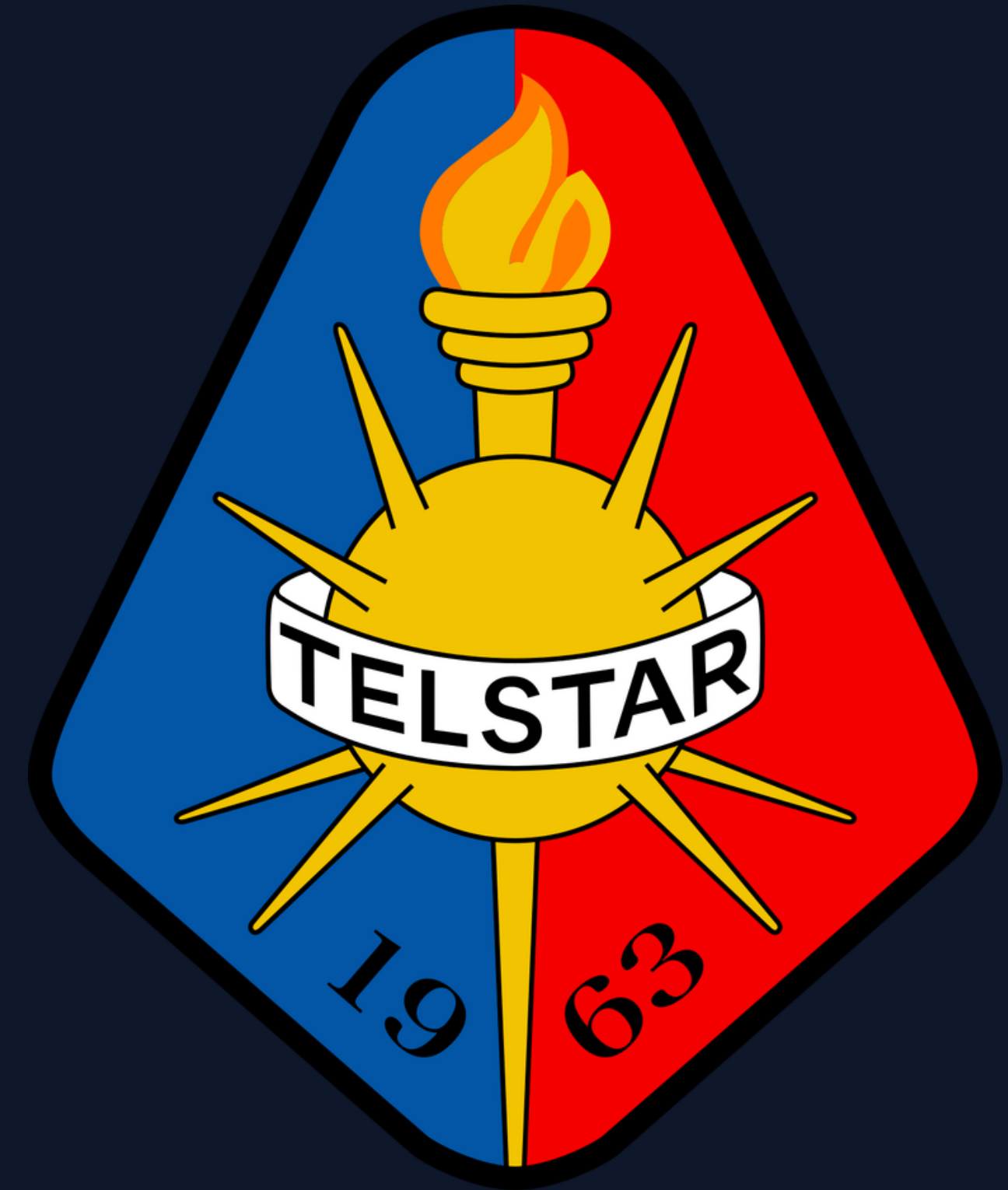


SC TELSTAR

Summer 2026
Recruitment Plan

CENTRE-BACK UNIT

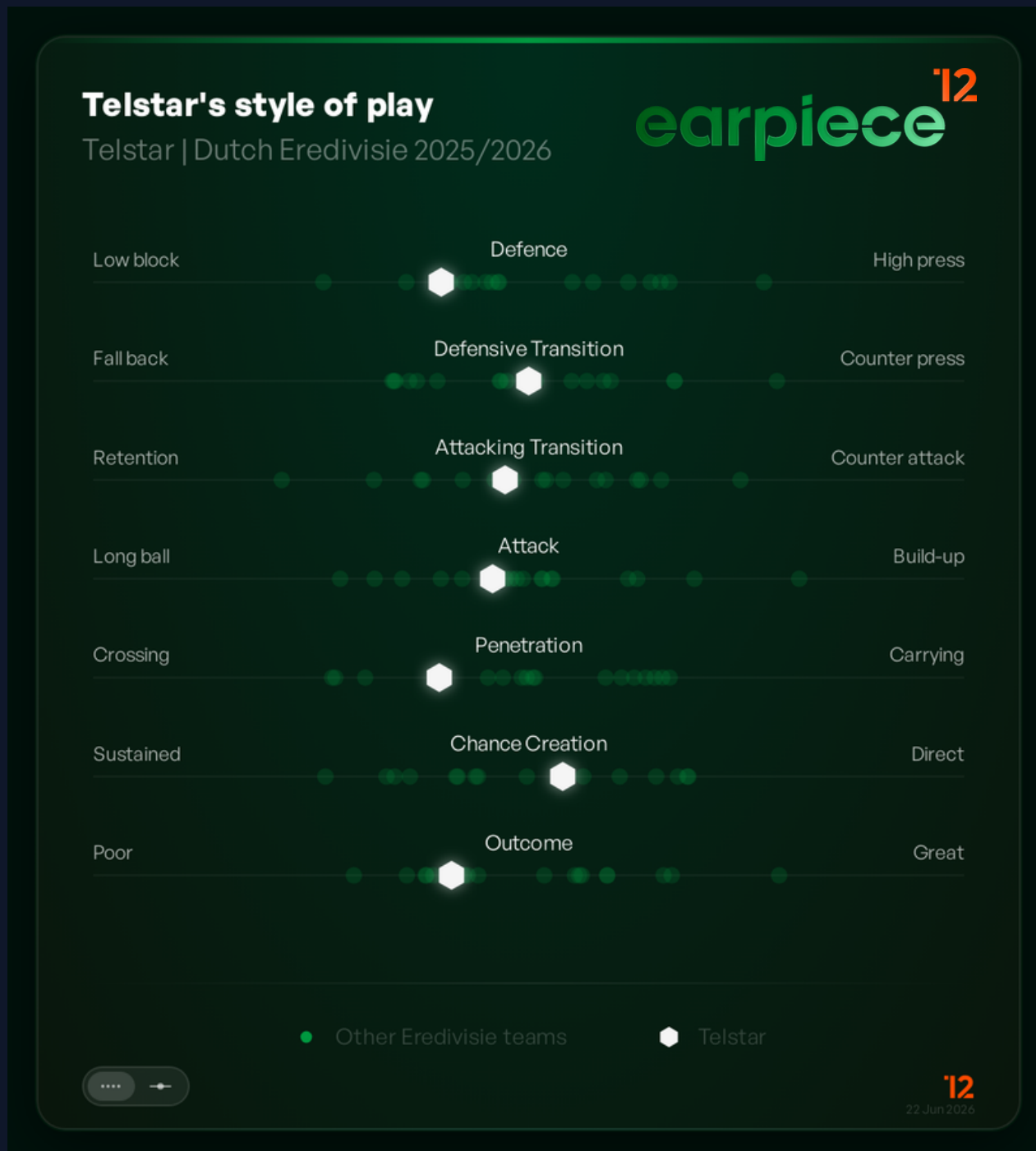
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SC Telstar | Style of Play - Defense

