

An aerial, top-down view of a large, circular stadium. The stadium's seating tiers are visible, radiating from the center. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. In the center of the stadium, the text "GAME INTELLIGENCE: PASSING OPPORTUNITIES & EXECUTION" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom center, the "SKILLCORNER" logo is displayed in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

**GAME INTELLIGENCE:  
PASSING OPPORTUNITIES & EXECUTION**

**SKILLCORNER**

## GAME INTELLIGENCE

**Traditional football data provides information about on-the-ball events and outcomes.  
But on average a player is only on the ball for 3 minutes per game.**

**How can we evaluate the other 97% of a player's contribution, at scale?**

Our new Game Intelligence product takes football insight to the next level, by merging event and tracking data to evaluate the intelligence and effectiveness of key football concepts such as:

- A player's off-the-ball movement
- Their on-ball decision making and passing risk/reward profile
- Their ability to execute when under pressure from opponents

## PASSING OPPORTUNITIES & EXECUTION

Using Game Intelligence you can build up a picture of key concepts such as:

- The volume of passing opportunities a player has when in possession
- The type of off-ball runs a player has the opportunity to pass to
- Passing attempt and completion ratios, to different types of run
- A player's ability to recognise and serve dangerous runs
- The run types that individual players excel at serving
- Synergies between players making runs and players serving passes to them

**All of this insight is available from more than 75 global leagues and competitions over multiple seasons, helping you to make faster, better, scouting and recruitment decisions.**

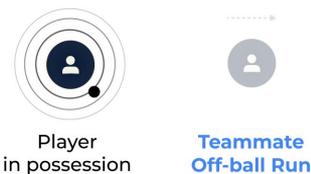
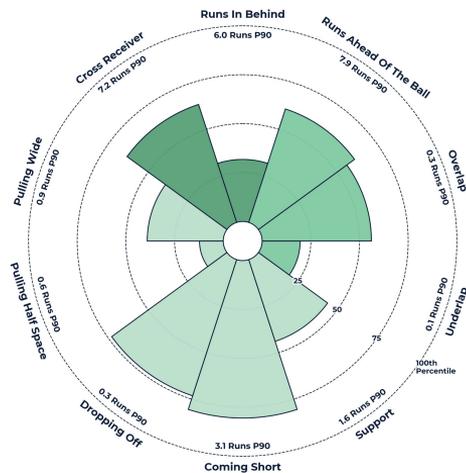
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**PASSING OPPORTUNITIES,  
ATTEMPTS & COMPLETIONS**

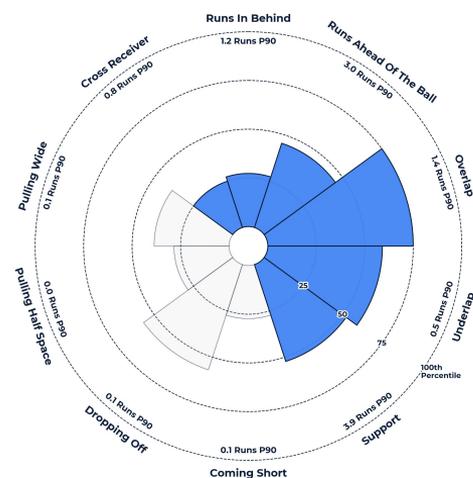
# Understanding the runs a player can pass to when in possession of the ball.



Runs a player makes when a teammate has the ball

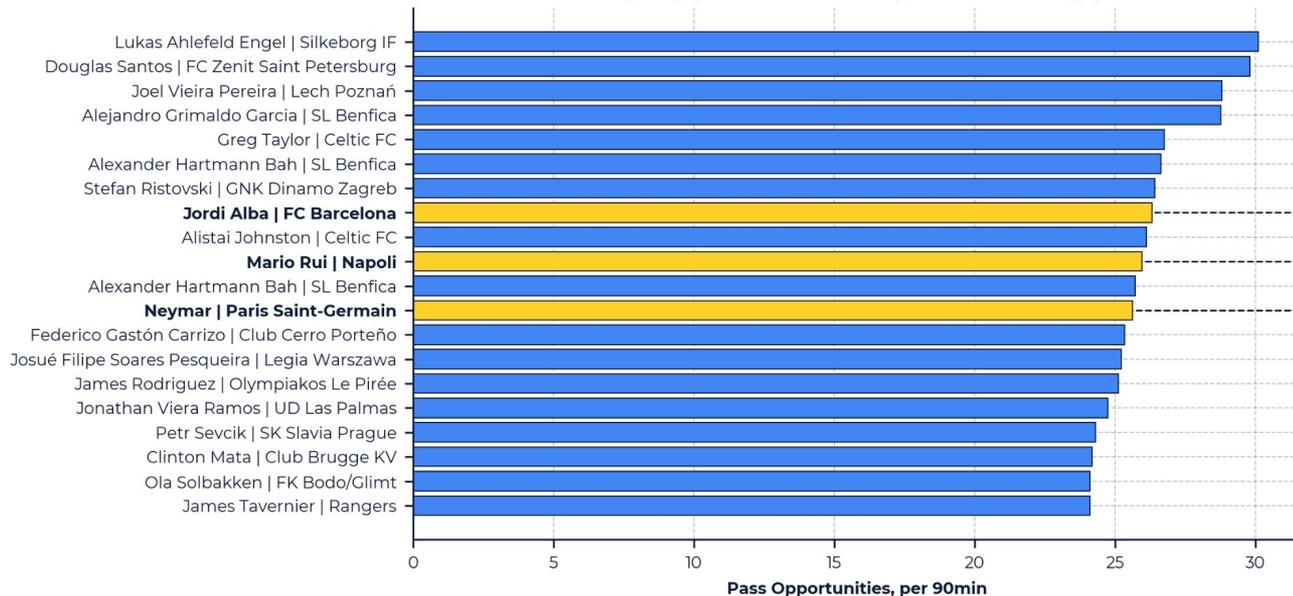


Runs teammates make when a player has the ball



# Pass Opportunity rankings highlight players across 43 leagues (out of 75+ that we cover), with only three “big 5” team players in the top 20.

## Passing Opportunities Top 20 Ranking | 22/23



### INSIGHT

Across leagues, ball-possession will vary and offer high-possession teams and players more passing opportunities.

