

# **Christian Kofane**

## **Player Report:**

## **25/26 Bundesliga Season**

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# Christian Kofane

Current club

Bayer Leverkusen

Nationality

Cameroon

Best position

Striker

Date of birth (age)

26/07/2006 (19)

Height

189cm

Foot

R



## Current level

**Backup in Top 5 Leagues**

## Potential level

**Starter in Top 5 Leagues**

**Playmaking** - *The ('false nine') ability to find pockets of space in between the lines, receive in an open body position, combine with teammates and use passes and dribbles to progress the ball.*

- Comfortable combining with teammates through short passes and layoffs, often using one-touch actions.
- Demonstrates tactical intelligence by dragging defenders out of shape when he drops deep, creating space for runners beyond him.
- While he is not a pure creator, his vision and awareness make him effective in systems that ask the striker to contribute between the lines.

**Target man** - *The ability to win aerial duels and to hold up play after receiving high and low passes with one or more defenders battling for the ball in the striker's back.*

- At 1.89m, combines size and strength with good balance, allowing him to hold off defenders effectively when receiving with his back to goal.
- He uses his body intelligently to shield the ball, draw fouls, and keep attacks alive under physical pressure, showing self-sufficiency rather than needing constant support.
- Strong in aerial duels, both when contesting direct balls and when attacking crosses in the box, timing his jumps well and generates good power in his headers.
- His ability to receive both high and low passes and retain possession makes him a reliable focal point, whether playing as a lone striker or in a two-man front line.

**Runs in behind** - *The ability to make well-timed, high speed runs in behind to receive the ball in behind the defensive line.*

- Excellent timing when attacking space, often operating close to the offside line and delaying his movement until the last possible moment.
- Possesses long, powerful strides that allow him to quickly separate from defenders once he breaks the line, making him particularly dangerous in open-field situations.
- Combines speed with awareness, choosing when to stretch the pitch vertically and when to stay connected to play, rather than running blindly.
- His movement profile makes him effective both in transition-heavy games and against higher defensive lines.

**Creating and converting chances** - *The ability to get into high-quality scoring positions and using different types of finishing techniques to convert chances relatively often.*

- Profiles as a striker who consistently gets himself into high-value scoring areas, particularly inside the box, where his movement and physical presence allow him to attack deliveries aggressively.
- Shows a clean, efficient one-touch finishing ability, especially when shots come quickly in crowded areas, reducing the need for extra touches under pressure.
- Comfortable finishing in different ways, capable of converting chances with his head or off either foot, which makes him less predictable for defenders when attacking crosses or cutbacks.
- Uses his strength and balance well when finishing through contact, maintaining control of his body even when defenders are tight to him.

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**Dynamic pressing** - *The ability to correctly decide when to apply pressure and to correctly do so with a high approach speed, good deceleration and correct use of the body.*

- Combines his approach speed with good use of his body, making pressing actions physically uncomfortable for centre-backs.
- Shows willingness to work hard OOP, contributing to first-line defensive actions.
- His pressing is more effective in short, aggressive bursts than in prolonged high-intensity pressing phases.

**Positional defending** - *Defending more statically, e.g. in a low or middle block, shielding passes towards the most dangerous zones and players in midfield.*

- Understands his role in a mid or low block, positioning himself to screen passes into central midfield areas rather than chasing the ball unnecessarily.
- Displays tactical discipline when defending deeper, holding his position and prioritising compactness.
- Uses his frame well to block passing lanes and slow opposition progression, allowing his team to reset their shape.

## **Conclusion**

Christian Kofane is a well-rounded modern centre forward who offers value across multiple phases of the game, combining physical presence with intelligent movement and good linkup play. He is capable of acting as a reference point through his ability to hold up the ball and win aerial duels, while also threatening space in behind with well-timed runs that stretch the back line. His finishing profile and box presence suggest a striker comfortable converting chances in tight areas, and his willingness to drop into midfield zones or engage in pressing actions adds further tactical flexibility. Overall, he profiles as a forward who can function in different attacking structures, offering a blend of physicality, work rate, and technical security that aligns well with the demands of a high-level team in the Top 5 Leagues.