Summer 2026 | Defensive Identity



Defensive Style of Play

- Telstar used a 3-4-2-1 formation throughout the season, defending from a lower block and prioritising compactness in their own half.
- Their defensive actions were generally made closer to goal, reflecting a containment-first approach rather than an aggressive high-pressing identity.
- The structure protected central spaces, but it also allowed opponents more time to circulate, progress and build pressure in advanced areas.
- After turnovers, Telstar were not consistently aggressive enough to stop attacks early, which exposed the back line before the block could reset.
- Recruitment implication: the CB unit needs stronger box defence, aerial security and wider coverage to cope with sustained pressure.



Data source: Wyscout + Twelve Football



SC Telstar | Centre-Back Unit

Summer 2026 | Current Squad Situation

30+

Dion Malone
Centre-Back

37 yrs
12 Feb 1989

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Danny Bakker
Centre-Back / Left-Sided Defender

31 yrs
15 Jan 1995

●

21-29

Guus Offerhaus
Centre-Back / Left-Sided Defender

25 yrs
02 Jan 2001

●

Neville Nwankwo
Centre-Back / Right-Sided Defender

23 yrs
07 Oct 2002

●

Devon Koswal
Centre-Back

22 yrs
19 Aug 2003

●

18-20

Abdelaraffie Benzine
Centre-Back

20 yrs
03 Apr 2006

●

Yamano Olfers
Centre-Back

19 yrs
01 Aug 2006

●

Contract Status

●

 Expires Jun 2026

●

 Loan / returning to parent club

●

 Confirmed departure

●

 Contract unclear / not shown

Target Profiles

Ball-Playing CB

20-24 yrs

Strong in distribution and build-up play from the back

Experienced CB - Aerially Dominant

25-29 yrs

Aerial presence and leadership to stabilise the defensive line

Wider CB

20-24 yrs

Mobile with pace and range to cover wide channels

Core Roles to Replace

Guus Offerhaus

Versatile CB/DM option with value in structure and build-up balance. His move to Utrecht creates an immediate replacement need.

Neville Nwankwo

Proactive right-sided CB with strong stepping-out actions. His loan return removes one of the squad's most active defensive profiles.

Danny Bakker

Senior left-sided CB, useful in deeper defensive phases. His expiring contract and age profile make him a short-term solution.

Recruitment Implication Line

Telstar are not only losing numbers at CB; they are losing three different functions: senior security, build-up versatility, and proactive right-sided coverage.



SC Telstar | Filtering the Data

Summer 2026 | Shortlist Methodology

- **League pool:** the search starts with selected leagues that fit SC Telstar's recruitment level, market access and realistic transfer range.

- **Leagues included in the data set:**

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| ◦ Eerste Divisie - Netherlands | ◦ Premijer Liga - Bosnia |
| ◦ Jupiler Pro League - Belgium | ◦ Hungarian NB I - Hungary |
| ◦ Challenger Pro League - Belgium | ◦ Super Liga - Serbia |
| ◦ Liga Portugal 2 - Portugal | ◦ Ekstraklasa - Poland |
| ◦ Kategorija Superiore - Albania | ◦ Ligue 3 - France |

- **Role scoring:** players are assessed against role-specific positional profiles using weighted performance metrics.
- **Benchmarking:** scores are normalised through z-scores against all players in the same selected position.
- **Minutes threshold:** only players with 500+ minutes in the most recent completed season are selected.
- **Final filters:** results are then refined by age, contract situation and market value, with the final shortlist selected by role fit and feasibility rather than a fixed top-10 cut-off.



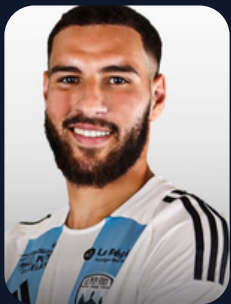
Data source: Wyscout + internal role profiling