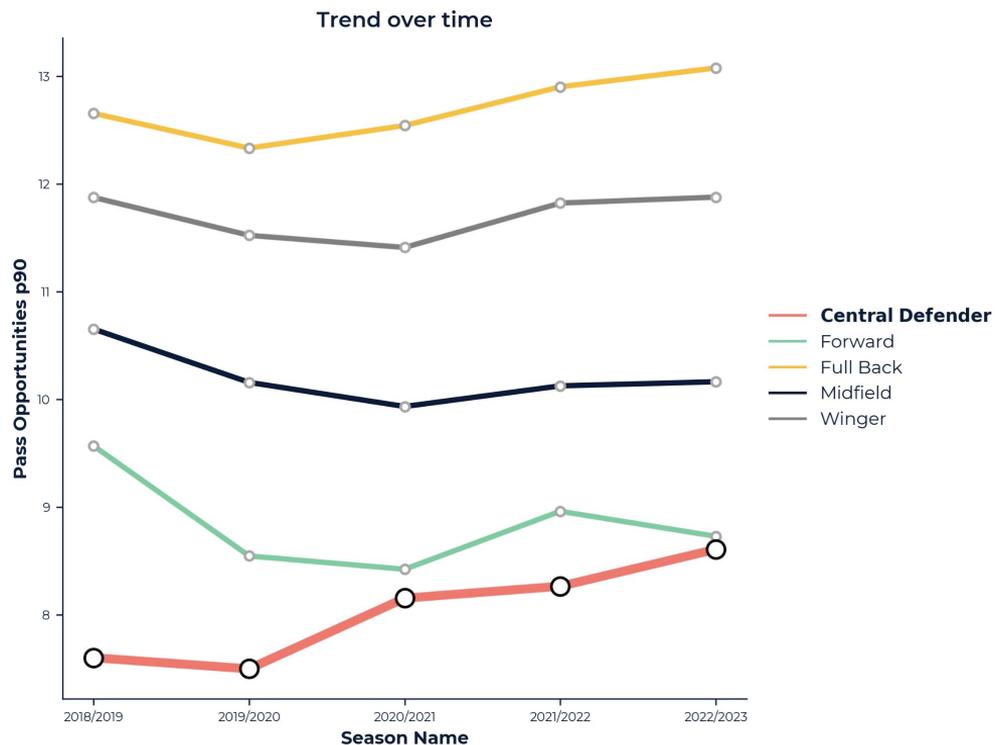
Seasons: 2022 & 2022/23

Leagues: 43

Matches: at least 8

Minutes: at least 60 minutes avg

## Full-Backs and Wingers receive the most passing opportunities.



### INSIGHT

Wingers and Full-Backs need more support from runs to get the ball out of wider areas.

Seasons: 2018/19-2022/23  
Leagues: 37 (only leagues with August-May season)  
All positions

# Identifying the distribution of runs offered for each position group.



## INSIGHT

Identifying key sequences:

1/ Coming-Short runs for defensive players.

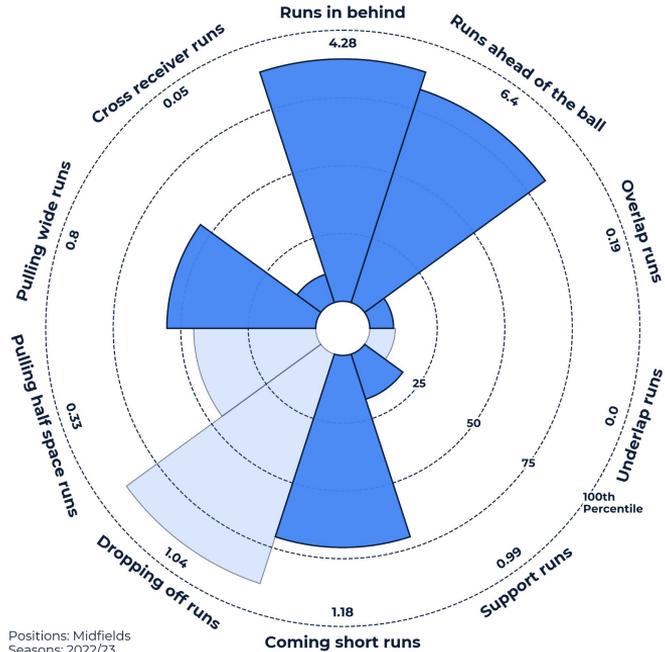
2/ Transition play with Ahead of the Ball and Support Runs for midfielders.

3/ In-Behind and Cross Receiver runs for wingers and forwards.

Analysed run-pass opportunities: **4.4m**  
 Seasons: **2018/2019 - 2022/2023**  
 Competitions: **32**  
 Players in sample: **12k**  
 Minimum of **8 matches of at least 60 minutes**

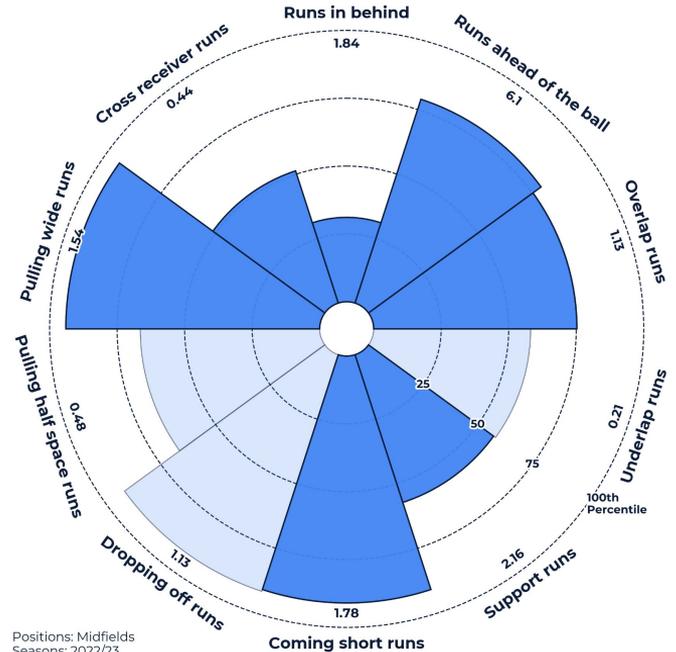
# Barcelona's direct play style offers Sergio Busquets more Runs Ahead and In Behind, while Declan Rice gets more Wide and Coming Short options.

