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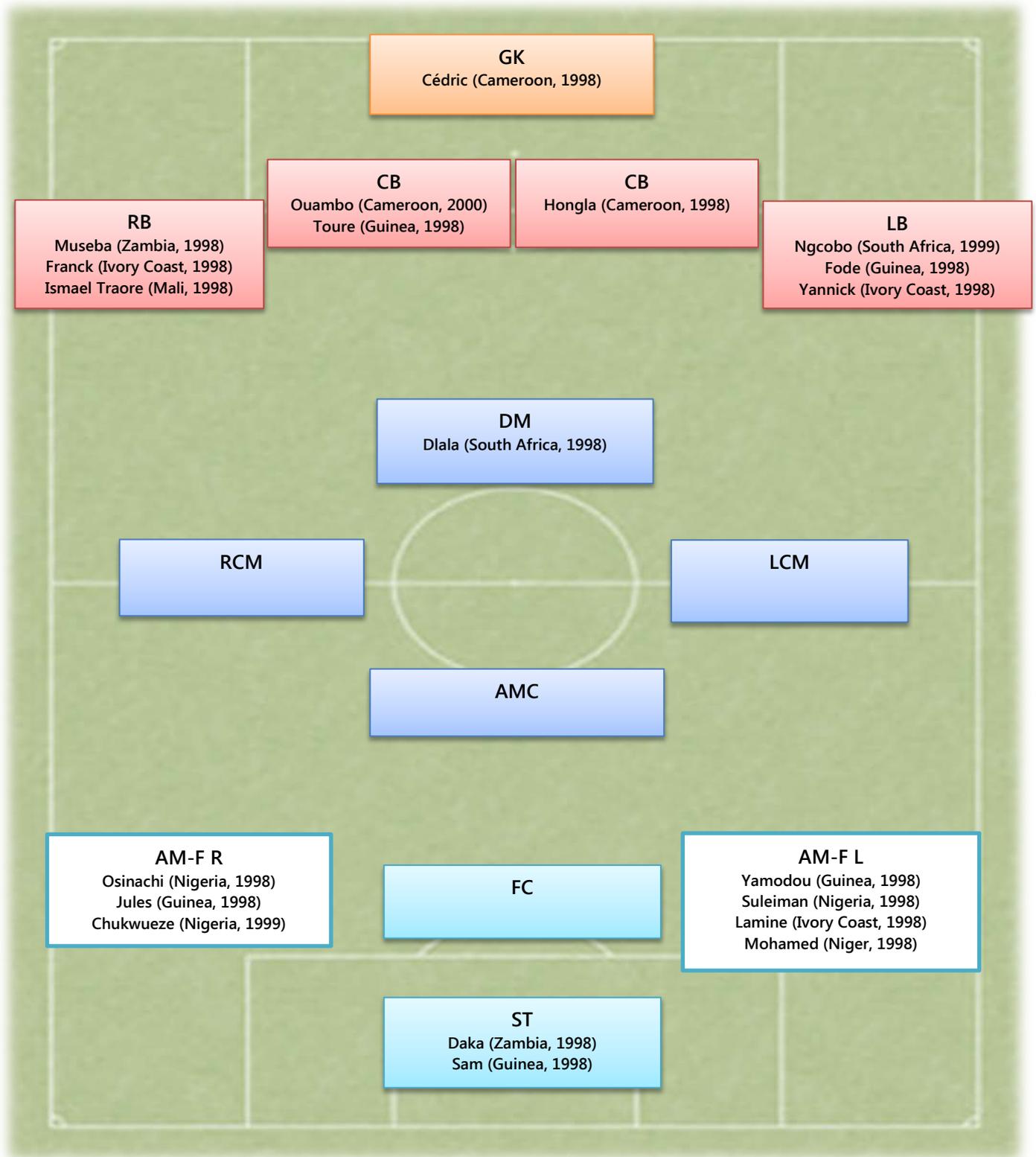
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PLAYED: *February 2015*
 TEAMS: *8 teams take part in the qualifying group stage divided into two groups of 4. The group winners and runners-up advance to the semi-finals.*
 SCOPE: *Africa*
 SQUAD RULES: *Each nation must select a max of 21 players who were born on or after 1 January 1998 and hold the nationality of its country.*
 DATES PLAYED: *From 15-02-2015 to 01-03-2015*

BEST XI



HOT PROSPECTS



BEST XI



“MPOTO”

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Mondli MPOTO
Date of Birth	24-07-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	South Africa
Height* Weight	1,83m*76Kg
Preferred Position	Goalkeeper
Other(s)	-
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Supersport / South Africa / U17

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Mpoto arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most regular players currently competing in Supersport's under-17s where he has the change to develop as a football player. One of the most talented goalkeepers at the Pretoria's club the 16-year-old is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the youth ranks. Perhaps keeping his hard-work he will have his chance at South Africa's Premier Soccer League.

After Tournament

Mpoto was a good unit for South Africa that was only stopped on the final of this African U-17 Championship, by Champions Mali. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Nigeria on the semi-finals and Mali on the final.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Mpoto played as a goalkeeper with always 4 defenders ahead of him.
- ✓ He stood out as a determined player with good concentration and positioning, good mindset to cover the spaces behind his defence and to exit the goal, and also with good agility, 1v1 technique and reflexes.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Goalkeeper with a reasonable height and reasonable body mass ratio that can and needs to build more muscle.
- ✓ Very good agility and coordination with good pace at all distances.
- ✓ Good jumping.
- ✓ Good ability to change pace.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation.
- ✓ Good rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Reasonably good leadership skills he seemed to be a quiet but determined person.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: The team plays with him mainly when they are under pressure, but he can still improve his positioning and movements to offer a more valid line of pass. He revealed a reasonably good first touch, especially with space, and he also seemed comfortable playing without pressure, revealing a reasonably good pass quality at all distances. Although he doesn't fear the opponents' pressure he struggled a bit in those situations and he can still improve his technique and composure to solve faster and better those situations. Average pass quality for long distances, he can still improve that aspect.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Concentrated goalkeeper well positioned between the posts and with very good reflexes and agility. He revealed a reasonably good handling and deflect technique that he can still improve to become more reliable. Reasonably good command of the area, with average communication, but he has already good trajectories reading and technique when he has to leave the goal, although he can still improve it when he leaves to a group of players. Good 1v1 technique he denied two Mali's goals in the final and against Nigeria on the semi-finals. Good mentality to exit the goal to clear a loose ball behind his defence, and, although he can still improve the communication in those situations, he revealed some reasonably good timings in that exits. Needs however, to improve his decision making and foot skills when he leaves the goal.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He is focused and also has a reasonably good positioning preparing a possible ball in the back of the defence. Reasonably good pace at all distances that turns him already into a reasonably good sweeper goalkeeper.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He always tried to launch the team's counter-attack but he can still improve his reading of the game and decision making to understand better when he can do it or not. Nevertheless he revealed a reasonably good quality especially with his kick.

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): He was usually well positioned outside the 18-yard area.
- ✓ (Defending): He was usually well positioned between the posts.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Mpoto was one of the best players of South African and one of the best goalkeepers of this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

Mpoto gaining a few inches and working hard to improve his game can become a good player for a club competing in a top African League.

BEST XI



“FROSLER”

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Reeve Peter FROSLER
Date of Birth	11-01-1998 (17)
Nation(s)	South Africa
Height* Weight	1,74m*68Kg
Preferred Position	Right-back
Other(s)	Right Winger
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Bidwest Wits / South Africa / U19

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Frosler arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most regular players currently competing in Bidwest's under-19s where he has the change to develop as a football player. Also, as the club is affiliated with the University of Witwatersrand he also has the opportunity to improve his future with a college degree. One of the most talented players at the Braamfontein suburb's club the 17-year-old is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the youth ranks. Perhaps keeping his hard-work he will have his chance at the club's first team currently competing at the ABSA Premiership.

After Tournament

Frosler was a good unit for South Africa that was only stopped on the final of this African U-17 Championship, by Champions Mali. Although he only started to play as a right-back on the last match of the group stage against Cameroon he delivered some reasonably good performances in the last three matches. He was also present in the first match of the group stage against Ivory Coast but in that match he was used as a right-winger.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Frosler played as a right winger or as a right-back in a 4-2-1-3, 4-3-3 or 4-4-2 diamond formation, but he brought more positive things to his team as a right-back.
- ✓ He stood out as an attacking-minded player, with good forward runs timings, good technique, good cross and reasonably good decision making and reading of the game. Although he struggled a bit against Aly Malle from Mali he seemed to be a reliable defender also.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Player with a reasonably good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels. Good use of the body also.
- ✓ Very good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances.
- ✓ Reasonably good jumping and mindset for the air duels.
- ✓ Good ability to change pace he is not an easy player to overcome in this aspect.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation.
- ✓ Aggressive player with a very good rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Reasonably good leadership skills he seemed to be a quiet but determined person.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Attacking-minded full-back that offered width and depth to the team. He went forward mainly without the ball, and near the touchline, and usually with good timings understanding reasonably well the best moment to go forward (there is still margin for improvements). With the ball he played it simple to the nearest teammate, usually with one-two combinations, but he also revealed an aggressive dribble that created some difficulties against Mali. Most of the times he played collective with his teammates and assisting the ones better positioned, revealing a reasonably good pass quality at all distances, and he also presented a good cross that brought danger to his opponents.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Aggressive player with a reasonably good understanding of the tackling timings and average of 1v2 situations. Good player in 1v1 situations, he has a good pace and agility, and a reasonably good strength and 1v1 defensive technique so he may only be vulnerable to a very fast and skilful player (Aly Malle from Mali created him some problems throughout the final). He is concentrated and reads the game well but he still needs to work on his positioning to be at the right time in the right spot. Good depth coverage with good pace at all distances. Good jumping but reasonable header.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball with good aggressive attitude, and good recovery of his position.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone. Most of the times he chooses to offer a safe line of pass to his teammates.

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): He was usually positioned in the midfield for the defensive equilibrium.
- ✓ (Defending): He was usually on the wall or on the post in the corners.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Frosler was a very good player for South Africa at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

Frosler improving his game may become a good/important player for a club competing in a good European League.

BEST XI



“MUKUMELA”

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Thendo MUKUMELA
Date of Birth	30-01-1998 (17)
Nation(s)	South Africa
Height* Weight	1,85m*80Kg
Preferred Position	Centre-back
Other(s)	Defensive Midfielder
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Sundowns Academy / South Africa / U17

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Mukumela arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most regular players currently competing in Sundowns' under-17s where he has the change to develop as a football player. One of the most talented centre-backs at the Pretoria's club the 17-year-old is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the youth ranks. After joining the club from Young Chiefs, perhaps keeping his hard-work he will have his chance at South Africa's Premier Soccer League.