SC Telstar | Ball-Playing Centre-Back

Summer 2026 | Shortlist

Rank	Player	Team	League	Age	Score	Status	Notes
2	Milan Hokke	ADO Den Haag	Eerste Divisie	22	96.0	Alternative	Best profile fit in the selected group and useful wide-CB cover, but Den Haag's promotion makes the market situation difficult.
6	Duje Dujmović	Zrinjski	Premijer Liga	22	91.2	Pass	Already set to join Wiczyستا in July/2026. Language, level fit and adaptation risk make him unsuitable for this shortlist.
10	Mathijs Menu	AZ II	Eerste Divisie	21	86.3	Priority	Strong progression and retention profile. Interesting development option with a possible Eredivisie loan pathway.
13	Abdelnour Soualhia	Le Puy FC	Ligue 3	24	84.4	Priority	Strong value opportunity: good progression, carrying and aerial value, available free in June/2026. Suitable as replacement for Offerhaus.
14	Matteo Waem	ADO Den Haag	Eerste Divisie	25	84.2	Alternative	Excellent distribution and progression, but high market value and Den Haag's promotion create similar access issues to Hokke.
16	Mohamed Soumah	Gent II	Challenger Pro League	23	83.3	Pass	Solid defensive and retention profile, but less standout as a carrier. Not viable after his permanent move to IK Sirius in February/2026.
17	Miljan Krpić	Győri ETO	Hungarian NB I	22	83.2	Priority	Excellent ball-carrying profile with useful progression upside. Defensive and aerial indicators lower security, but he remains a strong fit.
18	Matte Smets	Genk	Jupiler Pro League	22	83.2	Pass	Strong retention and long distribution, but his high market value (€10.00m) and important role at Genk make the move unrealistic.
20	Bas Van den Eynden	Beerschot VA	Challenger Pro League	24	82.6	Alternative	More complete than explosive: strong defensive base with enough progression to stay relevant if priority targets are unavailable. Permanent move might require high price.
34	Jan Plug	Dordrecht	Eerste Divisie	21	78.5	Alternative	Interesting left-footed loan option from Feyenoord. Good progression value, but aerial output and long-pass accuracy are concerns.



Abdelnour Soualhia

24 years old | France | Le Puy FC | Ligue 3



Preferred Option

Central CB

Left-sided CB

Summary

- 24-year-old centre-back coming off an excellent season in the Ligue 3, showing clear value as ball-progressing defender. Soualhia is comfortable stepping forward from deeper areas, contributing to build-up through progressive passing, carrying and long distribution.
- He adds aerial presence at both ends, making him a strong value opportunity to replace part of Guus Offerhaus’ role in the squad.

Height	1,94m
Foot	Left
Contract	30/06/2026
Market Value	€300k
Minutes	1812
Profile Score	84.4
Role	Ball-Playing

Strengths

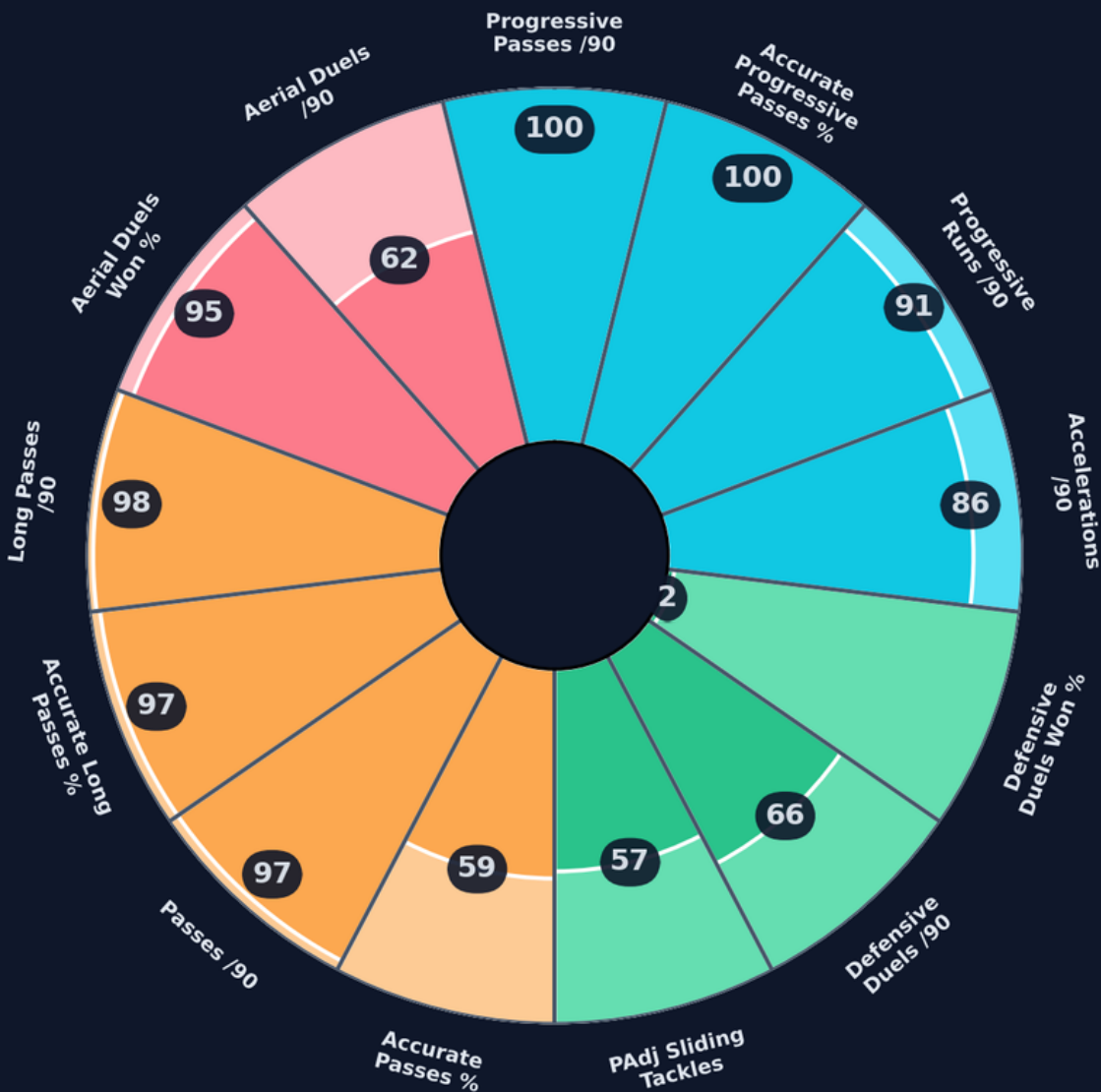
- Ball progression:** strong output in progressive passes, carries and long distribution, giving him clear value in advancing play from the defensive line.
- Aerial presence:** offers strong aerial value, both in defensive duels and as a box threat from attacking set pieces.
- Composure in possession:** comfortable retaining the ball under pressure and supporting controlled build-up phases.

Weaknesses

- Chance prevention:** lacks consistency in limiting dangerous opposition situations around the box.
- Close defensive duels:** strong aerially, but his close duel defending needs further validation against higher-level attackers.
- Step-up risk:** moving from Ligue 3 to the Eredivisie would require adaptation to higher tempo and stronger individual opponents.

