An independent performance & valuation report
prepared by Shortlistr

Ben Mines



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Methodology

This report evaluates the past & potential performance of Loudoun United's Ben Mines, benchmarking his 2025 USL Championship season against the league's other wingers. Per-90 figures use his 1,183 league minutes.

Shortlistr's performance reporting combines objective event data (shots, passes, runs and defensive actions) with our bespoke action-valuation modelling, which scores every on-the-ball action by how much it changes his team's chance of scoring or conceding.

The objective of the report is not to assess whether a player is good or bad, or whether any one club should sign him. We instead aim to provide an objective snapshot of his past and potential impact on a USL Championship team.



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Shortlistr Platform

Shortlistr is built by a team of current and former professional football data analysts. Clubs use it to find, compare and shortlist players, from the professional game to college soccer.

Our analytics offer insights into team playing styles, similarity modelling and our bespoke impact scores, as well as more traditional data.

Our database holds more than 239,000 players across 202 leagues, men's and women's, and 55 college conferences. Every figure in this report comes from the same database and models.



Key Findings

- Among the USL Championship's 53 rated wingers he ranks 4th for Overall Impact, and 5th for both Attacking and Defensive Impact
- He creates chances: he leads Loudoun United for expected assists per 90 (0.20) and ranks 10th among the league's outfield players with 900+ minutes
- His threat comes at the end of moves. He is in the top 15% of the league's wingers for touches in the box, xG, xA and shot quality
- Best used as the finishing piece of attacks, in a side that gets the ball to him in the final third



League & Team Strength

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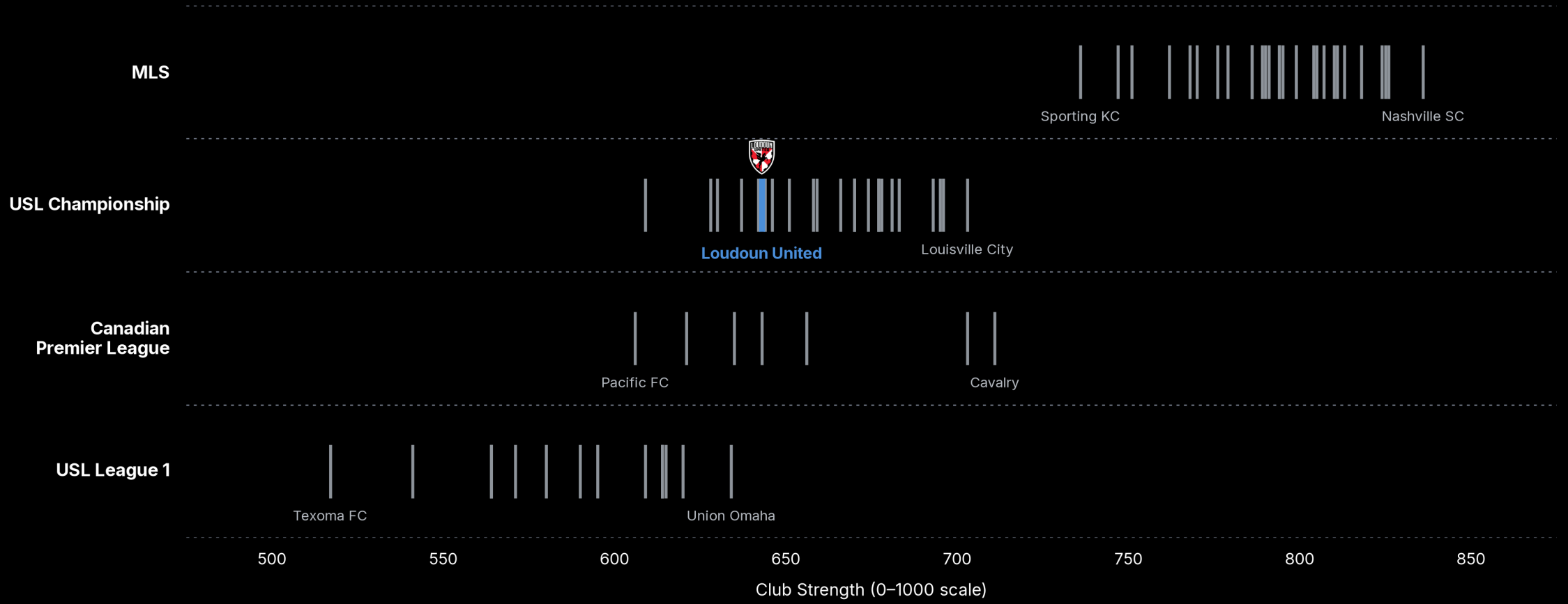
Club Strength puts every club on one 0–1000 scale. Every USL Championship club rates below the weakest MLS club (Club Strength 703 against 736), and the league overlaps with the Canadian Premier League.

Loudoun United currently rate 19th of the USL Championship's 24 clubs, in the lower half of a league separated by under 100 points from top to bottom.



