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PASSING ANALYSIS

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A close-up photograph of Jude Bellingham, a professional footballer, wearing a yellow and black Borussia Dortmund jersey. He is smiling and looking upwards, with his right hand raised in a gesture. The background is blurred.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Jude Bellingham (JB), a highly regarded talent in the world of football, has been instrumental in propelling Borussia Dortmund to the top of the Bundesliga. Speculation is rife about his potential **£100 million transfer to Real Madrid**. In such a finely balanced game, where positioning, passes, and chances can determine the outcome, it is crucial to assess how JB can adapt his passing and positioning to make a greater impact in high-stakes matches.

For this purpose, this presentation aims to provide valuable insights into the necessary adjustments JB needs to make in his passing game to excel in the most significant games. The analysis utilises data from reputable sources, including FBref, WhoScored, Understat and **StatsBomb 360**, specifically focusing on the 2022 World Cup Quarter Final England vs. France with the designated **MATCH_ID 3869354**.

Section one, Pass Map & Heatmap, delves into the overall trends observed in JB's performance. It provides a comprehensive visualisations and analysis of his impact and highlights areas where he excels in passing.

Section two, Passing Networks, examines the teams (England) passing and positioning performance in the World Cup Quarter Final against France, offering an individual and team-wide perspective on his contribution.

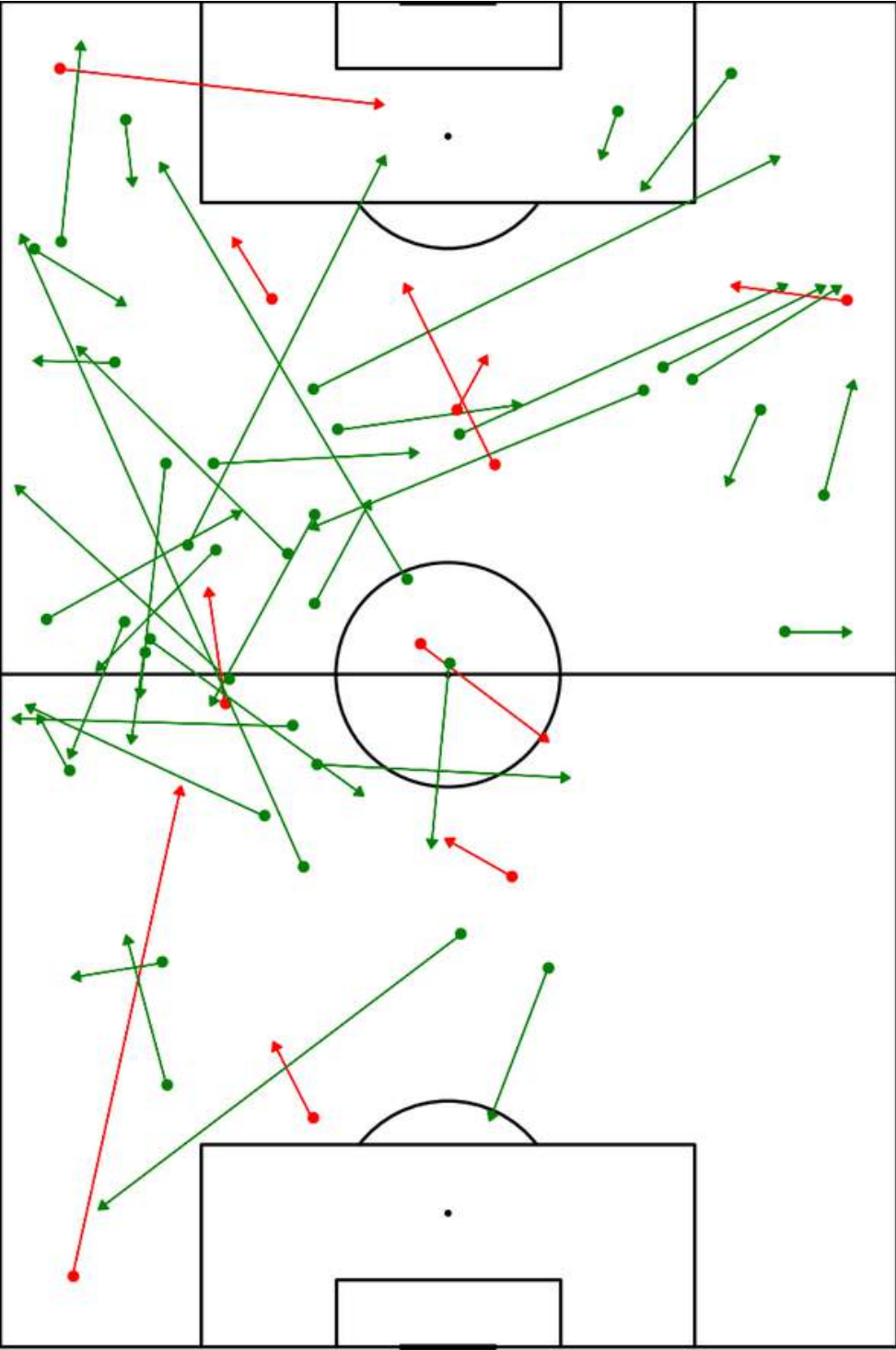
Section three provides **recommendations** for JB to excel and outlines potential areas of adaptation required to succeed at the highest level of football, particularly with the Spanish Giants.