Sergio Busquets | FCB  
Pass Opportunities



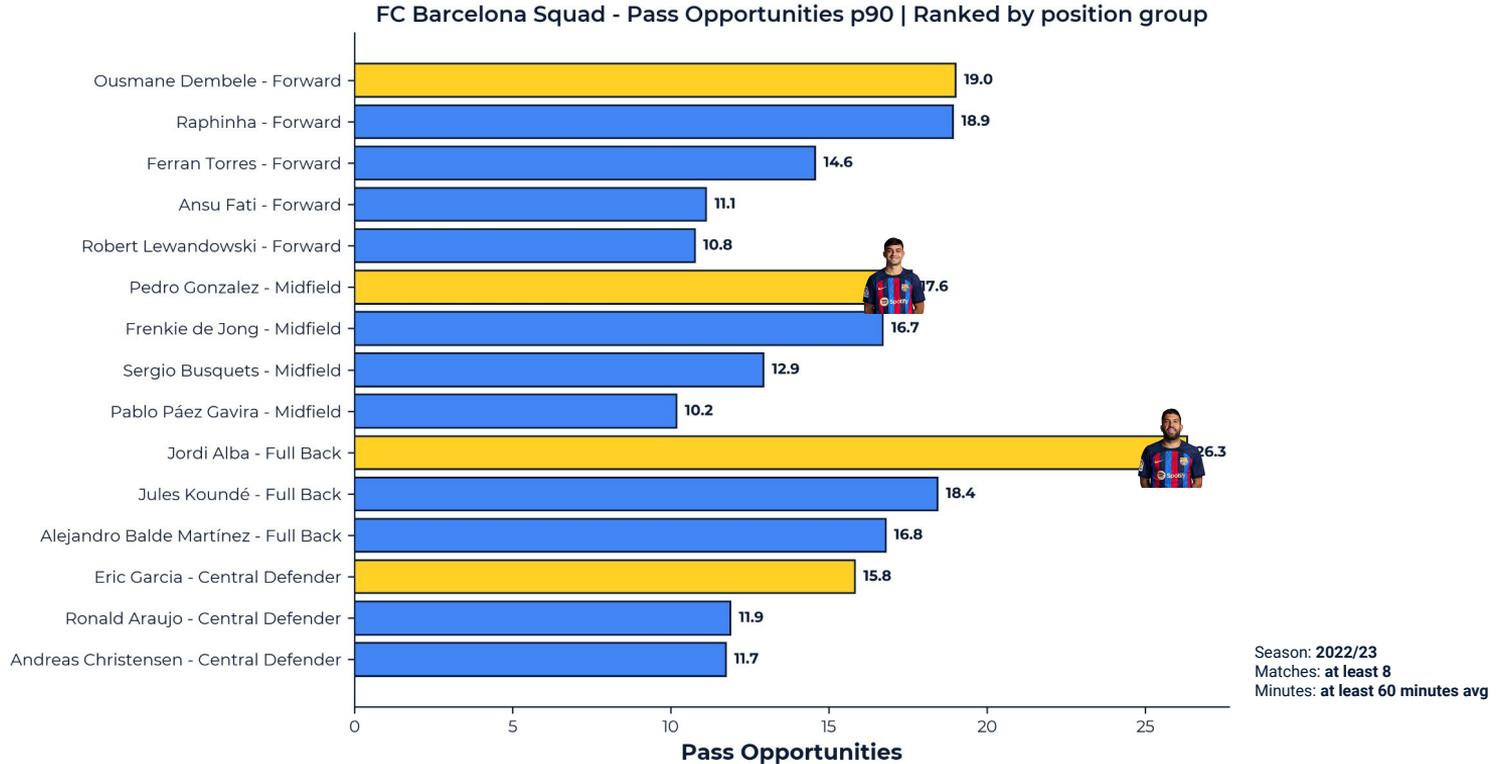
Positions: Midfields  
Seasons: 2022/23  
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Declan Rice | WHU  
Pass Opportunities

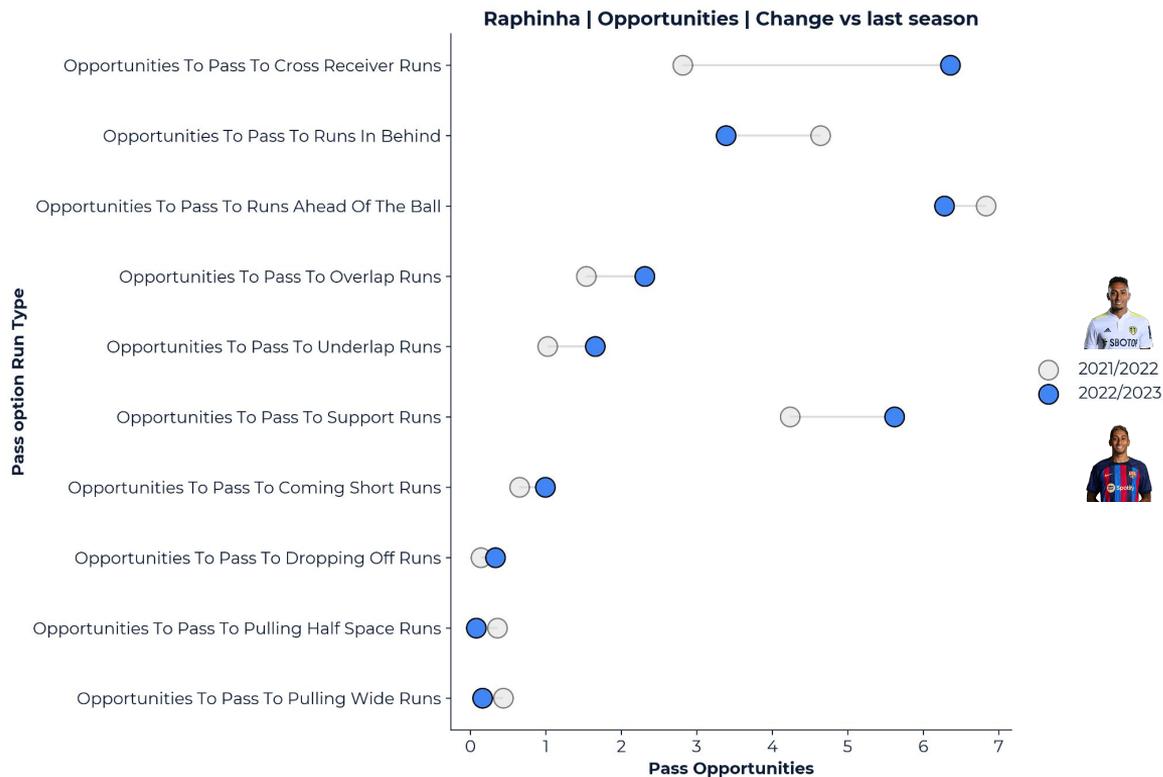


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# At Barcelona, Jordi Alba sets his teammates in motion, while midfield-possession runs are triggered most by Pedri.



# Raphinha's move to Barcelona gave him more opportunities to serve passes to runs, especially with target man Lewandowski.



