

GENERAL TEAM SCOUTING REPORT

TEAM REPORTING ON: Liverpool U18; Manchester City U18

DATE: 16/04/2025

FIXTURE: Liverpool U18 vs Manchester City U18

COMPETITION: U18 Premier League

SCORE: 0-5

GOAL SCORERS: Kian Noble 90' +5 Reigan Heskey 63' (Pen.), 56' Matty Warhurst 46', 24'

CONDITIONS: Good playing conditions

REFEREE: Joe Cunningham

RED CARDS: No

PENS: 63'

LINE UPS:



TEAM: Liverpool

PLAYER	POSITION(S) PLAYED	AGE	HEIGHT	FOOT	COMMENTS FROM GAME
Bailey Hall- MacDon ald	GK	18		R	Physical Good size and athletic profile. Explosive off the line with strong leg power, particularly evident in his kicking range and ability to cover the goal quickly. Technical Confident distributor, capable of playing short to draw pressure or going long with power and accuracy. Shot-stopping was solid, especially early from set-pieces. Handling on crosses was generally secure, though positioning on the third conceded goal (near post, narrow angle) was a clear technical lapse. Tactical Comfortable acting as a build-up initiator, holding the ball to attract pressure before releasing to wide areas. Aware of pressing triggers and distribution options. Mental Started confidently and showed no hesitation after early pressure. However, concentration dipped in a decisive moment. Responded well overall but needs consistency in key situations. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 6/10
DJ Esdaille	RB	18	5' 8	R	Physical Athletic with good acceleration. Competitive in duels but can be exposed by elite pace when isolated. Technical Comfortable in short passing combinations. Delivered one excellent cross showing good technique. Tackling can be mistimed when under pressure. Tactical Defensively aggressive, looking to close space early. However, decision-making in 1v1 defending is inconsistent, particularly when cover is

					available. Limited attacking involvement early but improved later. Mental High intensity and commitment, but rushed decisions at critical moments (penalty conceded). Needs better emotional control and patience in defensive scenarios. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 4/10
Louis Enahoro-Marcus	RCB	19	6'0	R	Physical Tall, powerful centre-back with long reach and strong presence in duels. Well suited to a high defensive line. Technical Very comfortable on the ball. Uses body feints and changes of direction to evade pressure. Looks to play progressive passes between lines. Clean tackler. Tactical Actively supports pressing by stepping into midfield and holding advanced positions. Occasionally overconfident on the ball, leading to delayed releases. Mental Calm under pressure and confident in possession. One lapse in concentration on a corner but generally composed and assertive. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 6/10
Harvey Owen	LCB	17		R	Physical Strong aerially with good pace for recovery runs. Physically reliable in defensive duels. Technical Clean heading technique and good timing in tackles. Comfortable clearing under pressure but not heavily involved in ball progression. Tactical Generally positionally good, though occasionally steps out unnecessarily, opening central lanes. Showed good awareness when defending transitions.

					Mental Focused and resilient. Recovers well after minor errors and maintains defensive discipline for most of the game. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 5/10
Cameron Williams	LB	17		L	Physical Agile full-back with decent stamina and balance. Can struggle when facing multiple overlapping runners. Technical Good first touch and dribbling ability. Capable of delivering dangerous first-time crosses. Defensively competent in tackling when timing is right. Tactical Provides width and overlaps well but can be exposed defensively in overload situations. Reads danger well inside the box. Mental Composed when pressed and willing to take responsibility. Shows good game intelligence despite defensive challenges. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 5/10
Alvin Ayman	CM	18		L	Physical Mobile and reasonably strong in duels. Covers ground well but lacks defensive robustness. Technical Comfortable carrying the ball and receiving with back to goal. Capable of long passes and playing on the turn. Passing choices can be inconsistent. Tactical Supports wide areas but struggles with defensive positioning. Frequently arrives late or takes up incorrect defensive angles. Mental Confident in possession but decision-making under pressure is erratic. Needs improved tactical discipline and concentration.

