

Bunyamin Abdusalam - 布尼亚明·阿不都沙拉木

Scouting Report and CFI Evaluation 2026

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Name: Bunyamin Abdusalam (布尼亚明·阿不都沙拉木)

Position: Right Winger / Left Winger

Date of Birth: April 9, 2008 (18)

Nationality: Chinese

Club: Yunnan Yukun

Height: 1.83 m

Preferred Foot: Right

International Experience: China U19 and other Chinese youth national teams

Player Assessment

Bunyamin Abdusalam is an 18-year-old Chinese winger who has gained first-team experience with Yunnan Yukun during the 2026 Chinese Super League season. Developed at Evergrande Football School, he has shown that his ball-carrying ability, changes of pace and willingness to take on defenders can be effective against professional opposition. His performances have included goals, assists and individual attacking actions against several CSL opponents, although his overall influence remains inconsistent.

Primarily a right winger, he is most effective when receiving wide, facing the opposing full-back and having enough space to attack. He can progress with the ball without relying on teammates to create the initial advantage. His strongest actions usually involve drawing the defender towards him, adjusting his rhythm and accelerating into the space created. He is less effective when receiving under immediate pressure or when opponents prevent him from building momentum.

His development during 2026 provides encouraging evidence, but the sample is not yet sufficient to establish how consistently these qualities would translate to a stronger competition. His best individual actions stand out more than his overall performance across a match. Establishing greater consistency should be his immediate priority.

Technical Assessment

Ball carrying is Bunyamin's strongest technical attribute. He has good coordination when running with possession and adjusts the length of his touches according to the space available. He generally keeps the ball close when approaching a defender before pushing it further ahead once he has created separation. His dribbling relies primarily on timing, changes of pace and the ability to shift the defender's balance rather than on elaborate technical moves.

From the right wing, he can attack the outside of the full-back and reach the byline, while also having the option to carry the ball inside. However, he remains heavily reliant on his right foot. His left foot is functional but not used consistently enough when receiving, passing or carrying the ball, which makes some of his attacking movements easier to anticipate.

His first touch is generally effective when receiving with an open body position and facing forward. He is less comfortable with his back to goal or under pressure from behind, where his body positioning and ball protection can limit the speed of his next action.

He has also shown progress in his final-third contribution. After beating an opponent, he can deliver cutbacks, cross from wide areas or find teammates in central positions. His movement into scoring positions has improved, and he has produced some composed finishes. However, his decision-making remains inconsistent. At times, he continues dribbling after creating an advantage instead of releasing the ball, allowing defenders to recover. His crossing accuracy and choice of delivery also require improvement.

Tactical Assessment

The right wing is currently his most suitable position. It allows him to receive near the touchline, engage the opposing full-back and use his preferred foot to attack either down the outside or into central areas.

He is particularly effective in attacking transitions. When Yunnan Yukun regain possession and there is space ahead, he can carry the ball forward, beat the first defender and force the opposition to retreat. His ability to advance the attack individually makes him a useful outlet when the team looks to break quickly.

Against organised defensive blocks, his influence is less consistent. When opponents restrict his space and prevent him from setting up one-on-one situations, he needs to contribute more through combination play and off-the-ball movement. He does not yet consistently recognise when to move inside, attack the space between the full-back and centre-back or create room for an overlapping teammate. At times, he remains too static near the touchline.

His defensive contribution also needs development. He can press and make recovery runs, but his reactions after losing possession, positioning and tracking of the opposing full-back are inconsistent. Improving these aspects will be important if he is to adapt to a more demanding tactical environment.

Physical and Competitive Assessment

At 1.83 m, Bunyamin has good height for his position, although he does not always use his frame effectively when protecting the ball. He combines his height with good coordination and useful acceleration, particularly after drawing a defender off balance.

His game is not based on exceptional pace alone. He is more effective when he has space to prepare his movement and build speed. In tight areas, particularly when required to make several quick changes of direction, he has more difficulty creating separation. Physical contact can also disrupt his ball carrying when defenders match his acceleration.

He shows a willingness to take on defenders and continues attempting individual actions after unsuccessful situations. However, his involvement varies throughout matches, and his decisions after beating the first opponent are not always effective.

A larger sample of complete matches is needed to assess his ability to maintain attacking intensity, technical execution and defensive involvement over 90 minutes.

Strengths and Development Priorities

His main strengths are ball carrying, one-on-one ability, changes of pace and progression from wide positions. These qualities have already been effective in the Chinese Super League, particularly when he receives facing the defender and has room to accelerate.

The main areas requiring improvement are consistency, off-the-ball movement, defensive contribution and decision-making in the final third. His weaker foot, ball protection and effectiveness in tight spaces also need development. These limitations could become more significant against stronger opponents who can restrict his preferred movements and close space more quickly.

Within the CFI classification, I identify him as a **Wide Winger**. His game is built around receiving wide, engaging the full-back and progressing through individual actions. His development should focus on adding more solutions in possession and improving his contribution without the ball, while maintaining the direct attacking qualities that currently make him effective.

Final Assessment and Recommendation

Bunyamin has made progress during 2026, showing that his main attacking qualities can be effective at Chinese Super League level. His ability to beat defenders and progress with the ball is evident, but he has not yet demonstrated the consistency or overall tactical contribution required to justify a higher evaluation.

I currently assess his Competitive Level as **National Class**, with a suggested CFI Category of **B2** and a Youth Development Category of **F2**. His attacking qualities justify continued monitoring, but the available evidence does not support raising his classification at this stage.

For 2027, I would prioritise regular first-team football in the Chinese Super League. The objective should be to establish himself as a starter, accumulate substantial playing time and demonstrate that he can maintain his influence throughout complete matches. Yunnan Yukun could provide the right environment, although another CSL club should be considered if it offers a clearer pathway into the starting eleven.

The 2027 season will be important in determining how he responds once opponents become more familiar with his attacking tendencies. I would particularly monitor his performances against organised defensive blocks, his decisions after beating defenders, his movement without possession and his defensive involvement.

If he establishes himself as a regular starter during 2027 and maintains his development, **a move to Europe could be considered during the 2027/28 period.** The Netherlands, Belgium, Austria and Portugal are potential markets to assess, depending on the club's tactical requirements and opportunities for first-team football. Any move should offer a realistic pathway to playing time rather than simply a transfer to a European club.

My recommendation is to continue monitoring his development rather than prioritise an immediate transfer. His next step should be to establish himself as a regular starter and demonstrate that he can maintain his attacking influence over a full season.

Final CFI Evaluation

Scoring Index: 53.66/100

Scoring Scout: 55/100 — Average

Competitive Level: National Class

Suggested Category: B2

Youth Development Category: F2

Identified Profile: Wide Winger