



U14 Left Center Midfielder Role Canvas

Creative academy 8: connect the left side, receive forward, combine quickly, and react fast.

What we want to see

- Find pockets of space on the left side.
- Support the LW, 9, and LB in combinations.
- Receive with an open body and play forward.
- Be creative but stay connected to the team.
- React fast when we lose the ball.

Touches and skills to master

- Open-body first touch.
- Forward pass, bounce pass, and slip pass.
- Turn away from pressure in tight spaces.
- Carry the ball when space opens up.
- Quick support touch in combinations.

Final-third job

- Create chances from the left half-space.
- Combine with the LW and LB around the box.
- Slide passes into runners or the striker.
- Arrive for cutbacks and second balls.
- Shoot if the edge of the box opens.

Pro models / video study

- Pedri: scanning and control.
- Jamal Musiala: receiving between lines.
- Alexis Mac Allister: balance and link play.
- Bernardo Silva: support angles and pressing.
- Study body shape, timing, first touch, and reaction.

How to have success

- Scan early and open your body before the pass.
- Pass, move, and support again.
- Know where the 6 is so the team stays balanced.
- Choose the simple action if the risky one is not on.
- Counter-press or recover right away.

Team patterns

- LB + LCM + LW work together on the left.
- Use up-back-through combinations near the box.
- LCM inside; LW outside or attacking in behind.
- If the left side gets crowded, switch the ball.

Pressing role

- Press forward when the trigger is clear.
- Counter-press immediately after losing it.
- Help trap play with the LW and striker.
- Recover to protect the middle if beaten.
- Stay active between actions.

Scan & study

