



# EBUBE DURU

LEFT BACK

NIGERIA INTERNATIONAL

[TRANSFERMARKT LINK](#)

## FACTS

1999

YEAR

180

CM

77

KG

NIGERIA

NATIONALITY

JUNE

2027

PRO CONTRACT

LEFT

STRONG FOOT

# PROFILE

**Ebube Duru** is the embodiment of a modern full-back—**balanced, energetic, and physical**. He is known for his defensive solidity - strong in one-on-one situations and difficult to beat down the flank. Shows good positional awareness and anticipation. He has a good size, lanky step, great pace and 90-minute high intensity endurance, reads the situations well and has tactical understanding of the game. He is highly professional, disciplined, and coachable. A player who thrives under pressure and is constantly looking to improve.

He is comfortable pushing forward to provide width, accurate crosses, and occasionally test the goalkeeper with long-range efforts. His last season in Nigerian Premier League (NPFL) he scored 6 goals. His set-piece ability is excellent - great deliveries from corners and free-kicks, with a keen eye for key passes and chances created.

## Career path: Rise in Nigeria

Ebube carved out his name as one of the most dominant full-backs in Nigerian football during his time in the **NPFL**. Across several standout seasons, he built a reputation for his **consistency, athleticism, and refined left foot**, becoming an integral part of **Lobi Stars FC and Rivers United FC**, where he truly rose to prominence.

From 2020 to 2023, Duru was widely regarded as the **best left-back in the NPFL in three consecutive seasons**. His form was so compelling that it caught the attention of successive national team managers. Despite being based in Nigeria's domestic league - a rare feat that **he was selected for the Nigerian Super Eagles under three different head coaches**, often as the **only home-based player in the squad**, a testament to his elite-level performances and reliability.

## Move to Europe: Danish Superliga

In 2024, Duru made a bold and well-deserved step into European football, signing with **FK Sønderjyske** in Denmark. Joining a club that had just earned promotion to the **Danish 3F Superliga**, he immediately made an impactful contributions to team successes.

He quickly **established himself as a first-choice left-back**, helping the team adapt to the rigours of top-flight football. His combination of **tenacity in defense and composure in build-up play** made him a stabilizing presence on the flank. His ability to transition the ball quickly and support attacking sequences has been crucial in helping Sønderjyske **maintain their league status** during a highly competitive campaign.

## Looking Ahead

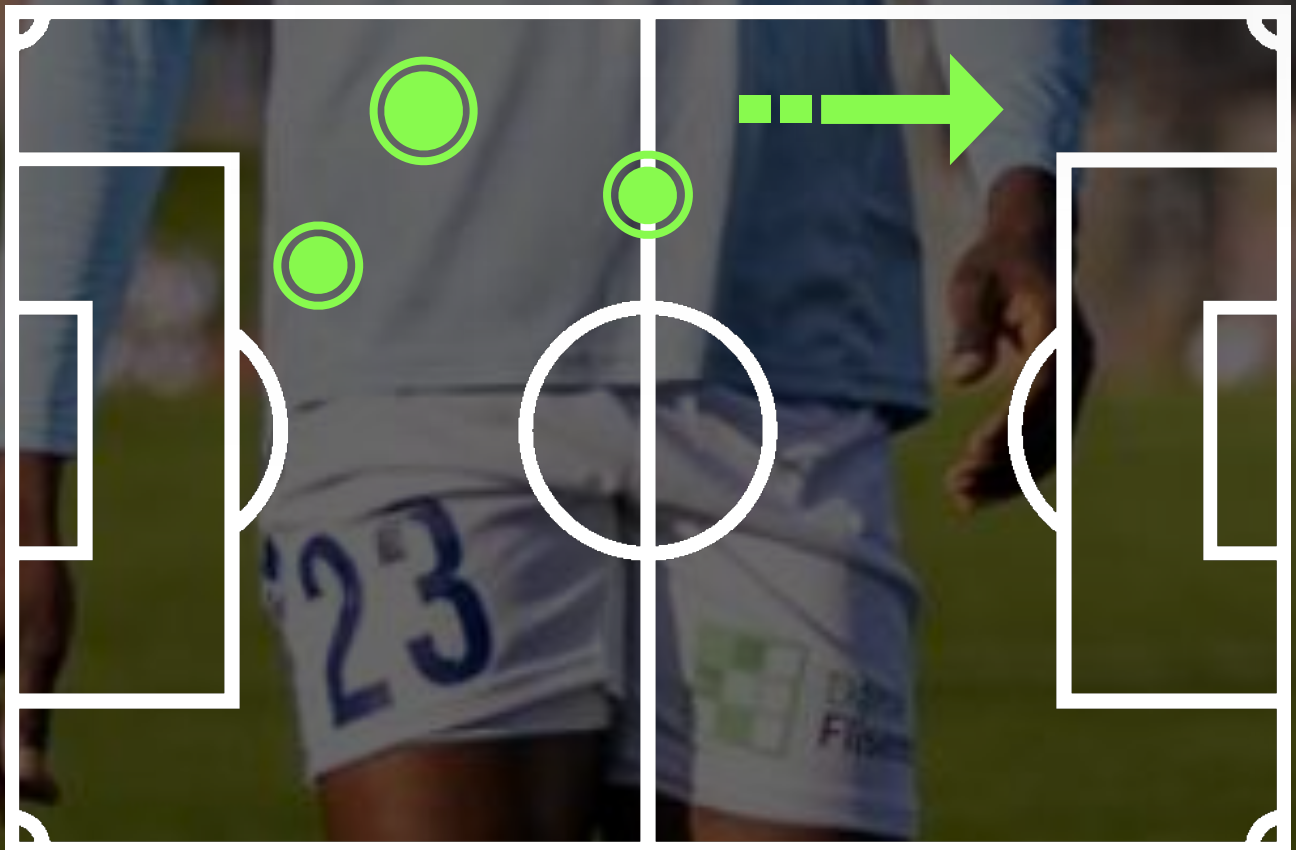
Still in his mid-20s, Ebube Duru has already built an impressive resume that bridges the best of domestic Nigerian football and European competition. His commitment to personal growth and team success suggests that **his journey with the Super Eagles is far from over**. If his trajectory continues, **a recall to Nigeria's senior squad** may just be a matter of time - and thoroughly deserved.