Season: 2022/23  
Matches: At least 8  
Minutes: at least 60 minutes avg

## Kevin de Bruyne takes risks, whereas Toni Kroos waits for the perfect moment to target off ball runs.



**Kevin de Bruyne**



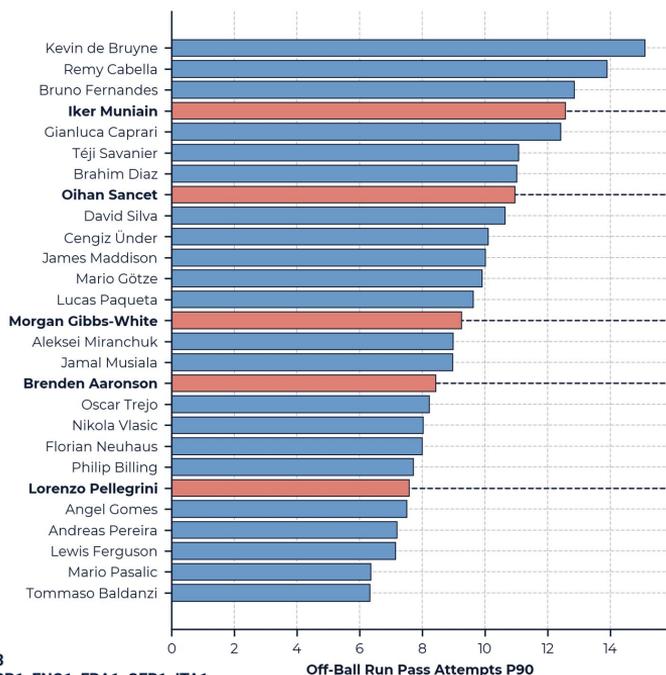
**Toni Kroos**



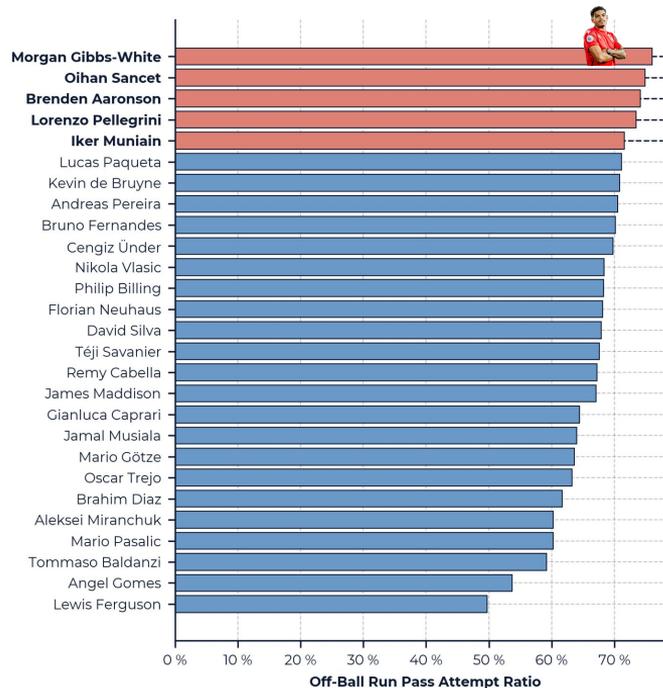
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Competitions: ESP1, ENG1, FRA1, GER1, ITA1  
Minimum of 8 matches of at least 60 minutes

# Morgan Gibbs-White has the highest pass attempts to off-ball runs ratio among attacking midfielders in Europe.

## Number of Pass Attempts

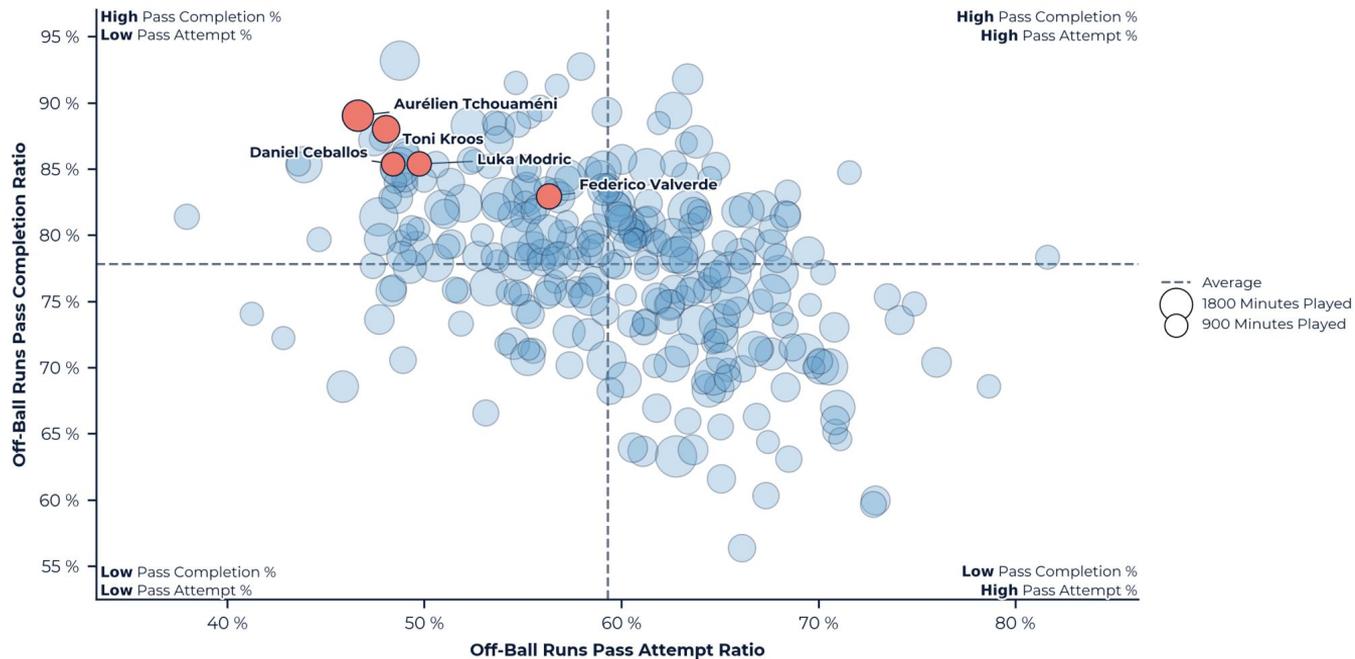


## Pass Attempt Ratio



Season: 2022/23  
 Competitions: ESP1, ENG1, FRA1, GER1, ITA1  
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# Real Madrid's midfield is conservative when targeting off-ball runs but has a high pass completion rate.

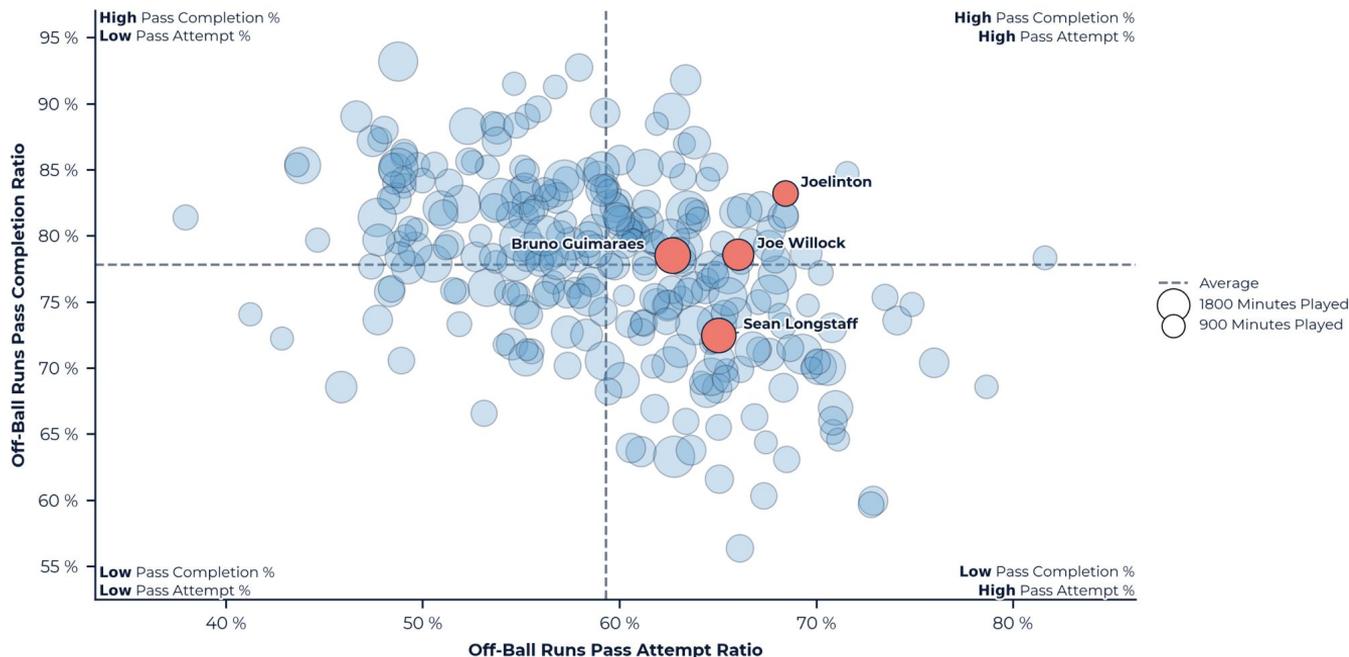


## INSIGHT

Real Madrid players are generally conservative, waiting for the perfect moment to pass.

