



Matthieu Epolo

Mechelen vs
Standard Liege

Player Details

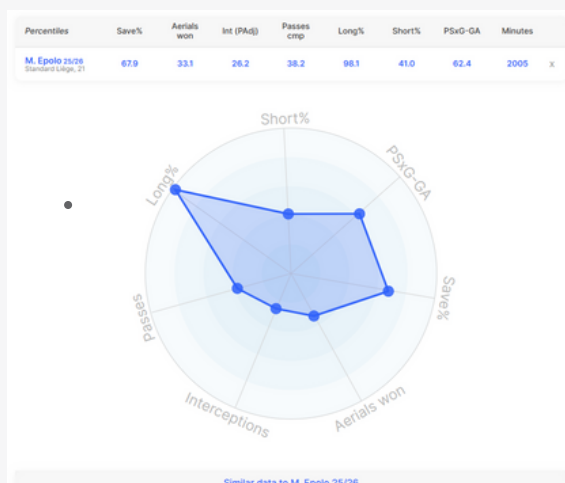
Team : Standard Liege
Position: Goalkeeper

Height : 6'0

Date Of Birth (Age) :
15/01/2005 (21)

Strong Foot : Right
Nationality : DR
Congo

Contract End Date
30/06/2029



Technical

- Is good with the ball at his feet, using both feet well, which is important for a modern day GK
- Short and long kicking was delivered with good height and accuracy. (Long kicks were aimed towards the ST)
- He did not command his area well as he stayed on his line when crosses and set plays were delivered
- He faced one shot during the game that he held onto well
- Created passing options for team mates by moving into open space

Tactical

- Is hesitant in coming off his line when closing angles down
- Decision making and judgment could be better as he was unsure to commit to coming off his line to gather crosses, he was caught in two minds in those situations, Also deciding to punch the ball rather than catch it.
- His positioning without the ball was high off his line and outside his penalty area, ready to act as a sweeper keeper if balls were played over the top

Physical

- Got down sharply to make a save and showed good reactions to divert the ball away from a cross using his feet
- Could get bullied when coming for the ball in crowded areas

Mental

- Is vocal when organising his backline
- Is the captain of the team at a young age and already has the traits and characteristics of good leadership

Strengths

Leadership
Distribution

Weaknesses

Decision making
Commanding of
area

Current Ability and Potential



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| | SAVE% | AERIALS WON | INT (PADJ) | PASSES COMP | LONG% | SHORT% | PKG-GA |
|---|-------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|
| L. Kikubo Sint-Truiden, 25, 2203 min | 79.30 | 47.00 | 20.20 | 60.10 | 16.20 | 51.60 | 89.00 |
| M. Peano La Louvière, 27, 2207 min | 87.60 | 78.50 | 85.80 | 37.30 | 56.80 | 6.90 | 92.50 |
| B. Gabriël Zulte-Waregem, 26, 2188 min | 27.20 | 28.00 | 48.80 | 83.20 | 99.60 | 75.90 | 51.70 |
| T. Leyssen OH Leuven, 23, 2182 min | 62.40 | 87.60 | 59.70 | 85.70 | 71.40 | 41.00 | 54.90 |
| D. Roof Gent, 21, 2175 min | 70.40 | 63.40 | 74.30 | 88.20 | 65.50 | 49.30 | 80.10 |
| A. Jungblat Westerlo, 23, 2084 min | 27.20 | 50.80 | 83.40 | 68.90 | 54.20 | 38.40 | 50.70 |
| C. Coosemans Anderlecht, 33, 2083 min | 30.30 | 70.10 | 4.90 | 52.70 | 48.10 | 28.50 | 38.70 |
| M. Epolo Standard Liège, 21, 2059 min | 67.90 | 33.10 | 26.20 | 38.20 | 98.10 | 41.00 | 62.40 |
| K. Scherpen Union Saint-Gilloise, 26, 1980 min | 98.70 | 67.30 | 20.20 | 63.00 | 93.60 | 39.20 | 92.20 |
| M. Delavalée Charleroi, 21, 1959 min | 19.90 | 44.20 | 43.90 | 51.60 | 89.50 | 2.20 | 31.80 |
| M. Delanghe Cercle Brugge, 24, 1868 min | 17.50 | 57.50 | 59.10 | 25.30 | 39.70 | 64.00 | 18.20 |
| Nacho Miras Mechelen, 26, 1587 min | 97.80 | 85.50 | 73.70 | 39.50 | 26.30 | 13.20 | 99.90 |
| N. Jackers Club Brugge, 28, 1587 min | 51.30 | 61.40 | 63.90 | 84.70 | 69.10 | 77.60 | 32.10 |



Current Ability



Potential



Similar players

Iker Casillas
David de Gea



This is due to the fact he is good at using his feet to divert danger

Conclusion

Epolo was not tested enough during the game for a fair assessment. He impressed with his leadership skills and out of possession positioning, saving his one shot well and keeping a clean sheet. His main area of improvement would have to be his dominance and commanding of his box if he is to play at a higher level. He is a DR Congo international having been on the bench at the 2026 AFCON and is the captain of Standard Liege, so is thought of highly both at club and international level.

