# PIECE OF ANALYSIS



# BUILD UP PLAY/ POSITIONAL ATTACKS

- **PATTERN**: Long Balls from the Goalkeeper to the first line of attack.
- **EXECUTION:** This play was executed by loading players on the opponent's defensive line, 3v3, Goalkeeper's long pass accuracy and aerial ability of the forwards and wingers particularly Kevin (15).

Goalkeeper Long Pass Distribution:



#### **DUEL STATS FOR TEAMS:**

Duels	•	8
Total duels / won	237/110 46%	237/118 50%
Offensive duels / won	87/35 40%	<b>57/21</b> 37%
Defensive duels / won	57/36 63%	87/52 60%
Loose ball duels / won	35/14 40%	35/17 49%
Aerial duels / won	58/25 43%	58/28 48%
Challenge intensity	7.4	4.9

### **DUEL ATTEMPTS/ SUCCESS %**

Hibernian				
Player			Last 5 match	es
3 J. Campbell	9/3	33%	4.2	25%
1 K. Nisbet	8/6	75%	4.2	44%
7 K. Magennis	7/1	14%	2.1	57%
23 E. Youan	4/2	50%	3.2	69%
Total	51/24	47%	40.2	45%



### BUILD UP PLAY/ POSITIONAL ATTACKS

• Lack of players in the landing zones. Forwards or wingers should remain high to have the first contact on the ball and midfielders need to push higher with horizontal body orientation(body facing opponent's goal) that could enable them to play an early through on pass to the forwards and

wingers who are present high and wide, ready to attack.

• In the video,

Underloaded with 2v3 in the landing zones.

 Vertical body orientation of the winger did not provide him the time to turn and play an early pass forward. Hence, was forced to play behind.

 Horizontal body orientation when receiving the ball would offer better passing angles like for the midfielder in this clip.

Winning the first ball and creating chances which was successful

because of;

3v3 on the right flank.

Midfielders occupying the landing zones with horizontal body orientation.

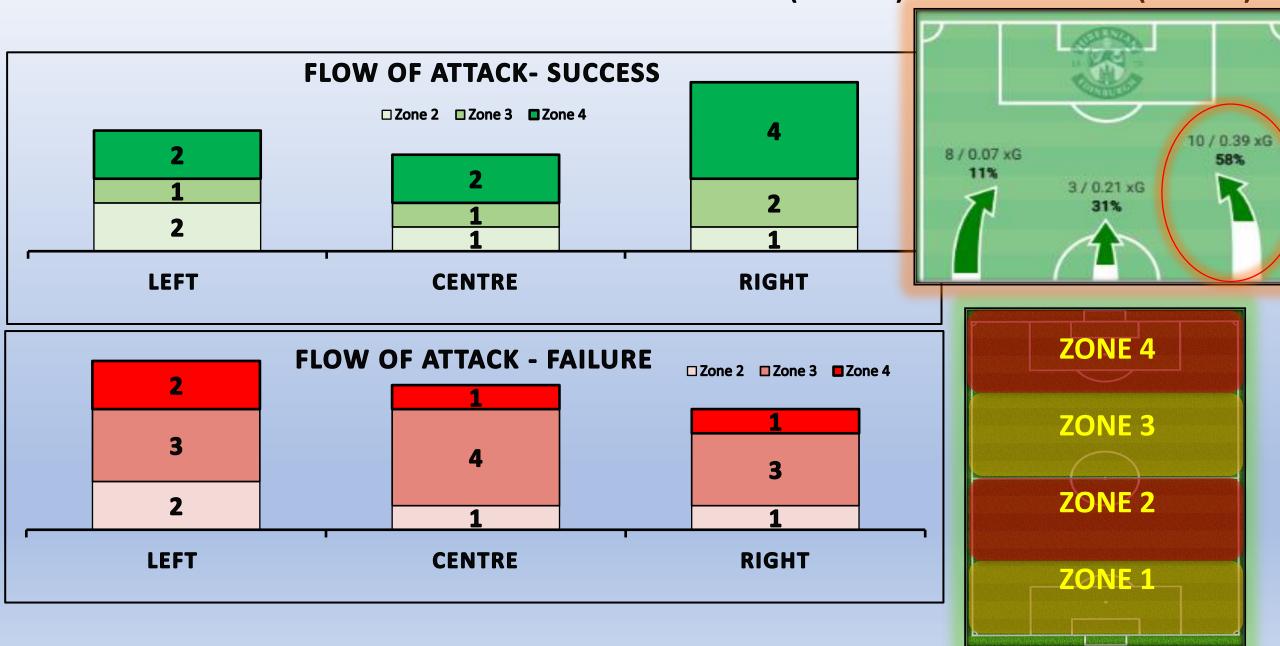
Early through on pass.