					PERFORMANCE GRADE: 6/10
Scofield Lonmeni	CM	17		R	Physical Good engine and stamina. Agile with strong balance in tight spaces. Technical Excellent close control and micro-dribbling. High-level passing technique, highlighted by a first-touch through ball with perfect weight and disguise. Tactical Intelligent use of space, often dropping deep to support build-up and operating effectively between lines. Links units well. Mental Calm, composed, and reliable. Maintains performance level throughout and executes under pressure. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 5/10
Oliver O'Connor	RW	17		R	Physical Decent pace and work rate. Limited aerial presence and timing when challenging centre-backs. Technical Capable passer with good crossing technique. Finishing execution inconsistent, particularly in 1v1 situations. Tactical Works hard pressing across the front line. More effective linking play than acting as a target man. Mental Committed and disciplined off the ball. Confidence in finishing situations appears variable. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 4/10
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Fola Onanuga					Physical Mobile with decent strength. Can be physically overpowered in aerial duels, especially at set-pieces. Technical Comfortable carrying the ball and tackling. Shooting and final-third execution inconsistent. Tactical Good spatial awareness and positioning when linking defence and midfield. Defensive contributions strong in wide areas. Mental Shows initiative but can rush decisions in attacking phases. Needs improved composure in key moments. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 6/10
Kareem Ahmed	LW	18		R	Physical Short in stature with a low centre of gravity. Excellent balance and agility allow him to ride challenges and shield the ball effectively in tight spaces. Quick over short distances, helping him evade pressure and create separation, though he can be physically crowded out by larger opponents. Technical High-level dribbling and passing technique. Comfortable receiving on either foot and dribbling the ball in tight areas. Capable of executing disguised, reverse, and outside-of-the-foot passes in behind with precision. Ball control under pressure is a clear strength, particularly when operating between the lines. Tactical Operates effectively in pockets of space between midfield and defence, constantly looking to receive on the half-turn. Can become less influential when double-marked or when space is restricted centrally. Defensive contribution is limited, with most value coming in advanced areas.

					Mental Confident and expressive on the ball, willing to attempt difficult actions. Shows creativity and bravery in possession. Should be more active in pressing and defence PERFORMANCE GRADE: 6/10
Joshua Sonni-Lambie	ST	18		R	Physical Tall, quick forward with a strong upper body and good acceleration over short distances. Uses his frame effectively to shield the ball and hold off defenders, particularly when receiving with his back to goal. Physically competitive and willing to engage in contact, though can be outmuscled by heavier centre-backs when isolated. Technical Comfortable receiving under pressure and protecting possession. Shows good shooting technique from open play, capable of striking low with power. Demonstrated quality in link-up play, including a well-executed backheel to continue a counter-attack. Crossing technique is reliable, especially when delivering low balls into the box. First touch is generally secure but can become loose when heavily pressured in deeper areas. Tactical Very flexible tactically, dropping into midfield lines to support build-up and tracking back defensively when required. Makes aggressive runs into the box and attacks space well, particularly from wide starting positions. At times takes unnecessary risks in defensive zones, attempting to play through pressure rather than resetting play. Movement in the final third is positive but decision-making on when to shoot versus combine can improve. Mental Plays with confidence and personality. Shows courage in duels and is willing to take responsibility in attacking moments. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 8/10
SUBS USED					
	CB	18	5'8	R	

Emmanuel Airoboma					Physical Athletic centre-back with good pace. Covers ground well and looks comfortable defending space, particularly when recovering or dealing with balls played in behind. Physical profile suits defensive duels and aerial situations. Technical Composed in possession with a good passing technique for a centre-back. Plays accurately over short and medium distances and shows confidence under pressure. Tackling technique is sound and controlled, rarely diving in unnecessarily. Tactical Operates as a safe, low-risk defender. Maintains his position well and prioritises defensive security over aggressive stepping out. Mental Calm and assured. Makes sensible decisions and shows good concentration. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 5/10
Prince Kobe Cissé	CAM	17	6'2	L	Physical Tall central midfielder with good mobility and above-average pace for his build. Covers ground efficiently and is capable of competing physically. Technical Technically good in possession, but involvement was limited. When on the ball, kept things simple and secure, though did not demand possession or attempt to influence tempo. Tactical Positionally disciplined but relatively passive. Did not significantly affect the flow of the game, either offensively or defensively. Mental Appeared comfortable within the structure but lacked assertiveness to impose himself after coming on. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 3/10
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Tyler Martin	RW				Physical / Technical / Tactical Introduced very late in the match, with limited time to influence the game. Involvement was minimal, with no significant actions to assess. Mental Focused and disciplined in a short cameo, maintaining shape and following instructions. PERFORMANCE GRADE: -
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TEAM: Manchester City