After Tournament

Mukumela was a solid unit for South Africa that was only stopped on the final of this African U-17 Championship, by Champions Mali. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Mali on the group stage. Leading the South African defence throughout the tournament he was rewarded as one of the best defenders of the competition. However, he was also used as a defensive midfielder in the match against Nigeria, revealing his good potential for both positions. Keeping his hard-work and determination he will surely will be closer to fulfil his dream of playing for the Bafana Bafana.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Mukumela played mainly as a right centre-back in a tactical formation with 4 defenders, but he also appeared as a defensive midfielder against Nigeria.
- ✓ He revealed himself as a reliable defender with good jumping and header, reasonably good concentration and reading of the game and also because his reasonably good body use.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Tall player with a reasonably good body mass ratio and a reasonably good body use that feels comfortable in the physical duels.
- ✓ Reasonably good agility, coordination and pace at all distances.
- ✓ Good jumping with very good mindset for the aerial duels.
- ✓ Reasonable change of pace, he may experience some difficulties against very fast players.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation.
- ✓ Aggressive player with very good rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Reasonably good leadership skills, he seems to be a determined person.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Centre-back with reasonable coordination and technique. He doesn't fear the pressure from the opposing forwards but he usually plays it simple and fast to the nearest teammate in order to avoid it. With space he tries to read the game well to deliver a good follow-up and throughout the tournament he revealed a reasonably good pass quality at all distances. Several times he tried some long passes to his forward teammates and, despite he can still improve the consistency of those passes, he brought danger a couple of times. Reasonably weak reading of inner lines of pass he needs to improve it to become more useful to his team. Some inconsistencies in his concentration were detected so he may sometimes miss some simple passes.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Aggressive player usually in a smart way, although he can still improve his tackling timings. Reasonably good in the 1v1 situations he adds a good aggressive attitude, strength and agility to a reasonably good pace and 1v1 defensive technique, so he is not an easy player to overcome in a duel, but he may experience some difficulties against a skilful player. He anticipates the opponents' movements reasonably well, but he can still improve his positioning and concentration as sometimes he seems a bit overconfident in his actions. Good depth coverage with good pace at all distances, he may struggle a bit in the short ones and against very fast forwards. Good jumping and header.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball, with good reading and aggressive attitude, and with reasonable positioning that still has margin for improvements.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone, but under pressure he felt some difficulties to play it fast and well.

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): He was usually inside the 18-yard box for the possible header.
- ✓ (Defending): He was usually man marking inside the 18-yard area.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Mukumela was an important player for South Africa at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

If Mukumela remains focused in his path and works hard he can become a good player for a club competing in a top African League.

BEST XI



"FOFANA"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Mamadou FOFANA
Date of Birth	21-01-1998 (17)
Nation(s)	Mali
Height* Weight	1,85m*81Kg
Preferred Position	Centre-back
Other(s)	-
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Stade Malien de Bamako / Mali / U19

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Fofana arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most regular players currently competing in Stade Malien's under-19s where he has the change to develop as a football player and play against older players. One of the most hard-working players at Bamako's club the 17-year-old is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the youth ranks. Perhaps keeping his hard-work he will have his chance at Malien Première Division.

After Tournament

Fofana was a good unit for Mali that conquered this African U-17 Championship against South Africa in the final. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against South Africa on the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Fofana played as a left centre-back in a tactical formation with 4 defenders.
- ✓ He stood out as a determined player reasonably comfortable with the ball, with good reading of the game, good jumping and header and also because his good aggressive attitude.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Player with a good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels and, most of the times, imposes his presence throughout the field.
- ✓ Reasonably good agility and coordination, with reasonably good pace at all distances.
- ✓ Good jumping with very good mindset for the aerial duels.
- ✓ Reasonable ability to change pace he may find some difficulties against very fast and skilful players.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with a good reading of the game and anticipation.
- ✓ Aggressive player with a very good rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Reasonably good leadership skills he seemed to be a quiet but determined person.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Centre-back reasonably comfortable with the ball, with reasonable coordination and reasonably good technique. He doesn't fear the pressure from the opposing forwards but he usually plays it simple and fast to the nearest teammate in order to avoid it. However, he can still improve in those situations to read and decide from his options faster and better. Reasonably good pass quality at all distances he reads his forward teammates and sometimes tries to assist them in the depth. Reasonably weak reading of the inner lines of pass he only tries that type of passes when he has a lot of space and time to do them. Some inconsistencies in his concentration were detected so he may sometimes miss some simple passes.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Aggressive player but usually in a smart way, understanding in general the tackling timings. He has some agility problems and with his reasonable 1v1 defensive technique he is a bit vulnerable to skilful players with good rotation movements, even though he knows how to use his body to gain advantage. He is concentrated all the time and with his reasonably good positioning he can anticipate the opponent's movements fairly well. Because of that and his good aggressive attitude he is able to clear much of the opponents' offensive game. Reasonably good depth coverage with reasonably good pace at medium/long distances, but he may struggle a bit on the short ones. Good jumping and header.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball with reasonably good reading and positioning. He is among the first trying to recover the ball.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone, but he may struggle a bit under heavy pressure playing it out of play.

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): He was usually inside the 18-yard box to a possible header.
- ✓ (Defending): He was usually zonal marking inside the 18-yard area.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Fofana was a very good unit for Champions Mali at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

If Fofana remains focused in his path and works hard he can become a good player for a club competing in a top African League.

BEST XI



"ABBAS"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	ABBAS Usman
Date of Birth	10-07-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Nigeria
Height* Weight	1,73m*71Kg
Preferred Position	Left-back
Other(s)	-
Foot	Left
Current Club / Country / League	FC Heart Academy / Nigeria / -

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Abbas arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most regular players currently competing in FC Heart Academy where he has the change to develop as a football player and play against older players. One of the most hard-working players at the club, the 16-year-old is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the youth ranks. Perhaps keeping his hard-work he will have his chance at Nigeria Premier League.

After Tournament

Abbas was a good unit for Nigeria that was only stopped on the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship, by runner-up South Africa. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against South Africa on the final, but unfortunately his good game was not enough to help his team reach the title.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Abbas played as a left-back in a 4-2-1-3 or classic 4-4-2 tactical formation.
- ✓ He stood out as an attacking-minded and determined player with a reasonably good cross, good forward runs timings, strong pace and also with a good aggressive attitude.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Short player with a reasonably good body mass ratio and strength that can still build more muscle.
- ✓ Very good agility and coordination with strong pace at all distances.
- ✓ Reasonably good jumping with average mindset for the aerial duels.
- ✓ Very good ability to change pace.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with good anticipation and reading of the game.
- ✓ Aggressive player with good rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Average leadership skills he seemed to be a quiet but determined person.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Attacking-minded full-back that offers width and depth to the team constantly throughout the match. He went forward with and without the ball with good timings and always looking for the overlap, revealing good coordination with the left winger. However, he always seemed more comfortable playing near the touchline so it was quite rare to see him in inner positions. With the ball he tried one-two combinations, but in deep positions he felt some difficulties against aggressive players because he needs a bit of time to read his options and decide. Very good timings in his off-the-ball movements he made a couple of overlaps that brought danger to the opponents and in the final third he was capable of creating danger with quick crosses. Reasonably good cross that can still be improved.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Aggressive player with reasonably good tackling timings and understanding of 1v2 situations, with margin for improvements. Reasonably good player in 1v1 situations, he has good pace, agility and 1v1 defensive so he is not an easy player to overcome on these situations. He is concentrated and reads the game reasonably well and in general he revealed a reasonably good positioning, that still has margin for improvements. Good depth coverage with strong pace at all distances. Reasonably good jumping but reasonable header he is not a tall player either.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball with good aggressive attitude. He recovers well his position and is usually among the first trying to recover possession.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone. Most of the times he also gave the team a safe line of pass instead of an aggressive one.

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): He was usually in the midfield for the defensive equilibrium.
- ✓ (Defending): He was usually on the wall on the free-kicks, or on the near post in the corners.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Abbas was a very good unit for Nigeria at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

Abbas working hard to improve can become a good player for a club competing a top African League.

BEST XI



“NWAKALI”

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Kelechi NWAKALI
Date of Birth	05-06-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Nigeria
Height* Weight	1,85m*79Kg
Preferred Position	Defensive Midfielder
Other(s)	Centre Midfielder
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	ASJ Academy / Nigeria / -

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Nwakali arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most talented players currently competing in ASJ Academy where he has the change to develop as a football player and play against older players. One of the most gifted players at the Academy the 16-year-old is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the youth ranks, possibly following the steps of his elder brothers Chidiobere Nwakali and Kelechi Iheanacho. Coach Emmanuel Amuneke has described his captain of the Golden Eaglets as another gift from God to Nigeria.

After Tournament

Nwakali was one of the best Nigerian units at this African U-17 Championship, and his team was only stopped on the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship, by runner-up South Africa. He was present in every match that his team played in the tournament, as a starter, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Zambia on the group stage. The talented midfielder tried to lead his team all the way and is currently being rumoured for a possible move abroad. Just after two games in Group A, the Emmanuel Amuneke Academy product caught the eye of a number of high profile teams, and it appears The Citizens are in the driving seat for his signature. Manchester City have already opened a line of communication with Kelechi Nwakali's camp regarding the offer of a preliminary contract.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Nwakali played mainly as a defensive midfielder in a 4-2-1-3 or in a classic 4-4-2 tactical formation.
- ✓ He stood out because of his good height and body mass ratio, good reading of the game and decision making, and also because of his good pass quality at all distances. Good direct free-kick taker.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Player with a good height and body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels and imposes his physical presence throughout the match.
- ✓ Reasonably good agility, coordination and pace at all distances.
- ✓ Good jumping and mindset for the aerial duels.
- ✓ Reasonably good change of pace, but he may have some difficulties against fast players.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with very good reading of the game and anticipation.
- ✓ Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Good leadership skills, he seems to be a determined person. Team captain.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: He tried to receive the ball facing the game and he revealed some reasonably good off-the-ball movements to do it so, but he can still improve to appear in the right time at the right spot facing the game. With no pressure he executed well showing good reading of the game and good pass quality at all distances, trying a couple of times the long pass to switch flanks and with good quality. Reasonably good reading of inner lines of pass, if he has space he can easily assist a teammate in those positions. Under pressure he struggled a bit because he needs to read faster and better his options and needs also to improve also his anticipation to prepare better the possible opponents' pressure. Also he tried to dribble his way out of the pressure zone a couple of times, but despite his reasonably good technique, he lost possession leading to dangerous counters, especially against Guinea. Good shot from medium range he scored a cracker against Zambia on the final match of the group stage.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: He was most of the times concentrated, anticipating the opponents' movements well, and because of that he was able to clear much of the opponent's offensive game. Reads the game and understands reasonably well what to do and when to do it, showing a reasonably good positioning but he can still improve the tactical notions of covers and equilibriums. Aggressive player with good determination in the defensive duels, he can bring positive things to his team with well-timed pressures, but he can still improve the 1v1 defensive technique to become a more reliable player in these situations as he seemed a bit fragile because of that. Good jumping and header, he is also a tall player.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball he was usually among the first to press the opponents. Reasonably good positioning and reading of the game he brought positive things especially against Guinea.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decided well the transition and played it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone, but with his good reading of the game and pass quality at all distances he is capable of launching his teammates in the depth as he did against South Africa.