Conclusion

- Soualhia is not a direct like-for-like replacement for Guus Offerhaus, but he covers important parts of the role Telstar are losing: progression from the back, possession security and aerial value. With his contract expiring in June 2026, he offers a strong mix of role fit, market opportunity and squad need.



Progression Ball Retention
Defending Aerial Ability

Percentile Rank (vs CB)
Compared to 57 players
1000+ minutes | Championnat National - 2025-26



Miljan Krpić

22 years old | Serbia | ETO FC Győr | Hungarian NB I



2nd Option

Left-sided CB

Central CB

Summary

- Krpić is a 22-year-old centre-back with a standout ball-carrying and progression profile. He brings value when stepping forward from the defensive line, using his carrying ability and forward passing to move the team into more advanced areas.
- He is not the most complete defensive option on the shortlist, but his line-breaking ability makes him a useful fit for a back-three structure. If Soualhia is unavailable, Krpić would be a strong second-choice target.

Height	1,90m
Foot	Right
Contract	30/06/2028
Market Value	€700k
Minutes	1948
Profile Score	83.2
Role	Ball-Playing

Strengths

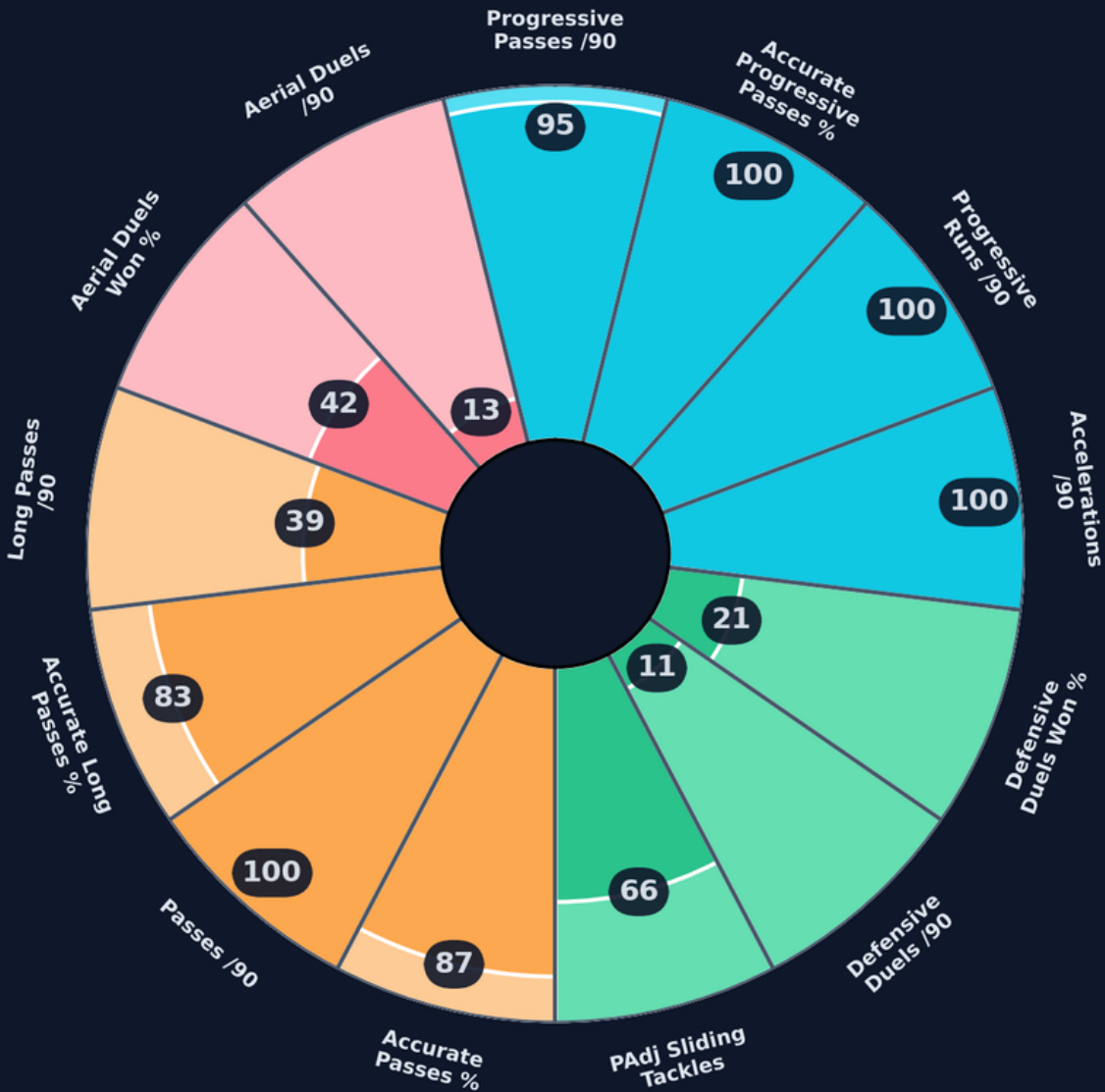
- Ball progression:** effective at advancing play through carries and progressive passes, giving his team forward momentum from deeper areas.
- Carrying from deep:** shows value stepping out from the defensive line, using ball carries to break the first line of pressure and move the team forward.
- Ball retention:** reliable enough in circulation, with good general passing accuracy and comfort playing from deeper zones.

Weaknesses

- Defensive security:** defensive indicators are less convincing than his progression profile, especially when compared with more balanced CB options.
- Aerial impact:** aerial profile is not dominant enough to project him as a primary box-defending solution.
- Role dependency:** best suited to a structure that allows him to step forward; less convincing if asked to defend long periods close to goal.

Conclusion

- Krpić is a valuable option because of his carrying, progression and composure from the back. He is not the safest all-round defender on the shortlist, but his ability to break lines makes him a strong second-choice target for Telstar’s ball-playing CB profile.



Progression Ball Retention
Defending Aerial Ability

Percentile Rank (vs CB)
Compared to 37 players
1000+ minutes | Nemzeti Bajnokság I - 2025-26



Mathijs Menu

21 years old | Netherlands | Jong AZ | Eerste Divisie



3rd Option

Central CB

Left-sided CB

Summary

- 21-year-old centre-back with a strong development profile and regular minutes in the Eerste Divisie. He offers value in possession, especially through progressive passing, forward circulation and controlled build-up from deeper areas.
- He is still developing defensively, but his age, technical base and market situation make him an attractive third option for Telstar. Rather than a finished starter, he profiles as a young ball-playing defender who could grow into a larger role with the right minutes.

