

Stade Rennais FC

# Right Centre Back Recruitment

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# Filtering process



## Center-back profile

Define the desired qualities of a centre-back according to each of the defined profiles so that it matches team playing style and club's philosophy.

## Best overall CBs

With the rating for each CB profile, we find the average to make an overall score to find the most complete CBs.

99

36

10

5

1

## Player profile

Define general characteristics of the player we look for so it matches the club needs. E.g. Age, 90s played, Preferred foot.

## Rating CBs by profile

Rate and rank all the CBs according to their season statistics and our chosen variables and importance.

## Final decision

With the general player profile and final overall ranking we must choose the best suitor to fill-in and replace the departing player.

# Replaced player

- 23 years old
- 180 cm
- 58 kg
- Player from the academy
- 3rd season on first team
- Very good passing abilities
- Decent ball carrying capabilities
- Not strongest defensive profile

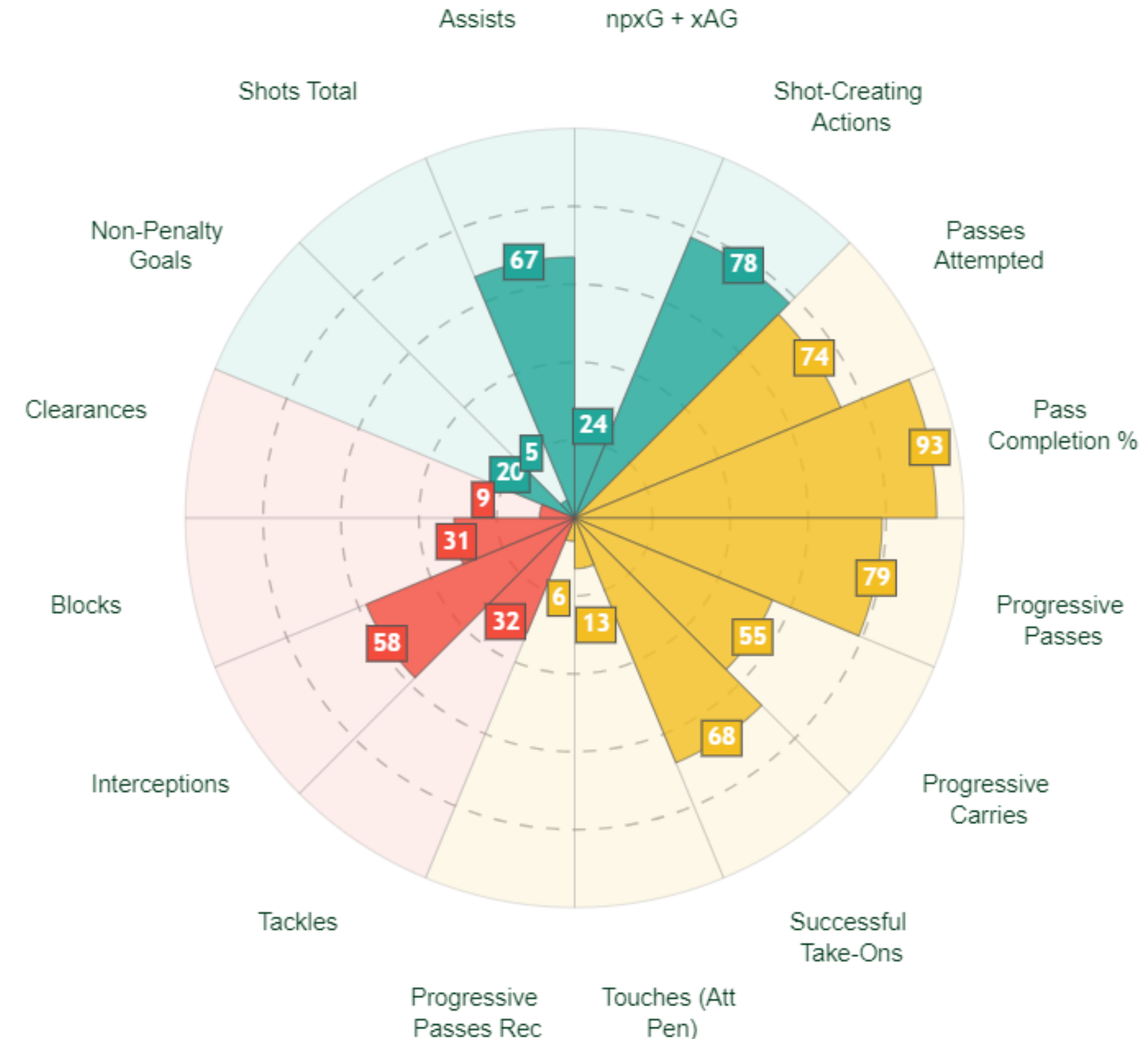


## Warmed Omari

Percentile rank vs. Centre-Backs | 2518 minutes | Last 365 Days



■ Attacking ■ Possession ■ Defending



# Desired qualities



It is important to note we should not try to find “the next Omari” but it can help us find a similar player or one that can even improve its qualities. It serves as a guide rather than a checklist.

**1** Maintain or improve passing characteristics

**2** Player able to provide immediate performances

**3** Improve on defensive toughness

**4** Young player with good projection for future

# Centre-back profiles



1

## Stopper CB

- Aerial Dominance
- Aggression
- Decisions Off Ball
- Interceptions
- 1 v 1 Defending
- Offensive Threat
- Buildup
- Pass Delivery

2

## Ball Playing CB

- Aerial Dominance
- Decisions Off Ball
- 1 v 1 Defending
- Decisions On Ball
- Progressive Passing
- Offensive Threat
- Buildup
- Pass Delivery
- Quality Touches

3

## Ball Carrying CB

- Aerial Dominance
- Decisions Off Ball
- 1 v 1 Defending
- Decisions On Ball
- Progressive Carries
- Offensive Threat
- Buildup