**Ebube is a quiet, religious man, disciplined hard worker, with contagious positive attitude with an immediate impact on the team. He speaks English very well.**

# CLUBS



# POSITIONS





# NIGERIA NATIONAL TEAM



**Portugal vs Nigeria**  
Friendly Match  
17 November 2022

... with Nigeria coach  
Jose Peseiro



## SQUAD LIST

JUNE 2023

### GOALKEEPER

ADEBAYO ADELEYE  
VICTOR SOCHIMA  
OLORUNLEKE OJO

### DEFENDER

WILLIAM TROOST-EKONG  
KENNETH OMERUO  
KEVIN AKPODUMA  
CALVIN BASSEY  
SEMI AJAYI  
ZAIDU SANUSI  
BRIGHT OSAYI-SAMUEL  
CHIDIEBERE DURU

### MIDFIELDER

JOE ARIBO  
WILFRED NDIDI  
ALEX IWOB  
FRANK ONYEKA  
DIVINE NWACHUKWU

### FORWARD

VICTOR OSIMHEN  
AHMED MUSA  
SAMUEL CHUKWUEZE  
KELECHI IHEANACHO  
MOSES SIMON  
ADEMOLA LOOKMAN  
TAIWO AWONIYI

**Nigeria Training**  
Chukwueze, Osimhen, Duru, Sochima

**Nigeria U23 vs Libya U23**  
Cup of Nations Qualifiers  
25 March 2019

**U23 XI vs Libya**



- 1 Uzoho (GK)
- 3 Duru
- 5 Awaziem
- 13 Etboy
- 6 Ozornwafor
- 14 Okechukwu (C)
- 10 Nwakali
- 7 Orji
- 8 Chukwueze
- 9 Osimhen
- 18 Awoniyi

Okereke | 12. John | 4. Adebawale  
K | 2. Lazarus | 15. Michael

**Nigeria vs Sierra Leone**  
Qualifiers  
17 June 2023



**Nigeria vs Atletico Madrid**  
(Duru #3)  
Friendly Match  
22 May 2018





**Nigeria training 2023**  
Ebube Duru & Samuel Chukwueze



**Silkeborg FC vs Sønderjyske FK**  
Superliga Match 2024/25



**Sønderjyske FK**  
Training Match



**Lynby FC vs Sønderjyske FK**  
Superliga Match 2024/25



**Vejle BK vs Sønderjyske FK**  
Superliga Match 2024/25

# PLAYING STYLE & ATTRIBUTES

**Ebube** is a **versatile, physical, aggressive, and defensively elite player**. While he used to expand his role while in Nigeria to a offensive minded **wing-back**, he still provides attacking contributions, but his game is built around **defensive intensity, physical strength, and tactical intelligence**. Despite proven ability to play as a modern attacking full-back, Ebube **does not thrive on overlapping runs or flashy offensive plays**—his strengths lie in his **dueling ability, positioning, and mental toughness**.

## Defensive Attributes

- **Elite 1v1 defender:** Rarely beaten in direct duels thanks to timing, strength, and footwork
- **Physically dominant:** Uses his length and strength to push the opponents off the ball
- **Tactically disciplined:** Learned to maintain shape and positioning

## Physical & Mental Attributes

- **Strong and athletic:** Powerful runner, able to handle fast or physical opponents throughout 90 min
- **Good recovery pace:** Not blisteringly fast, but quick enough to recover and track back effectively with his length
- **Highly resilient:** Tough mindset, plays through physical pressure and high-intensity situations

## Technical & Tactical Attributes

- **Composed under pressure:** Keeps his cool in tight situations, reliable passer out of the back
- **Solid in possession:** Prefers short-to-medium passes rather than creative or risky balls
- **Limited in attack:** Not a major dribbling threat or creative force; offers occasional overlaps in the attack but most comfortable when staying deeper, joins transitional plays very well
- **Exceptional crossing:** Delivers clean and accurate crosses when the opportunity arises.

## Strengths

- Excellent defensive awareness
- Strong physical presence and tackling ability
- High work rate and mental toughness
- Reliable under pressure

## Areas for Improvement

- Although he has proven his ability in attacking output he could be more attacking oriented
- Not a natural attacking outlet; works best in systems that prioritize defense over overlapping width

# CONCLUSION

Ebube Duru is the definition of a **strong, physical full-back**. He excels in structured systems where his defensive attributes can shine. He can provide the attacking flair of modern wing-backs if necessary, but mostly he brings **balance, toughness, and elite defensive quality** to any backline. For managers who value solidity and reliability on the left side, Ebube is a go-to option.

When it comes to his personality Ebube is a family man, a religious and very disciplined hard professional. He regularly commits to extra work load after trainings and pushes himself to improve. His contagious smile and positive attitude has an immediate impact on the team. He speaks English very well.



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