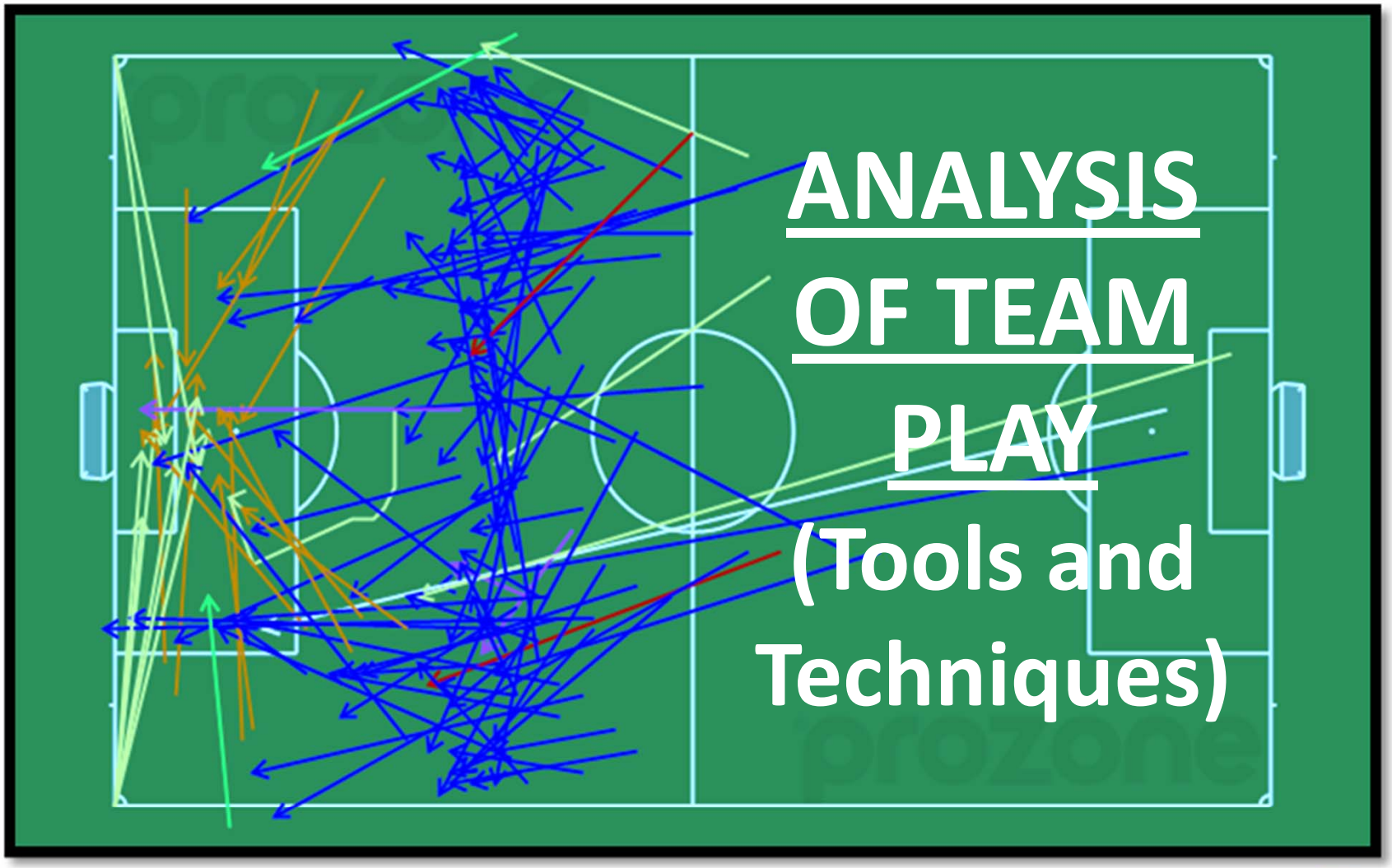

# ANALYSIS OF TEAM PLAY (Tools and Techniques)

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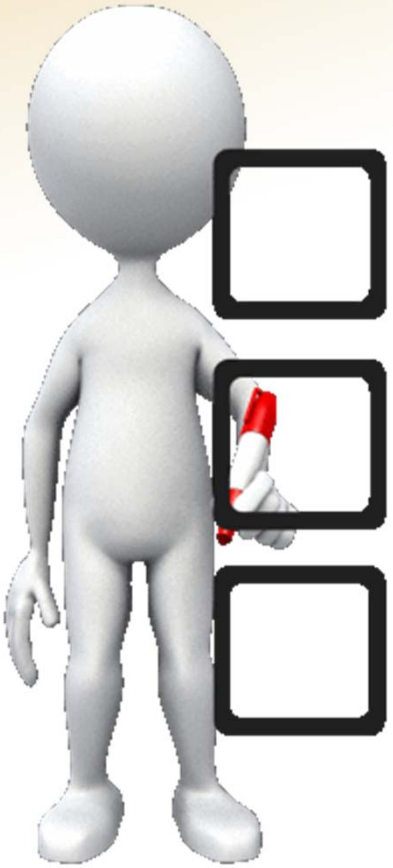
# OBJECTIVES: Team Technical Analysis



