

Individual Scouting Report



General Information

Name – Bryan Ariel Castro Murillo

Age – (23) 1990-03-05

Place of Birth - Honduras

Weight – 80kg

Height – 185cm

Main Position – Centre Back (Left Sided)

Current Team – Vida (Honduras LNP) Only just signed for club

Injuries – No known major injuries since pro career started.

Fixture – Guatemala U20 Vs Honduras U20 (2011 Concacaf Tournament)

Any Other Information – Stadium Estadio Mateo Flores (Guatemala City)

Pitch was in not bad condition – flow of play ok

Score – Guatamala U20 (1) Vs Honduras U20 (3)

Defence

Ball Control – Didn't show any confidence with ball at feet. Seemed to distribute the ball out has soon has could. Was not in position were he would gain ball to control and run with ball.

Running with ball – 1 opportunity within second half where has opportunity to dribble out from back line with ball. His body language showed that was not going to be the case has just laid ball off to his left back to take ball out.

Attacking Ability – Shown no attacking ability at all. Role he played within team deemed him has defensive anchor.

Defending Ability - He was slow to respond to defensive situations, watching the ball not the opposition. Lacked a lot of reading game situations has was get caught behind a lot. Tended to hold of opposition attacking moves leaving to much space between him and the ball.

Heading – Looked like a strength within his game. Competed a lot in the air for ball with 9 out 10 beating his opponent to ball. Put some power behind the ball and from clearing the ball gained accuracy. 16th minute he lost his marker and headed just over.

Tackling – Lacked that drive through the ball when went in for a tackle. Standoffish towards opponents so when did put a tackle in was tame. Mainly loose control from Guatemalan player was when is tackling came in. Main tackle option was sliding in onto tackle.

Long Passing – Did not attempt or look like attempting a long pass.

Short Passing – Played a few short passes to right and left back. Soft touch but accurate pass.

Right Foot – A real strength, he is comfortable when he has the ball at his feet, showing good control and better go through the ball.. He passes the ball cleanly and manages to get better control and accuracy to own teams player..

Left Foot – 3 occasions cleared ball out from back with left foot. No accuracy and two times just missed timed with left foot. Seemed to rush a lot and using left foot just didn't have that control needed.

Tactical Ability

He is a deep lying left sided centre back player, who likes to control the game with defensive minded play, However, he is very single minded and fails to see what is going on around him, often failing to see the bigger picture. His movement off the ball is too static, looking to drop off the opponents giving them space to receive and then hopefully take attacking opportunities on goal. Whilst crosses and balls going forward come in didn't see who was picking up other players. Numerous occasions balls crossed in and were too far apart from his left back. Causing so much open space for Guatemalan player to sneak in onto the cross.

Athletic Ability

Pace is not a main strength Castro possess. As said already tends to give the opposition a 10 to 5 yard space before will attempt a tackle, mainly down not wanting to be cornered in or get turned inside out. Across back line tends to stick to left side though within 58 minute Honduran right back was sent off so had to control the centre more. He did this with less movement to right or left. Covered his central position well. In this case.

Has a large physical frame and does use his strength to muscle opponents of the ball. Shows what physical strength has when going up for header has got the height and power needed to win the ball.