Player Profile

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Right Winger

Benjamin Mines

United States · Loudoun United · 26 yrs · 175cm · Right foot

SHORTLISTR VALUE
$75K
MEDIUM Confidence

vs wingers in USL Championship (55 players)

LEAGUE
USL Championship
2025
1,183 min
658 avg

OVERALL IMPACT	ATTACKING IMPACT	DEFENSIVE IMPACT	PROGRESSION IMPACT
54	51	66	50
Score · 0–100	Score · 0–100	Score · 0–100	Score · 0–100
4th of 53 wingers	5th of 53 wingers	5th of 53 wingers	27th of 53 wingers

WEAK · AVG · ELITE

All stats are per 90 minutes unless shown as a % or ratio. The right-hand value is the player's actual rate (e.g. 76.4% pass accuracy = completed 76.4% of attempted passes); the colored bar is their **percentile rank** vs same-position peers in this season.

FINISHING & THREAT

Total Goals	0.23
Non-Penalty Goals	0.23
Non-Penalty xG	0.26
xG Per Shot	0.17
Shots on Target	0.84
Touches in Box	3.58

CREATION

Expected Assists	0.20
Key Passes	0.91
Line-Breaking Passes	0.00
Through Balls	0.00
Passes into Pen Area	1.37
Deep Completions	1.37

IN-POSSESSION

Pass Accuracy	66.4%
Long Pass Accuracy	37.5%
Final 3rd Pass Accuracy	67.9%
Successful Dribbles	1.75
Dribble Success	63.9%
Vertical Pass Accuracy	60.8%

OUT-OF-POSSESSION

Aerial Challenges Won	41.4%
Defensive Duels Won	53.5%
Dribbled Past	44.0%
Interceptions	2.66
Fouls	1.37

STYLE — WINGER

Sorted by how distinctive the player is — standout tendencies sit at the top, traits where they sit near the league average drop to the bottom.

CAUGHT OFFSIDE 0.0%	LINE-BREAKERS 0.0%
KEY PASSES / TOUCH 5.5%	DEEP COMPLETIONS 5.9%
THROUGH BALLS 0.3%	SPRINT BURSTS / TOUCH 5.0%
TEAM CREATOR 17.1%	BOX PRESENCE 21.5%
POSSESSION HUB 2.6%	OPEN-PLAY CROSSES / TOUCH 16.9%
TEAM SHOOTER 7.0%	PROGRESSIVE CARRIES / TOUCH 13.7%
SHOTS / TOUCH 9.6%	DRIBBLE ATTEMPTS / TOUCH 16.4%

LESS · MORE

BEST-FIT ARCHETYPES

- Traditional Winger — 66
  - Touchline runner. 1v1s and crosses. Low box arrivals, high final-third activity.
  - WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE
  - Creates chances for team-mates 98
  - Avoids through balls 6
  - Bursts into space 91
  - Delivers crosses 74
  - Heavily involved in build-up 17
  - Operates outside the box 83
- Playmaking Winger — 50
- Inside Forward — 46

+ Generates high-quality shots regularly
+ Heavy presence inside the opposition box
+ Elite chance creator

TEAM STRENGTH

LEAGUE AVG = 658

643

Every score compares Ben with the USL Championship's other wingers. Impact scores run up to 100, which is the league's best season that year, so the rank under each gives the context: it is among the league's 53 rated wingers. The full profile, style and archetype detail follow on the next pages.

Player Profile - Style

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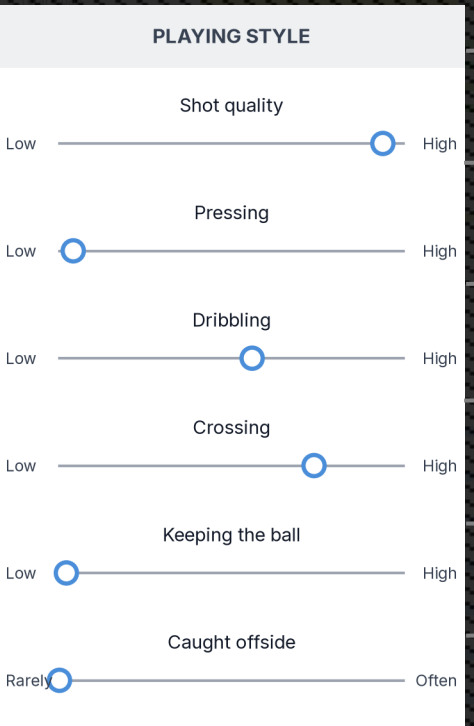
Shortlistr playing style metrics are position-specific, benchmarking each player against all others in his position and league. While some metrics are linked to 'better' players, most simply describe playing style rather than quality. Team style and coaching shape a player's style too.

In the case of a winger, for example, he may cross more often if asked to by coaching staff.