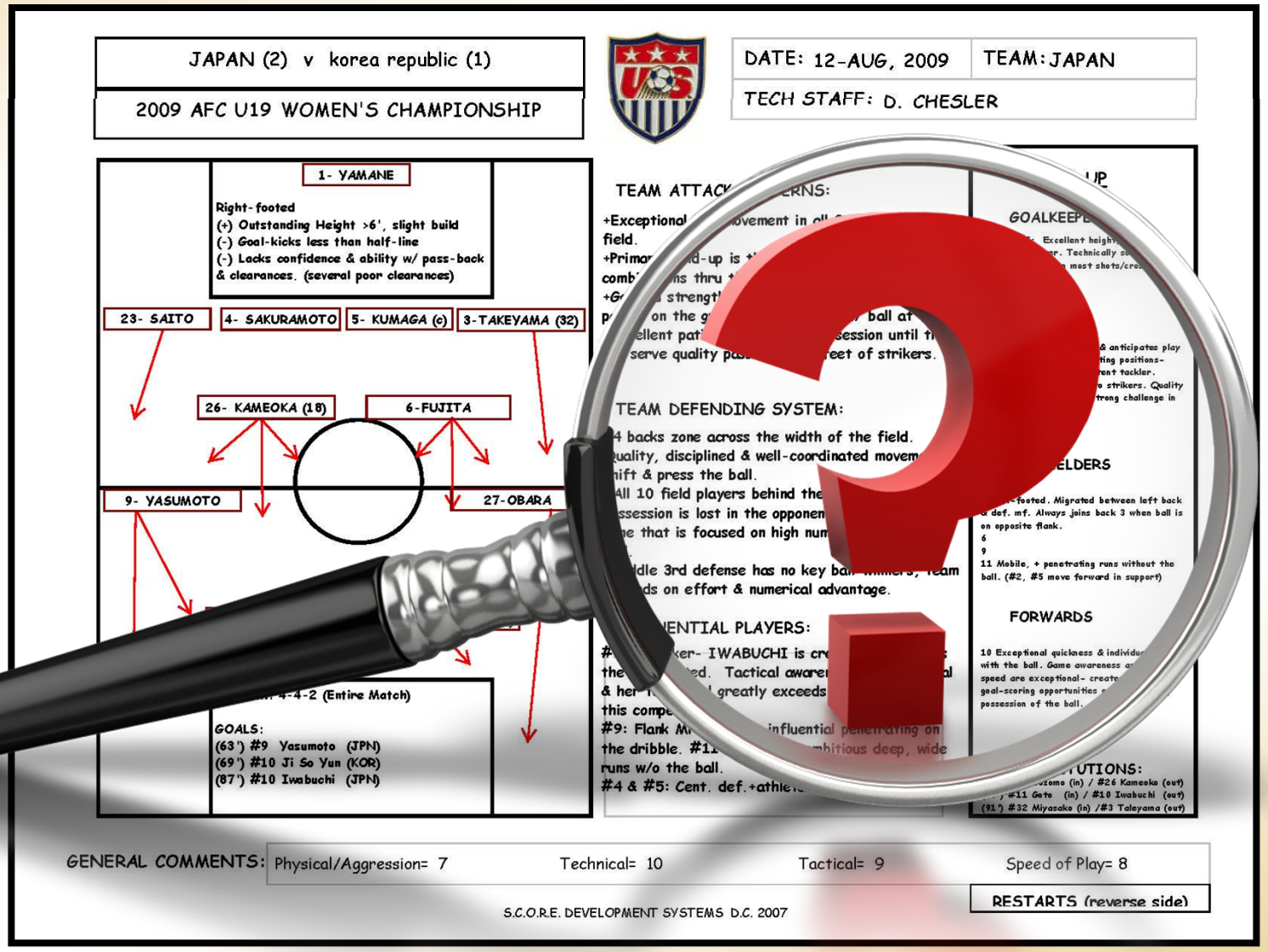
WHY ANALYZE YOUR TEAM?

PRINCIPLES?

TECHNIQUES & TOOLS?

# TARGET #1: WHY

# TEAM TECHNICAL ANALYSIS…WHY?



# TEAM TECHNICAL ANALYSIS…WHY?

- MATCH STRATEGY
- QUALITATIVE PERSPECTIVE
- QUANTITATIVE PERSPECTIVE
- TRAINING PLANS
- DELIBERATE PRACTICE
- TEAM REPORT

