

Report Simon Escobar



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Escobar

Left Back | 16 years old | 17-07-2009



Velez Sarsfield



Liga Profesional Argentina



Pie

Foot

Left



Height

1.85cm



Weight

75kg



Contract
until

31/12/2027



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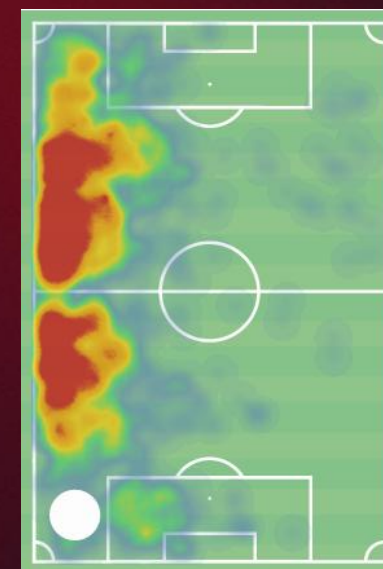
Gross Salary

USD\$ 1500



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General Characteristics

<i>Característica</i>	<i>P</i>
Defensive Duels	8
Aerial Game	7
Defensive Recovery / Tracking Back	6
Defending in Open Spaces	7
Ball Circulation	9
Defensive Coverage	6
Aggressiveness	8
Long-Range Combinations	8
Game Read	8
Progression from Defense	8
Crosses / Finishing	9



PLAYER REPORT

Simon Escobar is a 16-year-old left fullback from Argentina, developed at Vélez Sarsfield, where he recently signed his first professional contract.

Standing at around 1.85 m, Escobar is physically well-developed for his age and possesses very interesting athletic attributes. He shows a high work rate and the ability to sustain intensity throughout the full match, contributing both offensively and in counter-pressing actions even in the final minutes. He is strongly left-footed and rarely uses his right foot, but compensates with a very solid combination of speed, acceleration, power, and balance, allowing him to effectively underlap and attack spaces. He excels as a ball carrier, frequently receiving wide on the left touchline and driving diagonally into central areas. This inside progression is one of his signature actions, well-timed and purposeful, often allowing him to break midfield lines and generate advantages for his team. Technically, he is comfortable in possession, showing good control, composure, and the ability to handle pressure through changes of direction, turns, and effective body usage to shield the ball. He has a technique typical of baby football (a form of futsal played in tight spaces in Argentina between the ages of 6 and 12). It is notable how he has improved the use of his right foot, both for ball carrying and even for playing interior passes. He often repeats a pattern where he cuts inside and drives through the half-spaces, looking to combine with teammates and progress into finishing areas.

In possession, he tends to operate high and wide, often at the same height as the midfield line, actively seeking the ball. Once involved, he demonstrates the ability to attract opponents and release the ball at the right moment, combining well over short and medium distances. He also shows the intention and vision to play long passes into space, particularly targeting runs behind the opposition fullback, although his execution in these situations can still improve. Additionally, he provides good quality crosses and shows occasional flair, using skill moves to beat defenders.

Without the ball, Escobar is reliable and competitive. He uses his physicality effectively to contain wingers and performs well in defensive duels, showing aggression, good timing, and composure. He is capable of making tackles, interceptions, and sliding challenges with intensity, often winning duels thanks to his strength and speed. Even in situations of numerical inferiority, he maintains good positioning and uses his body orientation well to manage space and delay opponents. Tactically, his movements are somewhat repetitive, often staying wide and waiting for the ball rather than varying his positioning by dropping deeper or moving into more interior zones. However, when he does attack inside spaces, he proves to be very effective. His overall understanding of the game is strong, as he reads situations well, anticipates movements from both teammates and opponents, and makes quick decisions under pressure.

Mentally, Escobar stands out for his confidence, maturity, and competitive mindset. He plays with personality, maintains concentration throughout the game, and shows a high level of motivation and involvement in all phases. His ability to interpret the game and position himself accordingly is already well-developed for his age. Overall, Escobar profiles as a modern, dynamic, and attack-minded fullback with a complete skill set. He combines physical dominance, technical quality, and tactical intelligence, allowing him to contribute significantly in both defensive and offensive phases. His intensity, work rate, and reading of the game enable him to join attacks without compromising defensive stability. He was one of the standout performers in the U17 World Cup and shows all the attributes required to succeed at the professional level. He projects as a high-potential player with the tools to reach elite football, and there is a strong indication that he could develop into a top-level fullback in the future.



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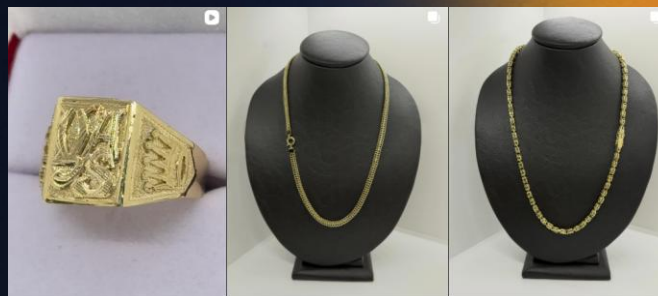
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Deportes y recreación

@adidasar Jugador profesional de @velez *Deuteronomio 31:6-*



Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake.



He does not use social media in a professional way. He shows little awareness of what is appropriate to post, often exposing himself in situations that do not reflect well on him. It is also striking that this area does not seem to be managed or guided by his representation. A large portion of the accounts he follows are women, along with pages related to gold and imported clothing, which reinforces certain patterns already visible in his behavior. At times, he posts content from environments that, while modest, seem to be used to project a certain image or message, as if trying to show he can fit into any setting.

His social media presence also clearly reflects that his closest circle is made up primarily of his friends, with his mother as the central figure within his family structure.

There are also instances where he appears holding alcohol, which further raises concerns about his judgment and professionalism off the pitch.

PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL CONTEXT

He is a young player from a very humble area of Buenos Aires, specifically Mariano Acosta in the district of Merlo. He grew up in a context of economic hardship, which has shaped his relationship with material things. Being able to acquire and show items like gold chains or imported clothing gives him a sense of status and recognition, even if his reality does not always support it.

His family background has been difficult. His father was incarcerated and was never a real source of support or a positive role model, while his mother struggled with addiction. As a result, he found a sense of belonging in his group of friends, which has acted as a substitute family, although that environment has not always been the healthiest.

In terms of habits, there have been episodes of alcohol consumption from a young age, and at times he has shown up to training in less than ideal condition. The lack of clear structure growing up can still be seen in certain behaviors today.

That said, this background has also helped him develop strong resilience and a high tolerance for pressure. He is mentally tough and able to handle demanding situations without showing fear. For example, he would be capable of taking a decisive penalty in a key moment without hesitation, which is a valuable trait at a high-performance level.

Within a sporting environment, he generally presents himself as serious, respectful, and committed in training. He does not show major disciplinary issues on the pitch and understands basic team norms.

However, there are still aspects of his personality that feel somewhat immature. At times, it seems he does not fully take his career as seriously as he should. This shows up especially in matches when his team is ahead, where he can become careless with the ball instead of maintaining focus and making simple, effective decisions.

There are moments where he appears to work against himself, making avoidable mistakes that affect his consistency. Part of this seems linked to his background and the habits he developed growing up.

Because of all this, it is important that in the early stages of his professional career he is surrounded by a strong and supportive structure — a club that understands where he comes from and can guide both his development as a player and as a person.

Regarding his career decisions, his changes in representation have mainly been financially motivated. The most recent move came in January 2026, when he left his previous agent, Rolando Zárate, to join Hernán Berman in a deal valued at around USD 200,000.

CONCLUSION - PROJECTION

Without losing sight of the fact that his lifestyle will be the determining factor — what ultimately makes the difference between becoming a professional footballer capable of making the jump to Europe or falling short and remaining just another player — his first step will be crucial for a successful adaptation and full professional development. The club that signs him will need to provide strong emotional support and help him feel comfortable from the very beginning. In this process, having Argentine or South American teammates will be key, as will the language. He does not seem to have the profile of a player who would proactively commit to learning a new language if he moves to another team.

Some clubs where I believe he could fit in, given the characteristics mentioned above::



Racing Strasbourg



Bologna FC



Ajax



Atlético Madrid



Brighton H&A



Olympique Marseille



Porto FC



Chelsea



Kevin

AMARILLA

Left Back | 16 years old | 22-09-2009



Olimpia



COPA DE PRIMERA

Paraguay Reserve League



Foot

Left



Height

1.82cm



Weight

73kg



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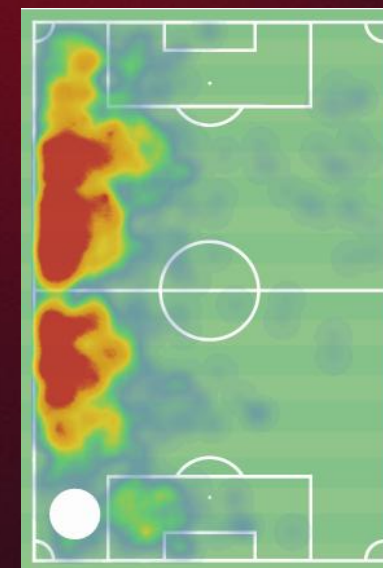


