



DOMINION OHAKA

RIGHT BACK / LEFT BACK

NIGERIA INTERNATIONAL

KEY FACTS

2007

YEAR

175

CM

68

KG

NIGERIA

NATIONALITY

DECEMBER

2025

PRO CONTRACT

BOTH

STRONG FOOT

PROFILE

Dominion is one of the most exciting young talents not only in Nigeria, but on the entire African continent. At his age of 16 he had already played in all National Teams of Nigeria, from U15 to U23 and even the Super Eagles for the country of **215M** people where the selection pool of football talent is colossal.

It was after his performance for the Nigerian senior team **against Costa Rica in November, 2022** that his name became known to wide international football audiences. The opposing Costa Rican team, on its way to the World Cup in just a week time after the match, couldn't find defensive solutions for the 15-year-old. Dominion was having fun dominating on the right side as like there was no pressure from 60.000 people at the National Stadium in San José stands - in those moments it was just himself and the skill he had been working on on the humble dirt pitches outside the city of Abuja. Despite losing the match with 2:0, Dominion was given a title being a best player that night, his performance was described in the international media as a breath of fresh air. Costa Rican manager Luiz Fernando Suarez was so impressed with Dominion that he asked for a photo with him right after the match and publicly stated: ***"The guy is a threat to my team and I will like to have a snapshot with such a phenomenal talent. He is going to be a future star the world should watch out for"***.



PLAYING STYLE

Dominion's style is very similar to João Cancelo's, which also happens to be his favourite player and the one he looks up to. He is offensively oriented right-back with his offensive creativity and flamboyancy backed with a pallet of technical skillset that he is able to correctly utilise in split second decisions to create advantage play against his defenders. He is a dynamic, extremely quick player with ability to change direction and pace while maintaining full ball control. His energised highly coordinated movement is unpredictable and extremely hard to read, as he always remains on his toes.

This leads to his absolutely strongest asset that makes the above-mentioned moves sellable - his capacity to play **truly equally elite with both of his feet**. As he describes it, he is right footed, but **has no preference which foot will he use in any given moment** to either cross or deploy a power shot at the target. Such characteristic is rare in today's world of professional football and with Dominion it is a product of his development from his kindergarten age on ever since he joined the Academy where coaches engaged in bringing his left foot to the same level as his stronger right. As he had played almost all positions growing up, the use of both feet made the most sense in full back positions as there is more manoeuvring space at this position to make sudden foot switches catching opponents off-guard with it, making immediate impact in the attack early. Dominion can play in both left and right full back positions, and can even switch between the two in the middle of the match.

While maintaining body balance, Dominion likes to drop shoulder faints, step-overs or just quick foot switches to throw his defenders off and use this momentum that created up some separation to comfortably and confidently make the next decision against his shaken opponent - he can take a full-on sprint down-the-line for a dangerous cross into the box or take on a 1-v-1 to cut inside breaking the defensive line or make a long diagonal skip pass with right or left for a fast-break situation. Many times, the extra space and time in such separations allow him to find an additional unexpected and unpredicted solutions.



PASSING & SHOOTING

His passing is steady and accurate, kick techniques and kick selection is on-point. His pitch vision along with his decision-making abilities enables him to find solutions confidently. He sees open spaces for a deep wide pass into space or can easily sell a pass fake to use the other foot for a deep diagonal threatening pass. He is composed in 2 v 2 situations with correct pass choice a good timing for shaking off his defenders with fast runs wide forward into attacking third of the pitch where he takes a role of a winger.

Dominion's balance, body control and coordination at any speed is making him extremely comfortable when shooting. In any given moment he is well positioned, aware of the target and aligned to receive the last pass before deploying a direct shot at the goal with liberty to use any of his feet. Dominion is even more comfortable when he is to create his own shot, when loosing defenders he gets to steadily choose the shooting technique based on the aim at the target and goalkeepers stance. His shots are equally powerful and accurate with both feet. Shooting technique is versatile and polished. At his Academy, he is a free-kick taker.

RECEIVING & CONTROLLING

When taking into an account the circumstances at which majority of Dominion's football trainings took place - on uneven, pitted compact dirt surfaces with few patches of grass here and there, one can understand why ground passes can be challenging and usually avoided. Instead, good number of passes in such conditions are direct and off-ground hitting the player with a much faster ball flying through the air. In such environment Dominion was pushed to develop an extremely soft first touch when meeting the ball mid-air with all four of his body contact surfaces. His ball receiving control is impeccable and in one fluid motion whether setting it up for the next move or turning while receiving a ball to avoid defenders and create separation.