# TEAM TECHNICAL ANALYSIS…CONTENTS?

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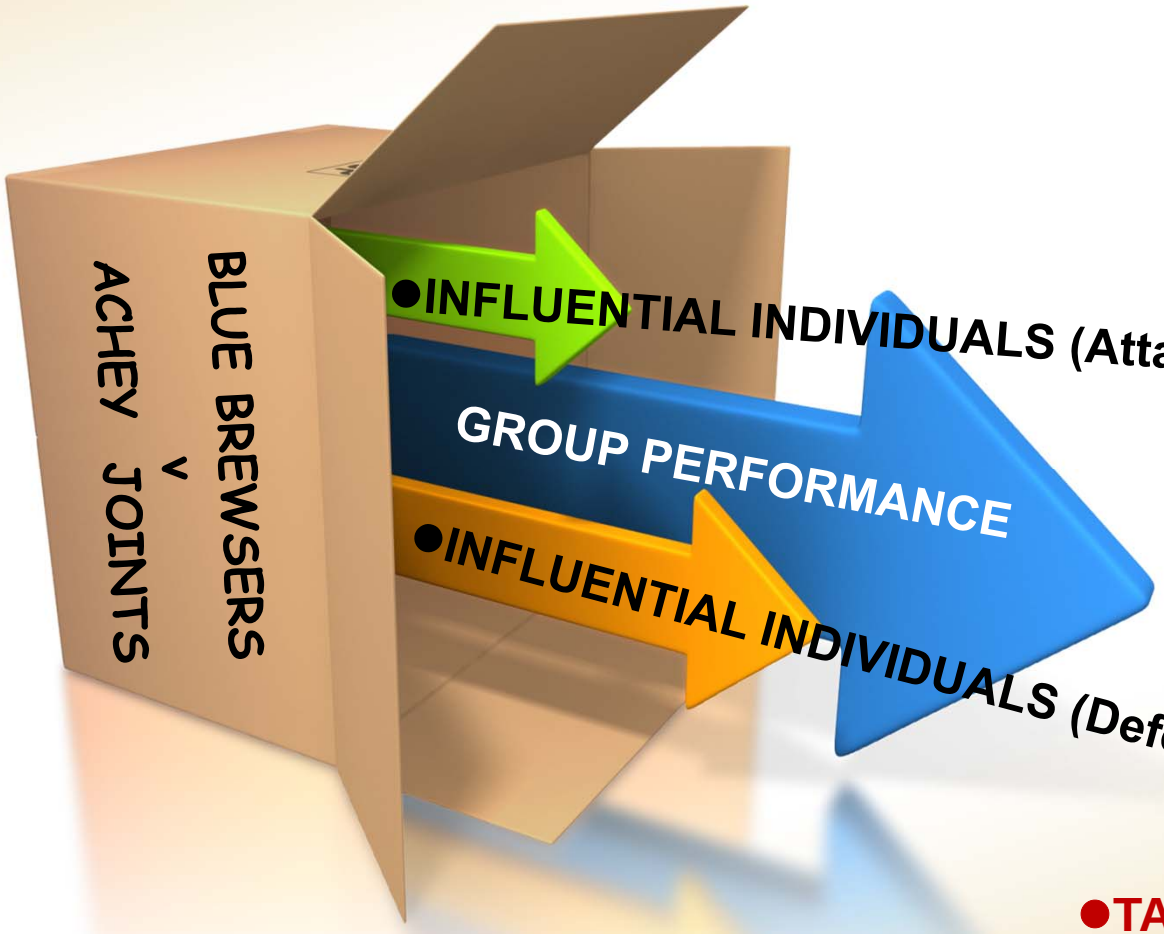
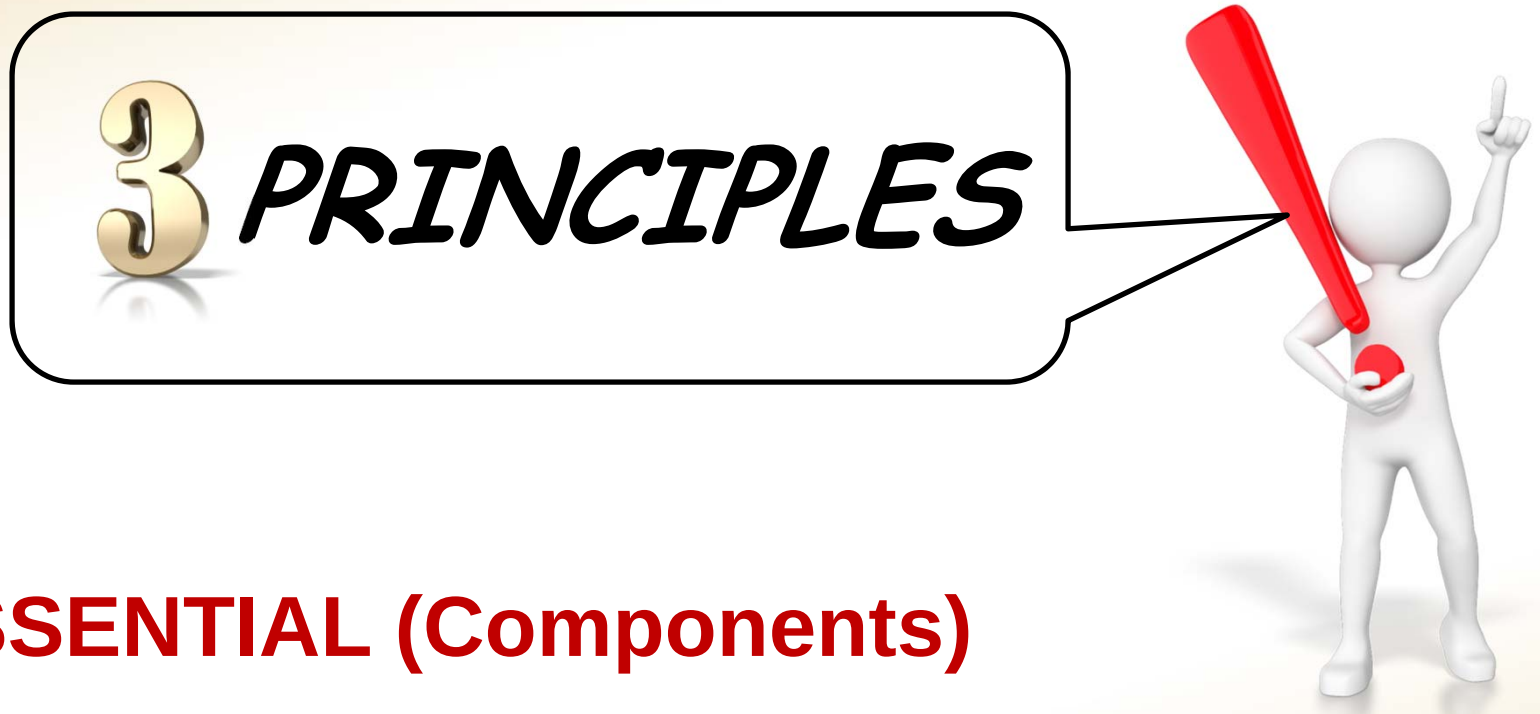



