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Scouting Report

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Client: illustrative example

PLAYER DETAILS

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PLAYER Rui Fernandes	CLUB SC Ponte	POSITION Central midfielder
NATIONALITY Portuguese	DATE OF BIRTH 14-03-2007	AGE 19
HEIGHT 178	WEIGHT 70	PREFERRED FOOT Right
CONTRACT UNTIL June 2027	PREVIOUS CLUB Club academy graduate	MARKET VALUE —

THE MATCH OBSERVED

COMPETITION Braga District — Divisão de Honra	MATCH AND SCORE SC Ponte 2-1 GD Sande	MATCH DATE 07-09-2026
MINUTES OBSERVED 90	TEAM FORMATION 4-3-3	ROLE IN THE FORMATION Right-sided central midfielder, free to drift wide

CONTEXT THAT HELPS READ THE ASSESSMENT

> SC Ponte controlled possession (around 60%) against a side that sat in a low block. He was rarely pressed — **which limits any assessment of his decision-making under pressure**, and is the main reason to recommend a second viewing. Good pitch, no wind.

ATTRIBUTE ASSESSMENT

TECHNICAL

Control and first touch	7/10
Short passing	8/10
Long passing	7/10
Finishing	4/10
1v1 / dribbling	5/10
Aerial ability	n/o

TACTICAL

Game reading	8/10
Positioning	7/10
Off-the-ball movement	6/10
Defensive cover	7/10
Def.→att. transition	7/10
Att.→def. transition	5/10

PHYSICAL

Pace	6/10
Stamina	5/10
Strength and duels	6/10
Agility	6/10

MENTAL

Concentration	6/10
Response to mistakes	8/10
Communication	7/10
Discipline	8/10

19 of 20 attributes assessed in this match. The remaining one is marked **n/o** — it did not show in the match observed. Not a low score: it is what was not seen, and we do not invent it.

ANALYSIS BY PHASE OF PLAY

In possession

Scans before receiving and opens his first touch forward. Prefers the progressive short pass over the safe one — on 14' and 63' he found the winger between full-back and centre-back, first time. He has the long switch (38', 40 m), but almost always looks to the same side. In the final third he rushes the shot instead of building.

Out of possession

Closes the inside passing lane and recovers on a diagonal rather than chasing the ball. On 71' he cut out a counter-attack by reading it alone, without fouling. He is not aggressive in the direct duel — he wins by anticipation, not by strength.

Transitions

Good in the defence-to-attack transition: looks for the vertical pass immediately instead of holding. Going the other way the physical limit shows — from the 75th minute he stops tracking the second wave, and that is where the goal conceded (86') came from.

Set pieces

Not an option on attacking corners or free kicks. Zonal at the near post on defensive corners, positionally disciplined. No meaningful aerial duels.

STRENGTHS

Vision and passing between the lines — min 14, 38, 63

He lifts his head before receiving. On 14' and 63' he found the winger between full-back and centre-back with a first-time pass; on 38' he switched play with a 40 m ball.

Plays out under pressure — min 22, 51

Won two duels coming out of his own box, body between ball and opponent. He did not clear it long on either occasion — he played his way out both times.

Defensive reading without the ball — min 9, 34, 71

Anticipates rather than chases. On 71' he cut out a counter-attack on positioning alone. It is the most mature attribute he has for his age.

AREAS TO IMPROVE

Physical drop in the last fifteen minutes — min 78, 86

Lost two balls in dangerous areas by not tracking the second wave; the goal conceded on 86' comes from that. It is conditioning — fixable with work, but today it is a real limitation.

Shooting from outside the box — min 27, 55, 69

Three attempts, none on target. He strikes without a firm base and with his body leaning back. He rushes the shot when he should keep building.

Predictable long passing — —

He almost always looks to the right channel. Against a side that studies the game, he is easy to condition.

CONCLUSION

CURRENT LEVEL

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

What he is worth today, in the tier he plays in.

POTENTIAL

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

How far he can go. In a mature player it converges with the current level.

RECOMMENDATION — Recommend | **With reservations** | Do not recommend

Closing remarks

Worth a second viewing, away and against stronger opposition — this match did not allow us to assess decision-making under pressure, which is where it is decided whether he can step up a level.

He fits a possession side with a medium-high block, where reading the game compensates for the lack of explosiveness. **He does not fit** a fast transition game or a two-man midfield.

In one sentence for the coach: an intelligent midfielder who can pass, twenty minutes of legs short of genuinely starting at this level. *(Demonstration: fictional player and match.)*

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