



Opposition Analysis



Build Up From Goal Kicks

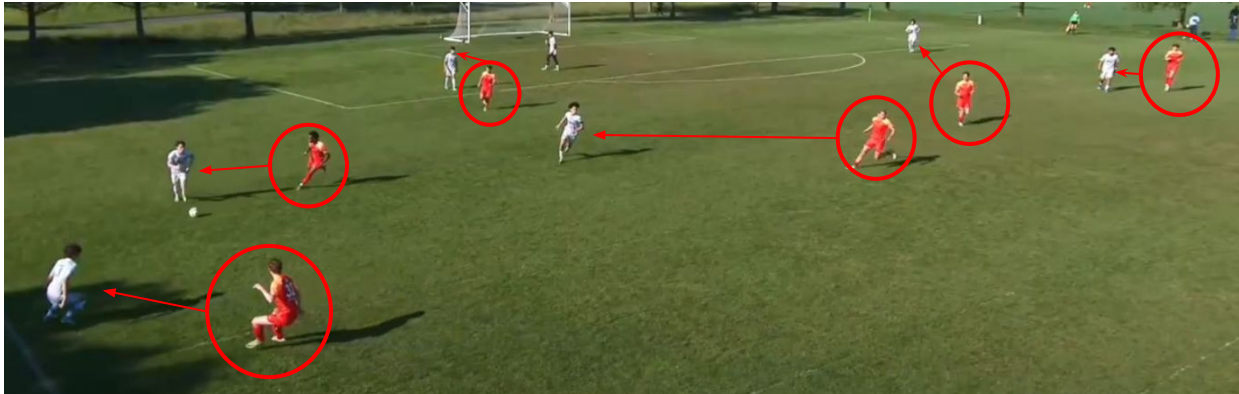
- Seems like a 4-3-3 buildup with the frontline interchanging and midfielders dropping into half spaces
- The goalkeeper has a lot of throws and direct goal kicks into the FB's feet
 - From here they look for diagonal runs in behind from one of the center forwards
- When they can't beat pressure, they will go long into their center forwards for hold-up play and look to win second balls or flick on for a teammate making a run in-behind
- Another common pattern of building up is a lobbed pass from #4 (blondie) either into the center forwards feet or in behind
 - I think this is a player we can focus on during the press, he seems to take unnecessary risks at times



Buildup

Pressing From Goal Kicks

- They have a man mark press where each player is matched up
- Press is triggered on opposition pass into the FB
 - CB's aren't pressed heavy
- They do a good job of forcing teams to wide areas in press and compressing area
 - Try to win the ball back off FB pass into Wing/CM
- They have been switched on successfully, so that could be an area to exploit



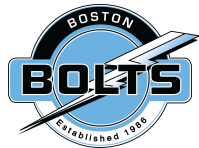
Man Mark
Press

Set Plays For

- This is a big and physical team
- Corner Kicks
 - Difficult to see patterns
 - They have one where they crowd the keeper and a couple where there are two players on the goal line and three around the penalty spot
- Free Kicks
 - Not a lot of patterns; service is poor usually to the first defensive player
- They are **STRONG** in the air, almost always make first contact and have scored twice in three games



Crowding
Keeper



Set Plays Against

- They double occasionally on defensive throw-ins which leaves space in-behind
- Zonal marking on set pieces
 - Seems like they cover the near post pretty well, but not zone 2 or zone 5 as well (some teams have had good opportunities here)
- Short corners defended with two players
 - No opportunities came from these
- The team is very dangerous countering off set pieces in open space
 - They get numbers forward quickly and use their athleticism to run by players



Overloading Near Post

Transition Play

- The team is very good in transition as they are able to use their athleticism, speed, and strength to exploit smaller teams
 - Scored three or four goals from this pattern of play, particularly when their opponent is losing the match and don't get numbers back
- Teams have had success against them with one touch and short passes through transition



Transition
Openings

Overall Summary

- Strong and athletic, effective on set pieces
 - Draw a lot of fouls as a result of this
 - Not technically excellent but they have pace and athleticism in their front line
- 4-3-3 Buildup with midfielders dropping in
 - Will frequently skip the press and play direct into CF
 - Link up play and second balls
- Man mark press with a pressing trigger on the pass to the FB
- Very strong on Corners and Free Kicks
 - Defend near post well but not zone 2 or 5 as well
- Dangerous countering off set pieces and transition play

