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Max Rosenfelder - 186cm - Right footed - Central Defender/Right Back - February 10th, 2003

Defending

Defensive Duels - **Quite good**

Defending Space in Behind - **Quite good**

Defending Crosses - **Similar**

Leaving Position to Press - **Quite good**

Rosenfelder is an anticipatory defender who reads the game well, particularly as a CB. He engages in his duels well, using good positioning and timing to compensate for his physical weaknesses. He steps into midfield aggressively, which can sometimes leave space in behind. As a RB, he is less effective, struggling to consistently cover wide channels and operate in tighter spaces. Rosenfelder's defensive style is proactive and physically intelligent, but he is limited by some spacing issues and his reliance on his right foot.

Attacking

Moment to Receive - **Similar**

Ball Retention - **Quite good**

Ball Progression - **Very poor**

Rosenfelder is a very confident ball carrier who can progress play by dribbling out from the back and making intelligent runs with and without the ball. He is composed on the ball, with good technique and decision-making, rarely making risky passes. His short passing is accurate, but he struggles to break lines with long passes and quick interplay. As a right back, he lacks sharpness in tight spaces, and his end product is very limited. Overall, he can help in the build-up through ball carrying and controlled passing, but isn't a creative or line-breaking threat.

Pros

Rosenfelder fits Crystal Palace's style, showing proactivity both offensively and defensively. In a back three, he can step forward to challenge for the ball without compromising the defensive structure. His composure, anticipation, and ball-carrying ability allow him to progress play from

the back and break lines under pressure from a high press. He can support the team in maintaining a direct, intense style while contributing to clean buildup play, offering versatility to play both right center-back and central center-back roles when needed.

Cons

Playing Rosenfelder as the central center-back could expose his limitations, as he lacks elite pace and physicality to consistently win his 1v1 duels or dominate in the air against stronger and quicker attackers in the Premier League. His one-footedness and tendency to rely on short, safe passes may hinder progressive build-up in high-pressure situations. Additionally, his occasional conservative positioning and slower reactions in tight duels could restrict his ability to explore space forward, which limits the impact of his ball-carrying, which is his standout trait.