



NICHOLAS LASHERAS

Central Defensive Midfield / Centre Back

MONITOR

PROFILE

AGE	17	STRONG FOOT	Not listed
DOB	7/09/2008	LEAGUE	MLS NEXT Pro
NATIONALITY	United States	CLUB	Orlando City B
HEIGHT	Not listed	SQUAD NO.	58
WEIGHT	Not listed	COMPARABLES	Casemiro · Fabinho

PLAY STYLE

Disciplined

Spatial Awareness

Defensive Shape

Possession-Oriented

Active

Versatile

Energizer

Defensive Awareness

WHY THIS PLAYER SHOULD BE ON YOUR RADAR

A versatile defensive option playing central defensive midfield who can also drop into centre back — the position he clearly came from. He excels in the key defensive markers: successful defensive actions, defensive duels, aerial duels, interceptions and accurate passing. At just 17 he already shows great game sense, defensive ability and unusual discipline: always in the right spot, one-touch/two-touch max, no interest in doing too much with the ball. **His floor as a 17-year-old is already so high that risk to the club is minimal** — if the CDM role does not take, he is still a strong centre back. He does the dirty work most players avoid, and at this age and price there is real resale value on top.



TECHNICAL

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

TACTICAL

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

PHYSICAL

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

PSYCHOLOGICAL

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

MATCH NOTES AND PLAYER INSIGHTS

Observed live vs Chicago Fire II, August 15, 2026 — 81 minutes in a left central midfield role in a 4-4-1-1, a centre back by background now learning the screening midfield job. Strengths cluster around defensive IQ, discipline and positional reliability; the single clear development area is passing execution.

- Elite plugging of holes — makes passing into his zone look like a bad idea; opponents repeatedly play backward instead
- Great intuition on the break: a slide tackle around the 18 turned a bad opponent touch into a 3v2, then he immediately returned to his CDM slot
- Goal-saving slide tackle late on despite looking tired, denying a one-v-one with the keeper
- Strong aerially and in the challenge; wins duels then plays an immediate pass to a teammate; great shielding to hold off a player and win a foul
- Disciplined to the point of reliability — one-touch/two-touch, never leaves his area, always in the right spot
- Passing execution is the biggest growth area — the idea is right but the eight-yard ball on the ground to the right foot needs honing
- Wants more communication; when teammates drift out of position he gets pulled out and beaten because of it
- Occasional lapse in body shape — beaten once at the top of the box; passing accuracy is far higher at centre back, so the midfield tempo is still new



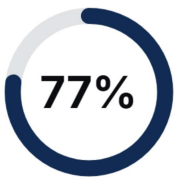
KEY STATISTICS

SUCC. DEF. ACTIONS / 90	DEF. DUELS / 90	AERIAL DUELS / 90	AERIAL DUELS WON	INTERCEPTIONS / 90
8.47	7.92	4.64	58.8%	5.19
ACCURATE PASSES / 90	PASS ACCURACY	FWD PASS ACCURACY	RECOVERIES / 90	CLEARANCES / 90
35.24	88.4%	77.1%	9.97	2.73

Across the supplied 2026 MLS NEXT Pro Wyscout exports — 14 appearances, 659 minutes, split between LCB/RCB and LDMF/RCMF. Pass accuracy of 88.4% is well above the level for his age; note it runs materially higher from centre back than at CDM, where the tempo rushes him.

KEY INDICATORS

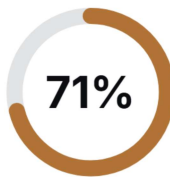
OVERALL RATING



POTENTIAL



READINESS



MINUTES OBSERVED

81

COMPOSITE PROFILE

Technical		60%
Tactical		80%
Physical		69%
Psych		80%

NEXT STEPS

Continue monitoring. Let him keep being the best player on his team and one of the best in MLS NEXT Pro — consistent 90s will accelerate his progression in the new CDM role. Track passing execution above all, then communication and body shape in 1v1s. Revisit in 6–12 months; a trial at 18–19 as a versatile, disciplined, high-IQ CDM/CB is the realistic entry point, and the centre-back fallback keeps the downside low.