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): Set pieces taker he revealed a reasonable cross that can still be improved. Good direct free-kick taker he scored a brilliant goal against Niger on the first match of this tournament.
- ✓ (Defending): He was usually man marking inside the penalty box.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Nwakali was an important unit for Nigeria and one of the best players overall at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

Nwakali improving his game may become a good/important player for a club competing in a good European League.

BEST XI



“DOUMBIA”

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Idrissa DOUMBIA
Date of Birth	14-04-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Ivory Coast
Height* Weight	1,84m*79Kg
Preferred Position	Centre Midfielder
Other(s)	-
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Anderlecht / Belgium / U17

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Idrissa Doumbia arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most regular players currently competing in Anderlecht where he has the change to develop as a football player. The 16-year-old arrived to this tournament as the only professional player in the Ivory Coast's squad and is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the Belgian club's youth ranks. Perhaps keeping his hard-work he will have his chance at Jupiler Pro League.

After Tournament

Idrissa Doumbia was a very good unit for Ivory Coast that failed to reach the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Cameroon on the first match of the group stage, but he led his team throughout the three matches.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Idrissa Doumbia played mainly as a centre midfielder in a classic 4-4-2 formation.
- ✓ He stood out as a well-built player with very good reading of the game and good decision making, good technique and pass quality at all distances, reasonably good shot and reasonably good off-the-ball movements.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Player with a good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical, imposes a dominant presence on the field and knows how to use his body.
- ✓ Good agility and coordination with good pace at all distances.
- ✓ Reasonably good jumping with a good mindset for the air duels.
- ✓ Reasonably good ability to change pace, so he may struggle a bit against very fast players.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with very good reading of the game and anticipation.
- ✓ Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Reasonably good leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but ambitious person.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Reasonably good off-the-ball movements appearing in the spaces most of the times in the right timing, but mainly as a support option. Player with good vertical movements he tries a lot of one-two combinations to go forward and also appears near and inside the opponents' penalty box to try the long/medium range shot (and it has some quality - good one against Cameroon). He seemed to be a player more comfortable receiving the ball facing the game to think the team's build-up so he received the ball mostly in deep positions near the centre-backs. However, he also appeared in the flanks and sometimes gave a depth line of pass to his teammates with good diagonal movements between the defenders (lovely one against Cameroon for the victorious goal). Under pressure he revealed all his good technique and good use of the body, and was not easy to tackle the ball away from him. However, he can still improve his anticipation to avoid losing possession on dangerous positions because of some missed-timed passes to his teammates. With space he is a dangerous player as he reads the forward options and with his good pass quality at all distances he can easily assist them. Good long pass to switch flanks and a couple of through passes throughout the tournament to his forward teammates.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: He was most of the times concentrated anticipating the opponents' movements reasonably well, and he also reads the game and understands reasonably well what to do and when to do it, but he can still improve these aspects and his positioning a bit more to become a more reliable recover. He has a good physical power, reasonably good aggressive attitude and a reasonably good 1v1 defensive technique, so he is a player that is capable of recovering possession in 1v1 situations. He also needs to perfect his tackling timings to avoid badly timed challenges. Reasonably good jumping and header.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball, he was among the first trying to recover possession, but he can still improve his reading of the game and anticipation, and also his positioning.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone, but with his good pass quality at all distances and good reading of the game he is capable of creating quickly danger with good long/through passes to his forward teammates.

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): He was usually inside the 18-yard-area for the possible finish or outside for the possible rebound.
- ✓ (Defending): He usually was inside the 18-yard area doing a man marking.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Doumbia was an important unit for Ivory Coast and was one of the best centre midfielders at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

If Doumbia remains focused in his path and improves his game he may become a good player for a club competing in the UEFA Europa League.

BEST XI



“KARIM”

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Abdoul KARIM Conte
Date of Birth	25-08-1999 (15)
Nation(s)	Guinea
Height* Weight	1,70m*64Kg
Preferred Position	Central Midfielder
Other(s)	Defensive Midfielder
Foot	Left
Current Club / Country / League	Aspire Academy / Senegal / -

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Karim arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most talented players currently competing in the renowned Aspire Academy where he has the change to develop as a football player. The 15-year-old arrived to this tournament as one of the few players playing abroad his home country and is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the Academy's youth ranks. Perhaps keeping his hard-work he will have his chance at an European Club.

After Tournament

Karim was a very good unit for Guinea that was only stopped on the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship, by Champions Mali, and surely was one of the best players overall. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against throughout the group stage but mainly against Zambia and Nigeria. After the tournament some foreign interest appeared on the talented midfielder and rumours of a possible trial to Real Madrid has been consistent.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Karim played as a centre/defensive midfielder in classic 4-4-2 tactical formation.
- ✓ He stood out as an intelligent player with very good reading of the game and decision making, good pass quality at all distances, good technique and ambidexterity, and also with a good defensive transition.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Player with a reasonably weak body mass ratio that can and needs to improve his strength to be more reliable in the physical duels.
- ✓ Very good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances.
- ✓ Average jumping with a reasonable mindset for the air duels.
- ✓ Good ability to change pace.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with very good reading of the game and anticipation.
- ✓ Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Reasonably good leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but determined person.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: He tried to receive the ball facing the game and he revealed some reasonably good off-the-ball movements and coordination with Soumah to do it so. He seemed to be a player more comfortable receiving the ball facing the game to think the team's build-up so he received it mostly after support movements. Under pressure he played it simple usually to the nearest teammate but revealing good decision making and reading of the game, and also composure in tight spaces with good technique. However, he can still improve his anticipation as he seemed a bit fragile and vulnerable to blind pressure situations. With space he revealed himself as a dangerous player as he offered several options to his team with a long or through pass to a forward teammate that have a large success rate, and quickly create a goalscoring opportunity. He also revealed good reading of inner lines of pass and with his good ambidexterity he has the quality to deliver well-timed passes to the teammates in those positions. He can still improve the tempo's management to become an even better player but he is already decisive for his team on this moment of the game.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: He was most of the times concentrated, anticipating the opponents' movements fairly well, and because of that he was capable of delivering a valid contribution for his team in this moment of the game. In general he understands well what to do and when to do it, showing a reasonably good intelligence in the equilibriums and compensations. Reasonably good aggressive attitude he has a good pace, agility and a reasonably good 1v1 defensive technique, but because he is a bit fragile he struggles a bit to win possession with tackles. Average header he is a short player so he struggles a bit on these situations.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Very good reaction to the loss of the ball, he is the first trying to recover possession, bringing positive things to his team.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone. With his good pass quality and reading of the game he can quickly create danger with good long or through passes to his forward teammates (nice ones against Zambia).

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): He was one of the set pieces taker revealing a reasonably good cross.
- ✓ (Defending): He usually was outside the penalty box for the possible rebound.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Karim was an important unit for Guinea and was one of the best centre midfielders of this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

Karim remaining focused in his path and improving his game can become a good player for a club competing in the UEFA Europa League.

BEST XI



“SOURADJOU”

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	SOURADJOU Alhassane
Date of Birth	01-01-1998 (17)
Nation(s)	Niger
Height* Weight	1,84m*76Kg
Preferred Position	Centre Attacking Midfielder
Other(s)	Centre Midfielder
Foot	Left
Current Club / Country / League	Unista Soccer / Ghana / U19

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Souradjou arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most talented players currently competing in Unista Soccer where he has the change to develop as a football player. The 17-year-old arrived to this tournament as one of the many players playing abroad his home country and is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the club's youth ranks. Perhaps keeping his hard-work he will have his chance at a top African club.

After Tournament

Souradjou was a very good unit for Niger that failed to reach the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Nigeria on the first match of this group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Souradjou played as a centre attacking midfielder or centre midfielder in a 4-2-1-3 tactical formation.
- ✓ He stood out as a player with good reading of the game and reasonably good decision making, reasonably good off-the-ball movements and also because of his good pass quality at all distances.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Player with a reasonable body mass ratio that can still improve his strength to impose a more dominant presence in the field.
- ✓ Reasonably good agility with good coordination and pace at all distances.
- ✓ Reasonable jumping and average mindset for the aerial duels.
- ✓ Good change of pace.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with very good reading of the game and anticipation.
- ✓ Aggressive player with reasonably good rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Reasonable leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but ambitious person.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: He presented reasonably good off-the-ball movements lurking the spaces near the ball and finding the right space to receive the ball at the right time. However, he seemed more comfortable receiving the ball facing the game so it was quite common to see him in deep positions to receive after support movements. Even when he was playing as a centre attacking midfielder that was his main movements. Few depth and flanks movements he can also improve the timings of his movements when he is playing between the opponents' defensive and midfield lines. He usually played it simple to the nearest teammates, but with space he revealed all his good pass quality linking flanks with long passes and also trying several times the trough passes to his forward teammates. In tight spaces and under pressure he tried to use his body and reasonably good technique to find the better option, but he can be more consistent in doing it so.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Good concentration and aggressiveness in the pressure, but is positioning can still be improved. He is not very consistent and doesn't has a very good 1v1 defensive technique so his contribution is a bit limited to a couple of interceptions and good blind pressure situations.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Reasonably good reaction to the loss of the ball, he tries to help his teammates at this moment of the game, but he can still be more consistent.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone. Because of his good reading of the game and pass quality he is capable of launching the team's counter-attack but he needs to offer himself to the team more often.

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): He was one of the set pieces taker and revealed a reasonably good cross.
- ✓ (Defending): He usually was inside the 18-yard box doing a man marking.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Souradjou was probably the best player for hosts Niger at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

If Souradjou remains focused and works hard to improve his game then he can become a good player for club competing in a good European League.

BEST XI



“MAIGA”

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Sidiki MAIGA
Date of Birth	28-12-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Mali
Height* Weight	1,74m*71Kg
Preferred Position	Right Winger
Other(s)	Left Winger / Forward
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	AS Real de Bamako / Mali / U19

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Maiga arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most regular players currently competing in Real de Bamako's under-19s where he has the change to develop as a football player and play against older players. One of the most hard-working players at Bamako's club the 16-year-old is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the youth ranks. Perhaps keeping his hard-work he will have his chance at Malien Première Division.

