

# Opposition scouting & analysis Philadelphia Union

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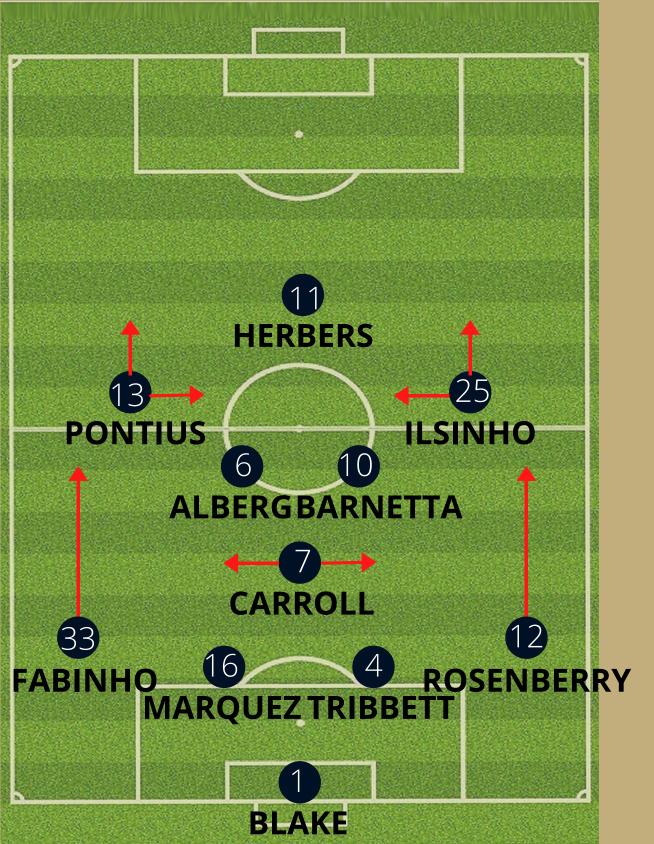


## **POSSIBLE XI**



# Formation

- **1-4-2-3-1** in the last two games
- One typical holding midfielder
- Wingers are playing close to #10 and #9
- Full backs are playing high on the ball
- Lots of rotation in the final third between players







#### TRANQUILLO BARNETTA

#10

Central Midfielder



#### **ROLAND ALBERG**

#6

Central Midfielder



#### **BRIAN CARROLL**

#7

**Defensive Midfielder** 

## **KEY PLAYERS**

They are very strong in the middle of the park.

This triangle is very solid. Carroll is mainly playing as a holding midfielders. Alberg and Barnetta are playing higher. Close to the striker. All three cooperate very well on the pitch. Carroll is conecting defensive block with Alberg, Barnetta, wingers and strikers.

There is some repeatability when Carroll is looking often for Barnetta.

## Strengths

- Good cooperation between middle three.
- Very good players in offensive formation.
- Wingers are technically decent.
- Lots of rotation between offensive players.
- Powerful and quick striker.
- Smart midfielders.
- Good decision making in the final third.
- They are clinical in the final third.
- Counter-pressing. Good reaction after ball loss.



## Weaknesses

- Poor cooperation between CBs.
- Slow wingers. Especially Ilsinho.
- Slow CBs. Not really good on 1 vs 1.
- Huge problems with set pieces in defence.
- Poor goalkeeper in the 6 yard box.
- They don't know how to deal with counterattacks.
- Right side of the pitch in defence- Rosenberry + Ilsinho
- Lots of space between CBs and CDM.
- Poor defensive transition. Lack of numbers in defence





# Out of possesion

- Two CDM Barnetta next to Carroll.
- Pressing from central circle.
- Herbers is always the first player who give a signal for pressing.
- Back four very deep.
- Alberg just behind Herbers.
- They trying to receive the ball and straight after that go forward using Herbers or Pontius.
- Ilsinho is not press the ball very well. He looks lazy in defence.
- When opponent is playing long balls they not trying to keep it. It's simple football. Straight clearance.
- Barnetta is not a typical CDM. Lots of times he lose marking or zone which he had to cover.
- Huge gap between CDMs and CBs.



### **POSSIBLE XI**



# In possesion

- Alberg and Barnetta are playing like a free role in offence. They make lots of runs in every free zone which they find.
- Both full backs are playing high. If it's possible they go up. When they receive the ball they looking for delivery to the box.
- Only three players staying in defence.
- Wingers are playing close to striker but if it's possible they making runs to the wings.
- Alberg and Barnetta are the most dangerous players in offence.
- 80% actions are creating by duo Alberg & Barnetta.
- Carroll is the connector betweend back line and offence.





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# Set pieces

- Barnetta is taking all set pieces in the team corners & free kicks.
- Alberg is penalty taker in this team.
- They have couple of patterns for free kicks and corner kick. But they didn't score a goal in the last two games from set pieces.
- From right side of the pitch they can have dangerous throw ins. Their right back can throw the ball straight to the box. In the last two games they created chances to score a goal after these throw ins.
- In defence corner kicks they making mix of man marking and zonal marking.



# Opportunities

- When attacking they leaving lots of space on both sides of the pitch
- Poor defensive transition.
- When opponent is pressing them correctly in the middle of the pitch they making lots of mistakes.
- They are losing goals after simple counterattacks.
- When Alberg & Barnetta are man-marked they don't have an idea how to play.
- Very slow central backs. They had huge problems with quick strikers and wingers.
- When opponent was pressing back line they lost a lot of balls in possesion.
- When they were trying to playing long balls they lost lot of air challenges.
- They had a problems with set pieces in defence.