Supplementary data, and references can be accessed through the following [link](#). These supplementary resources complement the analysis and offer further insights into JB's passing ability and its implications for his potential move to Real Madrid.

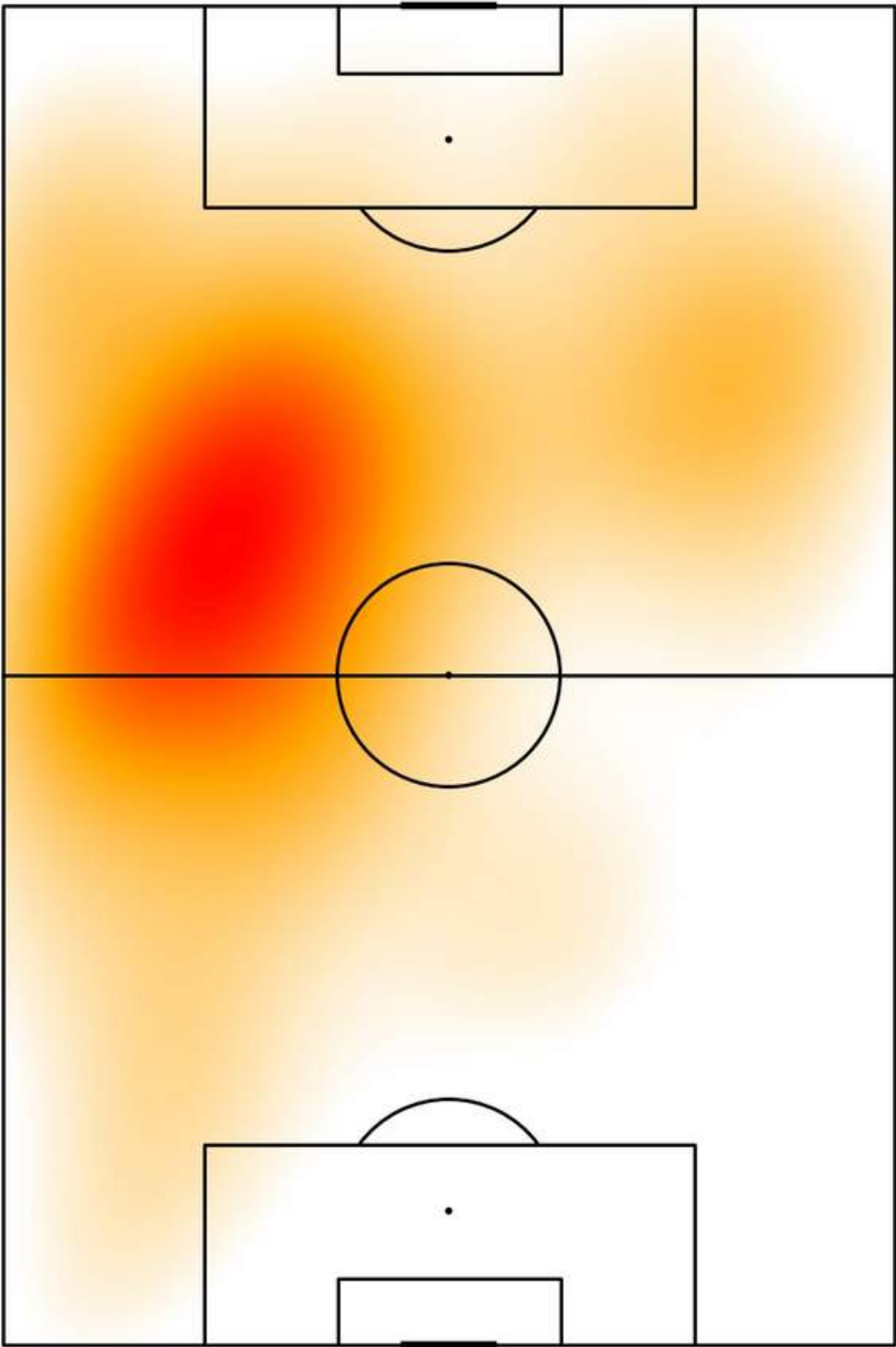
Overall, this presentation aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of JB's passing game, identify areas for improvement, and address how he can adapt his skills to thrive in crucial matches.