#### **ATTACKING TRANSITIONS:**

• PENETRATION THROUGH RIGHT FLANK - MOST SUCCESS(7 times) & LEAST FAILURE(5 times)



#### **ATTACKING TRANSITIONS:**

#### Ineffective use of the overlapping runs of Full-Backs/ Wide Players

• The pass is not played to the Fullbacks when they are unmarked in a better position to attack by making a run high and wide.

• The Timing of the pass is too late when either fullback has dropped deep to receive the ball or the opponent defender has spotted the pass and covered enough

ground which causes them to engage in duels.

#### Lack of depth runs towards the face of the goal.

- Forwards are the only players:
- Present on the highest line of attack.
- That can get to the goal quickest by attacking the space behind the defensive line.

But are making a run towards the side spot of the defender and corner flag, where

chances of scoring a goal is lesser. **SHOT MAP:** 





### **ATTACKING TRANSITIONS:**

- A well timed and executed pass to an overlapping run of a Fullback could lead to:
- Stretching the defense & Creating space: When our fullback is overlapping the midfield or the forward line, it's creating more space, which can be exploited by the midfielders or forwards to move into and receive a pass.
- Creating confusion: The defenders will become unsure whether to track the fullback or stay with their own man, which can open-up gaps in the defense for the attacking team to exploit.
- Providing an extra attacking option: The fullback can receive the ball in a dangerous position and either cross the ball into the box or cut inside and shoot.
- Similarly, A run in depth by the forward towards the blind spot of defender
  - and face of the goal will allow him to occupy and receive the ball in the central areas of the attacking third that could lead to:
- Creating shooting opportunities
- More xG Shots on Target and Goals
- Drawing defenders out of position as the defenders may be forced to follow the forward's movement.



### **DEFENDING TRANSITIONS:**

- Lack of coordination between players in midfield and defensive lines.
- Midfield line was seen counter pressing with numbers, especially (5) and (11), and the defensive line dropping deep to defend the depth, thereby creating a huge space between which was occupied by the opposition midfielders and forwards.
- This allowed the opposition to definitely enter our Zone 2 with their players playing between the lines and become the outlet for creating chances.
- The free man of Rangers was left unmarked since both of are
   Midfielders were counter pressing and committing forward.
- The Zone 2 entries of Rangers were 81 (70% of total possessions).
   Hibernian's most ball losses and Ranger's most recoveries were in the Middle third of the pitch as highlighted in the picture.

Possession	•	<b>®</b>
Possession %	66	34
Pure possession time	36:18	18:49
Number of possessions	115	107
Possessions reaching opponent half	81 70%	<b>37</b> 35%
Possessions reaching opponent penalty area	25 22%	7 7%
Average possession duration	00:18	00:10



Transitions		<b>②</b>
Recoveries / low medium high	105/28/50/27	91/55/31/5
Opponent half recoveries	47	17
Losses / low / medium / high	124/11/42/71	117/38/51/28

#### **DEFENDING TRANSITIONS:**

• Our CBs (4) and (33) are immediately falling back to stabilise the goal area and directing the opposition towards the flank by

maintain the compactness.

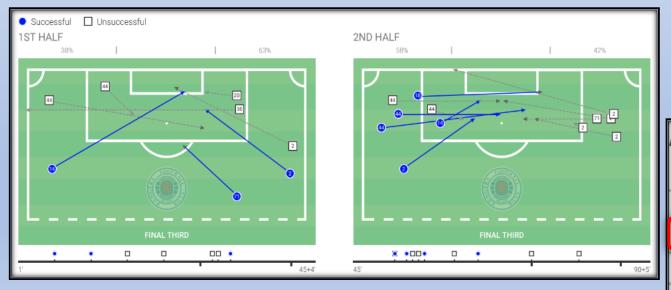
• They delayed the opposition attack and gave enough time for the midfielders to recover.

- Shots and Crosses generated by Rangers in transitions were not clear chances as Hibernian only reduced to them three successful counterattacks.
- Both Midfield and Defensive line should either Counter Press
  aggressively or Fall Back to cover the goal area together to avoid
  leaving space between the lines and being the victim of 3v3 or

4v4 situations at the back.