- Pass Delivery



# Rating CBs



## Aerial Dominance

Aerial duels

## Interceptions

Interceptions, Clearances, Recoveries

## Progressive Passing

Passes, Long balls, Forward passes, Deep completions

## Pass Delivery

Pressured passes/long balls, Unpressured long, LBP

## Aggression

Aggressive actions, Fouls, Yellow/Red Cards

## 1 v 1 Defending

Blocks, Tackles, Stopped Dribbles, Challenges

## Progressive Carries

Carries, Dribbles, Deep progressions

## Quality Touches

Key passes, Through balls, Passes to box, Positive outcome actions

## Decisions Off Ball

Pressures, Counterpressures

## Decisions On Ball

LBP, Pass to Pressure/Danger

## Buildup

XG Buildup

## Offensive Threat

Goals, Conversion rate, Assists, XG chain

# Best overall CBs



1

22 y.o.  
23 90s played

3rd overall  
2nd stopper  
4th playing  
4th carrying

2

29 y.o.  
32 90s played

2nd overall  
3rd stopper  
1st playing  
10th carrying

3

24 y.o.  
31 90s played

1st overall  
1st stopper  
7th playing  
6th carrying

4

26 y.o.  
28 90s played

4th overall  
6st stopper  
3rd playing  
5th carrying

5

25 y.o.  
39 90s played

6th overall  
11th stopper  
2nd playing  
1st carrying



1

- **Youngest** player with a lot of future
- Most **consistent** CB on 3 different profiles

- **Inexperience** and lack of certainty
- Least amount of **minutes played** in top 5

2

- Most **experienced** player, can be important quickly
- **Best ball playing CB** which is favourite type of the 3

- Oldest player, probably past its **physical** peak
- Lowest score on **ball carrying** by quite some margin

3

- **Young** with already **some experience** and time played
- **Best overall CB** and **stopper**. Could be alternative profile

- Out of top 5 in both **ball playing** and **carrying**
- Lacks ball playing, **different profile**

4

- **Experience** but still in **peak** physically
- Pretty **consistent** CB on 3 different profiles

- Does **not stand out** in something.
- Not a youngster, making big **level jump unexpected**

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- Experience and **physical resistance**. Most minutes played.
- Best **carrying CB** and great **playing CB**.