PASS MAP & HEATMAP

*JB self-description as a half 8 and a half 4 is evident from his season stats, the passing and activity heatmap during the 2022 WC Quarter Final - **5th highest touches, an all action but expensive performance.***



- Successful Pass
- Unsuccessful Pass



Activity Area
Low High

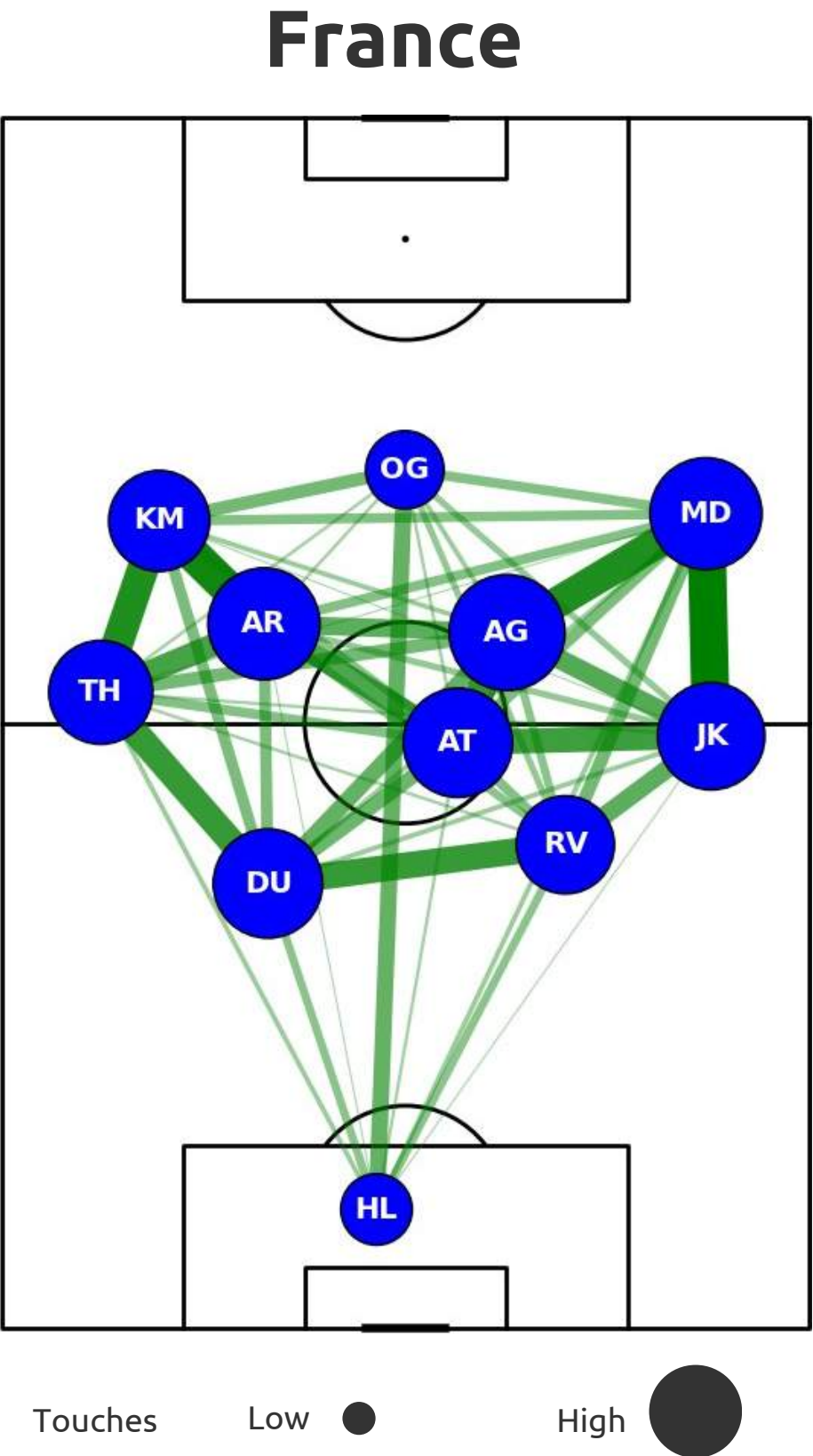
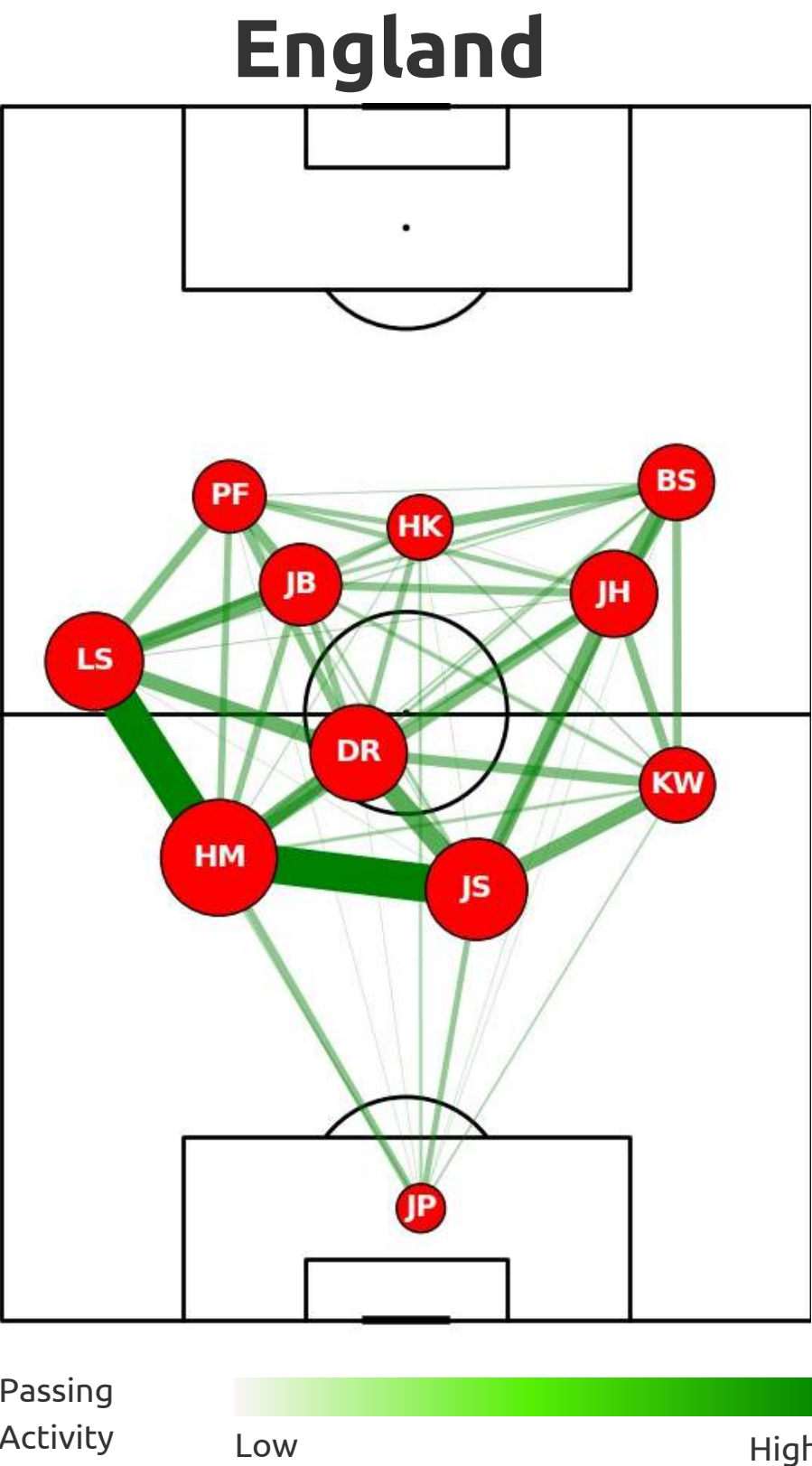
Key Stats *