- Takes well above-average quality shots: 94th percentile among the league's wingers
- Rarely presses opponents compared with other USL wingers (4th percentile)
- Dribbles about as often as an average USL winger (56th percentile)
- Crosses more often than most of the league's wingers (74th percentile)
- A riskier passer: pass completion among the league's lowest for a winger (2nd percentile)
- Rarely caught offside: no winger in the league was flagged less often

Player Profile – KPIs

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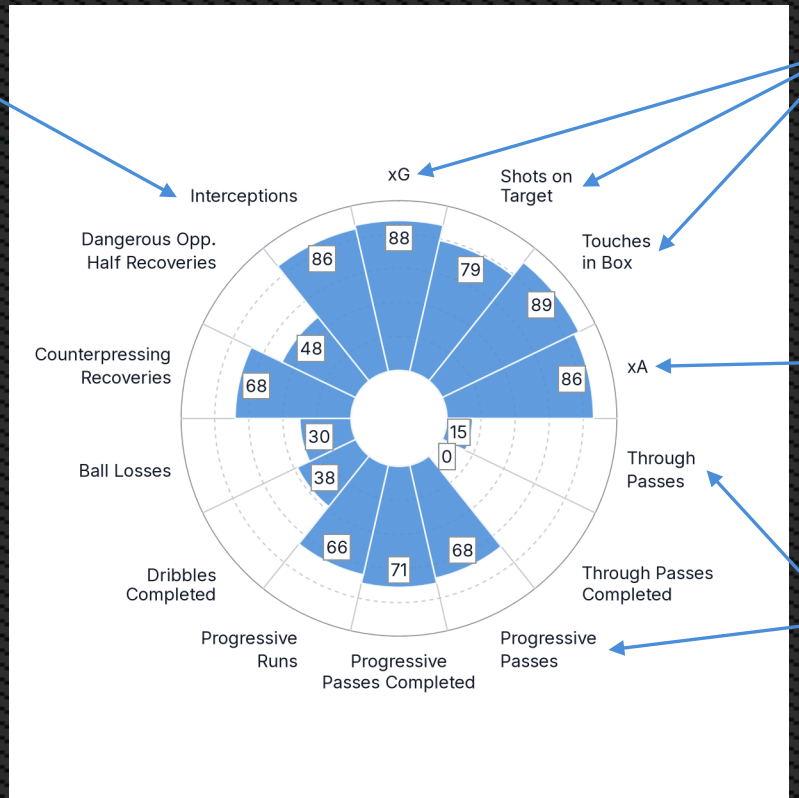
Shortlistr's radar plots highlight common industry-standard key performance indicators for each position. The measures on a centre-back's chart differ from a striker's.

Bigger is better: 100 is the player in the league with the best output in that category. Scores are percentile ranks among the league's wingers.

His pressing frequency is low, yet he ranks in the 86th percentile for interceptions. He picks his moments to win the ball, and is effective when he does



He gets into the box more than nearly nine in ten of the league's wingers (89th percentile), and his xG (88th) shows he arrives where chances fall

His passes set up good chances: 86th percentile for expected assists

Involvement in build-up is lower (15th percentile for through passes), suggesting a 'move finisher' who excels in the last few actions before a shot

Impact Scores – Loudoun United

Shortlistr Impact™ uses our action-valuation modelling to place a value on each on-the-ball action a player performs during a match. Actions that increase his team's chance of scoring (or decrease the chance of conceding) receive positive values, while actions that do the opposite receive negative values.

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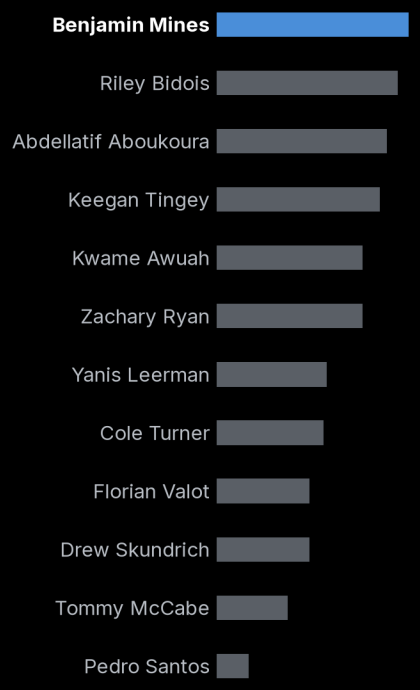
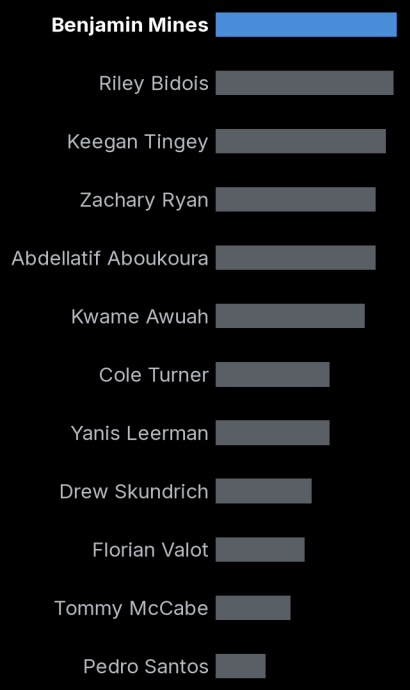
Overall Impact™