Season: 2022/23  
Competitions: ESP1, ENG1, FRA1, GER1, ITA1  
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# Newcastle United's midfielders are all above average for pass attempt ratio, indicating a direct playing style.

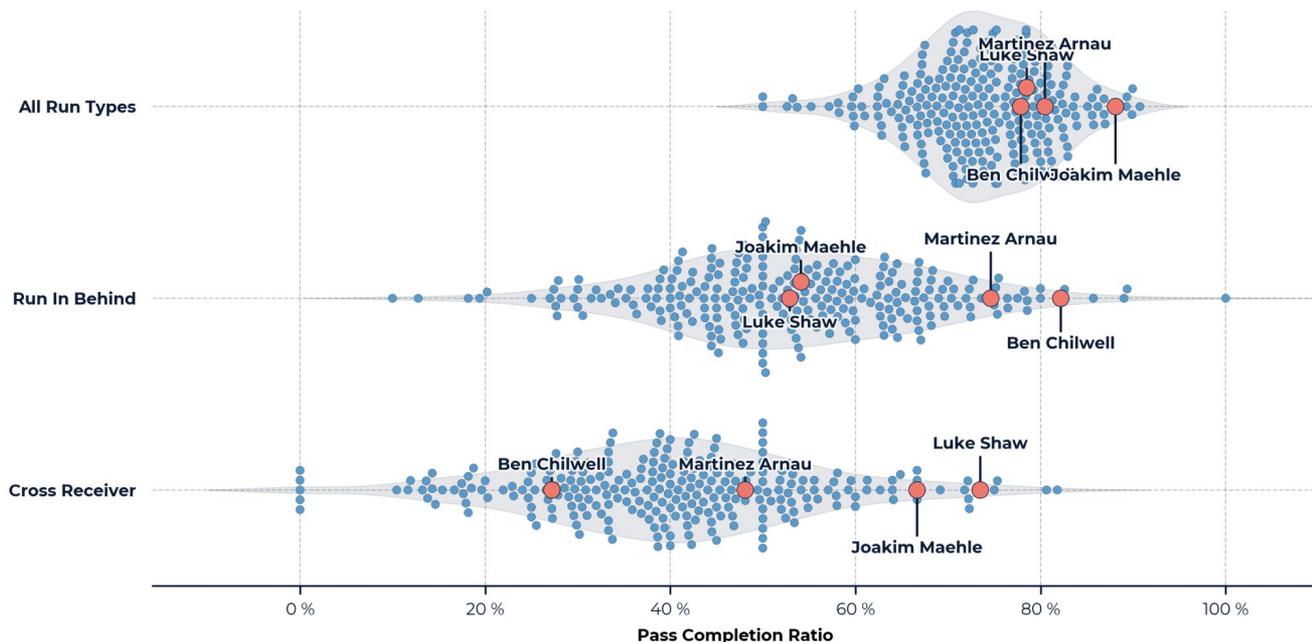


## INSIGHT

Newcastle have aggressive passers that all regularly look to target runners.

Season: 2022/23  
Competitions: ESP1, ENG1, FRA1, GER1, ITA1  
Minimum of 8 matches of at least 60 minutes

# We can identify run types that players excel at serving. Arnau and Maelhe challenge EPL full-backs as Run in Behind and Cross Receiver specialists.



## INSIGHT

Breaking down by run types reveals player performance varies from run type to run type.

Maehle & Shaw rank high for completion % for cross receiver runs but average to runs in behind.

Season: 2022/23  
Competitions: ESP1, ENG1, FRA1, GER1, ITA1  
Minimum of 8 matches of at least 60 minutes

## Frimpong recognizes threat and is more likely to attempt passes to Dangerous Run opportunities

### All Off-Ball Runs

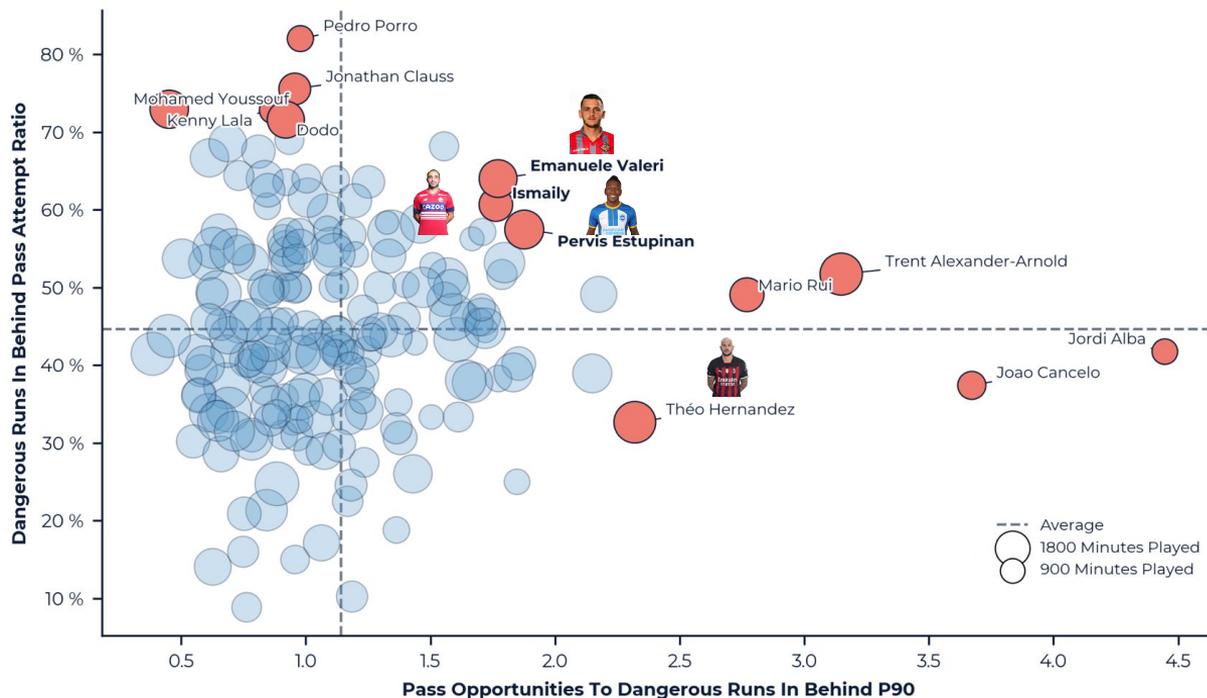


### Dangerous Off-Ball Runs



Season: 2022/23  
Competitions: ESP1, ENG1, FRA1, GER1, ITA1  
Minimum of 8 matches of at least 60 minutes

## Using opportunities and run-types, we can identify players like Ismaily or Valeri would fit teams making a high volume of Runs in Behind.



### INSIGHT

Valeri, Ismaily and Estupinan have above average attempt ratios to Dangerous Runs in Behind.

Théo Hernandez has many opportunities to pass to Runs in Behind but a lower attempt ratio.

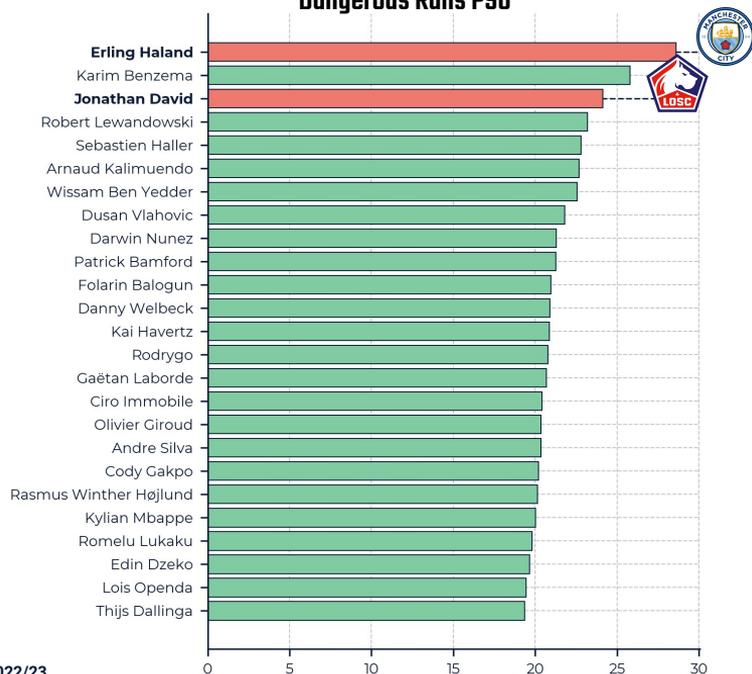
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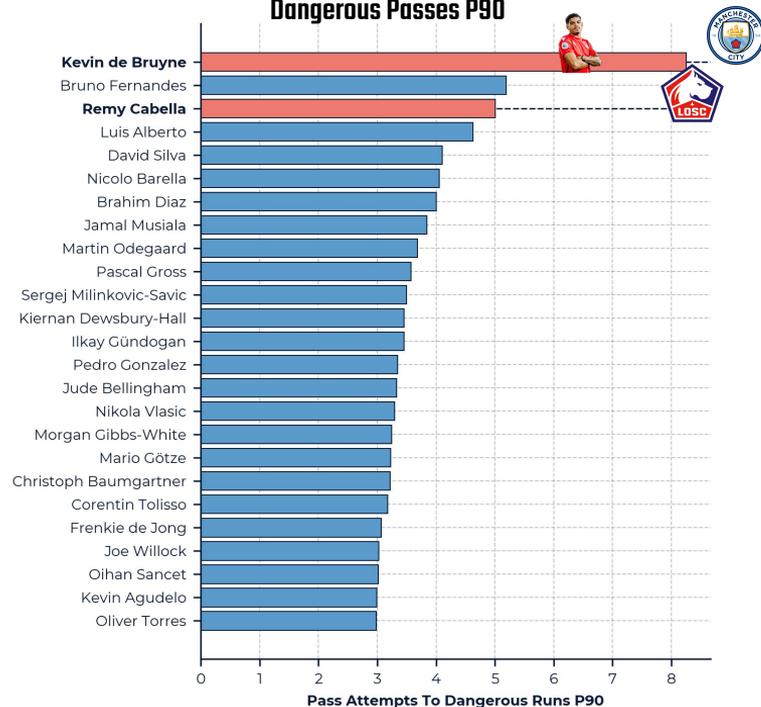
**OFF-BALL RUN &  
PASSING SYNERGIES**

# Combining Off-Ball Run and Passing metrics reveals effective attacking partnerships.

## Top Forwards for Dangerous Runs P90



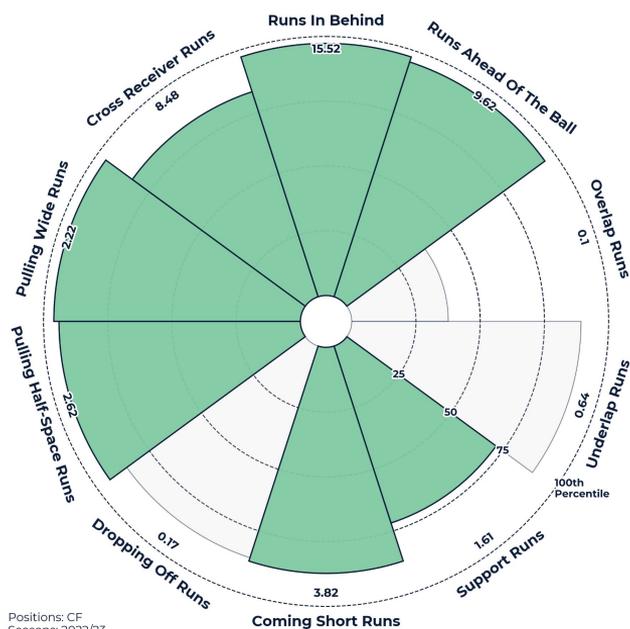
## Top Midfielders for Dangerous Passes P90



Season: 2022/23  
 Competitions: ESP1, ENG1, FRA1, GER1, ITA1  
 Minimum of 15 matches of at least 60 minutes

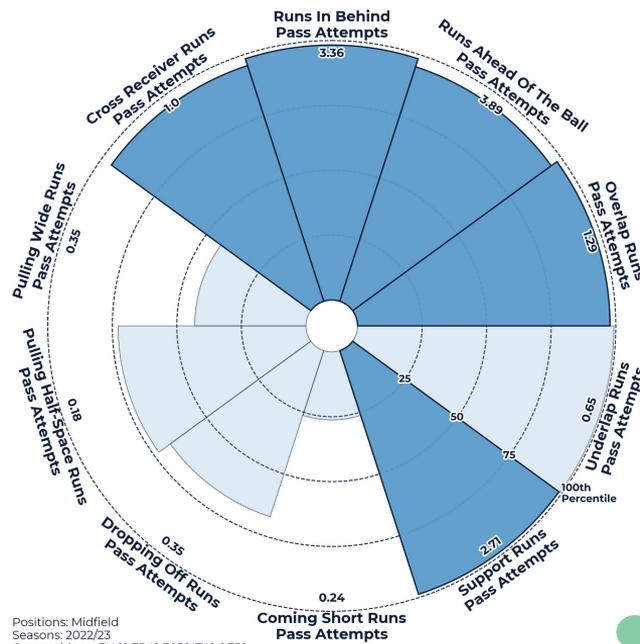
# Rémy Cabella is able to support Jonathan David's variety of different off-ball run types.