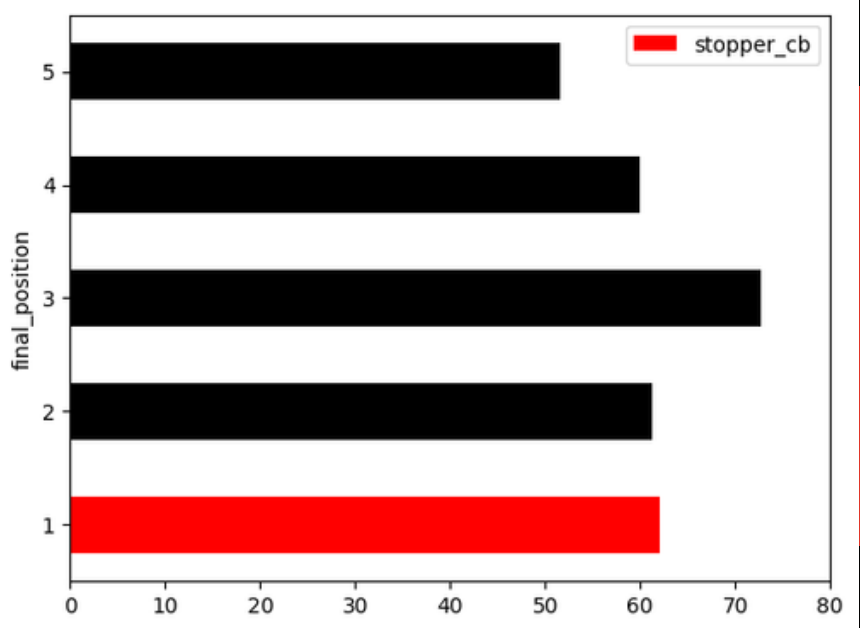
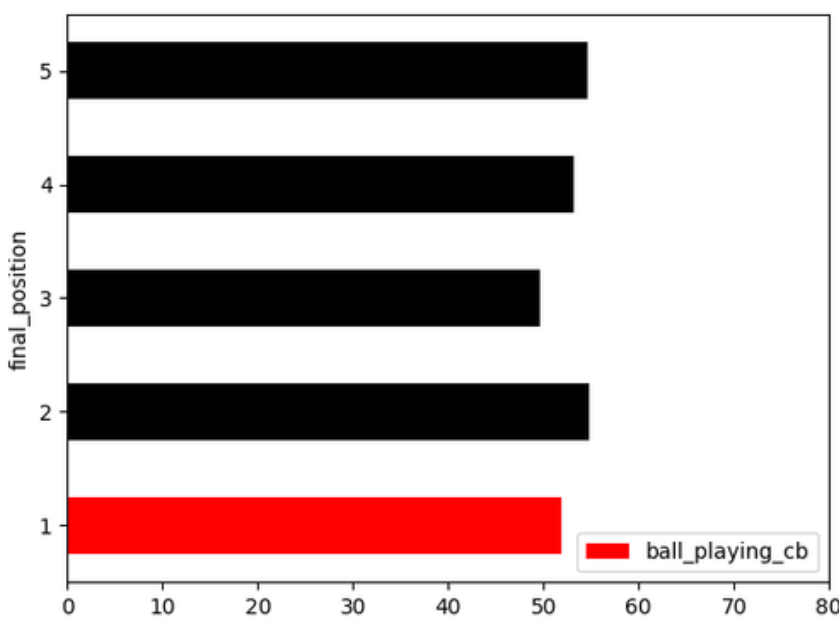
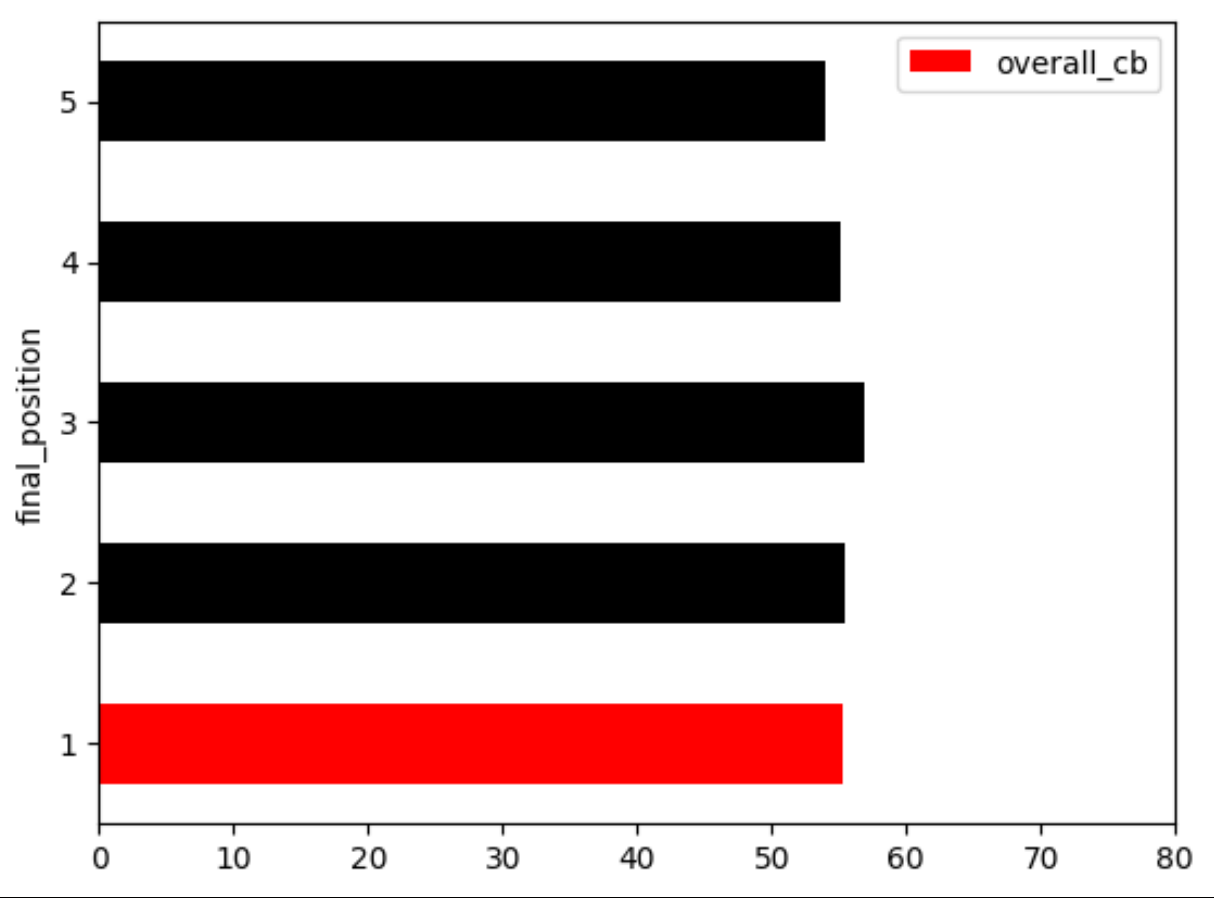
- Lacks on **stopper profile**. Not even in top 10.
- Overall **not top 5**.