Attacking Impact™



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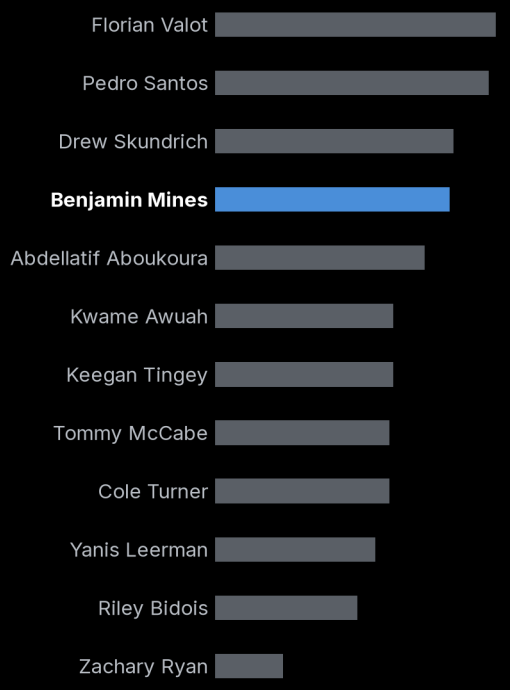

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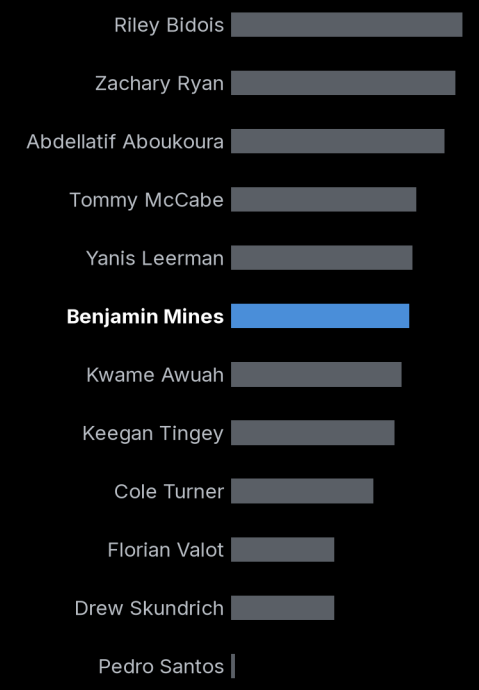

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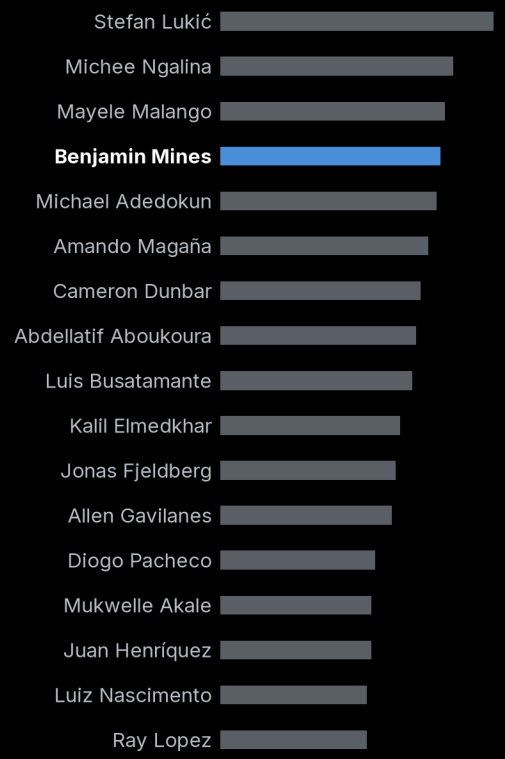