After Tournament

Sidiki Maiga was one of the best units for Mali that conquered this African U-17 Championship against South Africa in the final. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered really good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Cameroon on the first group stage match, but also against Guinea on the semi-finals. He also scored a good goal against South Africa on the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Maiga played mainly as a right winger in a 4-2-1-3 tactical formation.
- ✓ He stood out as a confident and skilful player with good technique and composure in small spaces, reasonably good cross, good off-the-ball movements, good reading of the game and also with a reasonably good decision making.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Player with a reasonably good body mass ratio that can still build more muscle and improve his strength.
- ✓ Strong agility and coordination with good pace at all distances.
- ✓ Reasonable jumping and mindset for the air duel.
- ✓ Very good change of pace.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation.
- ✓ Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Reasonable leadership skills he seems to be an ambitious person.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: He uses his good technique and pace in 1v1 situations to create goal scoring opportunities and deliver danger to his opponents. Usually with the team in possession he tries to receive after support movement, and when that happens he immediately tries to face the goal and prepare the 1v1 situation or forward play. He has a good reading of the game and decision making, so he is capable of creating danger in 1v1 duels, but also with collective plays like one-two combinations and assisting the full-back overlaps. Good infield movements with or without the ball, he reads the game well and is capable of delivering good follow-ups with good crosses or through passes, not fearing the tight spaces and heavy pressure. Reasonably good shot from outside of the box he usually tries to assist instead. He also appears in the opponents' penalty box, usually with good timings and revealing a good reading of the game and anticipation, but he needs to improve his composure and finishing skills in those positions as he missed a couple of good opportunities against South Africa in the final and Guinea on the semi-final.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Good team work and positioning but average aggressive mentality. He helps his full-back throughout the games and doesn't neglect the defensive work.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball but sometimes he could had reacted faster and better.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He offered mainly support solutions, but he has good pace that can turn him into a dangerous player in depth situations. Usually he chose a safe line of pass to keep possession but in forward positions he can solve a game with his technique. With space and in deep positions he can also assist a forward teammate with well-timed and pinpoint through passes, but usually he plays it simple.

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): He was one of the set pieces taker and delivered a reasonably good cross.
- ✓ (Defending): He was usually outside the penalty box man marking.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Maiga was an important player for Champions Mali at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

Maiga remaining focused in his path and improving his game can become a good/important player for a club competing in a good European League.

BEST XI



"MALLE"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Aly MALLE
Date of Birth	03-04-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Mali
Height* Weight	1,84m*76Kg
Preferred Position	Forward Winger
Other(s)	Forward Winger / Striker
Foot	Left
Current Club / Country / League	Black Stars / Mali / U19

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Malle arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most regular players currently competing in Black Stars' under-19s where he has the change to develop as a football player and play against older players. One of the most hard-working players at the club the 16-year-old is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the youth ranks. Perhaps keeping his hard-work he will have his chance at Malien Première Division.

After Tournament

Aly Malle was a good unit for Mali that conquered this African U-17 Championship against South Africa in the final. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered good performances throughout the competition, but especially in the final matches. He was especially well against South Africa on the decisive final of this tournament. He ended the competition with 2 goals both scored on the final and decisive matches (semi-finals against Guinea, and final against South Africa), and with Boubacar Traore and Sidiki Maiga he made one of the strongest attacking units of the tournament.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Malle played mainly as a left forward in a 4-2-1-3 tactical formation.
- ✓ He stood out as a confident, fast and skilful player with good composure in small spaces, reasonably good cross, good reading of the game and also with reasonably good finishing skills.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Tall player with a reasonable body mass ratio that can still build more muscle and improve his strength.
- ✓ Good agility and coordination with very good pace at all distances.
- ✓ Reasonably good jumping and mindset for the air duel.
- ✓ Very good change of pace.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation.
- ✓ Aggressive player with a reasonably good rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Reasonable leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but ambitious person.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: He uses his good technique and pace in 1v1 situations to create goal scoring opportunities and deliver danger to his opponents (he was almost unstoppable on the final against South Africa). However, he tries most of the times to overcome his direct opponent with his very good pace and not with his technique, so he can still improve in that aspect. Usually with the team in possession he tries to receive after support movement, and when that happens he immediately tries to face the goal and prepare the 1v1 situation or forward play. He has a good reading of the game and reasonably good decision making that he can still improve, because he sometimes missed the timing to assist the full-back's overlap. Good infield movements with or without the ball, he is capable of delivering good follow-ups with good crosses or through passes, not fearing the tight spaces and heavy pressure. He also moved himself without the ball throughout the field and between the opponents' defensive and midfield lines swapping positions with Traore and Maiga quite often. Reasonably good shot from outside of the box he is a player with an "eyes on goal" mentality. Reasonably good cross that he can still improve to be more consistent.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Good team work and positioning but average aggressive mentality. He helps his full-back throughout the games and doesn't neglect the defensive work.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Medium/good reaction to the loss of the ball, because sometimes he could had reacted faster and better.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He offered mainly support solutions, but he has good pace that can turn him into a dangerous player in depth situations. Usually he chose a safe line of pass and he played it simple to the nearest teammate. He struggled a bit against heavy pressure zones and sometimes tried to dribble his way out of that situation.

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): He was one of the set pieces taker and delivered a reasonably good cross.
- ✓ (Defending): He was usually inside the penalty box doing a zonal marking.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Malle was a good player for Mali at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

Malle remaining focused in his path and improving his game can become a good player for a club competing in a good European League.

BEST XI



“MAYO”

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Khanyisa Eric MAYO
Date of Birth	27-08-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	South Africa
Height* Weight	1,78m*74Kg
Preferred Position	Striker
Other(s)	Forward
Foot	Both
Current Club / Country / League	Supersport / South Africa / U19

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Mayo arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most talented players currently competing in Supersport's under-19s where he has the change to develop as a football player and play against older players. One of the hot prospects at the Pretoria's club the 16-year-old is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the youth ranks. Perhaps keeping his hard-work he will have his chance at South Africa's Premier Soccer League or even an European club.

After Tournament

Mayo was one of the best South African units that was only stopped on the final of this African U-17 Championship, by Champions Mali. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Nigeria on the semi-finals where he scored the decisive goal that placed his team in the final.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Mayo played as a forward in a 4-4-2 diamond formation, but he also appeared as a left forward in a 4-2-1-3 tactical formation.
- ✓ He stood out as a confident player with a good technique and composure in small spaces, good anticipation and finishing skills, and also with reasonably good off-the-ball movements.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Player with a reasonably good body mass ratio that can still improve his strength to be more reliable in the physical duels.
- ✓ Very good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances.
- ✓ Reasonable jumping and mindset for the aerial duels.
- ✓ Good change of pace.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Reasonably good composure in finishing positions.
- ✓ Reasonable aggressive attitude, he is a player with a reasonable rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Reasonable leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but ambitious person.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Player with good off-the-ball movements appearing between the opponent's defensive and midfield lines but also in the depth and in the flanks. However, he can still improve them as he can still be more dynamic and offer himself more often to his teammates. When he appeared between the opponents' lines he played it simple and well usually to a teammate facing the game trying a couple of one-two combinations, revealing a good anticipation, technique and first touch. Very good depth movements mainly between the defenders for finishing positions, even when he played in the flanks he tried to be near the opponents' penalty box for that type of movements. He has good timings in those movements and with his good pace he is capable of gaining a bit of space advantage for the defenders. Inside the penalty box he is most of the times deadly and with space he usually doesn't miss his chances, as he did against Ivory Coast and Mali. He also revealed a good anticipation for the possible rebounds and a good positioning, searching the back of his marker. Reasonable jumping and header he can also improve this aspect to become a better forward.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Reasonably good team work with good positioning and average aggressive attitude. He sometimes seems a little absent in this moment of the game.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: In general he revealed a good reaction to the loss of the ball but sometimes he could had reacted faster and better.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He is capable of offering several options and be used in the support or also in the depth. He tries to be near the centre-back to give a depth option but he also appears in the flanks to create space advantage and deliver danger in followed 1v1 situations.

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): He was usually inside the 18-yard box for a possible finish.
- ✓ (Defending): He was usually inside the penalty box doing a man marking or in the midfield.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Mayo was an important player for South Africa at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

Mayo remaining focused in his path and improving his game can become a good player for a club competing in the top South African League.

BEST XI



“OSIMHEN”

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Victor James OSIMHEN
Date of Birth	29-12-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Nigeria
Height* Weight	1,87m*81Kg
Preferred Position	Striker
Other(s)	-
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Ultimate Strikers / Nigeria / U19

MARKET STATUS

Before Tournament

Osimhen arrived to this African U-17 Championship as one of the most regular players currently competing in Ultimate Strikers' under-19s where he has the chance to develop as a football player and play against older players. One of the most hard-working players at the club, the 16-year-old is rumoured to the top as he makes his way through the youth ranks. Perhaps keeping his hard-work he will have his chance at Nigeria Premier League.

After Tournament

Osimhen was a good unit for Nigeria that was only stopped on the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship, by runner-up South Africa. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Niger and Zambia on the group stage, but he also did a good game on the third place match against Guinea. He ended as the overall top scorer with 4 goals in 5 matches revealing all his good potential to the world.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW:

- ✓ Osimhen played as a striker on a 4-2-1-3 or in a classic 4-4-2 tactical formation.
- ✓ He stood out by because of his good height and body mass ratio, reasonably good technique and ambidexterity and also because his good positioning and anticipation inside the penalty box.

PHYSICAL:

- ✓ Tall player with good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels.
- ✓ Reasonably good agility and coordination with a reasonably good pace at all distances.
- ✓ Good jumping and mindset for the aerial duels.
- ✓ Good change of pace, he is able to overcome the slowest centre-backs in the first meters.

MENTAL:

- ✓ Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation.
- ✓ Reasonably aggressive player he has a reasonably good rate of individual and collective work.
- ✓ Reasonable leadership skills he seemed to be a quiet person.

SPECIFIC SKILLS AND BEHAVIORS:

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Player with reasonable off-the-ball movements standing in the spaces near the opponents' penalty box receiving mainly between the opponents' lines or in the depth but in finishing positions. When he received the ball after support movements he usually played it simple and well to the nearest teammate and the ones facing the game, or the ones playing in the flanks, revealing in the process a good ability to hold the ball and a reasonably good ambidexterity. However, with pressure, he can still perfect his first touch and technique to be more reliable in those situations. Facing the game and with a bit of space he tries to assist his teammates better positioned and in tight spaces he can also try the 1v1 play. He needs, however, to perfect his decision making in those situations and also the coordination with his teammates to deliver a better follow-up. Inside the penalty box he revealed a good anticipation and positioning that allowed him to score some easy goals against Niger and Zambia. Despite he can still improve his finishing skills as he missed a good opportunity against Zambia he also scored a good from outside the box in that match.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Most of the times he didn't appear to be a very aggressive player in this moment of the game, leaving, sometimes, the defensive work to his teammates.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Must improve reaction to the loss of the ball. Medium/slow reaction with almost no efficiency.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He is capable of offering several options and be used in the support or also appear in the depth. He played it simple to a good option using his good physical power to protect the ball, with or without space, but when the ball carrier had space he tried to offer a good depth option to him.

