

Anis Mehmeti

**Match Report: West
Bromwich Albion vs Bristol City**

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Anis Mehmeti

Current club
Nationality
Best position
Date of birth (age)
Height
Foot

Bristol City
Albania
Attacking midfielder
09/01/2001 (24)
180cm
R



Current level

Top 6 in the Championship

Potential level

Bottom 5 in the Premier League

Technical

Technically, Mehmeti showed clear quality in congested attacking areas, particularly around the edge of the penalty area where his close control and comfort receiving under pressure stood out. He took up positions that allowed him to receive on the half-turn and immediately threaten goal, either through shots or short passing combinations with his teammates. His first touch and ball manipulation in tight spaces was clean, and he used subtle body positioning to protect the ball, stepping across defenders to prevent side-on engagement when carrying the ball forward. His finishing instinct was evident early, showing a willingness to strike quickly from central zones with minimal touches, and this shoot-on-sight mentality shaped much of his attacking involvement. While he was generally tidy, there were a few moments of technical untidiness, including unusual clearances under very little pressure, suggesting he may have some occasional lapses in his decision-making.

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Tactical

Tactically, Mehmeti operated primarily as a left-sided 10 in a 3-4-2-1. He consistently occupied pockets around the top of the box, almost rarely attacking the penalty area itself and instead positioning himself at the top of the D for second balls, rebounds, or opportunities to receive and shoot from range. His movement in the final third was intelligent, linking quickly with teammates through short combinations and drifting into spaces where he could influence play without being tightly marked. Out of possession, his pressing in advanced areas was purposeful, with sharp bursts to close down opponents, but his defensive contribution deeper in his own half was limited, often relying on the wing-back behind him to handle his defensive responsibilities. His substitution after 65 minutes was driven by the game-state as it was influenced by both tactical considerations and his disciplinary situation as he was on a yellow and walking a tightrope.

Mental

Mentally, Mehmeti approached this game with a clear sense of confidence and attacking intent. He wanted the ball in the final third, repeatedly positioning himself where he could influence play around the box and showing no hesitation to test the keeper with shots from distance. His early goal looked to set the tone for his performance, however, his aggression occasionally tipped into recklessness, most notably when he made a dangerous first-half challenge that resulted in a booking and could have escalated further. Despite this, his overall engagement in the attacking phase remained high, and he maintained belief in his ability to impact the game even when possession was limited.

Physical

Physically, Mehmeti does not rely on any explosive speed or physical dominance to impact the game. He is capable of competing athletically at Championship level, holding his own in short sprints, but his physical profile isn't that imposing. Instead, he uses balance and body awareness to stay involved, particularly when carrying the ball under pressure, where he positions himself well to absorb contact and continue play. In duels, he struggled to assert himself consistently, especially in defensive situations, and his tendency to commit fouls rather than regain control points to a need for refinement in physical timing and engagement. Overall, his physical traits supported his technical game but did not define it.

Conclusion

Overall, Mehmeti delivered a pretty good attacking performance defined by his intelligence in advanced positions, technical security in tight spaces, and a clear eye for goal. His ability to find pockets around the box, combine quickly, and threaten from range makes him a consistent presence in the final third, particularly in systems that allow him to operate between the lines rather than hugging the touchline. While his defensive contribution and physical assertiveness away from the ball remain key areas for improvement, especially deeper in his own half, his attacking mentality and comfort under pressure stood out immediately. In this match, he looked like a player who knows where his strengths lie and actively seeks situations to express them, offering Bristol City a reliable threat from advanced midfield areas.

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