PLAYER	POSITION(S) PLAYED	AGE	HEIGHT	FOOT	COMMENTS FROM GAME
Oliver Whitmu ff	GK	18	6'0	R	Physical Solid physical frame with good reach. Technical Comfortable with short distribution. Limited shot-stopping assessment due to low workload. Tactical Fits possession-based build-up well, rarely forced into long clearances. Mental Calm and assured, though largely untested. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 6/10
Harrison Parker	RB	19	6'1	R	Physical Tall, physically dominant defender with good strength and balance. Covers ground well and holds his own in duels. Technical Very comfortable carrying the ball forward. Passing quality stands out, particularly his weight and timing when breaking lines from deep. Clean in interceptions and secure in possession. Tactical Plays a key role in City's build-up, often stepping into midfield to initiate attacks. Reads the game well and adjusts positioning intelligently, including a smooth transition into a more central role later in the match. Mental Composed and confident. Shows maturity in decision-making and consistency across phases of play. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 7/10

Kian Noble	RCB	18	6'1	R	Physical Well-balanced defender with good mobility and strength. Physically equipped to operate in both central and wide defensive roles. Technical Outstanding technical quality for his position. Excellent ball-carrying ability, wide passing range, and confidence striking the ball. Demonstrated finishing quality with a powerful, precise volley from a corner. Tactical Dictates build-up from the back, regularly breaking lines with passes or carries. Defensively intelligent, positioning himself well to intercept and delay attacks. Mental Leader profile. Calm under pressure, assertive in possession, and composed in decisive moments. Clearly comfortable taking responsibility. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 8/10
Leke Drake	LCB	18		L	Physical Aggressive, physically imposing centre-back with strong aerial ability. Dominant in upper-body duels and difficult to dislodge. Technical Reliable in basic defensive actions such as heading and tackling. Distribution is functional rather than progressive, preferring simple options. Tactical Defends proactively, stepping in to challenge early. Can be vulnerable when isolated against pace, particularly when overcommitting during counters. Mental Plays with intensity and commitment. Occasionally too eager to engage, which can expose space behind him. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 6/10

Kaden Braithwaite	LB	17	6'3	R	Physical Tall, athletic full-back with good pace and stamina. Capable of repeated high-intensity runs. Technical Comfortable carrying the ball and secure in short passing. Crossing is functional rather than creative, but delivery is generally reliable. Tactical Provides consistent width and overlaps aggressively, often pushing beyond the winger. Maintains good positional discipline when City lose possession. Mental Disciplined and dependable. Plays within his role and system with minimal risk-taking. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 7/10
Finlay Gorman	CM	17	5'7	L	Physical Mobile midfielder with good endurance and balance. Covers ground effectively in both directions. Technical Secure ball-carrier with good passing timing. Quality deliveries from set-pieces and shows composure when receiving under pressure. Tactical Operates as a box-to-box midfielder, contributing defensively in central areas and arriving late into the box to support attacks. Communicates well and often directs teammates. Mental Focused and disciplined. Demonstrates awareness and leadership qualities despite his age. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 7/10

Harrison Miles	CDM	17	5'8	R	Physical Lean, agile midfielder with good stamina. Mobility allows him to receive on the half-turn and escape pressure. Technical High technical security. Excellent first touch, micro-dribbling, and long-range passing. Rarely misplaces passes and controls tempo effectively. Tactical Acts as the primary connector and rhythm-setter. Constantly scans, shifts play and dictates where City build attacks. Mental Very composed and mature. Maintains concentration and clarity in possession, even under pressure. Fatigue late on affected output slightly. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 7/10
Divine Mukasa	CM	18		R	Physical Decent pace and work rate. Limited aerial presence and timing when challenging centre-backs. Technical Capable passer with good crossing technique. Finishing execution inconsistent, particularly in 1v1 situations. Tactical Works hard pressing across the front line. More effective linking play than acting as a target man. Mental Committed and disciplined off the ball. Confidence in finishing situations appears variable. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 6/10

Christian Dunbar-McDonald	RW	18		R	Physical Compact, low centre of gravity with strong balance. Agile and difficult to knock off the ball. Technical Very good dribbling ability with a wide skill set. Dangerous from free-kicks, capable of striking with both power and curl. Secure in tight spaces. Tactical Operates effectively in pockets, linking midfield and attack. Takes risks in possession, particularly late in the game, which can lead to turnovers. Mental Confident and expressive. Willing to take responsibility but can force actions when chasing impact. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 8/10
Luca Fletcher	ST	18		R	Physical Fast, physically strong forward with good running power. Better suited to central areas than wide roles. Technical Competent finisher and secure in basic link-up play. Limited effectiveness in 1v1 dribbling and crossing situations. Tactical Provides depth with runs in behind and occupies defenders centrally. Less effective when positioned wide where space and time are reduced. Mental Works hard initially but impact dropped as fatigue set in. Reliable but not assertive. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 6/10
Reigan Heskey	LW	18	6'0	R	Physical Explosive wide attacker with elite acceleration and top-end speed for this age group. Strong core and lower-body power allow him to absorb

