

- 1) My shortlist of players to satisfy Nashville SC's requirement for a winger are the following (double-checked through transfermarkt whether they have experience in the position previously or currently):
 - a) Carles Gil, NE Revolution (can be used as a right winger)
 - b) Albert Rusnák, Real Salt Lake (can be used anywhere across the front line, currently a free agent)
 - c) Robin Lod, Minnesota United (can also be used anywhere across the front line)
 - d) Samuel Grandsir, LA Galaxy (can play on either flank)
 - e) Mauricio Pereyra, Orlando City SC (has prior experience in this position)
- 2) For Carles Gil, he fits the profile almost to a tee, as he is expected to produce a high number of goals and assists per game, has great creativity in the final third (through his final third and progressive passing numbers), and is very good with the ball at his feet (successful dribbles and miscontrols). Mauricio Pereyra has great attacking threat through his passing as well as set piece ability. Rusnák has a similar attacking threat while also being tidy in possession (very few miscontrols). Robin Lod has great attacking output in both expected goals and assists per game as well as being a great chance creator through his dribbles while still being tidy in possession (few miscontrols). Samuel Grandsir is an excellent dribbler and crosser of the ball (high crosses completed into the box, successful dribbles, progressive carries, nutmegs). I am confident in my analysis as I have chosen the players based on whether their statistics rank them in the top 10% of players in each category measured in the division (while being in the top 75% of minutes played).
- 3) All the players in this shortlist are not among the top 90% defensively, and are more attack-minded players based on statistical analysis. Gil often takes inefficient shots (low non-penalty expected goals per shot). Rusnák is not among the best dribblers in the league, nor is he the best chance creator in open play. Lod is not the most effective crosser of a ball and does not create enough chances outside of dribbling. Grandsir's end product has room to improve (low goals + assists AND low expected goals + assists) and potentially decision making in the final third as well (low non-penalty xG/shot). Pereyra is not the most prolific dribbler or finisher. I am confident in my analysis because the players selected have statistics that make them representative of the best in the noted categories in the league.
- 4) Gil would be a great candidate as a 10 or as a RW in a 4-2-3-1 system. Rusnák would be perfect as a second striker in a 5-3-2 or anywhere across the 3 in a 4-2-3-1. Lod can do a job in center mid if a 5-3-2 is used, however he is best used in the left side of the three for a 4-2-3-1. Pereyra would best be utilized as the right side of the three in the 5-3-2. Grandsir would be used best as a RW.