Jonathan David | LOSC Lille | CF



Positions: CF  
 Seasons: 2022/23  
 Competitions: ENGL,FRA1,ESP1,ITA1,GER1  
 Minimum of 8 matches of at least 60 minutes

Remy Cabella | LOSC Lille | Midfield



Positions: Midfield  
 Seasons: 2022/23  
 Competitions: ENGL,FRA1,ESP1,ITA1,GER1  
 Minimum of 8 matches of at least 60 minutes

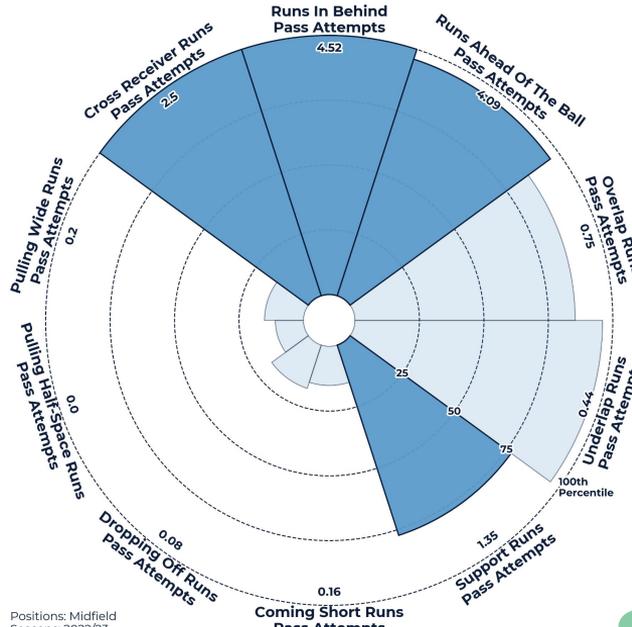
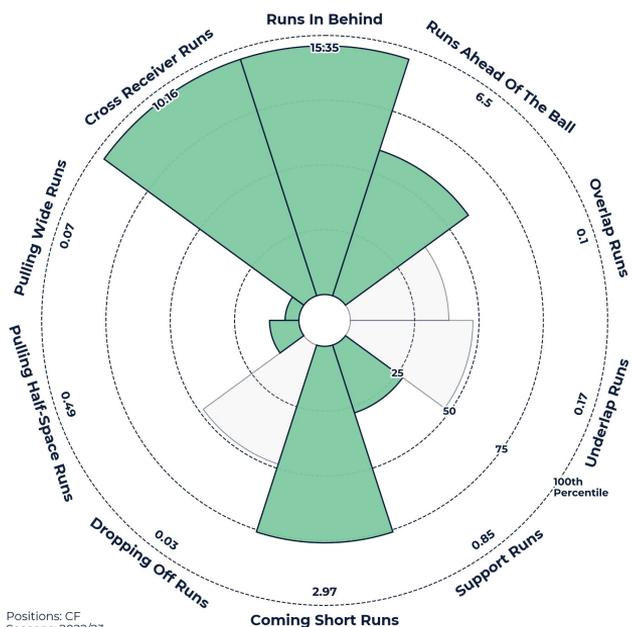
"I hope he will win us matches because he is a great player.  
 I will try to put him in good positions, that's my role."  
**Rémy Cabella**  
 29/04/2023

- Run Type Relevant For Position/Player
- Pass Type Relevant For Position/Player

# Erling Haaland makes the direct run types that Kevin De Bruyne heavily focuses on targeting.

Erling Haaland | Manchester City | CF

Kevin de Bruyne | Manchester City | Midfield



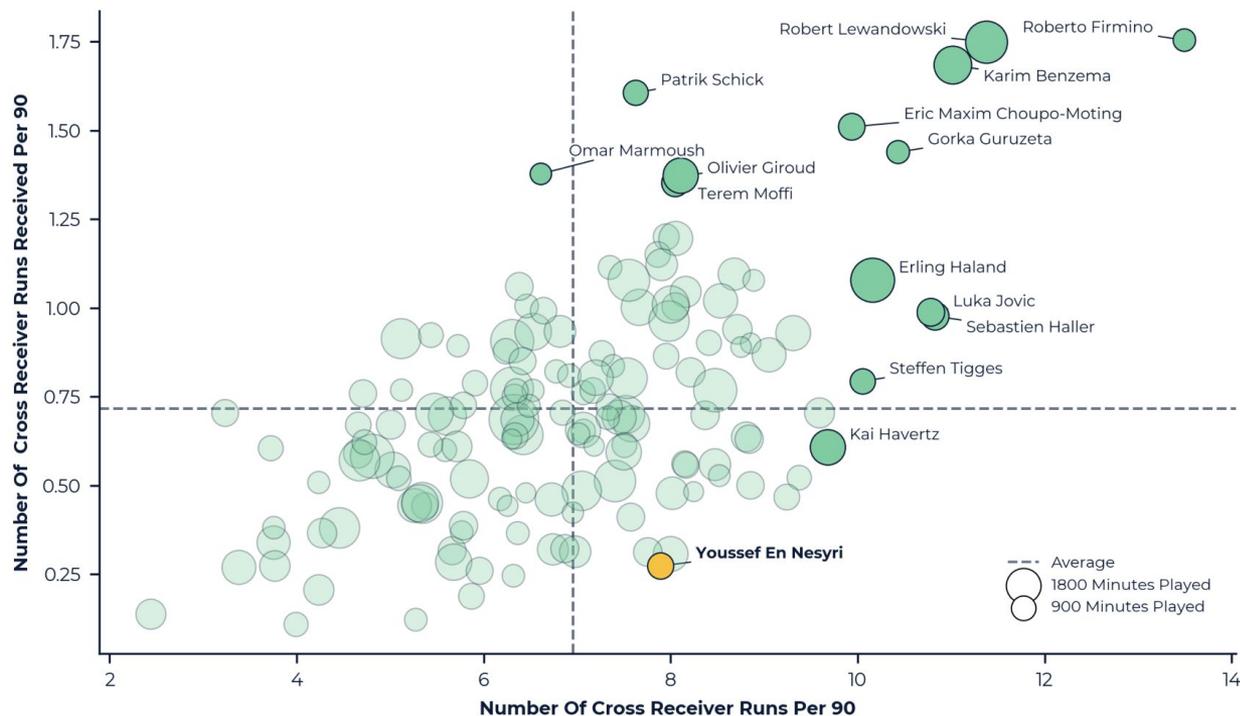
"I think Kevin needs the runners to do his biggest quality. Erling needs an assist player to make his positive runs...they have a special connection and you can see this."  
**Pep Guardiola**  
 17/04/2023

Positions: CF  
 Seasons: 2022/23  
 Competitions: ENGL,FRA,ESP,ITA,GERI  
 Minimum of 8 matches of at least 60 minutes

Positions: Midfield  
 Seasons: 2022/23  
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## Despite making 8 cross receiver runs per 90 minutes, Youssef En-Nesyri is unlikely to receive the ball.