SET PIECES

- ✓ (Attacking): He was usually inside the 18-yard area for the possible finish.
- ✓ (Defending): He was usually inside the penalty box doing a zonal marking on the near post or a man marking.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

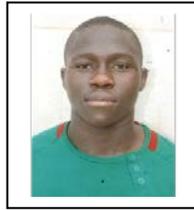
Current Level:

Osimhen was a good unit for Nigeria and the overall top scorer of this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

Osimhen working hard to improve his game can become a good player for a club competing in a top African League.

HOT PROSPECT



"CÉDRIC"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	CÉDRIC Girex Djomo Tchotcheu
Date of Birth	20-12-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Cameroon
Height* Weight	1,83m*78Kg
Preferred Position	Goalkeeper
Other(s)	-
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Fundersport de Douala / Cameroon / U17

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Cédric was one of the best units for Cameroon that disappointingly failed to conquer points on this African U-17 Championship. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Mali on the first match of the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Cédric played as a goalkeeper with always 4 defenders ahead of him. He stood out for his very good agility and reflexes, good handling and deflect technique, and also because of his good concentration and positioning with good mindset to cover the spaces behind his defence.

PHYSICAL: Goalkeeper with a good height and reasonably good body mass ratio. Very good agility and coordination, with reasonably good pace at all distances. Good jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but confident person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: The team plays with him mostly when they are under pressure, but he can still improve his positioning and movements to offer a more valid line of pass. He revealed a reasonably good first touch, especially with space and he also seemed comfortable playing with both feet. Although he doesn't fear the opponents' pressure he struggled a bit in those situations and he can still improve his technique to solve faster those situations. Average pass quality for middle and long distances, he can still improve in these aspect.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Concentrated goalkeeper well positioned between the posts and with very good reflexes and agility. He revealed a good handling and deflect technique with a fantastic save against Mali. Reasonably good command of the area, with average communication, but he has already good trajectories reading and technique when he has to leave the goal, although he can still improve it when he leaves to a group of players. Good 1v1 technique he denied Mali's goals with a good exit. Good mentality to exit the goal to clear a loose ball behind his defence, and, although he can still improve the communication in those situations, he revealed some reasonably good timings in that exits.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He is focused and also has a reasonably good positioning preparing a possible ball in the back of the defence. Reasonably good pace at all distances that turns him already into a reasonably good sweeper goalkeeper.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Can further improve his decision making and timings management, but he revealed a reasonably good quality in the distribution, especially in the throw in. He can improve his foot skills.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Cédric was a very good unit for Cameroon at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: Cédric working hard to improve his game can become a good player for a club competing in the UEFA Europa League.

HOT PROSPECT



"FRANCK"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Koffi FRANCK Kouao
Date of Birth	20-05-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Ivory Coast
Height* Weight	1,74m*73Kg
Preferred Position	Right-back
Other(s)	-
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	ASEC Mimosas / Ivory Coast / U19

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Franck was a good unit for Ivory Coast that failed to reach the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Cameroon on the second match of the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Franck played as a right-back in a classic 4-4-2 tactical formation. He stood out as an attacking-minded and fast player, with good forward runs timings, and reasonably good decision making and reading of the game.

PHYSICAL: Player with a good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels. Very good agility and coordination, with strong pace at all distances. He also has a good ability to change pace. Average jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work. Reasonably good leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but determined person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Attacking-minded full-back that offers width and depth to the team. He goes forward mainly with the ball and near the touchline, and usually with good timings understanding well the best moment to go forward. With the ball he uses mainly one-two combinations but he also revealed an aggressive dribble that created some difficulties to his opponents especially when he had space to use it. However, most of the times he plays it collective with his teammates, revealing a reasonably good pass quality at all distances and good reading of inner lines of pass and 2v1 situations. Reasonably good cross with margin for improvements, but against South Africa he created danger. Good shot from medium range he scored a cracker against South Africa.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Aggressive player with a reasonable understanding of the tackling timings and 1v2 situations that he can still to improve to become a better player. Reasonably good player in 1v1 situations, he has very good pace and agility, and a good strength, but his 1v1 defensive technique can still be improved. He is concentrated and reads the game reasonably well, but he can still improve his positioning and anticipation to become a more reliable defender. Good depth coverage with strong pace at all distances. Average header he is not tall either.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball with good aggressive attitude, and good recovery of his position.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone. Most of the times he chooses to offer a safe line of pass to his teammates, but as he is an attacking-minded player he can also give an aggressive one.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Franck was a good unit for Ivory Coast at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: Franck remaining focused in his path and improving his game can become a good player for a club competing in a good European League.

HOT PROSPECT



"MUSEBA"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Wayne MUSEBA
Date of Birth	12-11-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Zambia
Height* Weight	1,83m*78Kg
Preferred Position	Right-back
Other(s)	Centre-back
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Premium Sports / Zambia / -

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Museba was a good unit for Zambia that failed to reach the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Niger on the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Museba played as a right-back in a classic 4-4-2 tactical formation, but against Nigeria he played as the right centre-back. He stood out as a reasonably complete player and reliable defender with a reasonably good cross, good jumping and header and also because his reasonably good 1v1 defensive technique.

PHYSICAL: Player with a reasonably good body mass ratio that can still build more muscle and improve his strength. Good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. Good jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Full-back that offers width and depth to the team with a reasonable attacking mentality, as he went forward mainly on safe situations, so he can still improve this aspect. He went forward with and without the ball, mainly near the touchline, but revealing a reasonably good reading of the game and forward runs timings. With the ball he tried many times the one-two combinations but he also revealed a reasonably good dribble. Reasonably good cross he brought danger in a couple of occasions especially against Niger where he delivered pinpoint crosses to his forward teammates, but there is still some margin for improvements.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Reasonably aggressive player with reasonably good tackling timings and understanding of 1v2 situations (he can still perfect it). Reasonably good player in 1v1 situations, he has reasonably good pace, agility, strength and a reasonably good 1v1 defensive technique, so he is not an easy player to overcome in this situations although he can still improve to be more reliable. He is concentrated and reads the game reasonably well and in general he revealed a reasonably good positioning that still has margin for improvements. Good depth coverage with good pace at all distances. Good jumping and header he scored a good goal against Niger on the group stage.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball with good aggressive attitude and good recovery of his position.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level:

Museba was a good player for Zambia at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level:

If Museba works hard to improve his game he may become a good player for a club competing in a top African League.

HOT PROSPECT



"ISMAEL TRAORE"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	ISMAEL TRAORE
Date of Birth	02-01-1998 (17)
Nation(s)	Mali
Height* Weight	1,79m*74Kg
Preferred Position	Right-back
Other(s)	-
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	CSK / Mali / U19

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Ismael Traore was a good unit for Mali that conquered this African U-17 Championship against South Africa in the final. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against South Africa on the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Traore played as a right-back, in a 4-2-1-3 tactical formation. He stood out as a reliable right-back, with a good cross, reasonably good forward runs timings and reasonably good aggressive attitude.

PHYSICAL: Player with a reasonable body mass ratio that can still build more muscle and improve his strength. Good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. Average jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Full back that offers width and depth to the team, but he can still improve his attacking mentality against stronger teams as he in the final matches seemed a bit reluctant to go forward. He goes forward with and without the ball, having in general good forward runs timings. With the ball he prefers to dribble and with his good pace and technique he can deliver danger quickly, but he has to improve his reading of the game and anticipation in order to avoid dribble into pressure zones. He also goes forward without the ball, but usually near the touchline. Reasonably good cross he delivered danger throughout the tournament.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Aggressive player with reasonably good tackling timings. He can still improve his reading and decision making on 1v2 situations, but he is a reasonably good player in 1v1 situations, because of his good pace and aggressive attitude. However, he lacks a bit of strength to counter stronger opponents and also his 1v1 defensive technique has also margin for improvements, so against fast and skilful player he may fell some difficulties. He is concentrated anticipating the game reasonably well but he can still improve his positioning. Good depth coverage with good pace at all distances. Average jumping and header he struggled a bit against Guinea.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball with good aggressive attitude and reasonably good reading. Good recover of his position.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone. Can still develop a more aggressive mentality to offer his team an offensive line of pass, as he prefers to remain most of the times at his position. Sometimes he also tries a couple of long passes to assists his teammates in the depth.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: *Ismael Traore was a good player for Mali at this African U-17 Championship.*

Potential Level: *If Ismael Traore works hard to improve his game he may become a good player for a club competing in a top African League.*

HOT PROSPECT



"OUAMBO"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Keita OUAMBO Toukam
Date of Birth	29-06-2000 (14)
Nation(s)	Cameroon
Height* Weight	1,81m*78Kg
Preferred Position	Centre-back
Other(s)	-
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Kadji Sport Academy / Cameroon / -

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Ouambo was a good unit for Cameroon that disappointingly failed to conquer points on this African U-17 Championship. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Ivory Coast on the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Ouambo played as the right centre-back in a tactical formation with 4 defenders. He stood out as a focused player with good 1v1 defensive, technique, good agility and pace and reasonably comfortable with the ball.

PHYSICAL: Player with a reasonable height for a centre-back and reasonably good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels, but that can still improve his strength. Good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. He also has a reasonably good ability to change pace. Good jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Centre-back with reasonably good coordination and technique. He doesn't fear the pressure from the opposing forwards but he tries to avoid it by playing it simple and fast. However, he needs to improve his reading of the game and anticipation because he struggles a bit with heavy pressures. Reasonably good first touch and pass quality especially for short and medium distances. He can still improve his reading of lines of pass and also his long pass quality to bring more positive things to his team.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Aggressive player with reasonably good understanding of the tackling timings. Good player in the 1v1 duels he has a good agility and pace, with reasonably good strength that he can still improve, and also a good 1v1 defensive technique. Concentrated he anticipates the opponents' movements fairly well, but he can still improve his positioning. However, with his good anticipation he is capable already of clearing much of the opponents' offensive game. Good depth coverage with good pace at all distances. Good jumping and header, but he is not a tall player so he struggles a bit in this aspect.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball, with reasonably good reading and positioning. He is usually among the first trying to recover the ball.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone. Needs however to improve in tight spaces as he struggles a bit under heavy pressure.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: *Ouambo was a good player for Cameroon at this African U-17 Championship.*

Potential Level: *If Ouambo remains focused in his path and works hard he can become a good player for a club competing in a good European League.*

HOT PROSPECT



"HONGLA"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Martin HONGLA Yma II
Date of Birth	16-03-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Cameroon
Height* Weight	1,84m*78Kg
Preferred Position	Centre-back
Other(s)	-
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Nkufor Academy Sports / Cameroon / U17

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Hongla was a good unit for Cameroon that disappointingly failed to conquer points on this African U-17 Championship. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Mali and Ivory Coast on the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Hongla played as the left centre-back in a tactical formation with 4 defenders. He stood out as a well-build player with good 1v1 defensive technique, good concentration and aggressive attitude, and also because of his good coordination and relationship with the ball.