Progression Impact™

27th

of 53 wingers

About league average

Attacking Impact™

5th

of 53 wingers

Top-tier

Defensive Impact™

5th

of 53 wingers

Top-tier

☆ Overall Impact™

4th

of 53 wingers

Top-tier

Willing Runner

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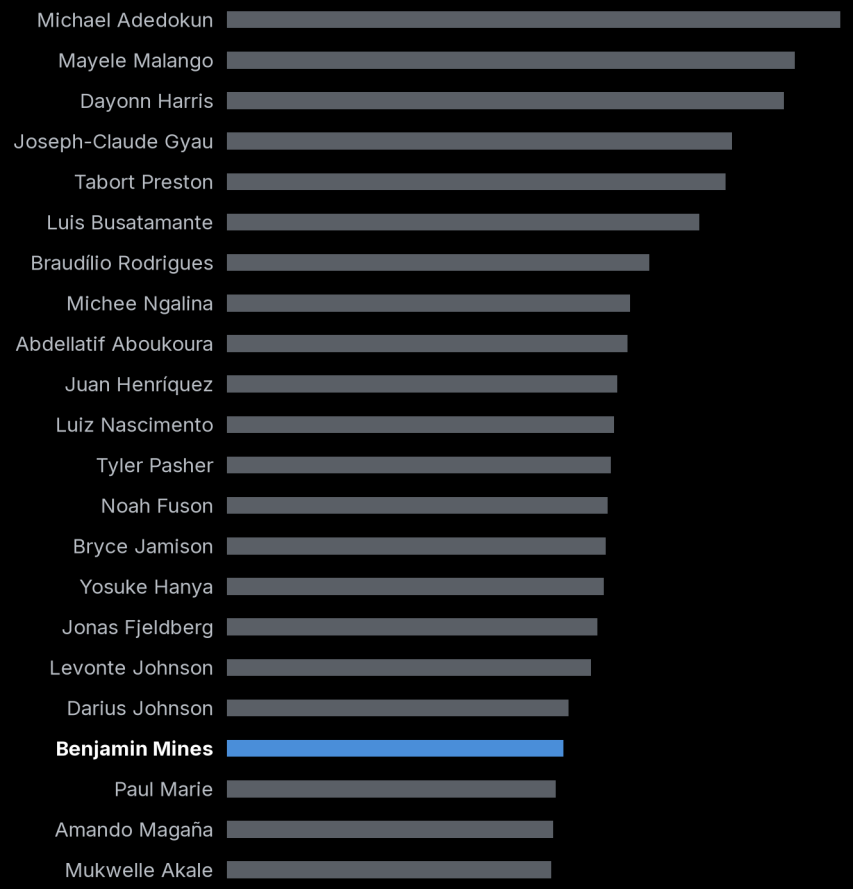
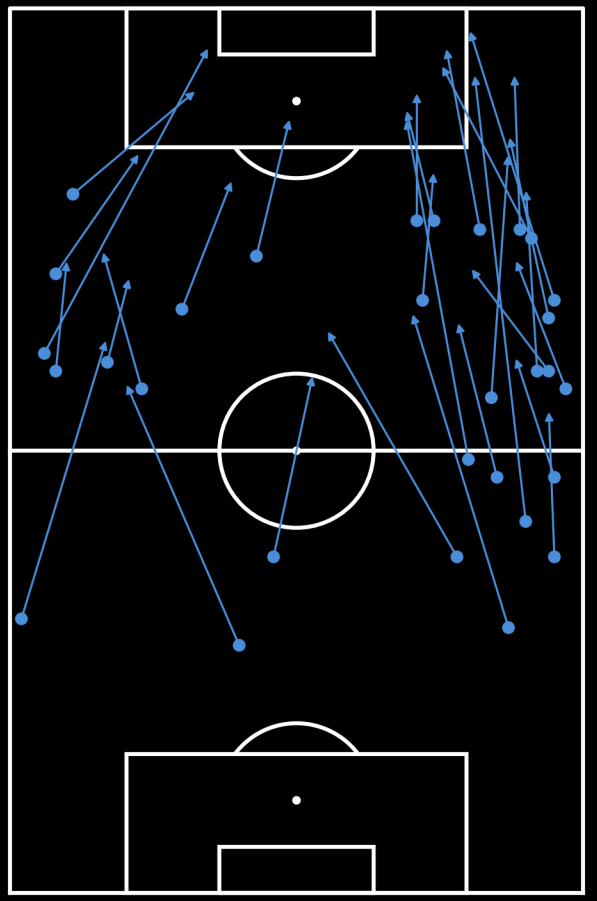
Through balls need willing runners. He made 30 progressive runs in 2025, 2.28 per 90: 19th of the league's 53 wingers, ahead of about two thirds of them. 22 of the 30 ended in the final third, most of them down the right, even though his involvement in build-up play is low.