- SYSTEM
- STYLE
- SUBSTITUTIONS
- STRATEGY
- MENTALITY
- PHYSICAL
- TACTICS / ROLES

# TARGET #2: PRINCIPLES

# TEAM TECHNICAL ANALYSIS…PRINCIPLES?




**#1 ESSENTIAL (Components)**

**#2 OBSERVATION / "FILTRATION"**

**#3 BALANCED (Perspective)**

# TEAM TECHNICAL ANALYSIS…PRINCIPLES?

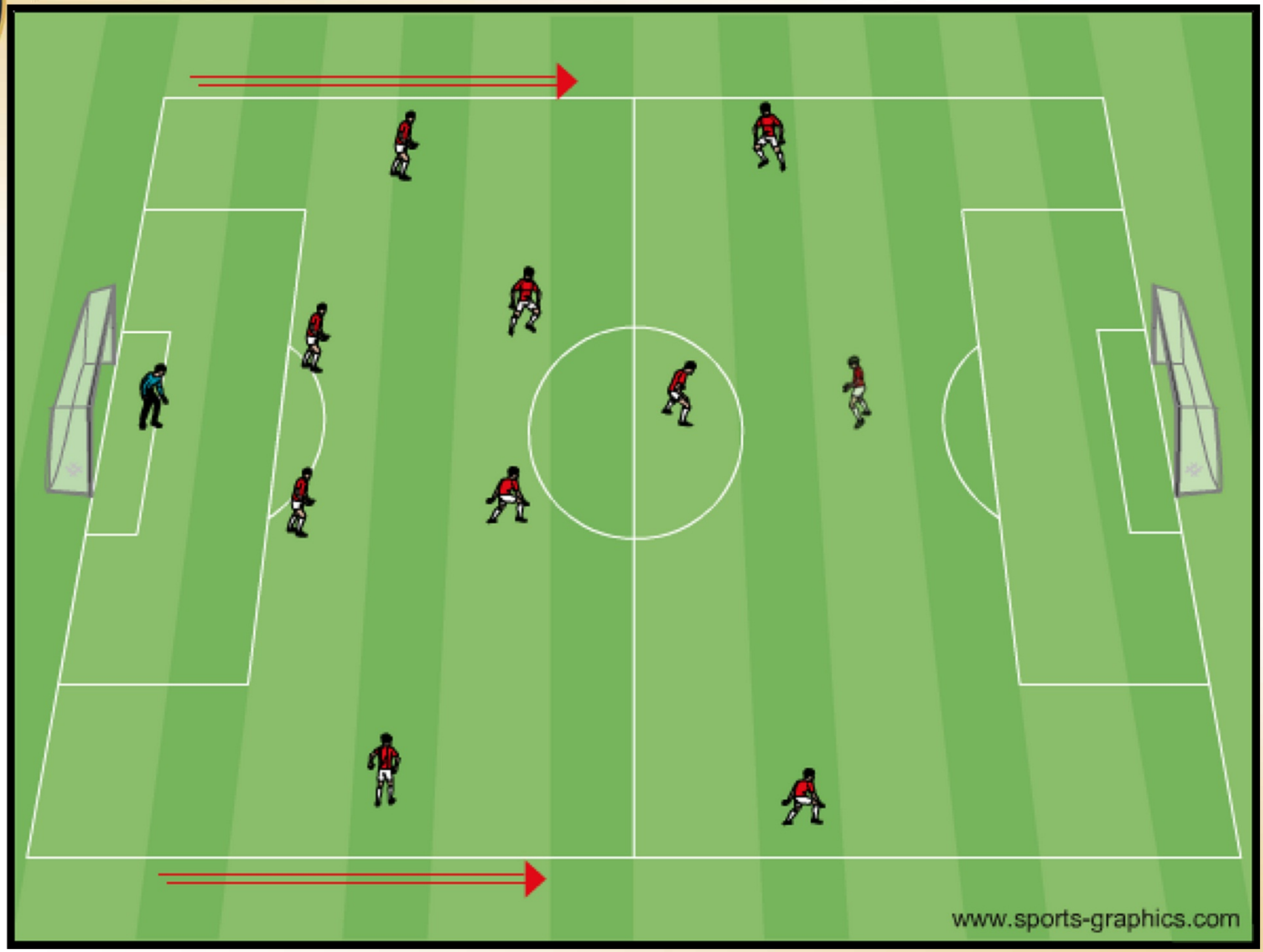
## PRINCIPLE #1: ESSENTIAL qualities.

