

Scouting report

Chido Obi

**Match Report from PL2 vs Liverpool U21
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Chido Obi

Current club

Best position

Date of birth (age)

Height

Manchester United

Striker

29/11/2007 (17)

188cm



Current level

PL2

Potential level

Premier League

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.*

- Dropped into midfield at the right moments to link play, using one-touch layoffs and simple combinations to keep the attacks progressing up the pitch.
- Looked comfortable receiving under pressure with tight touches; can turn out of traffic and carry forward when space opens.
- He played a few rushed/sloppy passes appeared when he tried to force quick actions, but overall showed good ability when operating in deeper pockets of space.

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.*

- His strong upper body allowed him to pin centre-backs and protect the ball cleanly, he rarely needed more than one or two touches to set layoffs.
- Able to withstand contact well, he uses his frame to roll defenders after securing possession.
- He was a reliable back-to-goal outlet throughout the game, and was a key piece for helping United advance up the pitch.

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

- He timed his runs from deep well, he stayed onside for his goal and attacked the space at the appropriate time.
- Constantly worked the channels, especially the left side, where his length and pace stretched Liverpool's back line. He favours a cut in onto his right foot for an attempt at goal.
- Strong runner without the ball, very proactive in creating separation himself, rather than waiting for service to reach him.

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.*

- Scored his goal with a composed inside-foot finish at the near post — clean technique and good composure.
- Showed he can generate his own shots through 1v1 actions and body feints, rather than relying on service from his teammates.
- Took a couple of slightly forced shooting decisions when a pass might have been cleaner, this just reflects his goal-hungry mindset in my opinion.
- Involved in the winning goal by getting into a good cutback position and producing a shot that led to the rebound finish, it won't go down as an assist but it wouldn't have happened without Chido's involvement.

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.*

- Pressed with intensity and purpose, pressing from smart angles that forced Liverpool wide or into rushed long passes.
- Closed down the goalkeeper aggressively, turning build-up into hurried clearances. This led to multiple turnovers due to a kick being forced from the keeper.
- He tracked back with a clear hunger to win the ball back, he dropped closer to midfield to fight for loose balls and disrupt play.

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

- Tracked back into deeper areas when needed to help screen passing options into midfield.
- Worked his way back into shape quickly after turnovers, getting himself into useful areas to shut off simple passes and help United stay compact.

Conclusion

Chido Obi showed exactly why he's viewed as one of England's highest-ceiling academy forwards. In this game he showed a strong mix of pace, power, and clean technical ability. He pressed with real intent, held up play using minimal touches, and carried the ball with his lanky, silky stride that lets him create chances for himself. His movement into the channels, timing of runs, and constant hunt for shots made him a threat throughout the game, and he took his goal with a calm and composed finish. He still has moments where his decision-making rushes—especially with a few loose passes and predictable dribbles—but the raw tools are top-level: strong frame, aerial presence, clean first touches, sharp link play, and a hunger for goals that you cannot teach. On a broader level, he profiles as a modern goalscorer with the physicality of a classic No.9 and the mobility of a wide-forward, and performances like this show how quickly he's trending toward senior-level readiness once the polishing comes.