# Selected Center Back

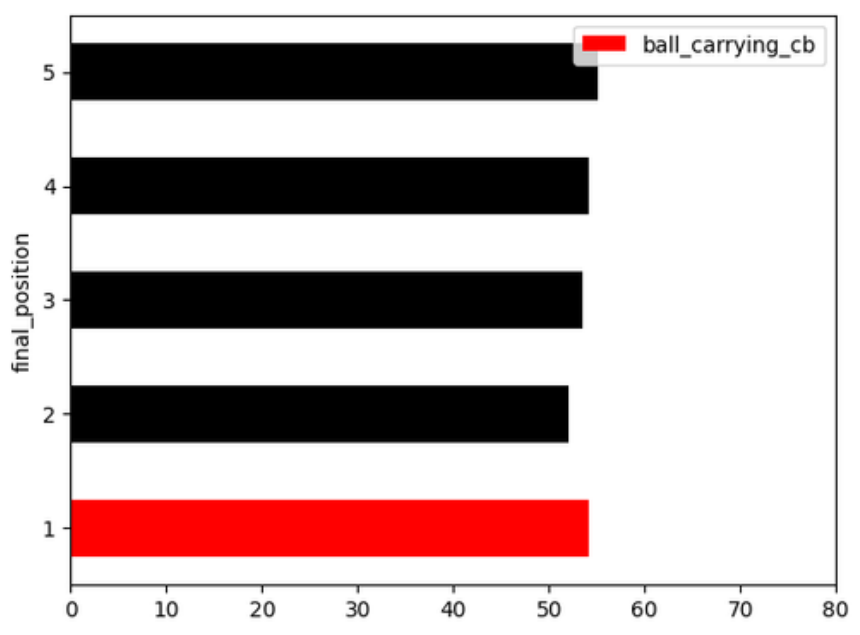


Stopper



Ball Playing CB

Ball Carrying CB



# Is it the best choice?

- Very young talent with lots of room for improvement
- Double down on club's idea to trust future talents
- Most adaptable player, very good set of qualities on different aspects of the game
- It is still young but it already had a good amount of minutes
- This season could make the big jump and become part of the regulars in our team

