

To Analyze A Game

When we observe the test game we must look for:

TEAM STRUCTURE (FORMATION)

- a. Number of forwards
 - i. Central
 - ii. Wide

- b. Midfield Composition
 - i. Number of Midfielders
 - ii. Their roles in game

- c. Back players
 - i. How many
 - ii. Sweeper and his role
 - iii. Who comes forward

- d. Goalkeepers
 - i. Presence in game
 - ii. Strengths/weaknesses

ATTACKING TENDENCIES

Direct/Indirect

Territory
Possession

Team Shape

Game makers (playmakers/schemers)

How do they get the ball?
Who do they get it from?
Where and why are they effective?
Are they left or right footed?
What type of service do they provide?

Main goal scorer

How does he score?
Where from (what range)?
What type of service does he prefer?
Ball played to feet or space?
Who provides the service & where from?

Patterns of runs

Players in each third will have certain patterns
How are they dangerous to our defending method?

Goalkeepers

Distribution

Restarts

Free kick specialist

Type of shot

Range

Targets for headers

Restart tendencies

Shoot ball or multiple touches (free kicks)

Corners – near/far post, or short, etc.

Does their game change depending on:

Goal up

Goal down

Tie needing result

Time of the game

Player being set off (either team)

KEY PLAYERS AND HOW THEY EFFECT THE GAME

Why

Number

Role

DEFENDING TENDENCIES

Number of back players

Playing with a sweeper

Midfield composition

Number in midfield

Static defensive midfielder

Role of forwards in defending

Do they track back players, if so which ones?

How many?

High or Low pressure defending

Where will they begin to confront us?

All over field

Edge of middle third

Pressure points vs. Pressure pockets

Team Shape

Man-to-man marking, zone or combination

Which methods in which areas

Will their man mark my key players?

Restarts

Are they slow or quick to organize?

Strengths & weaknesses we should be aware of

Goalkeeper

Positional tendencies
Physical make up
Handling

Does the game change depending on:

Goal up
Goal down
Tie needing result
Time of the game
Player being set off (either team)

RESTARTS

Attacking

Defending

OVERALL STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

Speed

Overall team speed
Individual speed by position

Size

Overall team size
Individual size by position

Technical / Tactical abilities

Overall team
Individuals

How do the above three affect our attacking and defending?

ADJUSTMENTS MADE (due to: score, time of game, cautions/ejection's, etc.

Were they coach or player driven adjustments?

IN PREPARING TO PLAY THIS TEAM THE MAIN AREAS OF CONCERN ARE: