

# NLD/Midlands U18 Rugby

## Positional Attributes

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**1**

- Strong safe scrummager and understands outcomes of the scrum
- Strong safe lineout lifter
- Goes forward with the ball and uses footwork into contact
- Has ability to shift the ball before and during contact
- Good defender at close quarters

**2**

- Strong safe scrummager and accurate lineout thrower
- Stable over the ball, contributes to play as an additional back row.
- Ability to move the ball before and during contact
- Strong ball carrier

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- Strong safe lineout jumper and lifter, shows understanding of attacking and defensive strategy in lineout
- Good defender at close quarters
- Uses footwork into contact and goes forward as a strong ball carrier

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**6**

- Strong lineout jumper
- Strong aggressive tackler
- Strong ball carrier and assists in securing and recycling ball
- Has pace power and strength to win collisions

**7**

- Strong support lines on flood through from line break
- Can retain and enhance continuity in attack
- Attacks the ball and ball carrier to effect a turnover/slow the attack down
- Ability to jump in the lineout/command back of line

**8**

- Controls ball at the base of the scrum and delivers clean ball to the scrum half relevant to outcome of the scrum.
  - Strong, aggressive, driving close quarter tackler
  - Ability to jump in the lineout
  - Collision winner
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- Accurate distributor off both hands
- Willing to be a threat around the breakdown
- Clear communicator between forwards and backs
- Quick to the break down, whilst scanning options

**10**

- Ability to manage the game, changing tactics when necessary
- Ability to vary passing style and understand outcomes
- Kick tactically, varying styles to result in different outcomes
- Confident and comfortable in the contact area.
- Willingness to attack the gain-line and pose a threat to defenders

**11**

- Desire to have hands on the ball – looks for work
- Clear and confident communicator as part of the back three in attack and defence
- Ability to beat a defender 1 on 1
- Ability to keep the ball in contact

**12**

- Strong in the contact looking to play options out of the tackle
- Distributor of the ball confidently off both hands
- Aggressive and competent tackler looking to create turnover opportunities
- Ability to execute a range of attacking and defensive kicks

**13**

- Ability to commit defenders with good lines, 2 handed ball carriage and accurate timely passes
- Has sound understanding of ways to defend in wide channels
- Capable of carrying into contact and to avoid contact
- Aggressive and competent tackler looking to create turnover opportunities

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**15**

- Creativity to mix up attacking styles through kicking and running and willingness to go forward as an attacking threat
  - Confident in making 1 on 1 tackles
  - Ability to consistently take a high ball
  - Distributor over distance to link with support in the back field
  - Clear and confident communicator as part of the back three in attack and defence
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