



## Scouting Rapport: Marius Olteanu

Marius Olteanu  
Date of Birth: March 20, 2004  
Nationality: USA / Romania  
Position: Centre-Back / Defensive Midfielder  
Height / Weight: 1.93 m / 83 kg  
Preferred Foot: Both  
Club: Free Agent  
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Marius Olteanu is a physically imposing player who immediately stands out for his height and ability to use his frame effectively. At 1.93m, he is not hesitant to engage in physical duels and shows a high level of courage and commitment when defending. He attacks challenges with intensity and consistently gives maximum effort, traits that translate well both when operating as a centre-back and as a defensive midfielder.

From a technical perspective, his passing ability is one of his main strengths. Olteanu shows clear quality in long distribution, capable of launching accurate long balls and switching play to exploit space on the weak side. He is also reliable in short and firm passing under pressure, allowing his team to maintain structure during build-up. Despite his height, he maintains an agile frame and is comfortable progressing with the ball at his feet, frequently attempting progressive carries to break opposition lines rather than limiting his involvement to purely defensive actions.

When deployed as a defensive midfielder, his game intelligence becomes more evident. He scans his surroundings consistently before receiving the ball, understanding the importance of knowing his next action in advance. He actively looks to create passing lanes, positioning himself to support circulation and help the team progress through the first phases of build-up. His willingness to receive under pressure and remain involved reflects confidence and responsibility in possession.

As a centre-back, Olteanu adopts a more security-oriented approach. He prioritises risk management and structural balance, showing good judgement in deciding when to step out and when to hold his position. In possession, he tends to favour a low-risk strategy, often choosing long passes where he shows clear quality, while still being capable of playing short, tense passes when required. Defensively, he is comfortable stepping up to apply pressure higher up the pitch when the situation demands it, demonstrating sufficient tactical understanding to do so without unnecessarily compromising the defensive line.

Aerially, he is imposing in both roles. His height, timing, and physical strength allow him to dominate aerial duels consistently, providing security against direct play and set pieces. Combined with

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above-average speed for his frame, this enables him to cover space effectively and preserve defensive structure, particularly in open-field situations.

From a mental and behavioural standpoint, Olteanu is an involved and proactive player who seeks responsibility on the ball. At times, however, his on-field communication with teammates appears limited. This may be influenced by language barriers rather than a lack of leadership intent. Given his physical presence, confidence in possession, and willingness to engage in decisive moments, his profile suggests strong potential to grow into a leadership role within a dressing room. With improved verbal communication and integration, this aspect could become a significant added value to his overall game.

Overall, Marius Olteanu presents a strong profile as a passing centre-back or defensive midfielder, combining physical presence, aerial dominance, comfort in possession, and a proactive mentality. His qualities indicate clear potential, but at this stage of his career, consistency and regular minutes are essential. Having already competed at senior level in Sweden, he fits well within Swedish Division 2, where his attributes align with the league's demands. With stability, a full season of minutes, and continued development—particularly in communication and leadership—he has the tools to progress further and establish himself more firmly at senior level looking to reach Ettan level within a year or two.

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