METRIC	WCQF v FRA	SEASON PER 90*	%TILE
Passes Attempted	46	54	62
Pass Completion %	78%	82%	46
Progressive Passes	5	8.18	93
Progressive Carries	2	3.06	92
Assists	0	0.14	72
Touches (Att Pen)	3	3.60	98
Progressive Passes Rec	9	4.36	8

*Source: FBref, WhoScored

PASSING NETWORKS

Despite more possession and passes *England's build up and average positions were less balanced than France*, notably the midfield networks being less coherent and fluid in the build up of attacking phases.



Key Match Stats*

METRIC	ENG	FRA
Goals	1	2
Possession %	58%	42%
Passing Accuracy	88%	81%
Passes	503	441
Key Passes	11	8
SOT	8	5
xG	2.36	1.08

*Source: WhoScored, Understat

RECOMMENDATIONS

JB describes himself as a 4 and 8 with his overall output matching most metrics of a 4 and an 8.

However with such a **broad remit** this can have an overall **adverse impact on team dynamic**.

Here are **3 core recommendations** to aid JB transition to a new league to elevate his passing game, positioning, tactical and overall impact.

1 Enhance Tactical Awareness and Positioning:

- Deepen understanding of positional play and tactical awareness in high-stakes matches.
- Improve positioning to create passing angles and support attacking movements effectively.

2 Master Game Tempo Control:

- Develop the ability to control the game's tempo, especially during crucial moments.
- Recognise when to slow down the pace to maintain possession and when to accelerate to launch quick attacks.

3 Increase Awareness of Space and Timing:

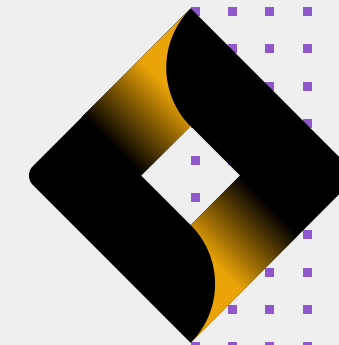
- Improve spatial awareness to identify open spaces and passing lanes on the field.
- Develop a better sense of timing to release passes at the optimal moment to maximise the effectiveness of each pass.

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