



Scouting Rapport:

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Date of Birth: 2007

Nationality: Swedish

Position: Goalkeeper

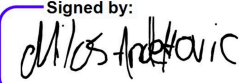
Club: Bergdalens IK

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Joel Karlsson is a tall and agile goalkeeper whose profile brings together reach, quick reflexes, and controlled presence between the posts. At 1.88m, he uses his height effectively, particularly against mid- and long-range shots, where his timing and wingspan allow him to cover wide areas of the goal. Despite his size, he gets down to low shots with impressive quickness, showing clean technique and strong reaction speed.

Positionally, Joel demonstrates reliable fundamentals inside the box. He maintains balance, adjusts effectively to attackers' movements, and commits decisively when reading that an intervention is required. His lateral footwork is efficient and coordinated, helping him respond well to shots across the goal.

In advanced defensive positioning, Joel tends to adopt a more conservative approach, prioritizing security behind the back line. He positions himself solidly inside the box and reads threats well from traditional shot-stopping zones. While he is not overly proactive outside the penalty area, he shows good awareness when adjusting to long balls and through passes, keeping himself prepared to react to danger when it reaches the defensive third.

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In buildup play, Joel opts for safe, controlled decisions. His distribution approach is measured, focusing on maintaining stability rather than initiating high-risk progressions. He does not engage heavily in structured buildup patterns, as the team's style relied less on goalkeeper involvement. Even so, he showed calmness when receiving the ball, indicating a foundation that can be expanded with targeted coaching. With development, he has the potential to grow into systems that require the goalkeeper to play higher, participate in circulation phases, and support a defensive line positioned further up the pitch.

Joel also stands out for his quick recovery after initial saves and his alertness in rebound situations. His communication is strong: he organizes the defensive line, keeps teammates informed, and shows a naturally responsible presence inside the box.

Joel demonstrates notable competitive maturity for his age. Making his senior debut in Division 2 at just 17 years old reflects confidence and composure under pressure. Even with this early exposure, he remains a young goalkeeper with clear room for growth — physically, technically, and tactically. With the right developmental environment, particularly in advanced positioning and distributed involvement, he has the potential to evolve significantly and become a more complete modern goalkeeper over the coming years.

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