

Scouting report

Ryan McAidoo

**Match Report from UEFA Youth
League vs AS Monaco U19**

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Current club	Manchester City
Best position	Winger
Date of birth (age)	24/06/2008 (17)
Height	174cm

Current level

PL2

Potential level

Premier League

Dribbling and carrying - *The ability to progress towards goal by dribbling past opponents in 1v1 and 1v2 situations and to carry the ball into better zones on a high tempo.*

- Extremely direct and aggressive 1v1 winger; beating his defenders with stepovers, feints, and rapid changes of speed.
- Accelerates from still to full speed instantly, using tight close control to drive past opponents, capable of going both inside and outside.
- Light on his feet with excellent balance; able to escape pressure and carry attacks from deep into the final third.

Playmaking - *The ability to find pockets of space in between the lines, receive in an open body position, combine with teammates and use short passes to progress the ball into better zones.*

- Combined well on the right side with his fullback through quick give-and-go actions via overlaps and underlaps.
- Showed good crossing ability and quality from both feet, delivering at pace and creating scoring opportunities.
- Final ball was a little inconsistent at times, he few overhit a few through balls when trying to break lines.

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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.*

- Operated mostly by receiving ball to feet this match, receiving wide and driving at his man rather than running beyond the back line.
- Made one or two memorable deep runs in behind, it is how he was able to score his goal, with a counter attacking run from deep after a unsuccessful corner. Timed his run well and was able to beat his man.
- His attacking threat primarily came from ball-carrying actions rather than runs past defenders.

Final pass - *The ability to create high-quality opportunities for teammates with accurate final passes by using crosses, short passes and through passes.*

- Created multiple dangerous moments with his crossing, generating chances both cutting in and going down the line. Delivered a dangerous right-footed cross after beating his man, leading directly to an own goal.
- Quality of delivery was generally strong, good pace, height, and difficult for defenders to deal with.
- His execution varied, he is capable of high-quality crosses but he also overhit some passes in tight areas.

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.*

- Constant threat in the final third, beating defenders at a very high rate (7/9 successful dribbles) to create shooting and passing chances.
- Scored with real composure: rounded the keeper, faked the defender, and finished, a high-level 1v1 action.
- Created multiple chances through ball carries from deep, generating shots for himself and dangerous moments for teammates.

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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.*

- Pressing intensity fluctuated throughout the match; had moments of sharpness but also spells of over-committing and running past the play.
- Struggled to decelerate when closing space quickly, allowing opponents to slip past him.
- More effective pressing high than tracking deeper, but overall, pretty inconsistent out of possession.

Tracking back - *The willingness to support the own fullback, to sprint back once the ball is played past, and the ability to defend 1v1 and track overlapping or underlapping opposition fullbacks.*

- Tracked back adequately when required but didn't consistently match the intensity of his work with the ball.
- Had small spells of jogging and walking OOP, with limited urgency to get involved with defensive transitions.
- Struggled to have a defensive impact in deeper areas, struggling to close space quickly or challenge physically when recovering toward his own goal.

Conclusion

Ryan McAidoo delivered one of the best performances on the pitch, driving the game with explosive dribbling, sharp acceleration, and close control that allowed him to beat defenders and create chances whenever he isolated his man. He showed real composure for his goal in transition, and his ball-carrying repeatedly pushed City into the opposition's half with multiple dangerous final-third actions. He pressed with intent but lacked consistency in deeper defensive moments, sometimes over-running his press or jogging on recovery runs, and a few final passes were overhit despite generally high-quality delivery. The next step for Ryan is tightening his defensive intensity, improving his deceleration when pressing, and adding a bit more consistency to his final ball, but the mix of high level 1v1 ability, pace and balance, makes him a player to keep an eye on.