NOTE: Include links to data

THREAD – Statistical profile of Harry Maguire vs CB’s from the TOP 6 of PL. Minimum 1000 Minutes played.

<insert maguire image>

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1. Ground and Aerial defensive qualities.
2. Passing qualities.
3. Player development.
4. Other statistics
5. Conclusion.

Lets begin.

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PART 1 - DEFENDING

Ground defending. Ground duels won vs won %.

Maguire doesn’t engage often in ground duels, and his success rate when doing so is average.

Van djik engages often, and has high success rate when doing so.

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Aerial defending.

Engages pretty often (but still short of van djik) in Aerial duels. Highest success rate when doing so.

His strongest attribute.

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Fouls made is a little bit concerning, but should reduce with more skilled individuals around him.

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PART 2 – PASSING

Instead of comparing accurate passes, accurate passes in opposition half is a better statistic to gauge the:

* Passing ability
* Composure
* Vision

of the player.

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Maguire plays a fair number of passes into the opposition half, although his passing accuracy is not upto the mark. This is probably down to #LCFC’s counterattacking, low possession approach. (in contrast to #MCFC’s and #CFC’s players)

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Maguire is much more likely to play offensive passes. This statistic would improve with better players around him + role in a possession-based team offers more outlets. Would also reduce the strain on midfield players to pick the ball up.

Laporte is just as likely to play an offensive pass than a normal pass.

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Maguire has a tendency to play Key Passes too. David Luiz with his long diagonals tops the chart.

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PART 3 – PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Analyze how player traits progressed over years.

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Duel winning Trait.

Clear indication of improving duels won p90 over the years, with increasing success rate. Note the difference between 18/19 and 17/18 in duels won p90 is about 0.4p90 (not drastic, but significant)

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Passing ability Trait

Clear and marked improvement. More offensive passes, more success rate. Shows there is a lot more room to grow.

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PART 4 – OTHER STATISTICS

Comparison of Interceptions, Tackles and Clearances. No meaningful conclusions can be draw here. ( Ex Shkodran Mustafi)

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Dribbled past is an interesting (if not slightly ambiguous) statistic. Lower value indicates ability to (quickly)

* Read
* React
* Respond

Vs skillfully opponents. Ex van djik.

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Part 5 - CONCLUSION:

Pros:

* Excellent in the air.
* Provides relief to midfield by playing (successful) offensive passes.
* Potential to grow

Cons:

* Ground duels a bit lacking
* Lack of Pace
* Price

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However, central defense is a two-man job. What Lindelof lacks in aerial prowess, Maguire more than makes up for it. He’s an excellent buy, and don’t let anyone else convince you otherwise. Player price (now) has little to do with player quality.

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Reddit Post:

My personal thoughts:

* Maguire is a bit on the average side when it comes to ground duels. Doesn’t engage often, and success rate is low when he does.
* Aerial duels are his main strength. Highest success rate + good number of aerial duels won.
* Although more likely to attempt an offensive pass than any of our current CBs, accuracy leaves something to be desired. However, this could easily improve with better players + more possession-based system.
* Would provide an excellent link between defense and midfield.
* Year-on-Year improvement in defensive and passing abilities, showing lots of room to improve.
* Compliments Lindelof well. Makes up for lack of pace and ground defense, something which Lindelof has, with superior aerial ability + excellent passing range.

All data at :