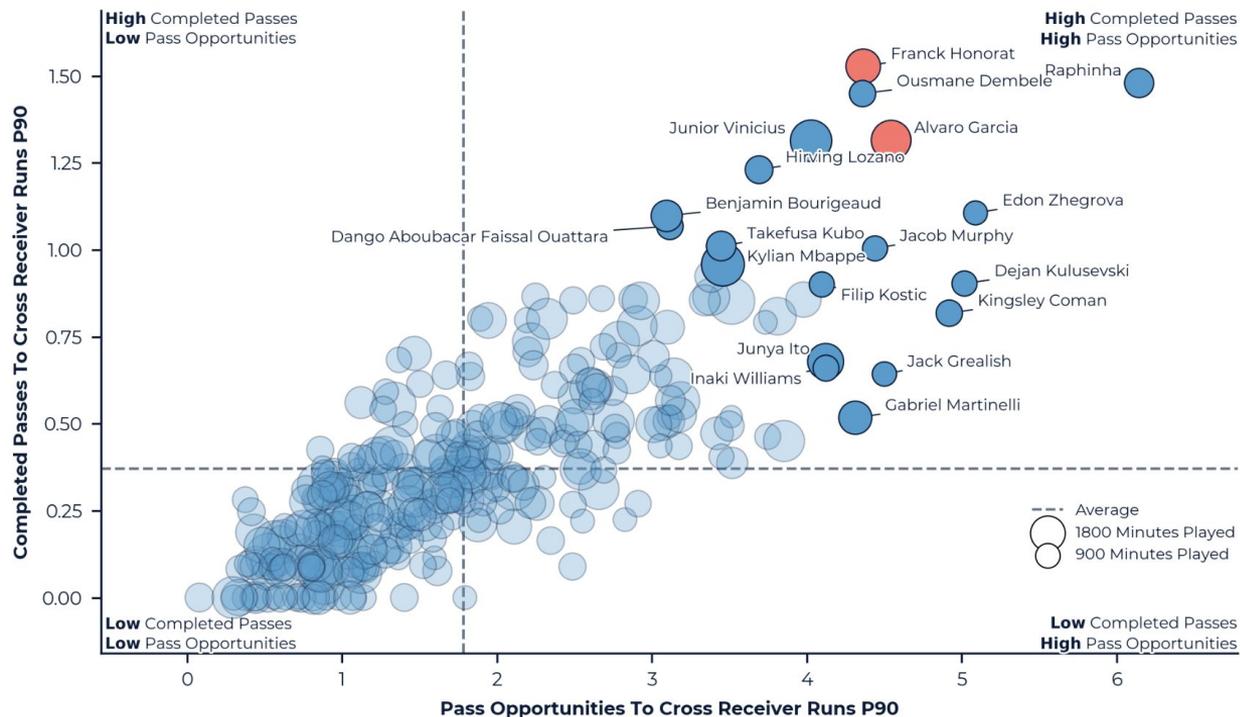
### INSIGHT

From 8 cross receiver runs Schick, Giroud & Moffi successfully receive the ball at least once per 90 minutes.

With a similar total number of cross receiver runs En-Nesyri only receives the ball 0.25 times P90.

Season: 2022/23  
Competitions: ESP1, ENG1, FRA1, GER1, ITA1  
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# Franck Honorat & Álvaro García show elite ability to serve Cross-Receiver runs.



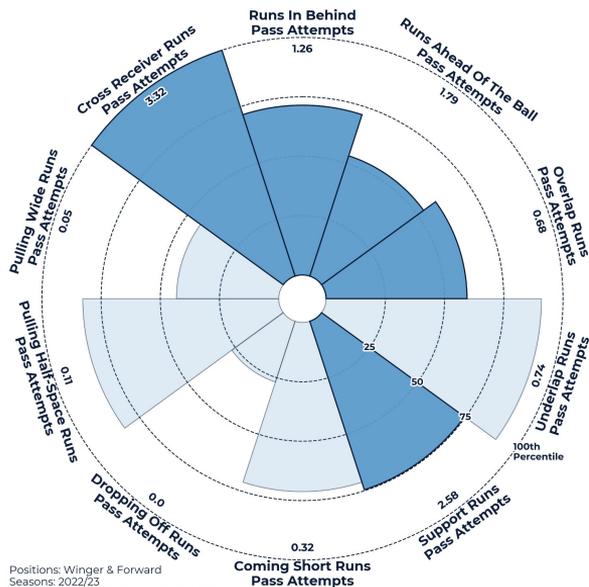
## INSIGHT

Honorat & Garcia rank amongst elite wide players for ability to serve cross receiver runs.

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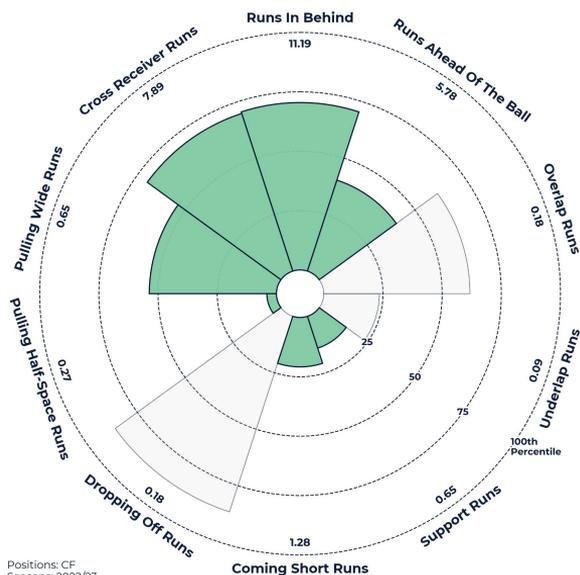
# Both García & Honorat would be high attempt-ratio passers to En-Nesyri's Off-Ball Run profile.

Franck Honorat | Stade Brestois 29 | Winger



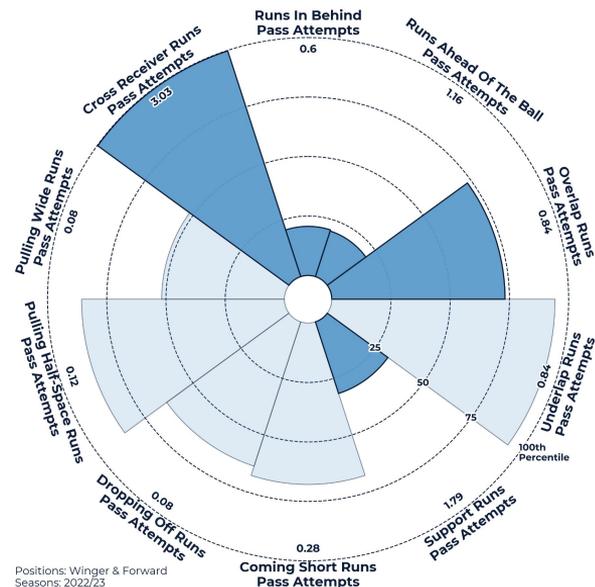
Positions: Winger & Forward  
Seasons: 2022/23  
Competitions: ENGL,FRA,ESP,ITA,GER1  
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Youssef En Nesyri | Sevilla FC | CF



Positions: CF  
Seasons: 2022/23  
Competitions: ENGL,FRA,ESP,ITA,GER1  
Minimum of 8 matches of at least 60 minutes

Alvaro Garcia | Rayo Vallecano | Winger



Positions: Winger & Forward  
Seasons: 2022/23  
Competitions: ENGL,FRA,ESP,ITA,GER1  
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- Run Type Relevant For Position/Player
- Pass Type Relevant For Position/Player

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**This is just a snapshot of the insight Game Intelligence can provide across  
75+ global leagues and competitions.**

In addition to passing execution, Game Intelligence can also help you to evaluate and benchmark a player's **off-ball runs** and their ability to **execute when under pressure** from opponents.

We'd be delighted to talk to you about how Game Intelligence could add value to your scouting and recruitment decision-making.

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