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FUEL FOR FOOTBALL

Change The Game

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OVERVIEW

We have examined key aspects of your performance, focusing on areas such as movement, first touch, offensive positioning, passing, and retaining possession under pressure. Through various examples, we have identified both areas of improvement as well as strengths in your gameplay. To start, we consider the importance of tracking markers, particularly inside the box, to prevent opponents from finding space and creating goal-scoring opportunities. This was of course what led to the first goal conceded. An improvement we have seen has been on your movement during the game, which was superb for receiving in more dangerous areas. Emphasis was placed on the need for a tighter first touch and recognising the importance of not forcing passes upon receiving. Sometimes you failed to take advantage of the good positions you received in due to these. Ensure that you control the ball with purpose and open into progressive decisions. The value of applying "pass and go" movements to create dangerous attacking opportunities should not be understated. There was a great example of this where you applied two in quick succession. Your elusiveness and accurate long-range passing were also commendable. Continue to use your technical ability to expose weaknesses in the opposition shape. An improvement to make is in retaining possession under pressure through better body positioning. Step across the ball when it is loose and focus on using your body to protect it rather than solely controlling it.

STRENGTHS & AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- *Offensive positioning*
- *Movements*
- *Defensive challenges*
- *Pass and go movements*
- *Passing range*
- *Desire to roll defenders*
- *On-ball decision-making*
- *First touch*
- *Use of body to protect the ball*





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THE FIRST GOAL CONCEDED

The first tactical idea we will explore relates to maintaining awareness of your marker inside the box. In high-pressure defensive situations, it is crucial to keep track of your opponent's movements to prevent them from creating dangerous scoring opportunities. This involves constantly checking over your shoulder, anticipating their runs, and adjusting your positioning accordingly. By staying alert and maintaining a proactive defensive stance, you can effectively neutralise your opponent and minimise their impact on the game.



In the specific example at hand, you unfortunately lost sight of your marker just before the cross was delivered. Your opponent cleverly positioned himself to receive a cutback pass, creating substantial separation from you in the process. This resulted in an unopposed shot at goal, putting your keeper under intense pressure. In future situations like this, it is vital to anticipate the potential for a cutback and move proactively to cover this option. By maintaining a side-on stance and keeping your center of gravity low, you can react quickly to sudden movements and close down any space your marker might try to exploit. That and continually scanning for your matchup's position when you do not have a hand on him will greatly enhance your defensive capabilities.



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OFFENSIVE POSITIONING

In this game, the movement you demonstrated was far enhanced as compared to previous performances. By positioning yourself behind the midfield line, you created more opportunities for dangerous attacks and increased the number of successful receptions. To maximise the potential of these opportunities however, it is essential to work on refining your first touch.



In the specific example we are examining, your movement off the ball was excellent, but your first touch let you down. By keeping the ball closer to your body, you can better control it and either drive into space or directly challenge a defender. A tighter first touch not only enables you to maintain possession under pressure, but it also allows you to make quicker decisions and respond more effectively to the dynamic nature of the game. As you continue to develop your positioning and movement, be sure to focus on improving your first touch to unlock the full potential of your offensive capabilities. This combination of refined movement and precise ball control will make you an even more formidable threat on the pitch and can increase your overall contribution to the team's attacking efforts.



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BEING MORE AGGRESSIVE

We can next discuss the importance of reading triggers and moving early into space when play switches towards your side. Being proactive and anticipating the switch of play enables you to find yourself in dangerous areas, ready to receive the ball and create opportunities. That said, once you are in possession, making the right decisions and executing them effectively are crucial to maximising the potential of these situations, alike the technical execution too.



In the example at hand, you successfully read the trigger and moved early into space, which allowed you to receive the ball in a dangerous area. The subsequent pass was forced though. Rather than turning your body into the defender and cleverly cutting away from him to continue dribbling, you gave the ball away too easily. Additionally, later in the passage, displaying the same elusiveness to turn the defender and drive down the line would have been advantageous. As you develop your anticipation and movement off the ball, remember to also focus on your decision-making and execution in possession. By combining timely movement with intelligent choices and skillful execution, you will be better equipped to exploit the opposition's weaknesses and contribute more effectively.



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TECHNIQUE

In this section, we will examine the importance of effective ball control in creating offensive opportunities, as well as the significance of precise cross placement. When receiving the ball in space, your first touch can determine the range of options available to you. A well-controlled touch that propels you towards the opposition's goal can set the stage for a dangerous attack, while a touch that limits your forward movement may reduce your chances of remaining progressive after.



In the example provided, you received the ball in an excellent area with plenty of space. That said, your chest control to bring the ball down should have been directed forwards and towards the defender ahead, rather than back on yourself, which limited the offensive possibilities. Later in the passage, you made a great overlapping run to get into position for the cross. Nonetheless, the cross should have been delivered closer to the goal, as the ball landed near the edge of the box where it was difficult to convert. As you continue to refine your skills, remember to focus on effective ball control and accurate cross placement to maximise your offensive potential and increase the likelihood of creating goal-scoring chances.



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PASS AND GO MOVEMENTS

There is great importance to executing effective pass and go movements to maintain offensive momentum and create goal-scoring opportunities. By continuously moving after making a pass, you can exploit gaps in the opposition's defence, receive the ball back in dangerous positions, and contribute to your team's attacking play.



In the provided example, you displayed excellent technical ability by passing out of defence and then quickly moving afterwards. As a result, you received the ball back in dangerous positions and posed a significant threat to the opposition. It is crucial to continue implementing these pass and go movements in future matches, as they can enhance your offensive capabilities and improve your overall performance on the field. By consistently executing these movements, you will become a more dynamic and versatile player, ultimately outplaying opponents with ease even without dribbling.



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LONG BALLS

The value of combining elusiveness to escape pressure with accurate long-range passing cannot be understated. This combination of skills can help you create goal-scoring opportunities, bypass the opposition's defensive lines, and increase your team's overall offensive threat.



In the first example, you demonstrated excellent elusiveness to escape pressure and drift inside with the ball. After creating space for yourself, you delivered a highly accurate long-range pass to a teammate further up the pitch. The second example also showcased your ability to evade pressure and distribute the ball effectively over longer distances. These instances highlight your capability to contribute significantly to your team's attack by combining your elusiveness and passing skills. In future matches, continue to refine and develop these abilities to become a more influential player and further support offensive efforts. By consistently displaying these skills, you will contribute to breaking down the opposition's defence and creating high-quality chances for your teammates.



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PROTECTING THE BALL

Next, we will discuss the importance of retaining possession when under pressure from an opponent. By positioning your body effectively and using your strength, you can shield the ball, maintain possession, and create opportunities to either dribble out of pressure or pass to a teammate.



Above, you received a short pass which quickly became favourable for the defender rushing in. To better retain possession in this situation, you should have stepped across the ball to throw your weight into the opponent. This body positioning would allow you to protect the ball and use your strength to hold off the defender. From there, you would have had the opportunity to dribble out of pressure or find a teammate with a pass. In future games, focus on anticipating pressure and adjusting your body positioning accordingly to ensure you can retain possession. By consistently employing this technique, you will find it easier to keep a hold of the ball even through tougher situations.