				contact while maintaining balance at full pace. Repeatedly won physical duels despite operating in tight wide spaces and showed no drop-off in intensity across the match. Technical Outstanding technical level. First touch consistently set him up to attack space or eliminate his direct opponent. Dribbling was sharp, controlled, and purposeful rather than decorative, regularly creating separation in 1v1 situations. Ball striking is a major strength: executed a technically excellent free kick from a very narrow angle with power and precision, finishing near post. Delivery from set-pieces and open play was consistently accurate, highlighted by a high-quality assist from a free kick. Penalty execution was calm and emphatic, showing both confidence and technique. Rarely misplaced passes and maintained ball security under heavy pressure. Tactical Exceptional understanding of space and timing. Operated primarily from the left but intelligently drifted into half-spaces and central pockets to overload midfield and create numerical advantages. Knew when to hold width to isolate the full-back and when to attack inside channels. Constantly offered an outlet in transition and was City's primary threat on counters. Drew multiple fouls through intelligent positioning and body use. Mental Top-level mentality for age group. Played with authority and composure, consistently making correct decisions at high speed. Demonstrated confidence without recklessness and showed no fear in taking responsibility during decisive moments (free kick, penalty, key attacking actions). Maintained focus and intensity throughout, rarely losing possession or composure. Clear match-winner profile with leadership-by-performance qualities. Overall Assessment Elite wide attacker at this level with a complete profile: pace, technique, tactical intelligence, and mentality. Consistently impacted the game and was the decisive factor in City's attacking success.
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					Projects strongly toward higher-level football, with attributes that translate well beyond academy level. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 10/10
SUBS USED					
Matty Warhurst	ST	19	6'1	L	Physical Strong, well-built striker who uses his frame effectively in duels. Holds off defenders well with his back to goal and is difficult to dispossess once he sets his body. Shows good balance and core strength, allowing him to ride challenges and maintain control under contact. Technical Technically reliable rather than flashy. First touch is secure, particularly when receiving with his back to goal, enabling effective link play. Finishing is composed inside the box, showing good body shape and awareness rather than power-only shooting. Aerial technique is a key strength - times jumps well and directs headers with purpose, making him a genuine target on crosses and set pieces. Tactical Operates as a classic focal-point striker, positions himself intelligently between centre-backs. Understands when to drop slightly to link play and when to stay high to stretch the defensive line. Attacks the box well, particularly on second balls and rebounds. Defensively, contributes by pressing selectively and blocking passing lanes rather than constant high-intensity pressing. Mental Displays strong confidence and presence. Plays with authority and looks comfortable being the main attacking outlet. Shows good composure in high-pressure moments inside the box and does not rush chances. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 9/10

Kylan Midwood	ST	17		R	Physical Quick, agile, with good burst over short distances. Technical Comfortable dribbler and carrier. Passing choices can be delayed. Tactical Effective running in behind and active in pressing. Mental High energy and intent, but needs calmer decision-making. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 5/10
Charlie Courtman	RB	18	6'0		Physical Athletic full-back with good energy levels, particularly noticeable after coming on as a substitute. Shows decent pace over short and medium distances, allowing him to recover defensively and get up the line when required. Lean build but competes well in duels and does not shy away from physical contact, especially in wide defensive areas. Technical Technically tidy and reliable. First touch is clean, helping him settle into the game quickly after being introduced. Passing is simple and effective, mainly short combinations down the right side, with a willingness to play one - and two-touch football. Defensively, his tackling is controlled and well-timed. Tactical Maintained defensive shape and showed awareness of when to hold his position versus when to support forward play. Offered width in possession without overcommitting, providing a balanced outlet on the right side. Read danger well. Mental Entered the match focused and disciplined, making sensible decisions rather than forcing involvement. Communicated well and looked comfortable adapting to the game's tempo.

					PERFORMANCE GRADE: 7/10
Femi Fapetu	CDM	18	5'7	R	Physical Tall midfielder with good frame. Technical Neat passing technique. Tactical Limited involvement due to game state. Mental Professional and composed in brief appearance. PERFORMANCE GRADE: 5/10