

## **Scouting Rapport:**

## **AXEL AGUSTÍN URZAGASTI**

## SCOUTING REPORT – AXEL AGUSTÍN URZAGASTI

Date of Birth: 1998

Nationality: Argentine

Position: Center Back/Fullback (Right & Left)

Club: Free Agent

Previous Club: Roter Stern Leipzig (Germany)

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Axel is a commanding and defensively reliable centre-back who excels through intelligence, timing, and leadership. His strongest technical asset is his exceptional heading ability, consistently winning aerial duels through impressive positioning and reading of the flight of the ball. Despite not being among the tallest in his position, he outperforms opponents through anticipation, timing, and the clarity of his defensive execution. He approaches defensive actions with a "shot-stopper" mentality, chasing, blocking, and clearing danger with full commitment until the situation is completely resolved. On the ball, he offers secure short and medium-range distribution, maintaining accuracy under pressure and providing stability in the first phases of buildup. His profile allows him to operate as a fullback on either side when required, adding tactical versatility and reliability in different defensive structures.

Tactically, he demonstrates strong game awareness and organisational discipline. He reads attacking patterns intelligently, adjusting his positioning to intercept, delay, or cover when appropriate. His leadership within the defensive line is one of his standout qualities: he communicates constantly, guiding teammates, ensuring compactness, and orchestrating collective movements. This vocal presence elevates the structure and confidence of the entire backline. His aggressive duel participation, combined with consistent scanning and anticipation of second balls, makes him a dependable presence in high-pressure scenarios. His ability to shift to fullback roles provides coaches with strategic flexibility, especially in systems requiring defensive solidity in wide areas. With continued development in speeding up his decision-making in possession, he can increase his impact in controlled buildup without compromising his defensive reliability.

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Physically, he presents a well-balanced and competitive profile for a modern defender. At 1.85m, he maximises his frame through excellent leap mechanics and upper-body strength, allowing him to dominate aerially. His acceleration into defensive actions is sharp, and he sustains intensity across 90 minutes. He shows strong balance in contact situations, resilience in repeated defensive efforts, and the stamina required for high-volume defensive workloads. This physical profile supports both his central role and his ability to perform as a fullback, where quick adjustments, repeated sprints, and strong duels are essential.

Psychologically, he displays the qualities of a natural leader. His constant communication, responsibility-taking, and competitive spirit reflect a mature and ambitious mentality. He is fully engaged in every defensive sequence, refusing to disengage until the ball is either secured within his zone or cleared from danger. This relentless focus, combined with emotional maturity and a strong work ethic, gives him clear captaincy potential. While his tempo in possession can appear cautious at times, this stems from a commitment to making correct decisions — a quality that can be refined to enhance his contribution without changing the positive aspects of his profile.

Overall, Axel presents the profile of a highly dependable and impactful defender. He combines aerial dominance, strong defensive intelligence, vocal leadership, and a competitive mentality, with the added value of being able to perform effectively as a fullback on both sides. With targeted coaching to accelerate his decision tempo in possession, he has the attributes to thrive in structured defensive systems and become a central figure in an ambitious, high-performing team. In terms of competitive context, Axel is fully equipped to perform at the level of the Portuguese 6th tier within highly competitive districts such as Lisbon and Porto, and he is capable of playing comfortably at 5th-tier level in regions with a lower competitive density. His experience, consistency, and leadership profile make him a valuable addition to teams operating within these competitive environments.

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