Good afternoon everyone,

Although Manchester City is often associated with \*\*tiki-taka\*\* and Guardiola's signature possession-based style, their success also comes from their ability to quickly recover the ball and knowing exactly what to do with it in those critical moments.

Hence today, I will be discussing **Expected Shot From Recovery (so xSFR)**, a new metric that measures the likelihood of a shot occurring within 10 seconds after a team regains possession. This metric offers valuable insight into how teams transition from defense to attack, helping us assess as well individual player impact.

Let’s look at an example to illustrate the sequence of play this metric describes. During **Brazil vs. Serbia** game, we observe that firstly Brazil has possession of the ball **(first picture)**, but then Serbia recovers the ball **(second picture)**. From this point, the timer starts ticking. In third picture we can see, that after **8 seconds**, a shot was attempted.

This type of analysis allows us to better understand which players are most effective at creating opportunities quickly after winning the ball and could be key for Manchester City, especially as **Fernandinho**, who was mainly responsible for this role, is now nearing the later stages of his career.

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Moving on to the players who could step into Fernandinho's role, there are two standout candidates based on xSFR metric :

**Frank Anguissa** from Olympique Marseille, with an xSFR per 90 of 0.38. (BEST OVERALL xSFR per 90)

**Geoffrey Kondogbia** from Valencia CF, with an xSFR per 90 of 0.31. (BEST xSFR per 90 IN SPANISH LEAGUE)

Both of these midfielders exceed the average xSFR in the Premier League of 0.05 **(which can be seen in top right corner)** from the 2017/18 season, making them promising options for a team looking to enhance their transition game.

Thank you