Consider him a reliable target in behind for creative passers



Progressive runs per 90 – USL 2025 wingers



Ben Mines progressive runs

Move Finisher

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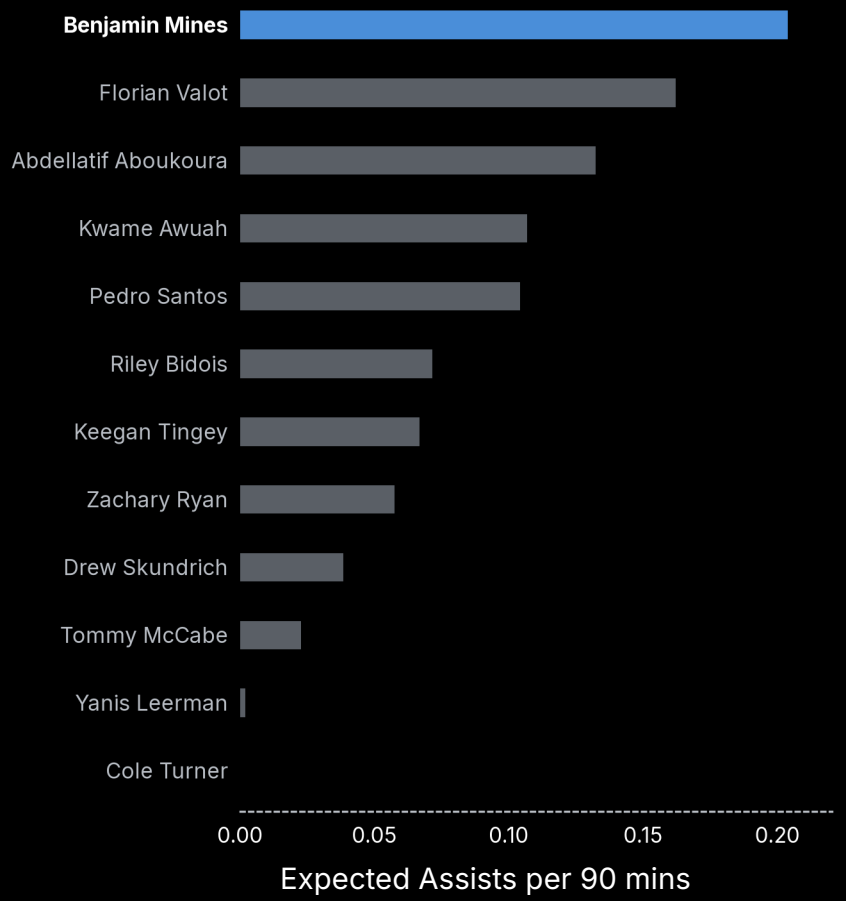
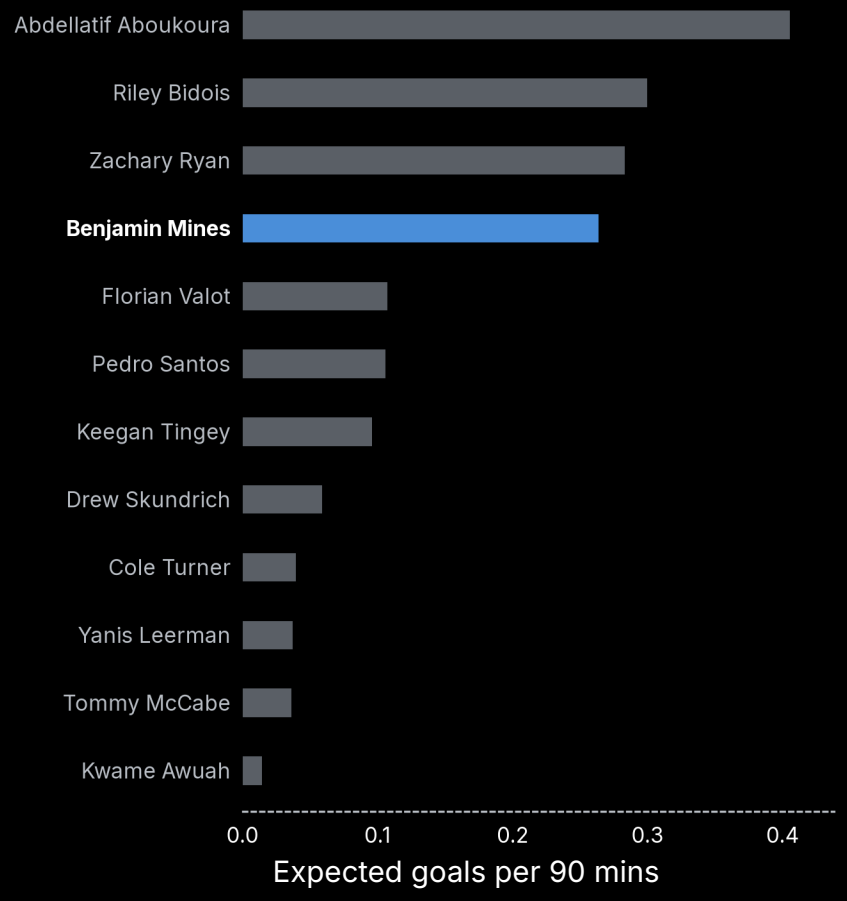
The result of Mines' progressive running? He leads Loudoun United for expected assists per 90 minutes (0.20) and ranks 10th among the league's outfield players with 900+ minutes. He is fourth at the club for expected goals per 90 (0.26), a consistent threat in the final few actions before a shot.

While Loudoun United score highly for many metrics related to controlled possession, Mines has the ball less, but is often the final piece of the puzzle with the last pass or shot.





