THREAD : Pressing Rate analysis for #MUFC and comparisons vs TOP 6 of the PL (2018/19 Season)

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#REPEAT for TOP 6 comparison

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MUFC Pressing during 2018/19 season.

Looking at the values, one might think Mourinho implemented a pressing system. But this was just because #MUFC would be a goal down in opening 20 minutes, and Mourinho had no choice but to chase the ball.

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It is clearly evident the changes OGS bought to #MUFC, not that it lasted for long.

PPDA avg in Ole’s first 5 games : 4.84

PPDA avg in Mourinho’s time : 5.49

The system is there, but requires fitter individuals. Hopefully preseason does the trick.

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Coincidentally, the best pressing was in 1 – 5 win over Cardiff.

Worst pressing in 2 – 0 loss to City.

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Pick a team color from the legend, and follow the trail. Some key points :

* Chelsea and United have inconsistent pressing rates.
* Pressing by Unai Emery’s Arsenal in the early days.
* Consistent pressing by Spurs.

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Standard deviation of the pressing rates (LOWER = Consistent):

Tottenham - 0.263

Manchester City - 0.282

Liverpool - 0.383

Arsenal - 0.464

Chelsea - 0.529

Manchester United - 0.563

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Difference between highest and lowest pressing intensities .

Tottenham - 1.014

Manchester City - 1.128

Liverpool - 1.368

Arsenal - 1.585

Chelsea - 1.728

Manchester United - 2.313

Tottenham have the most consistent pressing strategies.

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CONCLUSION:

Although Manchester United benefited initially from OGS’s arrival, the consistency of the systems remains to be seen. #THFC, #LFC and #MCFC remain the best pressing teams among the bunch, with #AFC on the rise too.

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Reddit Post :

* Pressing in the Mourinho era was high, only because of the fact that we were losing and needed to chase the ball.
* OGS’s arrival had a dramatic, if not short-lived impact. Consistency is the key factor
* Tottenham are the most consistent pressers throughout the system. Explains the number of injuries they’ve had.
* Arsenal’s pressing system was extremely effective in the beginning (22 matches unbeaten), but like United, consistency was missing.

All data here.