PHYSICAL: Player with a good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels. Good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. He also has a reasonably good ability to change pace. Good jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with very good rate of individual and collective work. Good leadership skills he seems to be a determined person. Team captain.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Centre-back with good coordination and technique that feels comfortable with the ball. He doesn't fear the pressure from the opposing forwards but he tries to avoid it by playing it simple. However, he can try some dribbles throughout the match to push his team forward and release his teammates from their markers. Good first touch and pass quality when he isn't under pressure, in those situations he is capable of deliver good passes to his teammates, especially for short and medium distances. However he also reads the forward options and tries to assist them with good long passes, also linking flanks. Good reading of inner lines of pass, with space he is capable of delivering good passes to his teammates in those positions.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Aggressive player, but usually in an intelligent way understanding the tackling timings. Good player in the 1v1 duels he has a good agility, pace and strength, and his 1v1 defensive technique is also good so he is not an easy player to overcome on these situations. Concentrated he anticipates the opponents' movements fairly well, but he can still improve his positioning as against Mali he was responsible for one of the goals and revealed some difficulties against the forwards' good movements. Good depth coverage with good pace at all distances. Good jumping and header he clears much of the opponents' aerial game also.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball, with reasonably good reading and positioning. He is usually among the first trying to recover the ball.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Hongla was an important player for Cameroon at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: If Hongla remains focused in his path and works hard he can become a good player for a club competing in a good European League.

HOT PROSPECT



"TOURE"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Aboubacar TOURE
Date of Birth	14-06-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Guinea
Height* Weight	1,86m*80Kg
Preferred Position	Centre-back
Other(s)	-
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Academie Kabassan / Guinea / -

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Toure was a good unit for Guinea that was only stopped on the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship, by Champions Mali. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well on the semi-finals and on the third place match where he scored two goals.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Toure played as the right centre-back in a tactical formation with 4 defenders. He stood out as a focused player with good jumping and a good header, and also because his reasonably good pass quality at all distances.

PHYSICAL: Player with a reasonably good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels. Reasonably good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. Good jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Centre-back with reasonable coordination and technique. He doesn't fear the pressure from the opposing forwards but he tries to avoid it by playing it simple and fast. However, he needs to improve his reading of the game and anticipation because he struggles a bit with heavy pressures. Good pass quality especially for short and medium distances, but he can still improve his reading of lines of pass and also his long pass quality to bring more positive things to his team.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Aggressive player with reasonably good understanding of the tackling timings. Reasonably good player in the 1v1 duels he has a reasonably good agility, good pace and strength, but his 1v1 defensive technique needs improvements for him to be a more reliable defender. Concentrated he anticipates the opponents' movements fairly well, but he can still improve his positioning. However, with his good anticipation he is capable already of clearing much of the opponents' offensive game. Good depth coverage with good pace at all distances. Good jumping and header, in general he clears much of the opponents' attempts. He scored a good goal against Mali on the semi-finals.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball, with reasonably good reading and positioning. He is usually among the first trying to recover the ball.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone. Needs however to improve in tight spaces as he struggles a bit under heavy pressure.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Toure was a good player for Guinea at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: If Toure remains focused in his path and works hard he can become a good player for a club competing in a top African League.

HOT PROSPECT



"NGCOBO"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Nothan Nature NGCOBO
Date of Birth	10-01-1999 (16)
Nation(s)	South Africa
Height* Weight	1,76m*73Kg
Preferred Position	Left Back
Other(s)	-
Foot	Left
Current Club / Country / League	Sundowns Academy / South Africa / -

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Ngcobo was a good unit for South Africa that was only stopped on the final of this African U-17 Championship, by Champions Mali. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonable performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Mali on the final.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Ngcobo played as a left-back in a 4-2-1-3, 4-3-3 or 4-4-2 diamond formation. He stood out as a fast left-back with good forward runs timings, good aggressive attitude and also because his good cross.

PHYSICAL: Player with a reasonably good body mass ratio that can still build more muscle to be more reliable in the physical duels. Very good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. Reasonably good jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with reasonably good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with a very good rate of individual and collective work. Reasonably good leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but determined person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Attacking-minded full-back that offered width and depth to the team. He went forward mainly without the ball with good timings and always looking for the overlap, revealing good coordination with the left winger. With the ball he tried mainly one-two combinations, revealing a reasonably good reading of the game and also good composure in inner positions. Reasonably good tactical understanding of both channels, but he always seemed more comfortable playing near the touchline. Good pass quality at all distances, but he needs to improve his reading of the game under pressure. Reasonably good cross that brought danger throughout the tournament (he was one of the set pieces taker).

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Aggressive player with reasonable tackling timings and 1v1 defensive technique. He seemed to be an aggressive player that tries to stop his opponent quickly, but he needs to improve these last aspects to become a better player as he revealed some difficulties throughout the tournament. Also, he revealed a reasonable understanding of 1v2 situations. Concentrated he anticipates the opponents' movements reasonably well, and also revealed a reasonably good positioning with margin for improvements. Good depth coverage with good pace at all distances it is very difficult to overcome on this type of duel. Good jumping but reasonable header he needs to improve his trajectories reading and technique.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball with good aggressive attitude. He usually recovers well his position.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone. He revealed some difficulties in tight spaces and sometimes tried to dribble his way out of the pressure.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: *Ngcobo was a good unit for South Africa at this African U-17 Championship.*

Potential Level: *Ngcobo remaining focused in his path and improving his game can reach a good club competing in a top African League.*

HOT PROSPECT



"YANNICK"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Kouassi YANNICK Jordan Ouedraogo
Date of Birth	08-03-1998 (17)
Nation(s)	Ivory Coast
Height* Weight	1,75m*73Kg
Preferred Position	Left Back
Other(s)	-
Foot	Left
Current Club / Country / League	SC Gagnoa / Ivory Coast / U19

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Yannick was a good unit for Ivory Coast that failed to reach the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Cameroon on the second match of the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Yannick played as a left-back in a 4-2-1-3 tactical formation. He stood out as an attacking-minded left-back with good forward runs timings, good aggressive attitude, and a good cross.

PHYSICAL: Player with a reasonably good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels. Very good agility and coordination, with strong pace at all distances. Average jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with reasonably good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Attacking-minded full-back that offered width and depth to the team. He went forward mainly without the ball with good timings and always looking for the overlap, revealing good coordination with the left winger (wonderful combinations with Lamine against South Africa). With the ball he tried mainly one-two combinations, but he needs to improve his reading of the game and anticipation in order to be more reliable under pressure as against South Africa he missed a couple of simple passes that brought danger to his own team. Reasonable tactical understanding of both channels as he went forward mainly near the touchline. Good pass quality at all distances and a reasonably good cross with margin for improvements.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Aggressive player with reasonably good tackling timings and 1v1 defensive technique. He seemed to be a reliable player, but he can still improve these last aspects to become a better player. Also, he revealed a reasonable understanding of 1v2 situations. Concentrated he anticipates the opponents' movements reasonably well, and also revealed a reasonably good positioning with margin for improvements. Very good depth coverage with strong pace at all distances. Good jumping with reasonable header he needs to improve his trajectories reading and technique to become more reliable in this aspect.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball with good aggressive attitude. He usually recovers well his position.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone. Most of the times he also gave the team a safe line of pass instead of an aggressive one, but he can easily offer one also.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Yannick was a good unit for Ivory Coast at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: Yannick remaining focused in his path and improving his game can reach a good club competing in a top African League.

HOT PROSPECT



"FODE"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	FODE Camara
Date of Birth	17-04-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Guinea
Height* Weight	1,76m*76Kg
Preferred Position	Left Back
Other(s)	-
Foot	Left
Current Club / Country / League	Cefomig / Guinea / U19

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Fode was a good unit for Guinea that was only stopped on the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship, by Champions Mali. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Nigeria on the second match of this group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Fode played as a left-back in a classic 4-4-2 tactical formation. He stood out as an attacking-minded and well-build left-back with good forward runs timings, good aggressive attitude, good cross and reasonably good anticipation.

PHYSICAL: Player with very good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels and imposes his presence throughout the match. Good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. Reasonable jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work. Reasonably good leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but determined person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Attacking-minded full-back that offered width and depth to the team most of the times throughout the tournament, although he can still be more consistent from match to match. He went forward mainly with the ball and with one-two combinations revealing some reasonably good coordination with his teammates. However, he also revealed lacking in the reading of his pass options as sometimes he lost possession on badly-timed passes. He is fast and has a good balance and technique, so he can also bring danger with aggressive dribbles, although he prefers to play it collectively. Without the ball he revealed some good timings in his forward runs, and he went mainly near the touchline. Good pass quality at all distances and a good cross.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Aggressive player with reasonable tackling timings and 1v1 defensive technique. He seemed to be an aggressive player, but he needs to improve these last aspects to become a better and more reliable defender. Also, he revealed a reasonable understanding of 1v2 situations with margin for improvements. Concentrated he anticipates the opponents' movements reasonably well, and also revealed a reasonably good positioning (some important clearances against Nigeria). Good depth coverage with good pace at all distances. Good jumping with reasonable header he needs to improve his trajectories reading and technique to become more reliable in this aspect.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball with good aggressive attitude. He usually recovers well his position.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decides well the transition and plays it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone. Most of the times he also gave the team a safe line of pass instead of an aggressive one. Good reading of forward lines of pass.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Fode was a good unit for Guinea at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: Fode remaining focused in his path and improving his game can reach a good club competing in a good European League.

HOT PROSPECT



"DLALA"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Athenkosi DLALA
Date of Birth	06-02-1998 (17)
Nation(s)	South Africa
Height* Weight	1,81m*78Kg
Preferred Position	Defensive Midfielder
Other(s)	Centre Midfielder
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Supersport / South Africa / U17

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Dlala was a very good unit for South Africa that was only stopped on the final of this African U-17 Championship, by Champions Mali. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Ivory Coast on the first match of the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Dlala played as a defensive midfielder in a 4-4-2 diamond formation. He stood out because of his good aggressive attitude, good reading of the game and positioning and also because of his good pass quality at all distances.

