

One Knoxville SC – Tactical Tendencies Summary (2025)

Formation & Structure

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Phase	Shape/Form
Base Formation	4-2-3-1 (double pivot)
In Possession	Morphs into 2-4-4(FBs high, wingers wide)
Out of Possession	Drops into 4-5-1 with compact mid-block (5-4-1, if no double pivot)

Build-Up & Possession

Trait	Description
Build-up Style	Prefers short build-up through CBs and FBs
GK Distribution	~70–75% short; long if pressed
Tempo Control	Kelly (#10) drops to receive; dictates rhythm
Preferred Channels	Slightly favors left side (Fernandez/Ritchie); also builds right via Brown

♦ Final Third & Attack

Trait	Description
Final 3rd Entry Types	Crosses (30%), Long Balls (25–30%), Through Balls (22%), Quick Combos (10%)
Key Attackers	#11 Brown, #7 Zarokostas, #10 Kelly, #14 Doyle

After Winning Possession	Looks to set up shape and make vertical progress; ~30% long ball transitions.
Throw-Ins (Final 3rd)	80–90% are long (Brown); treated like set pieces. Only on the right side.
Corner Kicks	Far Post (50%), Near Post (35%), Edge of Box (10%), Short (<5%)
Kick-Off Routine	Long ball to corner flag \rightarrow trap and long throw

Defense & Transitions

Trait	Description
Defensive Shape	Mid/low block in 5-4-1; very compact
Pressing Style	Selective; triggers on back passes or bad touches
After Losing Possession	Counterpress when numbers are close; otherwise drop into shape

Set Piece Defense	Zonal coverage; Brown stays deep to defend counter
After Scoring	Drop deeper, protect shape
After Conceding	Push fullbacks higher, go more direct; urgency increases

Coach's Snapshot Summary

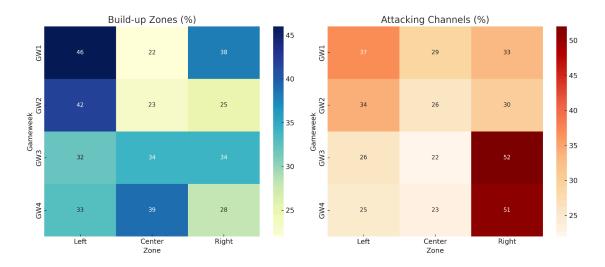
Knoxville is disciplined out of possession and direct in transition. They're not aggressive pressers, but when they win the ball, they look to go vertical immediately — often using long diagonals or balls into the channel. Defensively, they rely on a compact shape and excellent set-piece structure. Their biggest attacking weapons are Doyle, Zarakstas, & Kelly.

Match Sample - Tactical Analysis Based on 2025 Fixtures

This report is based on full-match scouting of the following four One Knoxville SC matches from the 2025 season:

- July 5v@ Chattanooga (0-1 L) "GW 1" July 12 @ Tormenta (1-2 W) "GW 2"
- July 16 vs. AV Alta FC (3-1 W) "GW 3" July 19 vs. Westchester SC (1-1 D) "GW 4"

These matches were selected to reflect recent team form, consistent lineup selections, and opposing variety (home and away).



Predicted Line-up:

