THREAD – A statistical comparison of Dybala to other midfielders, highlighting how each one plays a COMPLETELY different role.

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DISCLAIMER: This thread is NOT about who is better. In fact, every single midfielder on this list plays a DIFFERENT role, and the point of this thread is to highlight said difference.

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PART 1 – POSITION ANALYSIS

Paul Pogba – A deep-lying creative midfielder (as of late)

Has a tendency to drift towards the left of the midfield, but has played on the right in last few preseason games.

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Paulo Dybala – A withdrawn forward (can play as a 10)

Has a tendency to drift towards the right. Is more of a forward than a midfielder.

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Wilfred Ndidi – A defensive midfielder.

A pure defensive midfielder. Shields the defense, rarely ventures forward.

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S. Milinković-Savić – A Central Midfielder.

A central midfielder. Has creativity to play further forward, but also tracks back for defensive duties.

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Jorginho – A Regista (a midfielder sitting deep, recycling possession)

Sits a little bit higher up than a DM, but still deep. Is responsible for most of the defensive duties, but main responsibility is to recycle possession and push ahead (unlike a DM).

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Bruno Fernandes – A attacking midfielder.

Most attack minded midfielder of the group. Less defensive responsibilities, more emphasis on Goal scoring/creating.

For a more detailed analysis on Bruno Fernandes, see this thread.

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M.Sissoko – A Box-to-Box Midfielder

A very energetic midfielder, who carries the ball from one end to the other. Good shielding of the ball, and tracks back in case of lost possession.

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PART 2 – ATTACKING OUTPUT

GOALS

Bruno Fernandes tops the chart. Pogba a far 2nd, only due to the number of penalties.

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SHOOTING QUALITY

Again, Bruno Fernandes is really good, with Pogba a close second. Ndidi and Sissoko don’t really shoot often.

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TOUCHES IN BOX

An indication of how far up the pitch a player plays. Even though Dybala is a forward, he drops deep to link up with others.

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PART 3 – PASSING ABILITY

FORWARD PASSING – Fwd passes p90 vs accuracy.

This is why Jorginho is so good. He is able to keep the ball moving, and pass effectively to the attacking players.

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THROUGH PASSING – Through passes p90 vs accuracy.

Pogba, Jorginho and Fernandes excel at this. Dybala not really meant for the job, but is has the qualities to do so.

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PASSING HABBITS – Lateral passes p90 vs Backward passes p90

Jorginho recycles possession, and excels at this task. Dybala’s backpassing probably due to his link up play by dropping deep with his back to the goal.

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Part 4 - DEFENSIVE OUTPUT

DEFENSIVE DUELS – Duels p90 vs accuracy.

Wilfred Ndidi is a beast. Even compared to other defensive midfielders, he ranks very high. Allows the more creative players to thrive.

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INTERCEPTIONS

Jorginho’s job is not just to recycle possession, but also regain it. Interceptions are his duty, but I personally never expected him to excel this much.

Ndidi brilliant again.

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PART 5 – CONCLUSION

NONE of the midfielders I mentioned are remotely similar. Heck, I would not even class Dybala as a midfielder. Various players to fill various roles.

CAN #ManchesterUnited accommodate Dybala, Pogba AND Fernandes in one Team? Yes.

But they are desperately crying out for someone like Ndidi, someone who will allow the creative players to thrive.

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