Double-Threat

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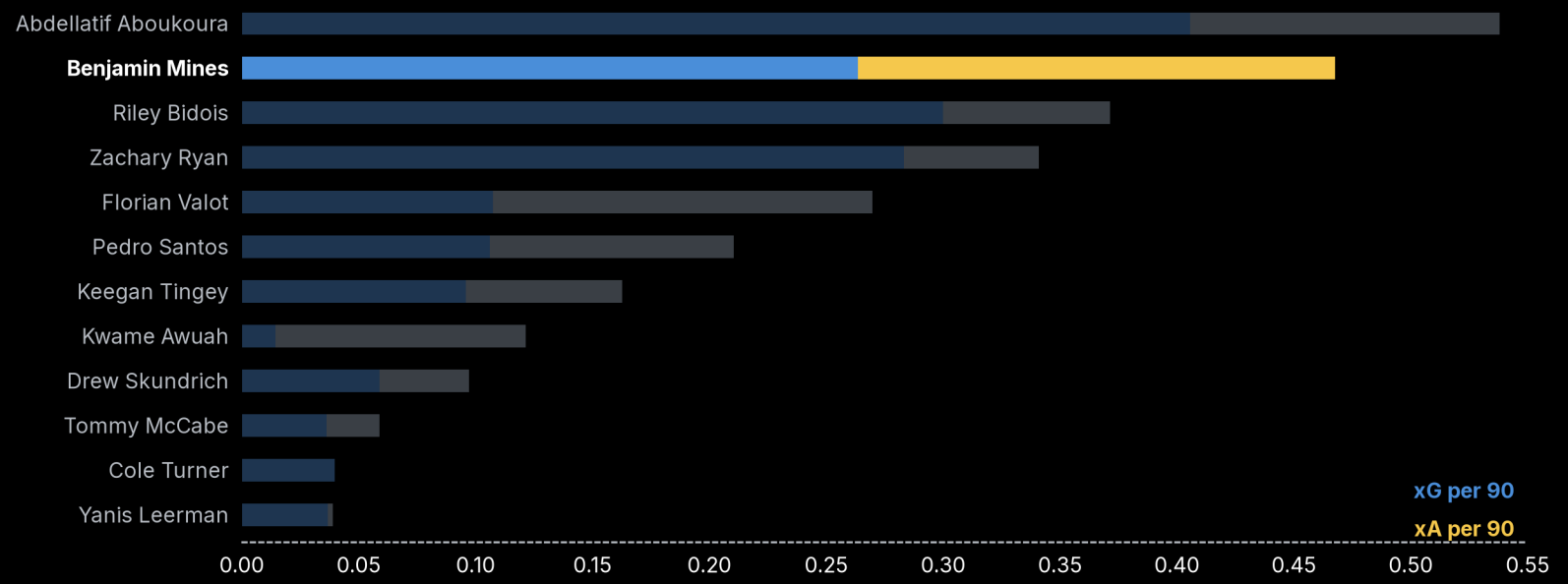

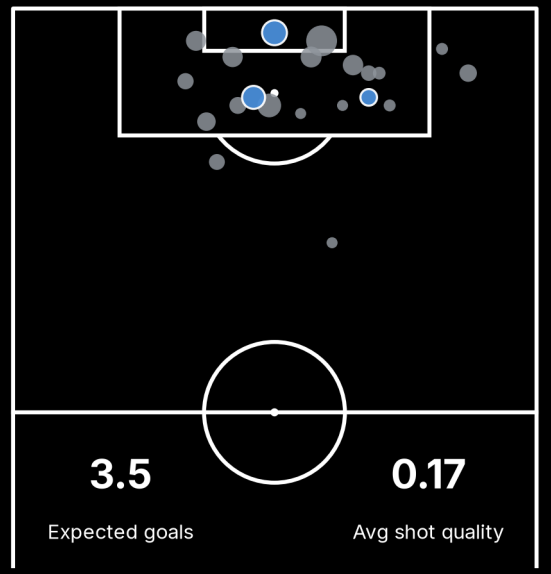

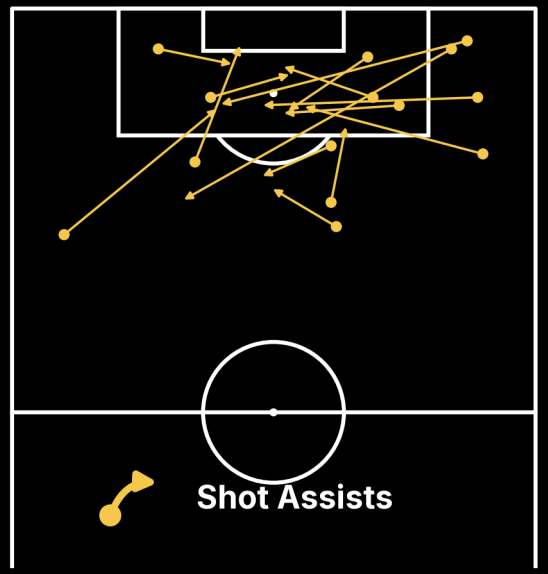

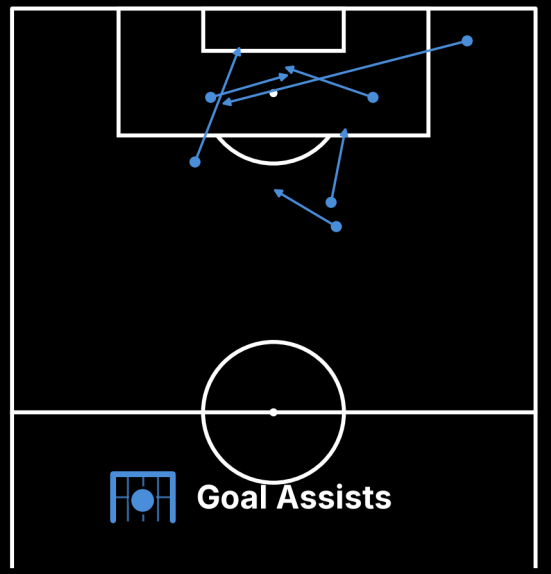

In combination, Mines is Loudoun's second-most important player for goals & assists (0.47 xG + xA per 90), behind only Abdellatif Aboukoura.