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Market Value



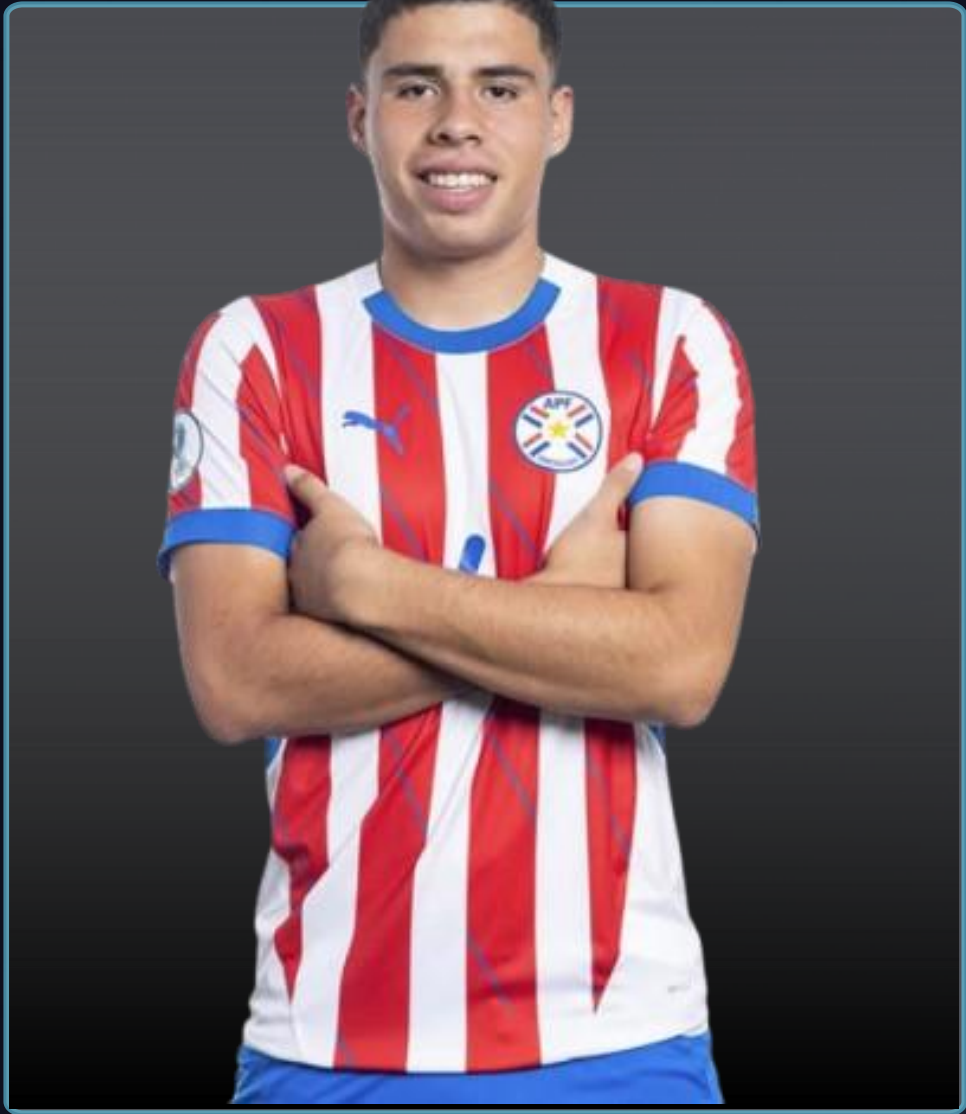
COMPARATION

I consider it important to establish a comparison between both players, as they share the same age, position, and a prominent role within their respective national teams. Amarilla stands out as one of the most notable players in Paraguay's U17 side, particularly due to his physical strength and technical quality.

He shows a strong ability to repeat high-intensity efforts and sustain duels over the full 90 minutes—an area that is often a weakness in players at this level. From a technical standpoint, he is a reliable player, capable of delivering powerful crosses without requiring significant space or prior momentum. Positionally, he is well-structured and efficient, with the ability to carry the ball over long distances and make generally sound decisions.

In the final third, he maintains composure and avoids rushing his actions. Additionally, he does not shy away from physical contact; on the contrary, he consistently competes with determination in both aerial and ground duels, frequently coming out on top.

However, he still falls short of what Escobar represents in terms of projection and long-term potential. While Amarilla appears capable of making the step to European football, his current profile does not suggest a ceiling at the elite level. That said, his competitiveness, performances in high-pressure environments, and variety of technical resources allow him to operate at a level that is currently comparable to the Argentine player.



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CRISTALDO

Centre Back | 17 years old | 11/01/2009



Velez Sarsfield



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Foot *Left*



Height *1.86cm*



Weight *86kg*



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Market Value

OTHER STANDOUT PLAYER

Cristaldo is a player developed in the Vélez Sarsfield academy. At just 17 years old, he has already been called up to the first team bench, although he has not yet made his professional debut. He also received a call-up from the Argentine national team but chose to represent Paraguay instead.

He plays as a left-footed center back, standing at 1.86 meters tall. In recent months, he has shown a noticeable physical transformation, losing between 6 and 8 kilograms, which has positively impacted his mobility and agility. He serves as captain at his level, showing strong leadership and attitude. He is very vocal on the field, constantly communicating, although at times he can come across as lacking a bit of humility with his teammates.

He has a very good clean striking technique, particularly when playing line-breaking passes from the back. In aerial duels, he tends to impose himself, although he still needs to improve his technique, especially in offensive situations.

As an area for improvement, he needs to develop more composure and calmness in his game. He is very intense and emotional, which sometimes leads to poor decision-making, unnecessary fouls, and avoidable mistakes. He could also be more precise in his tackling.

Overall, he is a highly focused player who enjoys duels and competition. He has a strong winning mentality and tends to dominate, especially when he has positional advantage.