

P. Wålemark

Lech Poznań · AMF · Poland - Ekstraklasa · 2026-2027

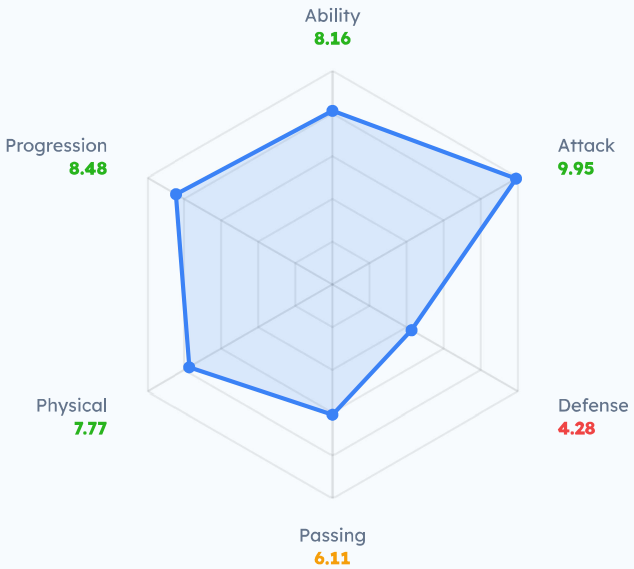
8.05

Age: **25** | Foot: **left** | Minutes on field: **950** | Birth country name: **Sweden**

METRICS CHART

Dribbles per 90	6.25	+1.62
Successful dribbles %	59.09	+0.03
Touch in box per 90	6.63	+2.69
xG contribution per 90	0.86	+2.42
Defensive duels per 90	3.22	-0.96
Opponent half recoveries per 90	2.65	+0.13
Accurate pass to penalty area %	45.71	+0.17
Accelerations per 90	0.28	+0.68
Progressive run per 90	3.98	+1.81
Through passes per 90	0.09	-0.08

CATEGORIES CHART



Z-Score within season · league · position

Summary

Left-footed winger who almost always plays on the right, on his opposite foot. He is Lech's top scorer this season and made his Sweden debut this autumn. He attacks the box very often and creates a high volume of danger, but his work off the ball is below what Sarabia asks for. He comes to the window injured and with a high price for January. He is the best pure attacker on our list, but not the best replacement for Calatrava.

Physical

RATING 7.6

He is an explosive player. He wins the first few metres and keeps his speed when he carries the ball, which his almost four progressive runs per game confirm. At 184 centimetres, he shields the ball well when he receives with his back to goal on the wing, although he does not look for physical contact. On video, he repeats long efforts in attack, but he slows down when he has to track back more than 40 metres. The concern is the hamstring injury from 12 November. The club says it is minor, but we must see how the muscle responds when he plays again.

Technical

RATING 7.2

His main weapon is the carry inside onto his left foot. He receives wide, takes on his man and looks for the diagonal to shoot or to pass to the far post. He attempts more than six dribbles per game, a very high volume for his league. He strikes the ball well with his left foot from the edge of the box, which explains much of his 0.86 xG contribution per 90. With his right foot he is much more limited, and defenders already know it: they close the inside lane and force him to go outside. Passing is his weak point. His accuracy on passes into the box and his number of through passes are below his peers. When the play needs a pause, he usually chooses to dribble.

Tactical

RATING 6.1

In attack, he reads space very well. He attacks the box from the weak side and arrives to shoot at the right moment: his 6.63 touches per game inside the box are a striker's numbers, not a winger's. Off the ball, it is a different story. His defensive duels are clearly below the average of his league, and his recoveries in the opponent's half are average. On video, his first reaction after losing the ball is good, but he does not keep pressing for more than two or three seconds. Also, in a low block he often stays ahead of the ball line. For a team that wants to press high, this is a problem that would need work from day one.

Mental

RATING 7

His years at Feyenoord and Heerenveen were difficult, with few minutes. At Lech he has relaunched his career: he has won two league titles, become the team's top scorer and reached the national team. That reaction says a lot about his character. On the pitch he does not hide: he asks for the ball when the game is tight and takes on his man again after losing a dribble. He has already adapted to two countries that are not his own, which makes a third move easier. We must confirm in an interview his languages and his willingness to change league in the middle of the season.

Fit at Espanyol

RATING 6.4

Sarabia's 3-5-2 has no wingers, and Wålemark is one. His place would be at attacking midfield or as a second striker, starting from the right to attack the box with his left foot. There, his runs into the box and the danger he creates add a lot to a team that needs goals. As a right central midfielder, the other position Calatrava could cover, he fits less well: he lacks work off the ball and passing in central areas. Wålemark would give Espanyol something it does not have today, but he would not give what Calatrava gave.

Context and risks

RATING 4.8

There are three risks. The first is the hamstring injury he picked up on 12 November with Sweden. The club talks of several weeks out, and he has not played again yet. The second is the price: according to the Polish and Swedish press, Lech turned down an offer of between 5 and 6 million euros in the summer, and his contract runs until 2029. The third is the timing. Lech are competing in Poland and in Europe, and they are unlikely to sell their top scorer in the middle of the season.

Recommendation · Monitor

He is not a priority for January. Wålemark is the most dangerous attacker on our list, but he does not solve what Sarabia's team needs most in Calatrava's role: pressing and passing in central areas. Also, the injury, the price and Lech's situation make a winter deal very difficult. We recommend that we monitor him when he returns from injury and review him for the summer window, as a second striker and not as a replacement for Calatrava.

Overall rating
Overall assessment of the player

6.5