The average quality of his shots, 0.17 xG per shot, is well above the norm, meaning his decision-making in when & where to shoot is efficient: 17 of his 21 shots came from inside the box.

His passes led to 14 shots and 6 goals from chances worth about 2.7 expected assists, so team-mates converted the chances he created at an above-average rate.

Comparable Wingers

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Using Shortlistr's player similarity modelling, Mines can be compared directly with other USL Championship wingers. His closest matches are Levonte Johnson (82.9% similar), Eliot Goldthorp (73.3%) and Luis Busatamante (72.1%).

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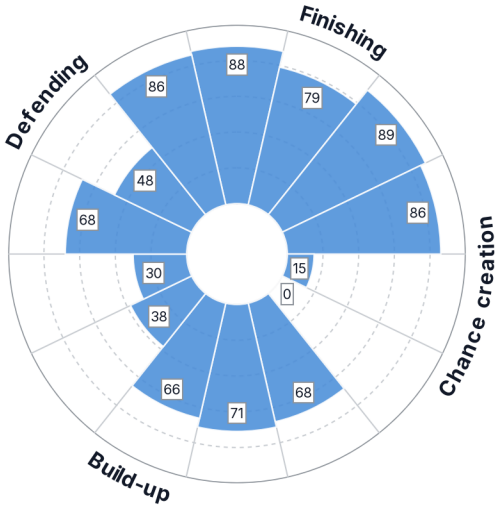
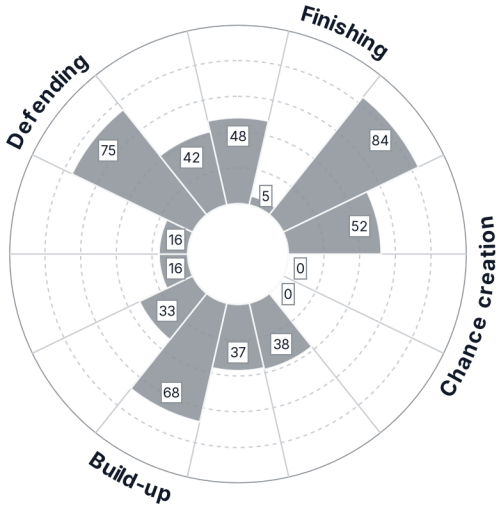


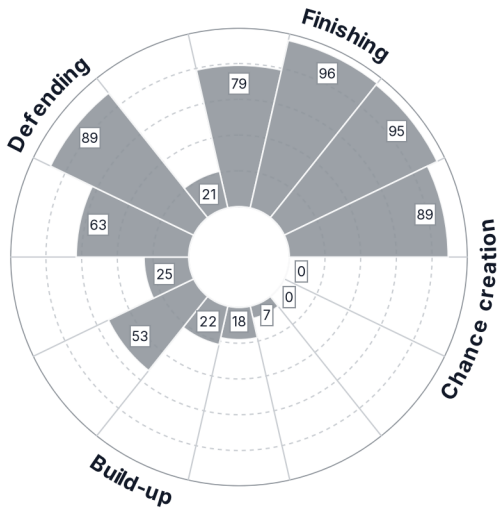
Levonte Johnson





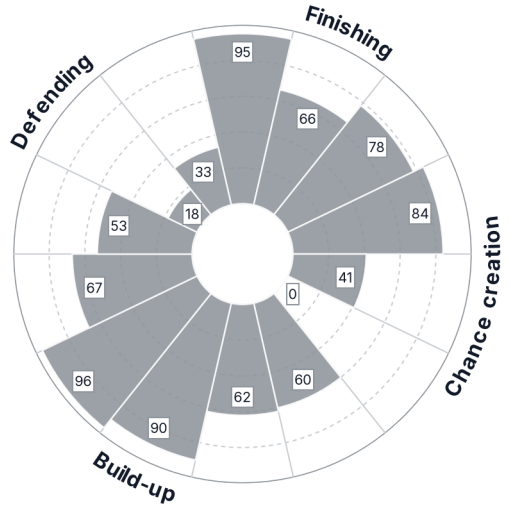
Eliot Goldthorp





Luis Busatamante





References

"Ben may well be the best 'dollar for dollar' investment I made at Loudoun United. He's incredibly well suited for a very specific role, but if you can shape the way you play accordingly and use him at what he's best at the results speak for themselves.

His contract negotiation process at Loudoun was difficult through no fault of his own as we were going through an ownership transition at Loudoun and operating with very little clarity on budget. Ben was at all times patient and professional when I believe many others may have acted differently.

He's tactically very smart, and has a great mentality. Exactly the type of person you'd want in the locker room."

Former Loudoun United Sporting Director



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