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Exequiel Zeballos - 170cm - Right footed - Central Midfielder - April 24th, 2002

Attacking

Dribbling - **Very good**

Crossing - **Similar**

Playmaking - **Quite good**

Receiving in behind - **Similar**

Finishing - **Similar**

Zeballos is a direct winger with quick feet, good balance and agility, and sharp changes of direction, which makes him very effective in 1v1s. He is confident on the half-turn and immediately drives at his defender, either down the line or cutting inside on his stronger foot. His dribbling and acceleration allow him to unbalance opponents and create chances, though his end product has room for improvement. His crossing and left-footed delivery need refinement, and he shows creativity with passes and can strike the ball well. Needs to work on his final ball.

Defending

High pressing - **Quite good**

Tracking back - **Quite poor**

Zeballos defends with high intensity, pressing high and committing aggressively to disrupt play and force turnovers. He works hard to win the ball back and shows good energy in closing down opponents. While he struggles to track back, his defensive impact is more about pressure than physical duels.

Pros

Zeballos fits the profile Internacional are seeking, bringing high energy, directness, and strong 1v1 ability. His dribbling and quick first step make him a consistent threat in wide areas, capable of stretching defences or cutting inside to create. He can operate on both wings, adding versatility, while his pressing intensity aligns well with a high-tempo system. At just 23, he still

has room to refine his end product, particularly his final ball on his crosses, but already shows a high level of confidence, creativity, and the ability to influence games in transition or against set defences.

Cons

Zeballos lacks a consistent end product, with his final ball and finishing not yet overly reliable. He is quite right-footed, which limits variation in his play, and his weaker left-foot delivery reduces his crossing threat. While energetic in pressing, his tracking back of runners can be inconsistent, leaving space when opponents break quickly. Physically, he is a level below and can lose duels against stronger defenders. These areas make him more of a creator than a consistent goal threat, meaning Internacional need to pair him with more clinical finishers to maximize his output.