PHYSICAL: Player with a good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels and imposes his presence throughout the match. Good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. Reasonably good jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work. Reasonable leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but determined person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: He tried to receive the ball facing the game and he revealed some reasonably good off-the-ball movements to do it so, but he can still improve it because many times he was under opposition marking. With no pressure he executed well showing good reading of the game and good pass quality at all distances, trying a couple of times the long pass to switch flanks. Reasonably weak reading of inner lines of pass he needs to improve these aspect to become a better midfielder and offer more options to his team. Under pressure he struggled a bit because he needs to read faster and better his options and needs also to improve also his anticipation to prepare better the possible opponents' pressure. Some inconsistencies in his decision making were also detected throughout the tournament.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: He was most of the times concentrated, anticipating the opponents' movements well, and because of that he was able to clear much of the opponent's offensive game. Reads the game and understands reasonably well what to do and when to do it, showing a good positioning and timings of the defensive covers and equilibriums. Aggressive player with good determination in the defensive duels, he is not an easy player to overcome on a 1v1 duel, but he can still improve the 1v1 defensive technique to become a more reliable player in these situations. Reasonably good jumping and header, he is not a very tall player.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball he was usually among the first to press the opponents. Can still improve his positioning and reading of the game to be at the right time in the right place to win the ball.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He usually decided well the transition and played it safe for a teammate to remove the ball from the pressure zone.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: *Dlala was a good unit for South Africa at this African U-17 Championship.*

Potential Level: *Dlala improving his game may become a good player for a club competing in a good European League.*

HOT PROSPECT



"OSINACHI"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Ebere Christian OSINACHI
Date of Birth	04-04-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Nigeria
Height* Weight	1,76m*71Kg
Preferred Position	Right Winger
Other(s)	Left Winger / Forward Centre
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	ASJ Academy / Nigeria / -

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Osinachi was a good unit for Nigeria that was only stopped on the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship, by runner-up South Africa. He was present in almost every match that his team played in the tournament (he missed the first one against South Africa), and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Niger and Zambia on the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Osinachi played mainly as a right winger in a 4-2-1-3 tactical formation, but he also appeared as a forward in a classic 4-4-2. He stood out as a fast player with a good technique, reasonably good off-the-ball movements and also because his reasonably good cross.

PHYSICAL: Player with a reasonably good body mass ratio and strength that feels comfortable in the physical duels, but that can still improve it. Very good agility and coordination, with very good pace at all distances. Reasonable jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with reasonably good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Most of the times he received the ball in his feet and after support movements, but he revealed some reasonably good off-the-ball movements as he seemed a player comfortable receiving near the touchline or in inner positions. Against Guinea and as a forward he also made a couple of depth movements between the defenders to finishing positions. Comfortable in tight spaces he is capable of creating danger by 1v1 situations as he did against Niger. He can still improve his ambidexterity to become more unpredictable, but with his good technique, pace and strength he doesn't fears the physical duel, and he also revealed confidence in the individual duels. He can still improve his reading of the game and decision making, but he has a reasonably good first touch that allows him to do well under pressure and turns him into a player capable of playing in one-two combinations in inner positions. Reasonably good cross that he can still improve.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: He revealed a good positioning and reasonably good aggressiveness in pressure. Good teamwork mentality, he never neglected the defensive work although sometimes he tried to be better positioned for the next offensive transition.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Medium/good reaction to the loss of the ball, because sometimes he could had reacted faster and better.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: At this moment of the game he offered the team several options receiving in support or in the depth. With the ball he usually risked some aggressive dribbles trying to push his team forward. However he can still improve his decision making, because he doesn't seems to know when to risk a quick transition or when to slow down the game with a safe one, and he also missed a couple of passes against Niger that brought danger to his own team.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: *Osinachi was a good player for Nigeria at this African U-17 Championship.*

Potential Level: *Osinachi remaining focused in his path and improving his game can become a good player for a club competing in a top African League.*

HOT PROSPECT



"JULES"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Abdoulaye JULES Keita
Date of Birth	20-07-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Guinea
Height* Weight	1,75m*71Kg
Preferred Position	Right Winger
Other(s)	Left Winger
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	FC Atouga / Guinea / U19

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Jules was a very good unit for Guinea that was only stopped on the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship, by Champions Mali. He was present in every match that his team played in the tournament, although against Mali he started it on the substitutes' bench, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Zambia on the first match of this group stage and against Nigeria.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Jules played mainly as a right winger in a classic 4-4-2 tactical formation. He stood out as a player with good technique and some skill in 1v1 situations, but also with a reasonably good reading of the game and decision making.

PHYSICAL: Player with a reasonable body mass ratio that can still build more muscle to improve his strength and be more reliable in the physical duels. Very good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. Reasonable jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: He uses his good technique and pace in 1v1 situations to create goal scoring opportunities and deliver danger to his opponents. Usually with the team in possession he tries to receive after support movement, and when that happens he immediately tries to face the goal and prepare the 1v1 situation or forward play. Even when he receives the ball with his back towards the goal he may try the rotation movement over his direct opponent. He has a reasonably good reading of the game and decision making, so he is capable of creating danger in 1v1 duels, but also with collective plays like one-two combinations. Good infield movements with or without the ball, he reads the game well and is capable of delivering good follow-ups with good first touch passes, but he can still perfect his anticipation and decision making in tight spaces. Reasonably good shot from outside of the box he usually tries to assist instead. Reasonable cross that he can still perfect.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Good team work and positioning and reasonably good aggressive mentality. He helps his full-back throughout the games and doesn't neglect the defensive work.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball he is among the first trying to recover possession.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He offered mainly support solutions, but he has good pace that can turn him into a dangerous player in depth situations. Usually he chose a safe line of pass to keep possession but in forward positions he can easily try the dribble and 1v1 situation.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Jules was a good player for Guinea at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: Jules improving his game can become a good player for a club competing in a top African League.

HOT PROSPECT



"CHUKWUEZE"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	CHUKWUEZE Samuel
Date of Birth	22-05-1999 (15)
Nation(s)	Nigeria
Height* Weight	1,79m*74Kg
Preferred Position	Right Winger
Other(s)	Left Winger
Foot	Left
Current Club / Country / League	Diamond FC / Nigeria / U17

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Chukwueze was a good unit for Nigeria that was only stopped on the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship, by runner-up South Africa. He was present, as a starter, in almost every match that his team played in the tournament (he missed the first one against Niger), and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against South Africa on the decisive semi-finals.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Chukwueze played mainly as a right winger in a classic 4-4-2 tactical formation. He stood out as a player with good technique and cross, good reading of the game and decision making and also because of his good collective thinking.

PHYSICAL: Player with a reasonably good body mass ratio that knows how to use his body to gain advantage against similar opponents. Good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. Reasonable jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: He revealed some reasonably good off-the-ball movements trying to find the right space to receive the ball, but mainly after support movements. Because he is a left footed player playing on the right flank it was common to see him searching for inner positions and inner lines of pass. Few depth movements without the ball he gave some verticality especially with the ball and near the touchline. He has a good technique so he is capable of clear himself from his marker to deliver a good follow-up, but he is a bit predictable in his actions as he is a bit dependent on his left foot, so he needs to improve his ambidexterity to create more difficulties to his opponents, especially when he is in inner positions. Good reading of the game and decision making he is capable of one-two combinations in the middle, link flanks with long pinpoint passes, or assist a teammate in the depth with well-timed through passes, but he needs to read his options faster and better, as sometimes he missed some good opportunities to assist the full-back's overlap. Reasonably good cross he brought danger a couple of times.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Good team work and positioning with average aggressive mentality. He helps his full-back throughout the games and doesn't neglect the defensive work.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball he is among the first trying to recover possession.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He offered mainly support solutions, but he has good pace that can turn him into a dangerous player in depth situations. Usually he chose a safe line of pass to keep possession so most of the times he played it simple to the nearest teammate.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Chukwueze was a good player for Nigeria at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: Chukwueze improving his game can become a good player for a club competing in a good European League.

HOT PROSPECT



"YAMODOU"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	YAMODOU Toure
Date of Birth	05-08-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Guinea
Height* Weight	1,75m*76Kg
Preferred Position	Left Winger
Other(s)	Right Winger
Foot	Both
Current Club / Country / League	Aide&Action / Guinea / U19

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Yamodou was a very good unit for Guinea that was only stopped on the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship, by Champions Mali. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Nigeria on the second match of this group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Yamodou played as a left or right winger in a classic 4-4-2 tactical formation. He revealed himself as a confident and skilful player with very good body mass ratio, good pace, good technique and ambidexterity, and also with a reasonably good cross. Can still improve his decision making though.

PHYSICAL: Player with very good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels. Very good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. Reasonably good jumping.

MENTAL: Reasonably concentrated player with reasonable reading of the game and anticipation. Reasonably aggressive player with a reasonably good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but ambitious person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Winger with reasonable off-the-ball movements receiving mainly in support and near the touch line, in either flank. He prefers to receive in support to create danger by dribbling and in 1v1 situations. With good technique, strength, and ambidexterity he usually creates danger or suffers a foul, because it is not easy to tackle the ball away from him. Even under pressure he is capable of clearing himself from his marker with good rotation movements. Good infield movement with followed shot in both flanks, but he is also unpredictable because he can cut infield or dribble to the end line in 1v1 situations due to his good ambidexterity. Reasonable shot with power but sometimes with poor direction. In a more infield position he tries to play collectively with his teammates or the finish, but his decision making is not so good so he only reads one option and sometimes doesn't reads it faster. Reasonably good cross, but not so good with his left foot. He sometimes appears in finishing positions but he needs to improve to become a clean finisher (he missed a good opportunity against Nigeria).

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Reasonably good concentration, positioning and aggressiveness in pressure. He is not surely a recover but he helps his teammates throughout the match.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Reasonably good reaction to the loss of the ball, as he may react faster and better.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: If he receives unmarked he can rapidly speed-up the game by dribbling, and in the final third he offers cross or finishing solution due to his ability in 1v1 duels. However, he usually tries to search for the nearest teammate.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Yamodou was a very good unit for Guinea at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: Yamodou remaining focused in his path and improving his game can become a good player for a club competing in the UEFA Europa League.

HOT PROSPECT



"SULEIMAN"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Abdullahi SULEIMAN
Date of Birth	22-03-1998 (17)
Nation(s)	Nigeria
Height* Weight	1,76m*71Kg
Preferred Position	Left Winger
Other(s)	Right Winger
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	FC Abuja / Nigeria / U19

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Suleiman was a very good unit for Nigeria that was only stopped on the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship, by runner-up South Africa. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Niger on the first match of the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Suleiman played mainly as a left winger in a classic 4-4-2 tactical formation. He stood out as a player with good technique and pace, good cross, reading of the game and decision making and also because of his good collective thinking.