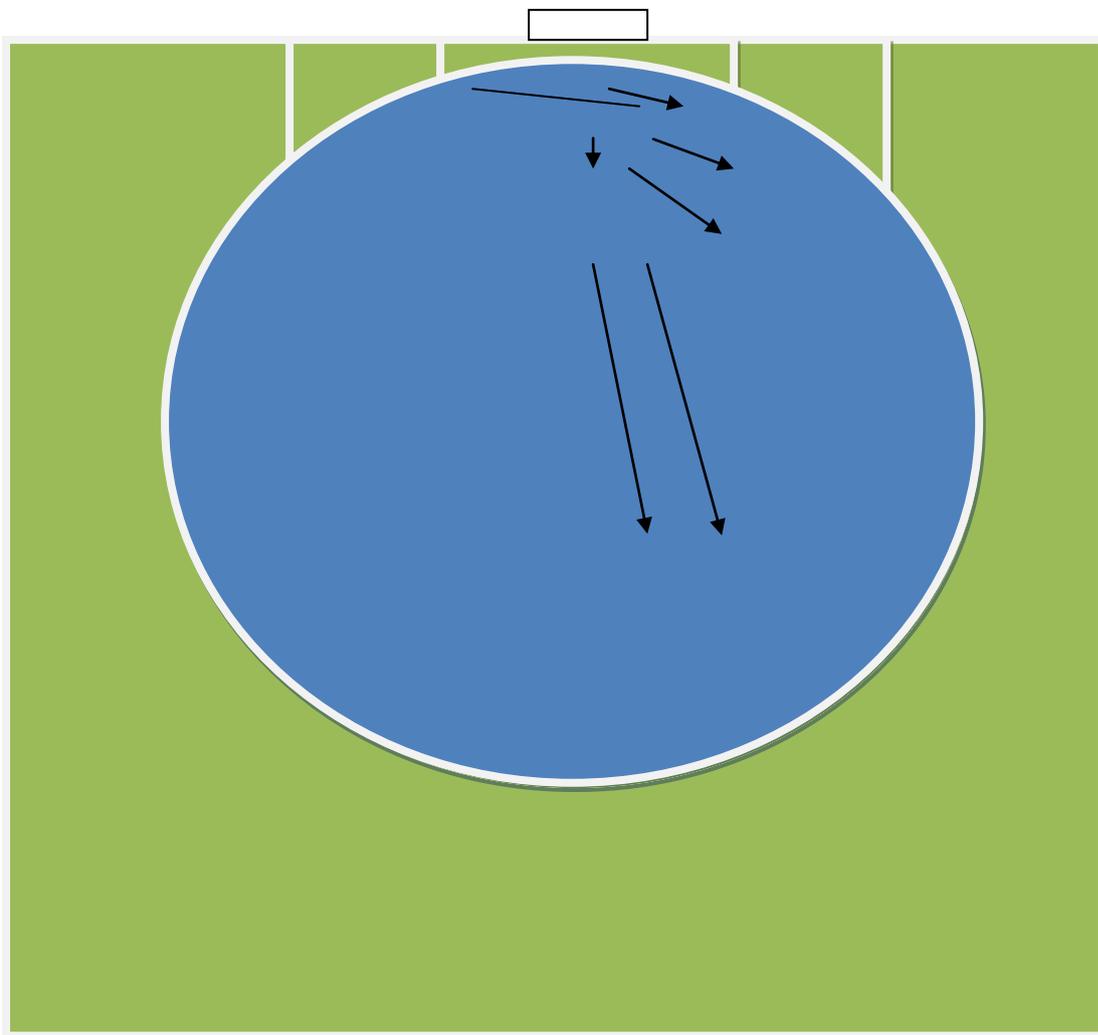
Regarding work rate did get up for corners and once cleared did track back to his defence position very good. Was being covered a lot by defensive midfielder but reversed role on defensive attack. Tracking back into positions feel was not a massive strength has left a few holes in back line.

Character

When lost ball did attempt to go back for it jocking the attacker. Holded up play till in could get a clean tackle in, which worked once other times not a great tactic. Even though the overall team worked well he didn't seem to give an option for outlet or pass. This was case when being pushed back via midfield to defence. Seemed to organise the defence occasionally on free kicks. Letting the wall and others pick up positions. This occurred more after the red card for Honduran came ahead. Would keep a tight line with other defenders at parts of game.

Defensive game areas of play

In blue shows main areas Castro occupied within defence duty . Arrows show where is movement was mainly aimed.



Assessment

Comments - In this game, he started nervously with some early clearances being rushed. Even with Team going ahead still seemed not to have the confidence to settle the ball and look for an outlet. Upto half time was slow to react to attacking situations letting balls go over his head. Second half came out on a more positive manner; the team were ahead and got more into game. Anything in the air up to him he won also distributing his headers to intend. Once red card came into action his style change looked more of central defender he should be. Yes still issue with is reading of game and standing of players but he seemed to organise play around him to cover for this.

Recommendation -

Without doubt, has the build and knowledge to be a good centre back. Lacking that bit of form and self belief from the off shown him up today. When put under pressure seems to back up from play and just not reading what is going on enough. Lacking the pace made it harder for his role when being attacked by sharp and powerful forwards Big plus for him his that in the air Bryan is a threat that being in play, set plays attacking and defending.

Don't see him playing his football outside of Honduras top tier, with a bit more experience could have move to Pan American league lower level or top tier. Suitor maybe Mexican League, Panamá League, USL or move to other Honduran teams.