

**LEANDRO GONCLAVES**

Left Centre Back / Left Back

MONITOR

PROFILE

AGE	21	STRONG FOOT	Left
DOB	1/11/2005	LEAGUE	MLS NEXT Pro
NATIONALITY	Brazil	CLUB	North Texas SC
HEIGHT	1.80 m (5'11")	CONTRACT	2028
WEIGHT	Not listed	MARKET VALUE	Low fee

PLAY STYLE

Game Sense

Defensive Shape

1v1 Defending

Leader

Motor

Inverted Wing Back

Anticipation

Left-Footed Versatility

Position Versatility

WHY THIS PLAYER SHOULD BE ON YOUR RADAR

A versatile left-sided defender who covers centre back, left centre back in a three, and left back — and who has been seen inverting into midfield in possession. His defensive ability and game sense are the headline: he knows where to be, is confident going to win the ball, and consistently reads the play early. Strong centre-back numbers back this up, with 88.5% pass accuracy and elite interception and recovery volume. **A left-footed, mature 21-year-old defender at a small fee solves versatility, game sense and 1v1 problems at once** — not a project, and with real resale value if his left-back passing continues to develop.



TECHNICAL

First Touch		3
Ball Control		3
Dribbling		3
Passing		3
Crossing		2
Finishing		3
Weaker Foot		3

TACTICAL

Pos Awareness		4
Decisions		3
Off the Ball		4
Intelligence		4
Transition		3
Pressing		4
Spatial		4

PHYSICAL

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

PSYCHOLOGICAL

Composure		3
Bravery		4
Commitment		4
Aggression		5
Communication		4
Leadership		4

MATCH NOTES AND PLAYER INSIGHTS

Observed live vs Minnesota United II, August 23, 2026 — 80 minutes at left back, subbed in the 80th minute. Strengths cluster around defensive shape, anticipation and 1v1 duels; the single clear development area is passing execution and composure in possession as a left back.

- Repeated interceptions and blocks from anticipation rather than recovery — one interception launched his team straight into a counter
- Excellent 1v1 defender: strong, well-timed tackles held up across the full 80 minutes with good defensive shape
- Real game sense — inverted into midfield in possession deep in his own half, then immediately restored his own position and re-organised the teammate covering it
- Nice aerial win and a strong defensive block; overlapping runs and attacking runs show good wing back instincts
- Leadership, work rate and confidence throughout; a genuine force on the left-hand side
- Passing and composure are the clear growth areas — the harder through balls a left back is asked to play were not completing in this match
- Overconfidence occasionally costs him: got greedy chasing a ball he could not reach, was put out of position, and the attack continued
- A lazy stab in one 1v1 duel missed the challenge; a risky pass after a good duel win nearly led to a goal
- Passing accuracy is materially higher at centre back, where the passes are simpler — the left-back tempo is still new
- Crossing is currently the weakest technical output for a player being asked to play wide



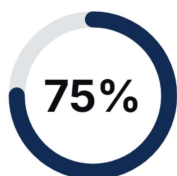
KEY STATISTICS

RECOVERIES / 90	INTERCEPTIONS / 90	CLEARANCES / 90	DEF. DUELS / 90	DEF. DUELS WON
10.55	8.21	6.12	6.60	61.0%
AERIAL DUELS WON	PASSES / 90	PASS ACCURACY	FORWARD PASSES / 90	FWD PASS ACCURACY
60.0%	54.66	88.5%	20.53	78.8%

Across the supplied 2026 MLS NEXT Pro Wyscout exports — 17 appearances, mostly at LCB with recent starts at LB. Interceptions per 90 is the headline number and matches the eye test. Pass accuracy of 88.5% on 54.66 passes per 90 marks a secure, involved modern left centre back; the figure runs materially lower in the left-back games.

KEY INDICATORS

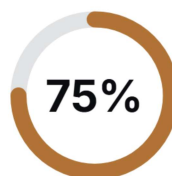
OVERALL RATING



POTENTIAL



READINESS



MINUTES OBSERVED

80

COMPOSITE PROFILE

Technical		57%
Tactical		74%
Physical		63%
Psych		80%

NEXT STEPS

Continue to monitor as he hones his passing at left back. If you need a centre back, bring him in now — a mature 21-year-old with strong CB traits and the stats to back it up, plus a left-sided option in a back three. If you want a passing, attacking left back, he can grow into it; at this fee that is not a crazy risk. Track pass completion and composure in the wide role above all.