The first question….leads to superficial facts.

*(Ex.) What is the formation?*

An expert observer will always asks the “next” question, which then leads to the “next” question…..

*(Ex.) What are the roles within each line?*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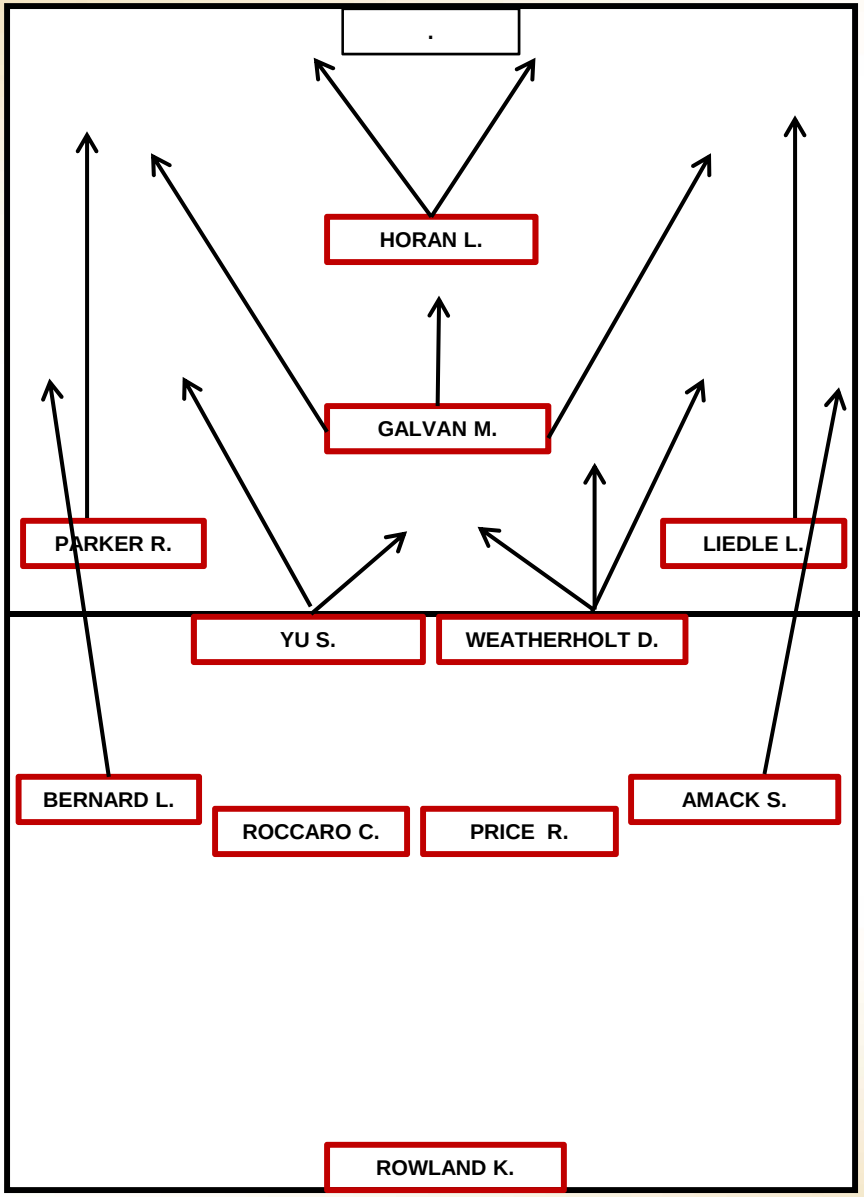
**MATCH ENVIRONMENT / EVENT:**
**USA U18 WNT v. GERMANY '94**

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| **TECH STAFF:** Chesler, Gabarra | |
| **DATE:** February 1, 2011 | **TEAM:** U18 Women |

## MATCH-PLAN

### ATTACKING TARGETS:

(1) Utilize flank players to stretch opponent across the width.
(2) Support underneath the player in possession with the intent to SERVE FORWARD, between defenders.
(3) Flank midfielders move into aggressive, advanced starting positions as frequently as possible.

