



ZIDANE YAÑEZ

Forward · #26

MONITOR

PROFILE

AGE	18	STRONG FOOT	Right
DOB	1/26/2008	LEAGUE	MLS NEXT Pro
NATIONALITY	United States	CLUB	Huntsville City FC
HEIGHT	1.80 m (5'11")	CONTRACT	—
WEIGHT	69 kg (152 lb)	MARKET VALUE	—

PLAY STYLE

Wide Playmaker

Dangerous Runs In Behind

Pocket Finder

Second Striker Threat

Tight-Space Escape

Aerial Threat

Unselfish Connector

High-Press Motor

WHY THIS PLAYER SHOULD BE ON YOUR RADAR

Yañez is a confident, composed wide attacking playmaker who can also tuck inside as a second striker. He constantly comes back to the ball in tight spaces and uses teammates to progress play — first-time passes, full-field switches, and an immediate run after every action. In a match where his side was dominated and down 0–2 inside 20 minutes, **he took the initiative repeatedly**: runs in behind to stretch the line, checks into pockets to receive, and relentless pressing that forced opposing centre backs into bad passes. His best sequence came in the 44th minute — shielding one defender, beating a second with a dribble move, then switching the field and immediately running to the box. **He solves wide-playmaker creativity and pressing intensity, and will help win games** when surrounded by comparable talent rather than being the sole outlet. **The clear risk is finishing composure** — two one-v-one chances went begging, including a six-yard opportunity chipped over the bar. **At 18 with strong resale potential**, and having just been signed by Nashville SC, the recommendation is to monitor his progression on a senior MLS squad.



TECHNICAL

First Touch		4
Ball Control		4
Dribbling		4
Passing		4
Crossing		3
Finishing		3
Weaker Foot		3

TACTICAL

Pos Awareness		4
Decisions		5
Off the Ball		4
Intelligence		4
Transition		4
Pressing		5
Spatial		4

PHYSICAL

Speed		3
Acceleration		3
Agility		3
Balance		4
Strength		4
Endurance		3
Aerial		4

PSYCHOLOGICAL

Composure		4
Bravery		3
Commitment		4
Aggression		4
Communication		3
Leadership		3

MATCH NOTES AND PLAYER INSIGHTS

Observed live, August 18, 2026 — roughly 100 minutes. Huntsville trailed 0–2 inside 20 minutes and were dominated in the first half, yet Yañez was the most dangerous and most technical player on the pitch. Play-style comparable: a Hazard-type wide creator who stretches defences but is equally happy receiving with his back to goal, escaping pressure, and releasing to run again.

- Constant, intelligent movement — runs in behind, bending runs to stay onside, and immediate second runs when the first is not found
- Excellent in tight spaces: shields defenders, back-heels out of pressure, and retains possession when a move breaks down
- Genuine aerial threat at 5'11"; relentless defensive work rate, pressing high to force centre-back errors
- Unselfish and composed — first-time passes, full-field switches, quick combinations rather than forcing solo play
- Finishing composure is the clear priority — two one-v-one chances not converted, including a six-yard opportunity chipped over
- Shot selection: used the outside of the right boot when the left foot was the better option
- Hold-up play in tight, non-threatening areas can be cleaner



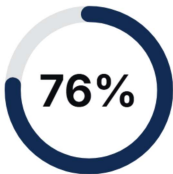
KEY STATISTICS

SUCC. ACTIONS / 90	ACTION SUCCESS	GOALS / 90	XG / 90	GOAL CONVERSION
20.08	49.2%	0.69	0.29	50.0%
SHOTS / ON TARGET	PASS ACCURACY	SUCC. DRIBBLES / 90	DRIBBLE SUCCESS	GOAL CONTRIBUTIONS / 90
4 / 4	78.0%	0.69	66.7%	1.04

2026 MLS NEXT Pro with Huntsville City FC — 6 matches, 260 minutes: 2 goals, 1 assist, 0.83 xG from 4 shots (all on target), 19 offensive duels and 2 progressive runs. Career file also includes 13 youth internationals for Chile at U15, U17 and the FIFA U17 World Cup.

KEY INDICATORS

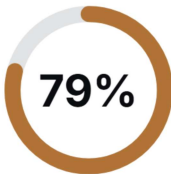
OVERALL RATING



POTENTIAL



READINESS



MINUTES OBSERVED

100

COMPOSITE PROFILE

Technical		71%
Tactical		86%
Physical		69%
Psych		70%

NEXT STEPS

Continue monitoring. Now signed by Nashville SC — track his progression on a senior MLS squad surrounded by stronger talent, where he profiles to flourish. Prioritize follow-up viewing on finishing composure and final-shot decision-making, and reassess resale value as he matures physically.