ON DEFENCE

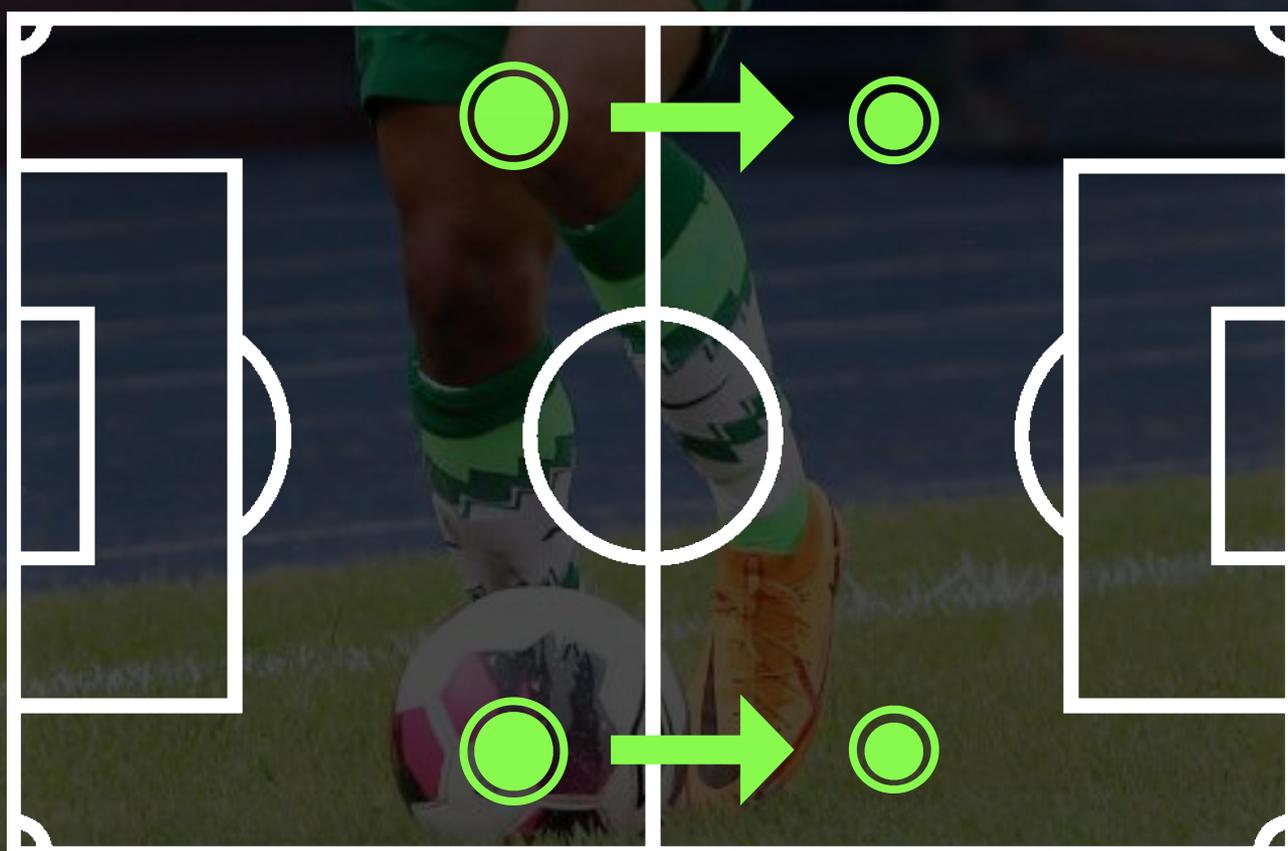
Defensively, he is very confident, physical and stable as he relies on his strength and abilities to outrun and chase down players to prevent threatening situations. His offence reading prevents the inside runs by re-directing pressure and forcing wide to opponent's usually weaker foot. He follows the game well and has very good ball trajectory anticipation for high-ball clearance, his early prediction for opponents ball touch is also elite as he is able to stop the intention before it even gets to it. His positioning on weaker side is improvable, could also better choose his defensive tactics to slow down opponents with ball that would indeed help conserve and redistribute his energy consumption and stamina - despite having plenty of it for the entirety of the match.

CONCLUSIONS

Overall, without being affected by his young age, Dominion's game is precocious and comparable **to experienced full backs at a top level in the top leagues**. Majority of his game was self-thought and developed by repetition and countless attempts to recreate and mimic the best players in the game. It is an understatement to say that he is soaking in both technical and tactical knowledge of football like a sponge as he is surely ready to take the next step where he would further develop and be a part of an ambitious plan. As the rough conditions shaped his character to be relentless and not to take anything for granted, he seems prepared for the high level training assessment under proper supervision. Based on our half century share of experience in the highest level of football, we suggest that Dominion Ohaka definitely ticks all the boxes to become an impacting player in one of the top European clubs in a very short amount of time.

Dominion is a part of the Water FC, a nationally known highly selective Football Academy based in Abuja. Since age 6, when he joined the Academy he followed the core principles of hard work, discipline and unselfish care for his fellow teammates. He is shy and very humble young man, with a contagious positive attitude and striving to improve himself every single day. He speaks English very well.

POSITIONS



ABOUT WATER FC

Water FC is an elite Football Academy based in the capital of Nigeria established about 10 years ago. It consist of a compound in a gated protected community that houses players and coaches, recreational space for fitness and a private full size pitch nearby for football trainings and home matches. The Academy is managed and sponsored by its president and the founding father, a football enthusiast **Makanjuola Nureni**.



HOW ACADEMY WORKS

Water FC is known for its quality development of players starting at the grass-root level and nurturing them until ready for their own career paths. They provide food, housing and training program for the players along with a certified home-schooling sessions on daily basis. Majority of the players are also given some monthly allowance.



The Academy consists of a coaching staff, government assigned school teachers, couple of scouts and about 30 talented young footballers from nationwide, aged between 12 to 20.

The way the Academy recruits its players is by setting up series of trials in the city of Abuja at the National Stadium a couple of times per year. Anywhere between 1.000 and 5.000 young footballers per trial are given a chance to showcase their skill in week's time. Statistically, out of 1.000 attendees, 1 player makes the cut and is selected to join the Academy.

SUCCESS STORIES

The Academy successfully brought up talent for all the Nigerian national team selection, from young U15 to the Super Eagles senior squad. They also completed number of international transfers of their young players to different **European Leagues** including English, Spanish, French and Belgian youth leagues, to clubs such as **Chelsea FC, Leicester City FC, CD Leganes, Rayo Vallecano SAD, KAA Gent and others**. Players such as Success Makanjuola, Adewale Oladoye, Chinonso Emeka, Habib Makanjuola all came from Water FC before continuing their careers in Europe. **Victor Osimhen** (SSC Napoli) and **Wilfred Ndidi** (Leicester City FC) also took part at Water FC which played important role in their up-bringing.



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