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Max Moerstedt - 194cm - Right footed - Striker/Centre Forward - January 15th, 2006

### **Target Man Play**

- **Strengths:** Outstanding hold-up ability; pins defenders effectively; secure first touch; strong aerial presence; reliable at linking play with one-touch combinations.
- **Concerns:** Still needs more upper body strength at senior level; can get outmuscled by stronger centre-backs.

## **Running in Behind**

- **Strengths:** Times runs well when he chooses to go; shows good movement across the box to get in front of defenders.
- Concerns: Doesn't consistently stretch backlines; drops deep so often that the team lacks someone running in behind.

### **Playmaking**

- **Strengths:** Excellent one- and two-touch link-up; creative in tight spaces; drops between lines well to connect play.
- Concerns: Sometimes drops too deep, leaving no focal point higher up; takes on too much responsibility outside the box.

#### **Finishing**

- **Strengths:** Proven scorer at youth level; gets into dangerous positions with good box movement.
- Concerns: Conversion rate at senior level needs improvement; confidence and adjustment to men's game still developing.

### **Dynamic Pressing**

• **Strengths:** Works hard out of possession; presses with intensity; tracks back well and contributes defensively.

• Concerns: Needs added strength to make defensive duels more effective.

# **Tracking Back**

- **Strengths:** Willing to recover and engage defensively; proactive attitude off the ball.
- Concerns: Can be drawn too deep, which limits his presence as a forward threat.

## **Projection and Suitability**

**Profile:** Strong, technical striker with excellent hold-up play, aerial ability, and link-up skills. Works hard off the ball and combines well in tight spaces. Needs to balance dropping deep with staying central to maximize goal threat. Physical development and adaptation to senior-level finishing will enhance his impact.

**Level:** Rotation-to-first XI option at Juventus with potential to become a key forward, especially in systems valuing a target man or link-up striker.

## **Development Areas:**

- Increase upper body strength to dominate physical duels.
- Focus on staying higher up the pitch to maximize goal-scoring opportunities.
- Refine finishing under senior-level pressure to convert chances more consistently.

Target man play - A

Running in behind - C

Playmaking - **B** 

Finishing - C

High pressing - **B** 

Positional defending - B

Max Moerstedt is a tall, intelligent striker who excels as a target man, holding up the ball and linking play efficiently. Good first touch and awareness of teammates allow him to combine quickly in tight spaces. Works hard off the ball, pressing and tracking back. Needs to add more upper-body strength to win more physical duels and can sometimes drop TOO deep, reducing his direct goal threat.