



Inter Player Index — Match Report

Player: Ben White

Club: Arsenal

Position: Inverted Right-Back

Match: Arsenal vs West Ham

Date: February 3, 2026

Minutes Played: 90

Final Score: Arsenal 2 - 0 West Ham



Match Summary

Ben White delivered a high-level performance in his hybrid right-back role, seamlessly shifting into midfield during build-up play and consistently helping Arsenal establish numerical superiority in early phases. He displayed excellent positional awareness, contributed meaningfully to both defensive structure and ball progression, and made intelligent decisions under pressure.

This performance reaffirms his value as a tactically intelligent system-fit player in possession-dominant teams.



Key Takeaways

- **Composed & Efficient in Build-Up:**
Completed 92% of passes, many under pressure. Made 11 progressive passes, breaking West Ham's first line of pressure repeatedly.
- **Positionally Smart:**
Occupied central zones in buildup, forming double pivots with Jorginho. Heatmap shows sustained presence between Zones 2 and 3 — exactly where Arsenal needed control.
- **Strong Defensively Without Being Flashy:**
6 interceptions, 0 defensive errors, and clean positional recovery throughout. Rarely caught out of shape.
- **Transition-Safe Play:**
Made a crucial tactical foul in the 12th minute to stop a dangerous counter — a sign of

his game awareness.

Tactical Role Fit

White played as an inverted full-back in a 4-2-3-1 but functioned more like a right central midfielder in possession. This enabled Arsenal to build through the center and reduce exposure to pressing traps. His off-ball movement created passing angles and allowed the midfield to advance with confidence.

He showed growing comfort in this hybrid role, linking phases from back line to midfield while ensuring stability in transitions.

Development & Trend

Over the last five matches, White's performances in this specific role have shown clear upward momentum. He is adapting to positionally fluid responsibilities and delivering consistent contributions.

- **Last 5 Match Ratings:** 7.4 → 8.0 → 8.3 → 8.4
 - **Trajectory:** Positive; consistent impact in buildup, low error count
 - **Projection:** Stable top-tier contributor in inverted RB / hybrid CM systems
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Human Scout Notes

"White's understanding of his spatial and tactical responsibilities continues to impress. He rarely forces play, and when under pressure, opts for the right option every time. Quietly dominant. Has developed clear communication habits — constantly directing teammates during defensive and attacking transitions."

Tactical Fit & Suitability

Ben White is ideal for teams that:

- Build through the middle third
- Use inverted full-backs or asymmetric shapes
- Require defenders who are calm in tight spaces and tactically disciplined

Less suited for teams that:

- Defend in deep, compact blocks
- Prioritize aerial dominance and physical duels on the flanks






Suggested Action

- 1. Continue Deployment as Hybrid Inverted RB/CM**
White adds structure and security in build-up. Avoid reverting him to touchline-hugging full-back roles.
- 2. Utilize in Midfield-Centric Training Routines**
Given his comfort in central areas, provide more reps in small-space CM drills to sharpen his vertical passing under pressure.
- 3. Monitor Load & Fatigue**
With fixture congestion, his volume of minutes in high-pressing systems may need management to maintain output quality.



Attachments

-  AI-Generated Highlight Reel (Key Passing Sequences + Interceptions)
-  Tactical Heatmap Overlay
-  PDF Summary Report for Staff Distribution