### DEFENDING TARGETS:

(1) Central Midfield Triangle must maintain a defending shape that eliminates central penetrating passes to the opponent's strikers. (primarily the holding pair)
(2) Ambitious individual defending is a priority "CONFRONT-CHECK-CONTROL" Get into an aggressive start position & hunt to regain possession
(3) Recognize opportunities for flank defender to step ahead of the off-side line. Recognize & COORDINATE when the flank defender should hold with the line.

### TRANSITION

(1) Urgency to recover to the line of confrontation on all opponent goal-kicks and punts. (LOC= +20 yds)
(2) Urgency and effort in defensive recovery runs when the ball is served or carried past your position.
(3) Urgency to physically and mentally prepare for assignments on defending re-starts.

# TEAM TECHNICAL ANALYSIS…PRINCIPLES?

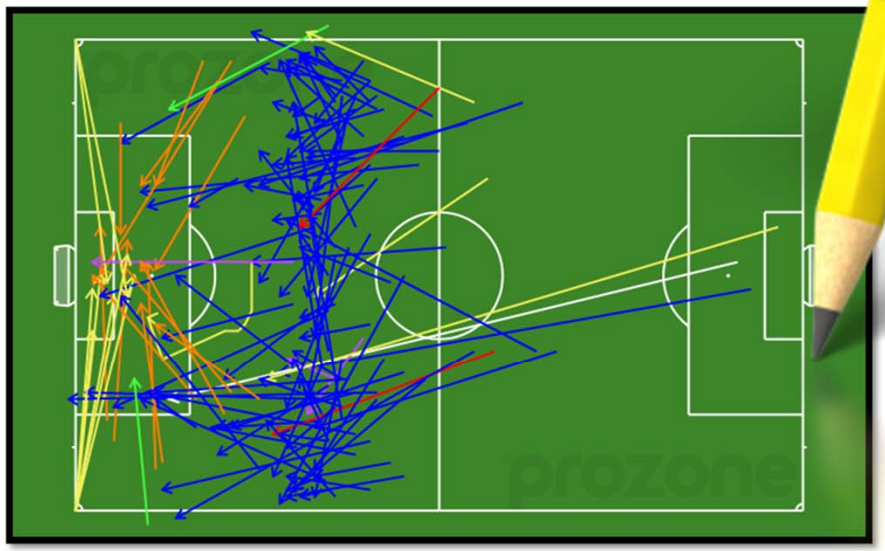
## PRINCIPLE #2: OBSERVATION and recording.

# TEAM TECHNICAL ANALYSIS…PRINCIPLES?

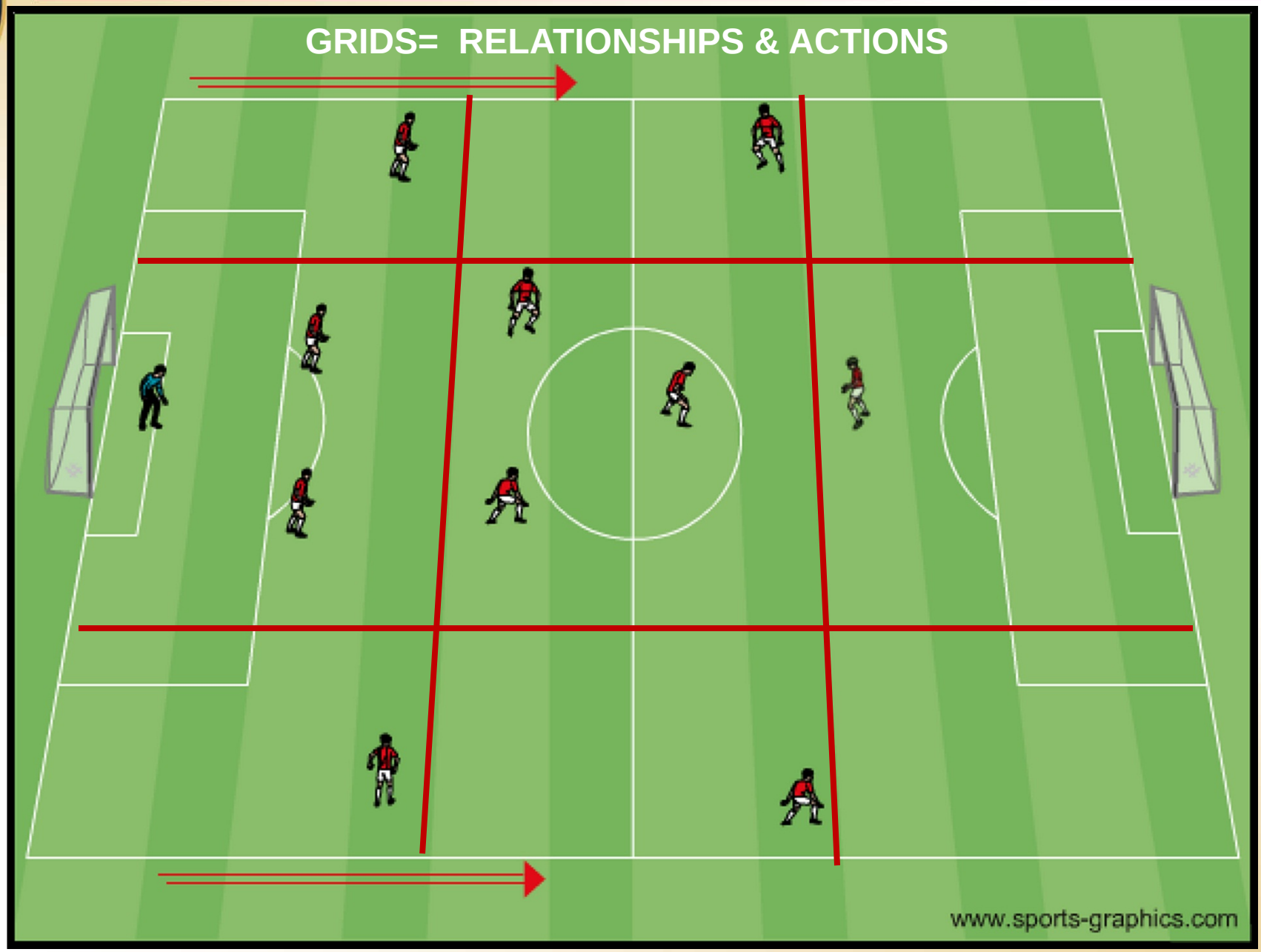
## PRINCIPLE #3: BALANCED perceptions?