PHYSICAL: Player with a reasonable body mass ratio but that knows how to use the body to gain advantage against similar opponents. Strong agility and coordination, with very good pace at all distances. Reasonable jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: He revealed some reasonably good off-the-ball movements trying to find the right space to receive the ball, but mainly after support movements. Because he is a right footed player playing on the left flank it was common to see him searching for inner positions and inner lines of pass. Few depth movements without the ball he gave some verticality especially with the ball and near the touchline. He has a good technique and with his good pace he is capable of clear himself from his marker to deliver a good follow-up. Good rotation movement when he was under pressure, he also seemed to understand the tactical notion of both channels freeing his own to allow the left-back to go forward. He is a bit predictable in his actions as he is a bit dependent on his right foot, so he needs to improve his ambidexterity to create more difficulties to his opponents, especially when he is in inner positions. Good reading of the game and decision making he is capable of one-two combinations in the middle and with his full-back, but he needs to read his options faster in deep positions, as he missed a couple of simple passes throughout the tournament that brought danger to his team (mainly against Niger). Good cross he brought danger on set pieces and reasonable finishing skills that he can still improve (he missed a good opportunity against Zambia).

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Good team work and positioning and reasonably good aggressive mentality. He helps his full-back throughout the games and doesn't neglect the defensive work.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Good reaction to the loss of the ball he is among the first trying to recover possession.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He offered mainly support solutions, but he has good pace that can turn him into a dangerous player in depth situations. Usually he chose a safe line of pass to keep possession but in forward positions he can create danger with his good decision making and pass quality. With space it was common to see him try to push his team forward with good through passes.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Suleiman was a good player for Nigeria at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: Suleiman improving his game can become a good player for a club competing in a good European League.

HOT PROSPECT



"LAMINE"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Baba LAMINE Traore
Date of Birth	16-06-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Ivory Coast
Height* Weight	1,74m*70Kg
Preferred Position	Left Winger
Other(s)	Right Winger / Attacking Midfielder
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Afad Djekanou / Ivory Coast / U19

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Lamine was a very good unit for Ivory Coast that failed to reach the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against South Africa on the first match of the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Lamine played mainly as a left winger in a classic 4-4-2 tactical formation. He revealed himself as a confident and intelligent player with good technique and reasonably good ambidexterity, good reading of the game and decision making and also because his good off-the-ball movements.

PHYSICAL: Player with reasonably good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels but that can still improve his strength. Very good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. Average jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with good rate of individual and collective work. Reasonably good leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but confident person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Attacking midfielder with good off-the-ball movements receiving mainly in support, but inside or near the touch line. He prefers to receive in support to create danger by dribbling and in 1v1 situations, but also to think sometimes the team's offensive game. With good technique and reasonably good ambidexterity, he brings unpredictable movements, as he can cut infield or go to the end line, and creates danger in 1v1 situations. He can also receive in inner positions but there he usually plays it simple and to the nearest teammate, but, most of the times, well revealing all his good reading of the game and decision making. On the left flank he brought throughout the tournament a good infield movement with the ball with followed good decision making, most of the times, assisting a teammate in the depth with a good through pass (lovely assist to Doumbia's movement that led to the victorious goal against Cameroon), or assisting the left-back's overlap. Reasonably good cross with margin for improvements he also appears in the opponents' penalty box.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Good concentration and positioning, with good aggressiveness in pressure. He helps his teammates throughout the match.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Reasonably good reaction to the loss of the ball, with good reading but sometimes with a reasonable aggressive attitude. He can still improve to become more helpful for his team.

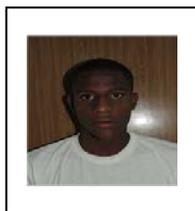
OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: If he receives unmarked he can rapidly speed-up the game by dribbling, and in the final third he offers cross or finishing solution, but in deep positions he usually plays it simple to the nearest teammate and one that is facing the game.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Lamine was a very good unit for Ivory Coast at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: Lamine remaining focused in his path and improving his game can become a good player for a club competing in the UEFA Europa League.

HOT PROSPECT



"MOHAMED"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	MOHAMED Salifou Moussa
Date of Birth	16-11-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Niger
Height* Weight	1,75m*72Kg
Preferred Position	Left Winger
Other(s)	Right Winger / Forward
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Saint Stars F / Ghana / U19

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Mohamed was a very good unit for Niger that failed to reach the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship. He was present, in every match that his team played in the tournament, but against Zambia he started it on the substitutes' bench, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Nigeria on the first match of this group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Mohamed played mainly as a left winger in a 4-2-1-3 tactical formation. He revealed himself as a confident and determined player with good pace and technique capable of creating danger in 1v1 situations, and also with a reasonably good reading of the game and decision making.

PHYSICAL: Player with a good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels. Very good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. Average jumping.

MENTAL: Reasonably concentrated player with reasonably good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but determined person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Winger with reasonable off-the-ball movements receiving mainly in support and near the touch line, in either flank. He prefers to receive in support to create danger by dribbling and in 1v1 situations, and against Nigeria he really tried to push his team forward with aggressive dribbles. With good technique and confidence he usually creates danger in individual duels and even under pressure he is capable of clearing himself from his marker with good rotation movements. However he can still improve his ambidexterity to become a more unpredictable player. In a more infield position he tries to play collectively with his teammates or the finish, but his decision making is not so good so he only reads one option and sometimes doesn't reads it faster. Nevertheless he revealed a reasonably good potential for that type of work. Reasonable cross that he can still improve to bring more options to his team. He sometimes appears in finishing positions but he needs to improve to become a clean finisher.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Good concentration and aggressiveness in pressure, with reasonably good positioning. He is not surely a recover but he helps his teammates throughout the match.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: In general he revealed a good reaction to the loss of the ball but sometimes he could had reacted faster and better.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He offered mainly support solutions, but he has good pace that can turn him into a dangerous player in depth situations. Usually he chose a safe line of pass to keep possession so most of the times he played it simple to the nearest teammate.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Mohamed was one of the best players in the first Niger match at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: Mohamed remaining focused in his path and improving his game can become a good player for a club competing in a top African League.

HOT PROSPECT



"DAKA"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	Patson DAKA
Date of Birth	19-10-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Zambia
Height* Weight	1,86m*78Kg
Preferred Position	Striker
Other(s)	Forward
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	Nchanga Rangers Football Club / Zambia / U19

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Daka was one of the best units of Zambia that failed to reach the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Niger and Nigeria on the group stage, where he scored his two goals on the competition.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Patson Daka played as a striker in a classic 4-4-2 tactical formation. He stood out as a player with good body mass ratio, good strength but also with good coordination, pace and agility. Good jumping and header and also reasonably good technique.

PHYSICAL: Player with a good body mass ratio that knows how to use his body to gain advantage over the centre-backs. Good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances, although he is not very fast. Good jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with a good rate of individual and collective work. Good leadership skills he seems to be a quiet but determined person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Player with reasonably good off-the-ball movements as he moves himself in the spaces near the defensive line to be near the finishing positions but he also appeared a couple of times between the opponents' defensive and midfield lines. When he appeared between the opponents' lines he played it simple and well usually to a teammate facing the game trying a couple of one-two combinations, revealing in the process a good use of the body, and first touch. With space he turned but he didn't seem so comfortable when he had to decide the play, so he lost a couple of possessions, especially against Niger, with badly-timed passes and wrong decisions making. Inside the penalty box he revealed a good positioning, searching the best space to receive without opposition, and also a reasonably good anticipation that he can still improve. Good jumping and header he is capable of creating danger if unmarked, but mainly in the goal kick situations or direct plays, as inside the penalty box he can still improve his trajectories reading to become more dangerous. Reasonably good finishing skills with space he nets it.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Good team work with good positioning and aggressive attitude. He helps his team throughout the match.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: In general he revealed a good reaction to the loss of the ball but sometimes he could have reacted faster and better.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He is capable of offering several options and be used in the support or also in the depth. He uses well his body to gain advantage over the centre-backs but most of the times he tries to play it simple to a teammate facing the game, and he does it well. He is not a very fast forward but he becomes faster as the distance increases, so he is a valid option to receive in the depth.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Daka was a very good player for Zambia at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: Daka remaining focused in his path and improving his game can become a good player for a club competing in a good European League.

HOT PROSPECT



"SAM"

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name	SAM Diallo
Date of Birth	28-04-1998 (16)
Nation(s)	Guinea
Height* Weight	1,77m*73Kg
Preferred Position	Striker
Other(s)	Forward
Foot	Right
Current Club / Country / League	FC Atouga / Guinea / U19

COMPETITION ASSESSMENT

Sam was a very good unit for Guinea that was only stopped on the semi-finals of this African U-17 Championship, by Champions Mali. He was present, as a starter, in every match that his team played in the tournament, and he delivered some reasonably good performances throughout the competition. He was especially well against Nigeria on the group stage.

PLAYER ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW: Sam played as a striker in a 4-2-1-3 or classic 4-4-2 formation. He stood out as a confident player with good off-the-ball movements, reasonably good technique and first touch and also because his good reading of the game and decision making.

PHYSICAL: Player with a reasonably good body mass ratio that feels comfortable in the physical duels, but that can still improve his strength. Very good agility and coordination, with good pace at all distances. Good jumping.

MENTAL: Concentrated player with very good reading of the game and anticipation. Aggressive player with good rate of individual and collective work. Average leadership skills he seems to be a quiet person.

WHEN TEAM HAS POSSESSION: Player with good off-the-ball movements standing in the spaces near the opponents' penalty box and receiving mainly between the opponents' lines or in the depth. When he received the ball after support movements he usually played it simple and well to the nearest teammate and the ones facing the game, revealing a good reading of the game and decision making. Under pressure he also tried a couple of times the rotation movement to the medium range shot. Good movements to the depth with very good timings and usually to finishing positions he also has good pace that allows him to create space and time advantage to the opponents' centre-backs. With his ambidexterity he can quickly finish the play inside the penalty box. In those positions he also revealed a good anticipation and positioning that can still be improved, but with a bit of space he can easily score. Good header and jumping.

WHEN TEAM DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION: Good team work with reasonably good positioning and reasonable aggressive attitude. He helps his team throughout the match but sometimes he also seems a little absent from the game.

DEFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: Must improve reaction to the loss of the ball. Medium/slow reaction with almost no efficiency.

OFFENSIVE TRANSITIONS: He is capable of offering several options and be used in the support or also appear in the depth. Under pressure he played it simple to a good option using his good technique to protect the ball, but he also tried the rotation movement a couple of times. When he had space he tried to turn and solve the game with a good through pass.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Current Level: Sam Diallo was a very good unit for Guinea at this African U-17 Championship.

Potential Level: If Sam Diallo remains focused in his path and works hard he can become a good/important player for a club competing in a good European League.

