



# Data Cheat Sheet

BETTER DECISIONS, FASTER

You've got the data, now how do you recruit with it?

This cheat sheet gives you a role by role breakdown of the metrics that matter most when using Advanced Search in Wyscout.





# Defenders

	<b>Ball-Playing CB</b>	<b>Combative CB / Stopper</b>	<b>Libero / Middle Pin CB</b>	<b>Wide CB (in 3)</b>
<b>What do they do →</b>	Initiate build-up from the back, break opposition lines with passes, and maintain composure under pressure.	Win duels, clear danger, mark target forwards, and contest aerial challenges.	Sweep behind the backline, support both build-up and cover, dictate transitions from deep.	Cover half-spaces, support full backs, defend wide-to-central transitions, and build down their respective flank.
<b>Metrics that matter →</b>	<p><b>Passes per 90</b> (high volume suggests trusted ball progressor)</p> <p><b>Progressive passes per 90 + Accurate progressive passes %</b> (ball progression ability)</p> <p><b>Accurate long passes %</b> (passing range)</p> <p><b>Interceptions per 90</b> (reading play early)</p>	<p><b>Defensive duels per 90 + Defensive duels won %</b> (high volume to fit profile; success rate points to ability)</p> <p><b>Aerials duels per 90 + Won aerial duels %</b> (similarly, volume and ability in aerial duels)</p> <p><b>Shots blocked per 90</b> (defence of the penalty area)</p>	<p><b>Defensive duels per 90 + Defensive duels won %</b> (below-average volume to fit less confrontational profile; good success rate when called into action)</p> <p><b>Interceptions per 90</b> (reading play early)</p> <p><b>Accurate passes %</b> (reliable in possession)</p> <p><b>Accurate long passes %</b> (passing range)</p>	<p><b>Defensive duels per 90 + Defensive duels won %</b> (high volume to fit profile; success rate points to ability)</p> <p><b>Interceptions per 90</b> (reading play early)</p> <p><b>Progressive passes per 90 + Accurate progressive pass %</b> (ability to step forward into midfield and distribute)</p>

# Midfielders

	<b>Defensive Midfielder #6</b>	<b>Attacking Midfielder #8</b>	<b>Deep-Lying Playmaker</b>	<b>Box-to-Box Midfielder</b>
<b>What do they do →</b>	Screen the backline, intercept passes, dictate tempo from deep, recycle possession, and break up opposition transitions.	Connect midfield and attack, progress the ball, exploit half-spaces, support press, and arrive late in the box.	Orchestrate possession from deep areas, switch play, bypass press, and break lines with passing vision.	Cover large distances, contribute in both boxes, support transitions, and provide presence during both attacking and defensive phases.
<b>Metrics that matter →</b>	<p><b>Interceptions per 90</b> (reading play early)</p> <p><b>Defensive duels per 90 + Defensive duels won %</b> (high volume to fit profile; success rate points to ability)</p> <p><b>Accurate passes %</b> (reliable in possession)</p> <p><b>Average pass length</b> (relatively short; wins possession and transfers ball to more creative players)</p>	<p><b>Progressive passes per 90 + Accurate progressive passes %</b> (ball progression ability)</p> <p><b>Progressive runs per 90</b> (capable ball carrier)</p> <p><b>xA per 90</b> (chance-creation ability)</p> <p><b>Shots per 90</b> (not a core competency but enough volume to suggest they aren't shot shy)</p>	<p><b>Received passes per 90</b> (high volume suggests trusted outlet)</p> <p><b>Progressive passes per 90 + Accurate progressive passes %</b> (ball progression ability)</p> <p><b>Accurate long passes %</b> (passing range)</p> <p><b>Interceptions</b> (reading play early)</p>	<p><b>Defensive duels per 90 + Defensive duels won %</b> (defensive contribution; success rate points to ability)</p> <p><b>Progressive runs per 90</b> (capable ball carrier)</p> <p><b>Touches in box per 90</b> (above average for position; penalty area presence)</p> <p><b>Shots per 90</b> (above average for position)</p>