#### **RANGERS CROSSES MAP**

Crosses / accurate 20/8 40%

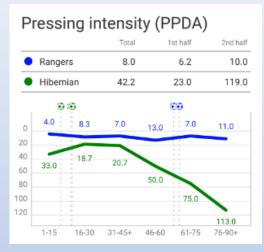


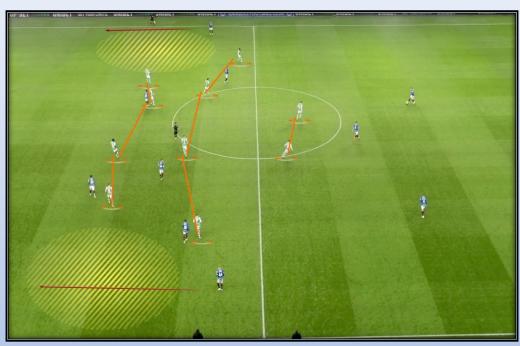


Attacks	•	<b>®</b>
Total / with shots	61/20 33%	21/8 38%
Positional attacks / with shots	42/14 33%	14/6 43%
Counterattacks	3	0
Free kicks / with shots	2/1 50%	2/0 0%
Corners / with shots	8/3 38%	4/1 25%

#### **OUT OF POSSESSION:**

- **PLAYING STYLE:** Our Mid-Block Out of Possession structure allows the opposition to maintain possession of the ball in our defensive half, 81 entries.
- We are not a high pressing team since we make a defensive action after an average 42 passes of the opposition, significantly higher in the second half.





#### ATTACKS BY FLANKS AND DANGER LEVEL:



- **AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT:** Ideally our compact defensive structure should force the opposition to play around us (as shown in the picture) and not through us but the opposition still manage to play through the defensive structure.
- Almost 40% of their attacks were through the middle, with 12/25 penalty box entries came by occupying half spaces at the edge of the box.
- Penetration through half spaces also increased the accuracy of passes to the penalty area.

Passes	•	3
Passes to final third / accurate	73/55 75% 38/18	47%
Passes to penalty area / accurate	36/23 64% 6/2	33%

#### **OUT OF POSSESSION:**

#### This Penetration through Half Spaces was successful because:

- Opposition fullback is providing height and width at the flank.
- Opposition winger is occupying half spaces.
- Our fullback is pinned in a 2v1 situation with threats coming from two sides
- Our winger is trying to block the passing lane to the fullback which is opening up more space in the middle.
- This contradiction is creating a triangle near the wide areas between our players and the presence of an opposition forward in the centre of triangle allows for easy penetration into our box.

#### Proper Communication between our Fullback and Winger.

- Idea is to block both the passing lanes (1 wide, 1 Centre) which can happen by:
- Our Fullback > Opposition Fullback & Our Winger > Opposition Winger.
- Wide: The diagonal body orientation and position of our fullback will allow him to challenge opposition Fullback into a duel if the pass has been played.
- Central: Midfielder should stay lower and be more tucked in towards the half space to get into the duel with opposition winger and open the passing lane out to the width, directing the opponent away from goal.





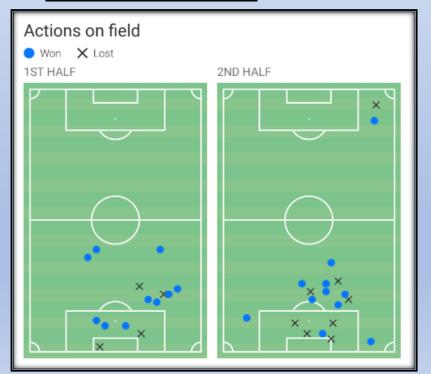
# INDIVIDUAL ANALYSIS



# **ROCKY BUSHIRI**

- <u>CONSCIOUS:</u> He is conscious about the runs of opposition's forwards
  present at his shoulders by doing head-checks and
  anticipating the ball movements.
- Made timely interceptions, cutting out passes before they reached the intended target.
- Helped him to be in the right place at the right time to make tackles, interceptions, and clearances.

#### • **EXCELLENT IN DUELS:**





Duels / won	10/9 90%	5/4 80%	5/5 100%
Defensive duels / won	3/3 100%	2/2 100%	1/1 100%
Offensive duels / won	2/2 100%	0	2/2 100%
Aerial duels / won	3/3 100%	2/2 100%	1/1 100%
Loose ball duels	2/1 50%	1/0 0%	1/1 100%
Interceptions	6	3	3
Clearances	5/1 20%	2/1 50%	3/0 0%

### **ROCKY BUSHIRI**

 HORIZONTAL BODY ORIENTATION: Having a horizontal body positioning when falling back to defend the goal is;

- Reducing his agility, making it difficult for him to change direction
  quickly to keep up with attackers who make sudden changes of direction
  in their run.
- When running in depth, he is turning his body to face the attacker, which
  is allowing the opponent an extra second in the duel and are running faster
  towards the goal.
- **OFFENSIVE TOUCHING:** Rocky is receiving the ball in the right position, but the direction of his first touch is towards the side which is cutting of the forward passing lanes and inviting higher press from the first line of opposition, increasing the likelihood of losing possession.
- This was one of the reason to why he has lost possession of the ball 7 times
- Hence, he should position himself to receive the ball with his body open to the field and take his first touch into space, away from pressure, and towards passing or attacking options.