Height	1,81m
Foot	Right
Contract	30/06/2027
Market Value	€250k
Minutes	2376
Profile Score	86.3
Role	Ball-Playing

Strengths

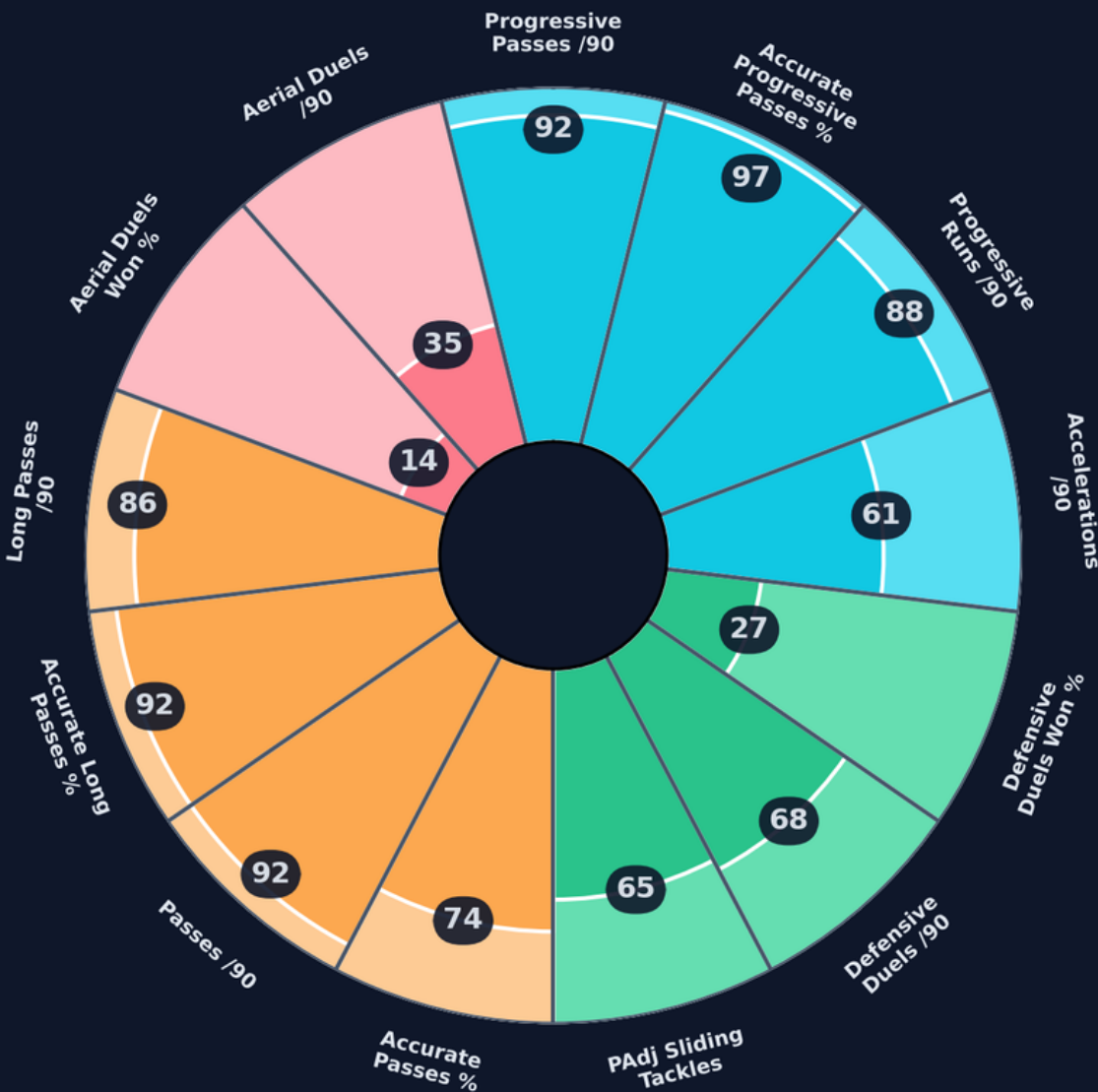
- Progression:** strong output in progressive passes and forward actions, helping move possession into advanced areas.
- Ball retention:** reliable in circulation, with good pass accuracy and security in build-up.
- Development value:** Young, affordable and already experienced at Eerste Divisie level, making him a realistic development option with future resale upside.

Weaknesses

- Defensive maturity:** still developing his consistency in defensive duels, positioning and decision-making under pressure.
- Aerial impact:** not aerially dominant, which limits his value inside the defensive box.
- Immediate level jump:** would need time to adapt before being trusted as a regular Eredivisie starter.

Conclusion

- Menu profiles as a development option with future upside. His progression and ball retention fit the targeted profile, while his age, value and Eerste Divisie experience make him a realistic opportunity. The main question is whether Telstar want a young defender to develop into the role rather than a more immediate defensive solution.



Progression Ball Retention
Defending Aerial Ability

Percentile Rank (vs CB)
Compared to 65 players
1000+ minutes | Eerste Divisie - 2025-26



SC Telstar | Aerially Dominant Centre-Back

Summer 2026 | Shortlist

Rank	Player	Team	League	Age	Score	Status	Notes
1	Edgaras Utkus	Cercle Brugge	Jupiler Pro League	25	100	Pass	Elite aerial profile, but contract until 2029 and current club level make the move unrealistic for Telstar.
3	Teun van Grunsven	Den Bosch	Eerste Divisie	26	94.2	Pass	Strong profile, but already agreed terms with Gwangju FC for July 2026. No longer a realistic option.
5	Pascal Mulder	ADO Den Haag	Eerste Divisie	27	92.1	Pass	Strong data profile, but arrived at ADO in February 2026 and the move would likely be difficult after their promotion.
6	Viktor Boone	SK Beveren	Challenger Pro League	28	91.3	Priority	Best overall available profile. Market value around €700k is high, but his injury return in June 2026 could reduce the cost.
7	Ranko Jokic	Radnički Niš	Serbian Super Liga	27	90.8	Pass	Good profile, but he has just arrived at Radnički Niš, making a move unrealistic in this window.
9	Attila Temesvári	Nyiregyhaza FC	Hungarian NB I	25	89.6	Priority	Strong aerial profile and market value around €300k. Good value target for the role.
10	Vinicius Gomes	Caen	Ligue 3	28	89.4	Alternative	Strong player with low market value around €150k, but limited higher-level experience makes him a riskier step-up option.
19	Nikola Radmanovac	Várda SE	Hungarian NB I	29	86.7	Alternative	Strong aerial profile and useful experience, but lower defensive score makes him less secure than the priority options.
27	Ilia Beriashvili	MTK	Hungarian NB I	27	82.4	Priority	Experienced starter profile with strong minutes, good aerial value and solid defensive security. Around €500k, making him a realistic priority option for the aerial CB role.
28	Luuk Wouters	RKC Waalwijk	Eerste Divisie	26	82.3	Alternative	More complete than explosive: strong defensive base with enough progression to stay relevant if priority targets are unavailable. Permanent move might require high price.



Viktor Boone

28 years old | Belgium | SK Beveren | Challenger Pro League



Preferred Option

Right-sided CB

Central CB

Summary

- 28-year-old centre-back with a strong all-round defensive profile and clear value in both box defending and possession phases.
- Boone stands out for his active defending, defensive heading, aerial presence, chance prevention and duel strength, while still offering enough quality on the ball to support build-up.

Height	1,91m
Foot	Right
Contract	30/06/2027
Market Value	€700k
Minutes	2224
Profile Score	91.3
Role	Aerially Dominant

Strengths

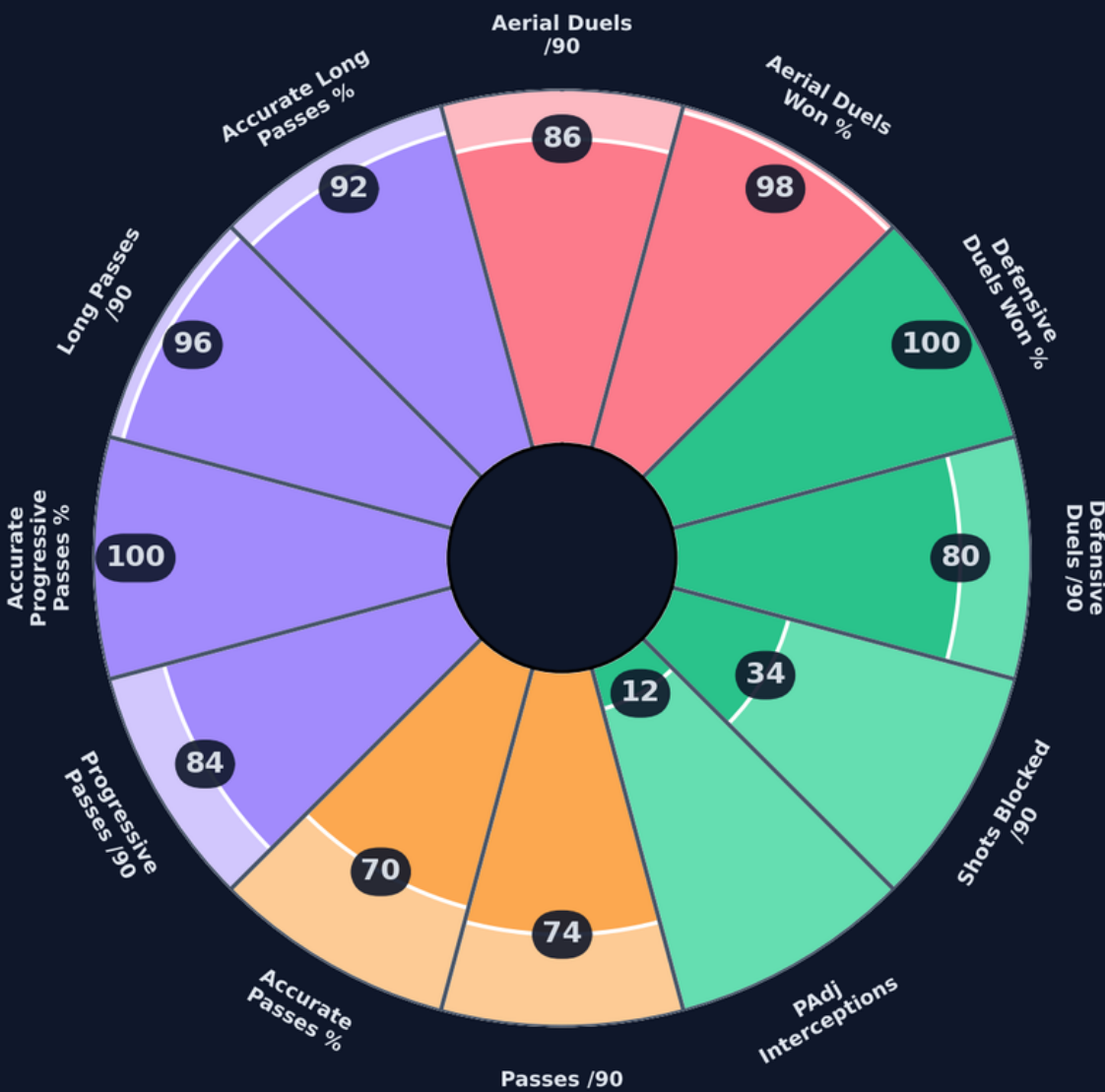
- Aerial dominance:** Strong volume and success in aerial duels, with clear value in defensive heading, box protection and direct-game situations.
- Duel security:** Excellent defensive duel performance, showing reliability in 1v1 situations and physical defensive actions.
- All-round contribution:** Offers more than box defending, with useful involvement in possession, long distribution and progressive passing.

Weaknesses

- Interception timing:** More dominant in direct duels than in anticipation-based defending, with room to improve how consistently he steps in front to break play early.
- Mobility:** Can be tested if pulled into wider areas or forced to defend larger spaces, especially against quicker forwards.
- Physical readiness:** Returning from injury in June 2026, so match rhythm and durability would need to be assessed before treating him as a secure starter.