# Wide Players

	<b>Full-Back</b>	<b>Wing-Back</b>	<b>Classic Winger</b>	<b>Inverted Winger</b>
<b>What do they do →</b>	Provide width in deeper zones, support buildup with overlapping runs, defend wide channels, block crosses and recover possession.	Hybrid role: provide width and depth, high involvement in final third and recovery runs. Key outlet in systems with three CBs.	Stretch the opposition horizontally, create width, deliver crosses, isolate in 1v1s, and provide assists or secondary assists.	Start wide, cut inside onto dominant foot, combine with overlapping FB, and shoot or create from central channels or half-spaces.
<b>Metrics that matter →</b>	<p><b>Defensive duels per 90 + Defensive duels won %</b> (active defensively; competitive)</p> <p><b>Interceptions per 90</b> (reading play early)</p> <p><b>Crosses per 90 + Accurate crosses %</b> (above-average volume + success rate; advances to provide attacking threat)</p>	<p><b>Interceptions per 90</b> (reading play early)</p> <p><b>Progressive runs per 90</b> (capable ball carrier)</p> <p><b>Crosses per 90 + Accurate crosses %</b> (above-average volume + success rate; advances to provide attacking threat)</p> <p><b>Shot assists per 90</b> (creates chances)</p>	<p><b>Dribbles per 90 + Successful dribbles %</b> (takes on and beats opponents)</p> <p><b>Progressive runs per 90</b> (capable ball carrier)</p> <p><b>Crosses per 90 + Accurate crosses %</b> (above-average volume + success rate suggests classic winger profile)</p> <p><b>Shot assists per 90</b> (creates chances)</p>	<p><b>Shots per 90</b> (generates a good volume of shots)</p> <p><b>xG per 90</b> (above average filters out long-range volume padders)</p> <p><b>Progressive runs per 90</b> (attacks space with ball at feet)</p> <p><b>Shot assists per 90</b> (create chances)</p> <p><b>xA per 90</b> (average and above to capture quality)</p>



# Forwards

	<b>Playmaker #10</b>	<b>Target Man #9</b>	<b>Poacher</b>	<b>Pressing Forward</b>
<b>What do they do →</b>	Drop into pockets between midfield and defence, dictate attacking tempo, assist final actions, and support both flanks and strikers.	Occupy central defenders, hold up play, win aerial duels, lay off for onrushing teammates, and finish inside the box.	Operate on the last line, exploit spaces behind the defence, focus on finishing chances in the box with minimal touches.	Lead the defensive phase from the front, apply constant pressure to defenders and GK, force errors in build-up.
<b>Metrics that matter →</b>	<p><b>Progressive passes per 90 + Accurate progressive passes %</b> (ball progression ability)</p> <p><b>Deep completions per 90</b> (links play deep in opposition territory)</p> <p><b>Shot assists per 90</b> (create chances)</p> <p><b>xA per 90</b> (of above-average quality)</p> <p><b>Shots per 90</b> (sufficient volume to suggest they aren't shot shy)</p>	<p><b>Received long passes per 90</b> (outlet for team)</p> <p><b>Won aerial duels %</b> (competitive in the air)</p> <p><b>Fouls suffered per 90</b> (shields ball and draws fouls)</p> <p><b>Passes to final third per 90</b> (receives and links play)</p> <p><b>xG per 90</b> (offers goal-scoring threat)</p>	<p><b>Touches in box per 90</b> (high volume; penalty box presence)</p> <p><b>Received passes per 90</b> (below average; runs stretch defence but not always found; most on-ball activity in and around area)</p> <p><b>xG per 90</b> (gets into good positions)</p> <p><b>Non-penalty goals per 90</b> (and scores at an acceptable rate)</p> <p><b>Goal conversion %</b> (shot volume may not be all that high, but finishes well)</p>	<p><b>Defensive duels per 90</b> (well above-average for position)</p> <p><b>Pressing duels per 90</b> (harries opposition defence)</p> <p><b>Interceptions</b> (reading play early)</p> <p><b>Shots per 90</b> (not just a hard-worker; provides some attacking output, too)</p> <p><b>Progressive runs per 90</b> (capable of transitioning team forward after winning the ball)</p>



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