As a team:

* Number 3 in the league in long pass share (percentage of their passes that are long)
* Number 11 in the league in passes per loss, where they average 3,8
* Number 3 in the league in the share of their recoveries that are on the opponents half (38%)
* Number 10 in the league in both duels won and defensive duels won
* Number 10 in the league in passes per match
* Number 4 in the league in crosses per match, average of 15,2
* Number 2 in the league of counterpressing recoveries per match

Conclusions:

The games Esbjerg participate in are chaotic with a lot of duels, few passes, lots of long passes. They are good at counterpressing and gaining possession on the opponents half. Surprisingly they don’t win a lot of duels. They cross the ball a lot ass well, but not with a very high succesrate.

Players:

Expected formation: 4-3-3/4-2-3-1 (number of matches they have started)

1. Drexel (5/5)

E. Larsen (5/5) E. Omerovic (4/5) R. Zwinge (5/5) M. Svane (4/5)

B. Baldursson (4/5)

M. Kruse (4/5) J. Jensen (3/5)

K. Pedersen (4/5) M. Engsted (3/5) A. Lund Jørgensen (3/5)

All players are in ranked order from best to worst:

Central defenders:

R. Zwinge: Better with the ball than he is defending. Looks good in buildup, both moving the ball forward and hitting the simple passes. Struggles in the defensive work.

E. Omerovic: More balanced profile than R. Zwinge, pretty average all around

O. Einarsson Morales: Also a very balanced profile, on a lower level than Omerovic

Fullbacks:

M. Svane: Scores well in defending, chance creation and possession value added. Looks like an offensive threat and as the strongest in the back 4.

E. Larsen: Good offensively, struggles more in the defensive work. Also looks like an offensive threat

C. E. Lauridsen: An offensive player playing fullback, struggles a lot defensively but very good in chance creation

Central midfielders:

B. Baldursson: Plays as a number 6, doesn’t look very good defensively or in the simple passes. Good at moving the ball forward with progressive ball movement, plays with a big risk in his game, maybe we can utilize this.

M. Kruse: Looks average at best, better without the ball than with it.

J. Jensen: The weak link in the center of the pitch. Looses a lot of balls and doesn’t move it forward

Wingers:

J. Lucena: A goalscoring winger, he creates more chances for himself than others

C. E. Lauridsen: balanced winger profile, creates chances, gets to chances and is okay in his passing game.

K. Pedersen: In the simple passes he scores well, but doesn’t successfully create chances for himself or others

M. Engsted: Very weak, I would almost say just give him the ball and we have a transition

Striker:

A.Cehobasic: Dangerous in the box, good at getting to chances. Lacks skill on the pitch, can’t hit his passes or set team mates up. Very similar profile to Ambæk from Brøndby, but on a lower level.

A. Lund Jørgensen: More balanced profile, but doesn’t really get to any chances himself.

Our depth chart:

**Central defenders:**

F. Roslyng

P. Rolke

E. A’Ngon

**Fullbacks:**

A. Mandrup

P. Rolke

R. Nybo

L. Risager Kristensen

**Number 6:**

M. Frederiksen

A. Moro

H. Toftegaard

**Number 10:**

Y. Ouorou

M. Salah

S. Traoré

**Wingers:**

Y. Ouorou

S. Traoré

M. Salah

**Strikers:**

O. Mandrup

Y. Ouorou

M. Søfeldt