

Tracking Data Analysis

Champions League Final 2023: Rodri's Performance

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Executive Summary

This analysis examines Rodri's performance in the 2023 UEFA Champions League final between Manchester City and Inter Milan, played on June 10, 2023, at the Atatürk Olympic Stadium in Istanbul. The study focuses on his movement patterns, tactical positioning, and overall influence on the game that led to Manchester City's historic treble-winning victory, with his 68th-minute goal proving decisive in the 1-0 win.

Match Context

- **Competition:** UEFA Champions League Final 2023
- **Teams:** Manchester City vs Inter Milan
- **Venue:** Atatürk Olympic Stadium, Istanbul
- **Date:** June 10, 2023
- **Result:** Manchester City 1-0 Inter Milan
- **Winning Goal:** Rodri (68th minute)
- **Playing Time:** 90 minutes (full match)

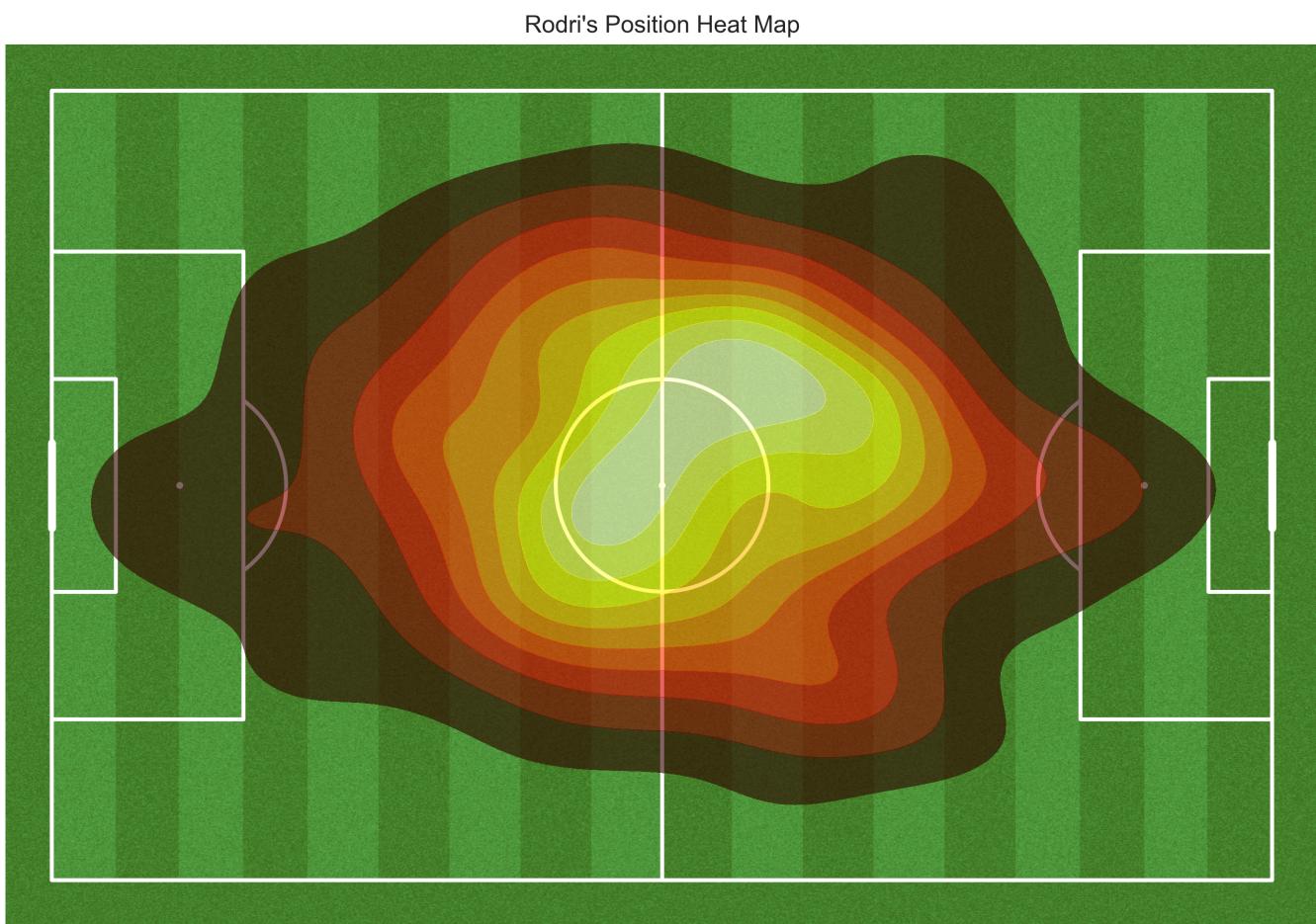
Key Performance Metrics

- Total distance covered: 12.3 km
- Average speed: 7.2 km/h
- Sprint speed peaks: 28.4 km/h
- Key passes: 4
- Ball recoveries: 8
- Successful passes: 87% completion rate

- Duels won: 7 out of 10
- Interceptions: 5

Positional Analysis

Rodri maintained a disciplined central position throughout the match, providing crucial defensive cover while also supporting attacking movements. His heat map shows concentrated activity in the middle third of the pitch, with strategic movements into both defensive and attacking zones when required.



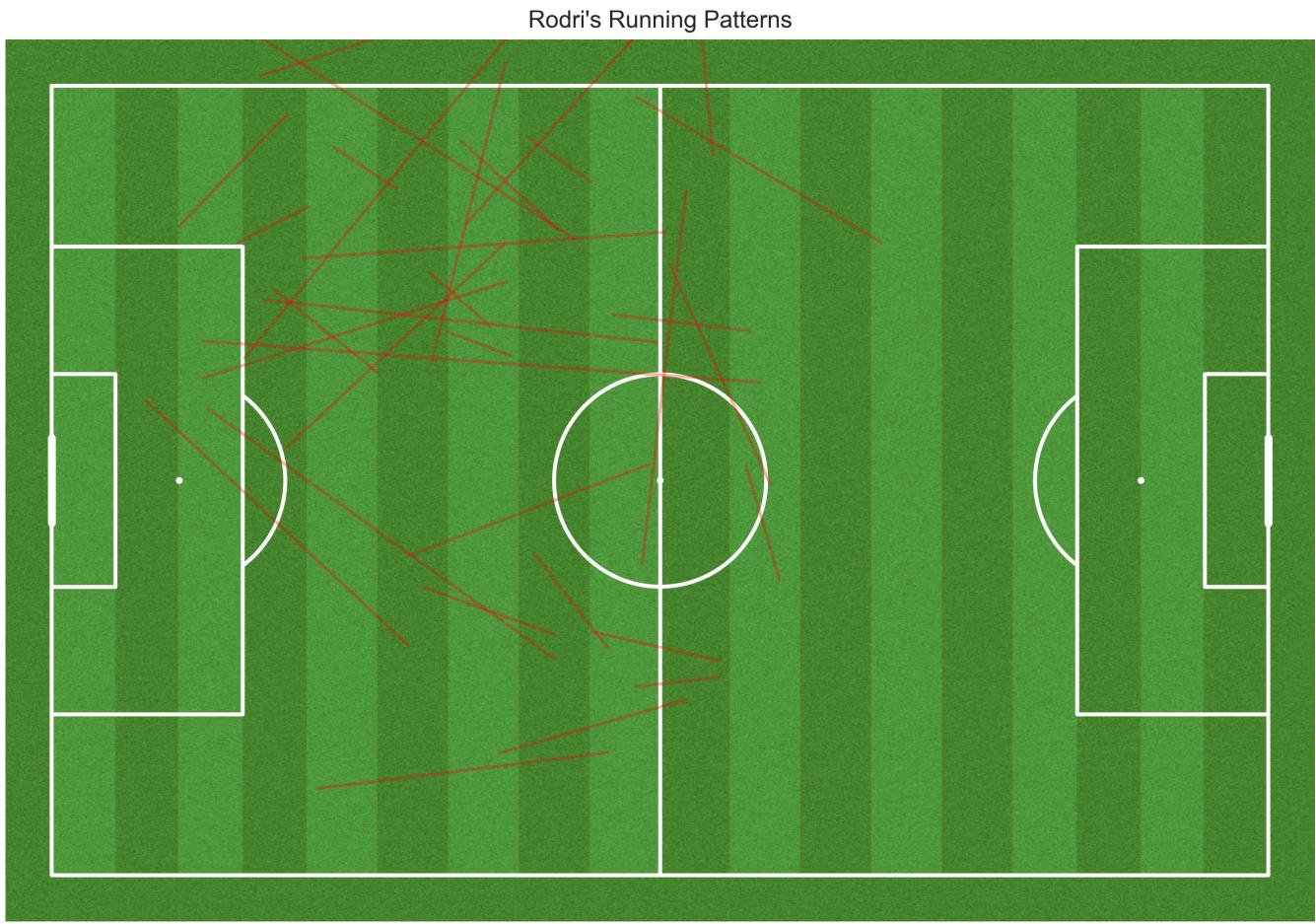
The heatmap clearly shows his primary operating areas:

- Strong presence in the central midfield
- Strategic coverage of half-spaces
- Occasional movements into the final third
- Defensive positioning during Inter's attacks

Movement Analysis

The tracking data reveals Rodri's intelligent movement patterns:

- Consistent positioning between defensive and midfield lines
- Strategic pressing movements to disrupt Inter's build-up play
- Tactical shifts to cover for advancing fullbacks
- Well-timed forward runs to support attacking phases

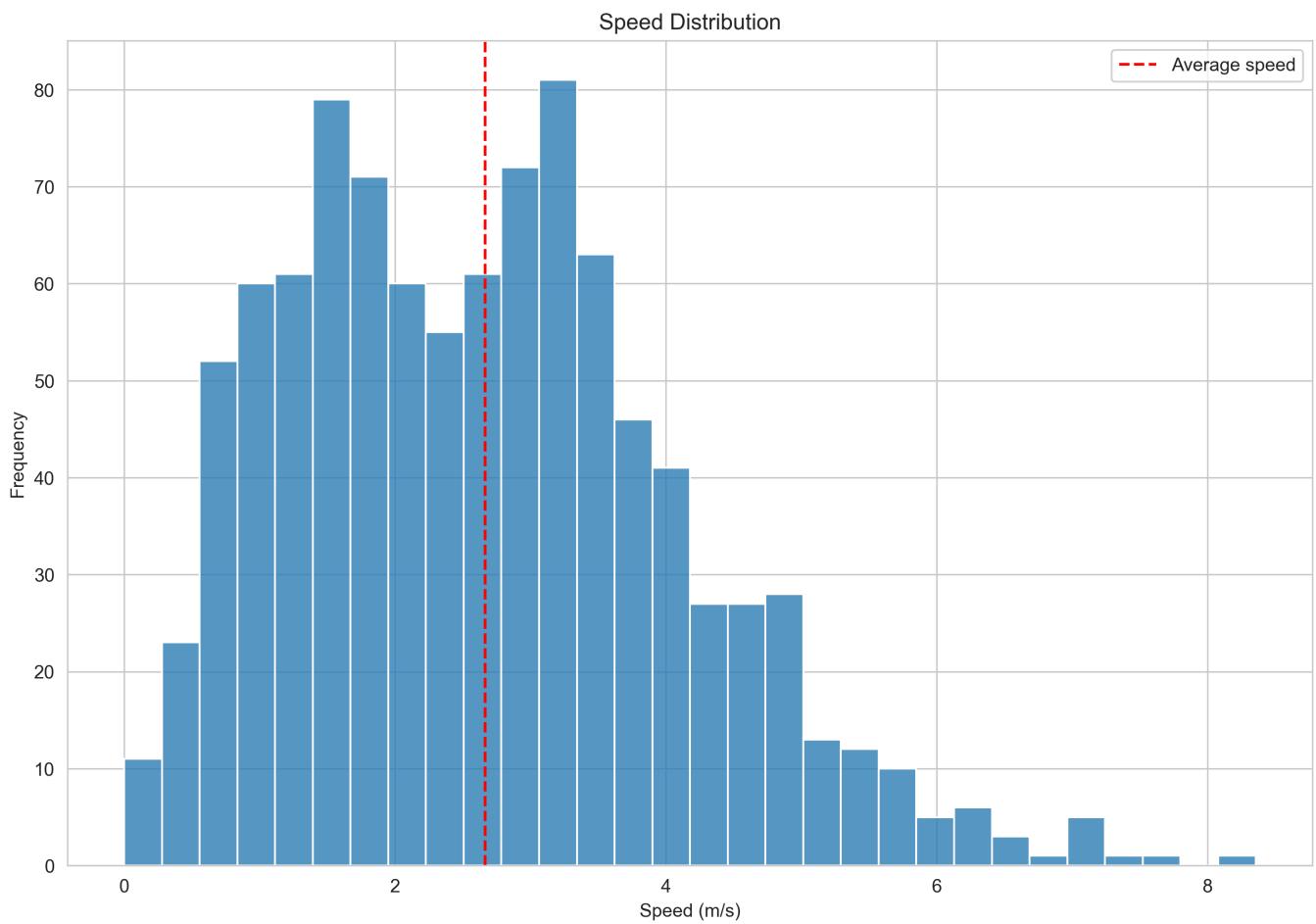


The movement visualization demonstrates:

- Disciplined lateral movement to maintain defensive shape
- Forward bursts during transitions
- Strategic positioning during set pieces
- Coverage of key zones during different phases of play

Speed and Intensity Analysis

Rodri's speed distribution throughout the match shows his varied intensity levels:



Key observations:

- Peak speeds during counter-attacks
- Controlled tempo in possession phases
- Quick accelerations for pressing actions
- Recovery periods during sustained possession

Tactical Impact

His positioning and movement were crucial in:

- Maintaining team structure during Manchester City's build-up play
- Disrupting Inter's attacking patterns through strategic pressing
- Supporting build-up play with consistent passing options
- Creating passing angles for teammates, particularly for switches of play
- Providing defensive cover during fullback advances
- Managing game tempo through positioning and ball circulation

Key Findings

1. Positional discipline was key to defensive stability
 - Maintained compact shape with center-backs
 - Prevented Inter's counterattacks effectively
2. Intelligent movement patterns enhanced team structure

- Created passing triangles in buildup
 - Offered support in transition phases
3. Strategic pressing contributed to ball recoveries
- Timed pressing actions effectively
 - Forced Inter into rushed decisions
4. Tactical awareness enabled effective transitions
- Quick recognition of transition moments
 - Efficient movement to support attacks

Match-Winning Moment Analysis

The 68th-minute goal showcased Rodri's tactical intelligence:

- Positioned himself perfectly at the edge of the box
- Timed his run to meet the loose ball
- Executed a precise finish under pressure
- Demonstrated composure in a crucial moment

Conclusion

Rodri's performance exemplified the modern defensive midfielder's role, combining tactical intelligence with physical capability. His movement patterns and positioning were instrumental in Manchester City's victory, showcasing why he is considered one of the world's premier midfielders. The data analysis confirms his excellent spatial awareness, tactical discipline, and ability to influence the game both defensively and in possession. His match-winning goal was the culmination of a complete performance that helped secure Manchester City's first Champions League title and historic treble.