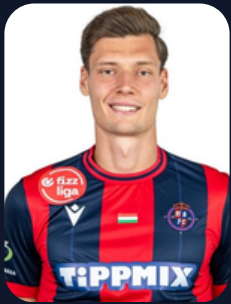
Conclusion

- Boone profiles as the primary option for the aerially dominant centre-back role. He brings the strongest mix of aerial security, defensive duel quality and possession value in the shortlist. If his physical condition is clear, he offers the most complete ready-made solution for Telstar’s back line.



Aerial Dominance Ball Retention
Ground Defending Passing Progression

Percentile Rank (vs CB)
Compared to 49 players
1000+ minutes | Challenger Pro League - 2025-26



Attila Temesvári

26 years old | Hungary | Nyíregyháza FC | Hungarian NB I



2nd Option

Right-sided CB

Central CB

Summary

- 26-year-old centre-back with a clear aerial-dominant profile. At 2.00m, he brings strong value in defensive heading, aerial duels and box protection.
- He is more of a specialist than a complete all-round defender, but his physical presence and low market value make him a strong second option for this role.

Height	2.00m
Foot	Right
Contract	30/06/2027
Market Value	€300k
Minutes	2150
Profile Score	89.6
Role	Aerial Specialist

Strengths

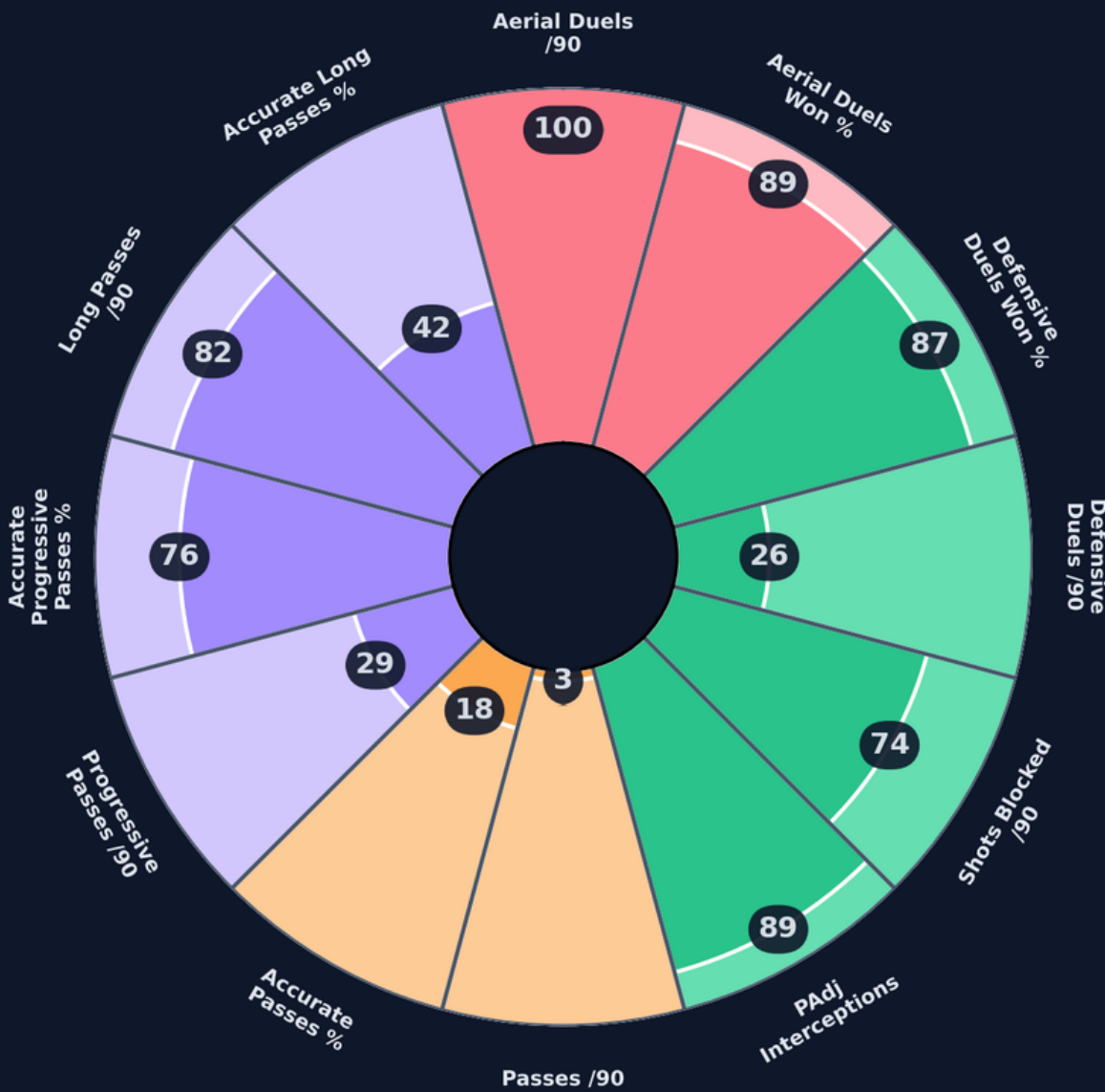
- Aerial dominance:** Excellent aerial volume and strong success rate, giving him clear value in box defence and direct-game situations.
- Box presence:** Strong defensive heading profile, with the size and timing to protect the penalty area and attack set pieces.
- Defensive activity:** Active in defensive actions, interceptions and duels, showing good involvement without the ball.

Weaknesses

- Possession involvement:** Lower passing volume and build-up participation compared with more complete CB options.
- Progression:** Can play forward, but he is not a natural ball-progressing defender.
- Mobility risk:** More suited to defending the box than covering wide areas or defending large spaces.

Conclusion

- Temesvári profiles as the clearest aerial specialist among the realistic options. He directly addresses the need for height, defensive heading and box protection, making him a strong value option for the role.



Aerial Dominance Ball Retention
Ground Defending Passing Progression

Percentile Rank (vs CB)
Compared to 37 players
1000+ minutes | Nemzeti Bajnokság I - 2025-26



Ilia Beriashvili

27 years old | Georgia | MTK | Hungarian NB I



3rd Option

Right-sided CB

Central CB

Summary

- Beriashvili is a 27-year-old centre-back with strong minutes, good defensive activity and reliable aerial output. He profiles as a more experienced and stable defensive option.
- He is not a pure aerial specialist, but his balance between duel security, interceptions and possession reliability makes him a practical third option for Telstar.

