

# DEFENSIVE PLAY SCOUTING FOR WATFORD

2017/18 SEASON



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Data from Wyscout

# Introduction

This is an analysis of Watford's 2017/18 season where they finished 14th and conceded almost 2 goals per game.

## Aim

To improve Watford's defensive play next season by scouting and recommending **midfield** players from the French Ligue 1.

## Metrics

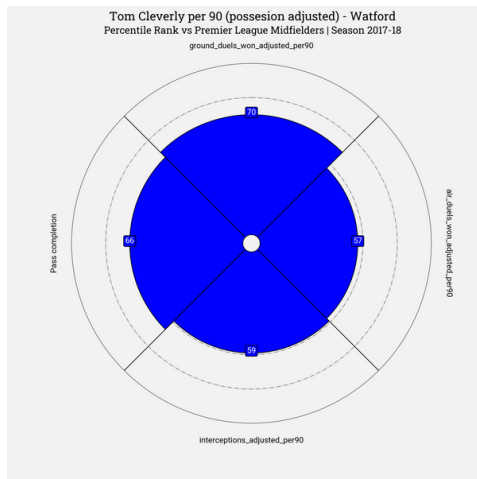
- Pass completion
- Ground duels
- Air duels
- Interceptions

## Why those metrics?

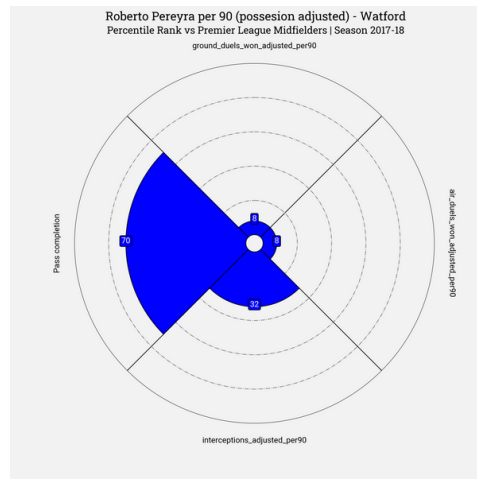
We would a midfielder that won't make us susceptible to counter attacks, a midfielder who is combative, is an asset when defending set pieces and has good awareness and positioning

My emphasis would be on scouting players that are good at **intercepting** the ball and also have a good **pass completion** so that there would be less need to rely on ball interception.

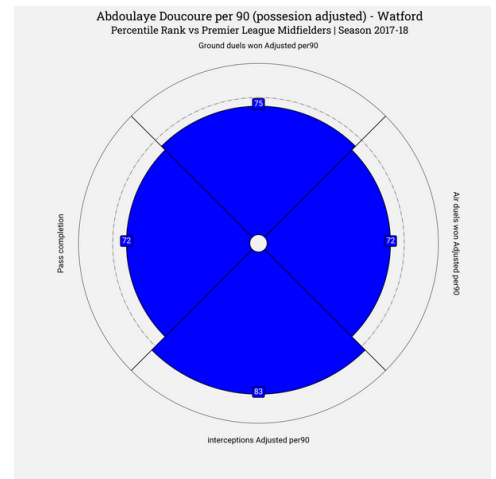
# Radar Plots of Watford's Midfield



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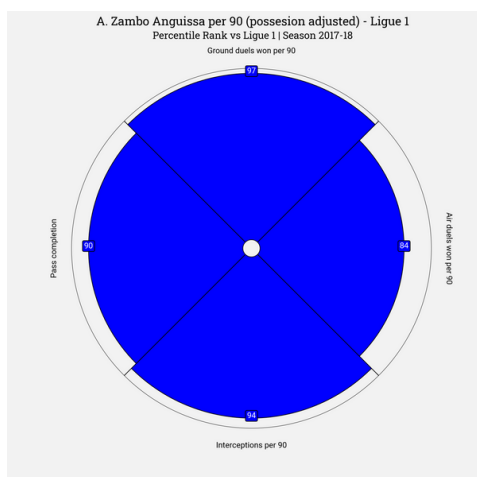


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## 10 man Shortlist from Ligue 1

- Fabinho
- A. Zambo Anguissa
- J. Ahoulou
- L. Tousart
- R. Khrin
- B. Zungu
- A. Giroto
- Y. Bissouma
- I. Sangare
- A. Toure

## Recommended Player



ANGUISSA

### André-Frank Zambo Anguissa

Age: 22

Top 10 percentile in most metrics

Market value: 20 mil euros

He is still young and should improve.

His value is a bit high but its doable.