# INDIVIDUAL ANALYSIS



# THODY ELIE YOUAN • HIGH AND WIDE:

- The starting position of the winger when receiving the ball should be high and wide on the opponent's defensive line because then you can directly go into an 1v1 duel with the opponent fullback and use the distance to your advantage as the opponent fullback will need to cover more ground.
- Thody was seen dropping deep even when our fullback was under no pressure.

#### **DOUBLE THREAT:**

Made depth runs from the last line of opponent's defense creating double threat situations from left flank as shown in the video.







# THODY ELIE YOUAN

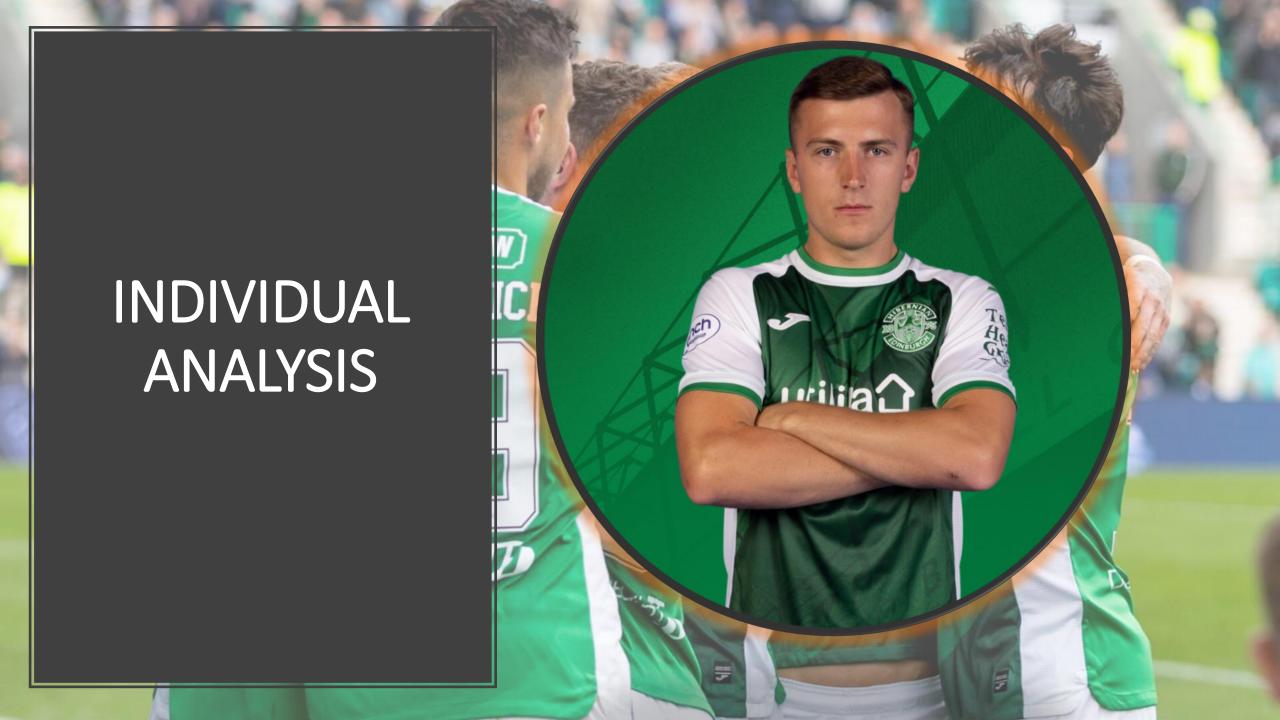
#### • LACK OF INTENSITY IN PRESSING.

- When a pass is played by the opposition on his side, he is seen running towards the ball and not breaking.
- That is allowing opponents to go past him easily and enter our defensive half.
- The data shows that he has a higher % at winning defensive duels which could lead to winning the ball higher up the field and creating turnovers, if pressed with more intent.





Duels / won	28/9 32%	14/2 14%	14/7 50%
Defensive duels / won	10/5 50%	5/2 40%	5/3 60%
Offensive duels / won	11/2 18%	7/0 0%	4/2 50%



## **JOSH CAMPBELL**

- INTENDED TARGET FOR THE LONG BALLS FROM THE GOALKEEPER:
- Was the key player in build-up play since he had first contact in the air in 11/16 Long Balls.
- <u>SEASON STATS:</u> More efficient in passes and shots when playing on the right side (RMF, RCMF), especially against top four teams.

#### **SEASON STATS:**