Height	1,90m
Foot	Right
Contract	30/06/2026
Market Value	€500k
Minutes	2443
Profile Score	82.4
Role	Defensive Stabiliser

Strengths

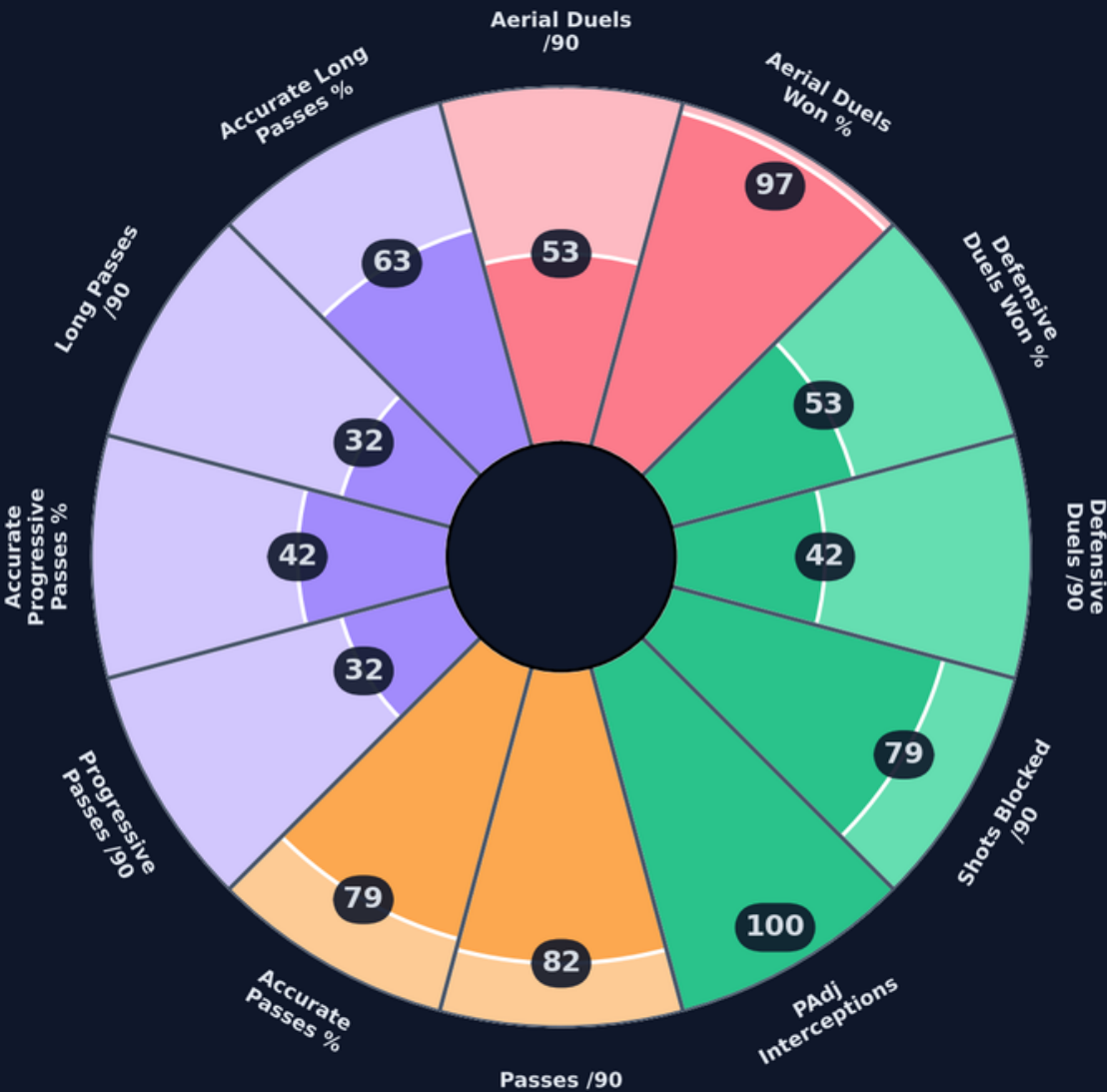
- Defensive activity:** Very involved defensively, with strong output in interceptions, ball-winning actions and defensive duels.
- Aerial reliability:** Strong aerial duel success, giving him value in box defence even without elite aerial volume.
- Experience and stability:** Regular starter profile with strong minutes, offering a mature defensive base.

Weaknesses

- Aerial volume:** Good success rate, but he does not dominate aerial situations as frequently as a pure specialist.
- Progression:** Functional in possession, but not a major source of forward passing or territory gain.
- Ceiling:** More of a stabilising defender than a standout physical or high-upside profile.

Conclusion

- Beriashvili profiles as a balanced third option for the aerially dominant CB role. He offers experience, defensive activity and aerial reliability, making him a practical stabiliser rather than a specialist solution.



Aerial Dominance Ball Retention
Ground Defending Passing Progression

Percentile Rank (vs CB)
Compared to 37 players
1000+ minutes | Nemzeti Bajnokság I - 2025-26



SC Telstar | Final Recommendation

Summer 2026 | Centre-Back Unit

Ball-Playing Centre-Back



Abdelnour Soualhia

Best overall fit for progression from deep, build-up support and aerial value

Preferred Target



Miljan Krpić

Strong carrying and line-breaking profile, with upside inside a back three structure.

Second Option



Mathijs Menu

Affordable younger option with progression and retention value, but less complete defensively.

Development Option

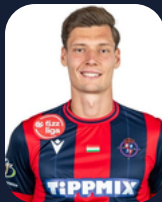
Aerially Dominant Centre-Back



Viktor Boone

Most complete defensive option, combining aerial dominance, defending and strong overall reliability.

Preferred Target



Attila Temesvári

High-value aerial specialist with strong defensive heading and useful box threat.

Second Option



Ilia Beriashvili

Experienced, stable defender with good defensive output and a balanced profile.

Alternative Option



Recruitment Recommendation

- Prioritise **Abdelnour Soualhia** and **Viktor Boone** as the main targets for the two centre-back needs.
- Keep **Miljan Krpić** and **Attila Temesvári** active as strong secondary solutions if preferred deals are not completed.
- Keep **Mathijs Menu** as the development route and **Ilia Beriashvili** as the experienced stabilising alternative.