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WORLD CUP 2026 — A DATA PORTRAIT

OLISE
THE BEST PLAYER AT THE WORLD CUP

Five games in, France's 24-year-old is creating like the all-time greats and outrunning everyone on the pitch. One thing is missing — and it's the biggest one of all.

THE PREMISE

The game bends around him — and it isn't Mbappé.

For this France, the hub is **Michael Olise**, a 24-year-old right-winger quietly assembling one of the most complete individual tournaments in the competition. The data tells it in four scenes.

5 ASSISTS — MOST AT THE WORLD CUP	**36%** OF FRANCE'S GOALS HE MADE
11.4 km PER GAME — MOST OF ANY ATTACKER	**0** GOALS FROM 14 SHOTS

01 · THE STYLE

A creator, pure and simple.

1st for assists at the World Cup — no one, in any position, has more.



% of the 124 World Cup attackers he beats, per 90.
Everything runs through him — **except the finish**.

02 · THE DANGER

France's supply line.

16% of France's key passes & shots run through Olise — **double** his share of the minutes.



He beats **99%** of attackers for through balls and assists. On the tournament's list of top creators he sits level with **Messi** for chances made — and ahead of him on the ones that became goals.

03 · THE ENGINE

He outruns everyone.

11.4km per 90 — the hardest-running attacker at the tournament.

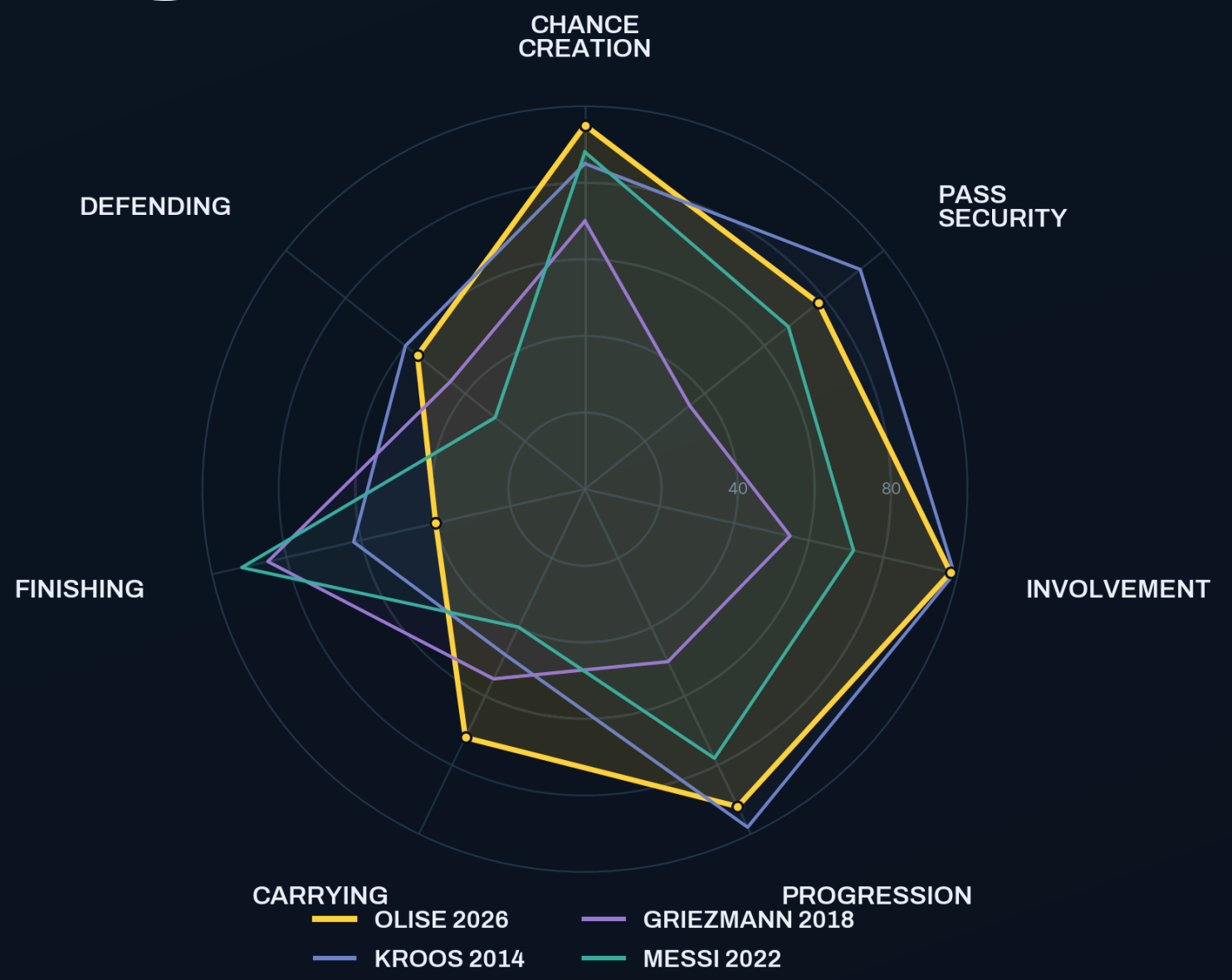


FASTER THAN **97%** OF ATTACKERS

RECOVERIES: TOP **5%**

A winger with a holding midfielder's engine — he presses, recovers and runs, cleanly.

In the company of legends.



Profile shape rebuilt from raw data. On **chance creation** his outline pushes past all three — with the running they never did.

THE VERDICT

A playmaker's brain, an engine's legs — one number short of a legend.

The World Cup's top assist man, outrunning midfielders, creating like Iniesta. If the goals come — maybe against Morocco — this stops being a very good tournament and becomes a great one.

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Data. WhoScored / Opta events & per-90 output; FIFA physical tracking. Percentiles = share of players outperformed vs the 124 World Cup 2026 attackers (scenes 1–3), or every attacker & creative midfielder across the 2014–2026 tournaments (scene 4). Illustrative shape after five matches — group stage & round of 16.