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Isolated Event | ⟺ | Pattern |
| Fact | ⟺ | Interpretation |
| Quantitative | ⟺ | Qualitative |
| Individual | ⟺ | Collective Action |

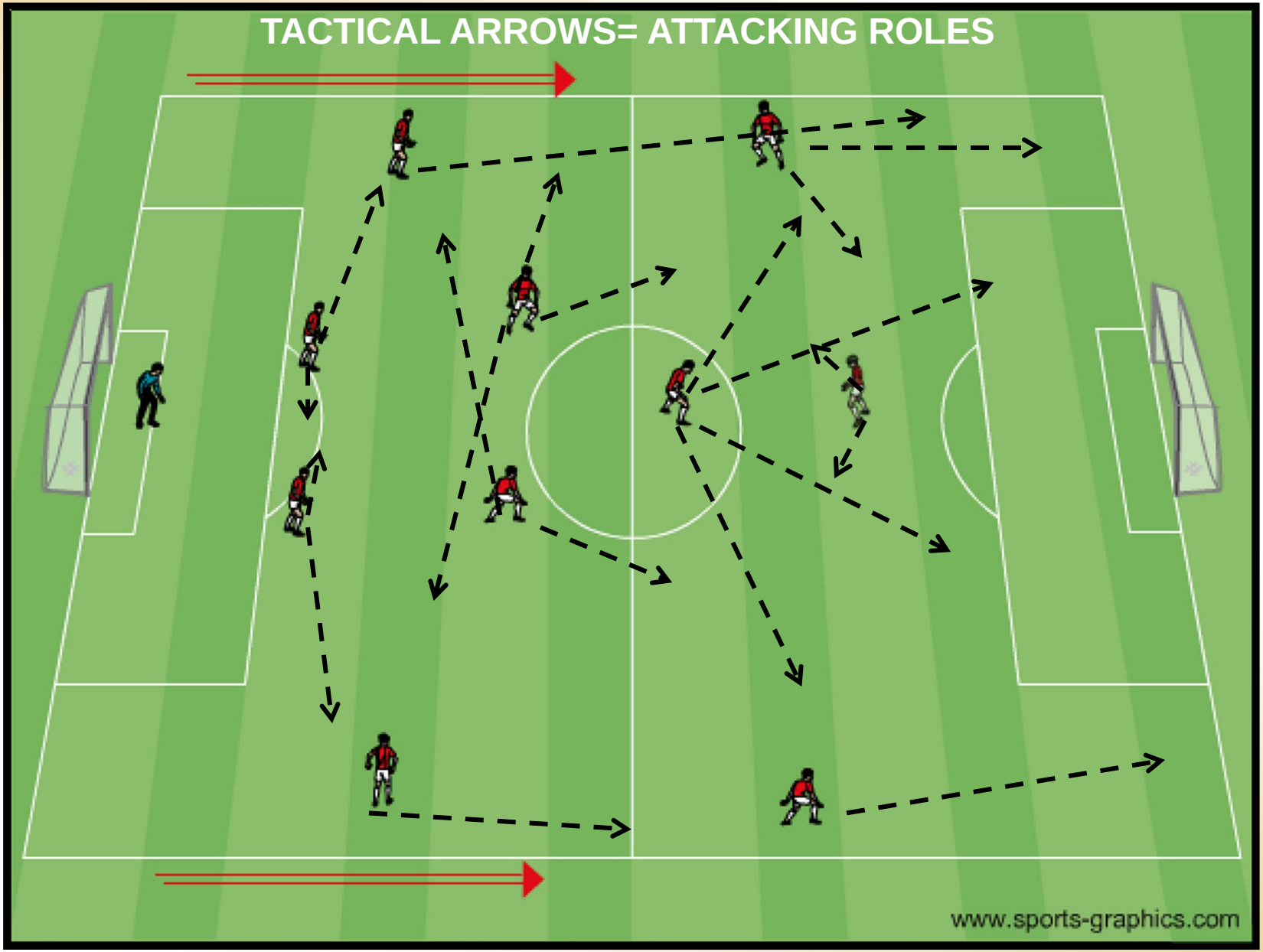
# TARGET #3: TECHNIQUES & TOOLS



# GRIDS= RELATIONSHIPS & ACTIONS



# TACTICAL ARROWS= ATTACKING ROLES



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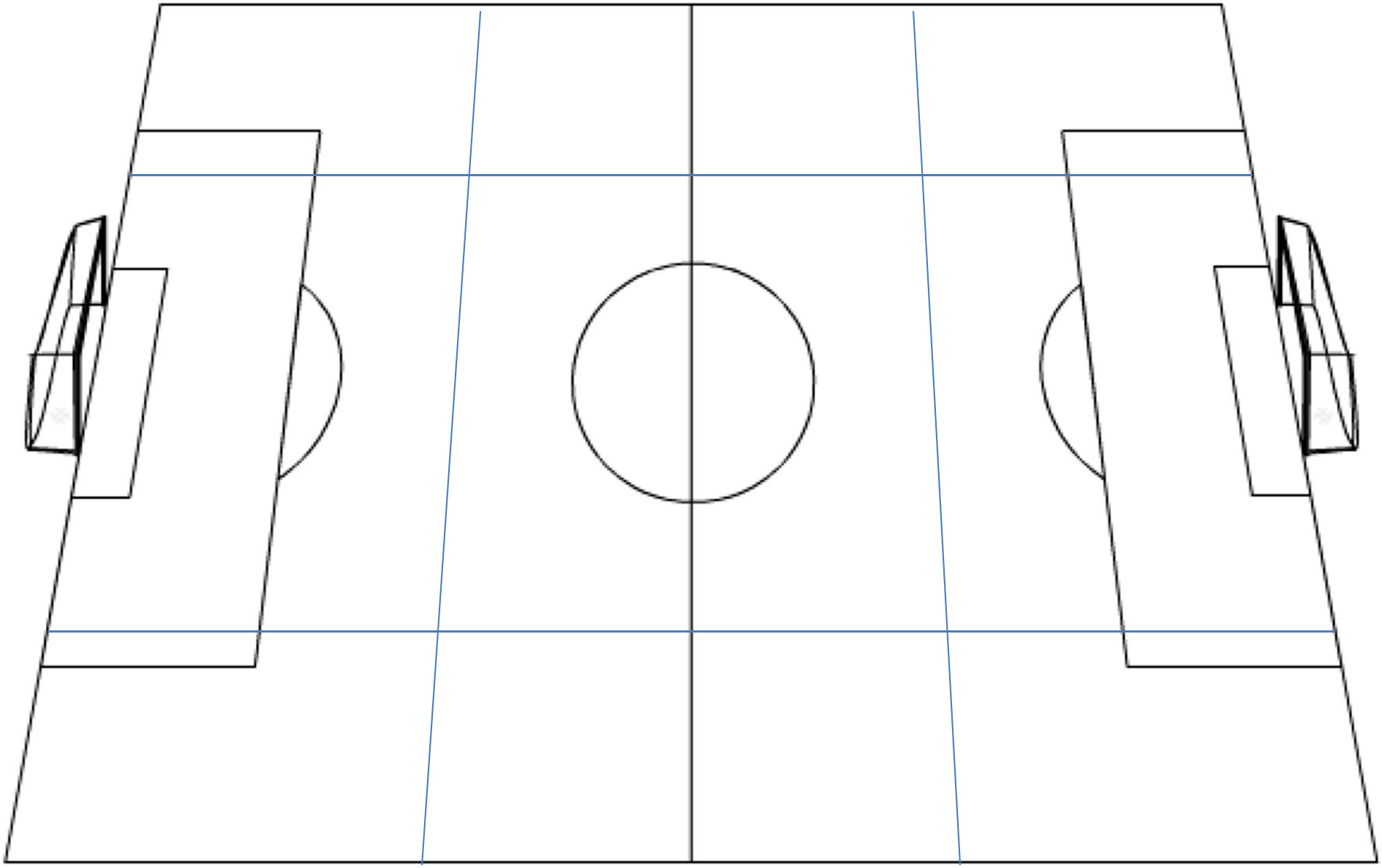

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**END TIME:**

EVENT: Sample Tracking

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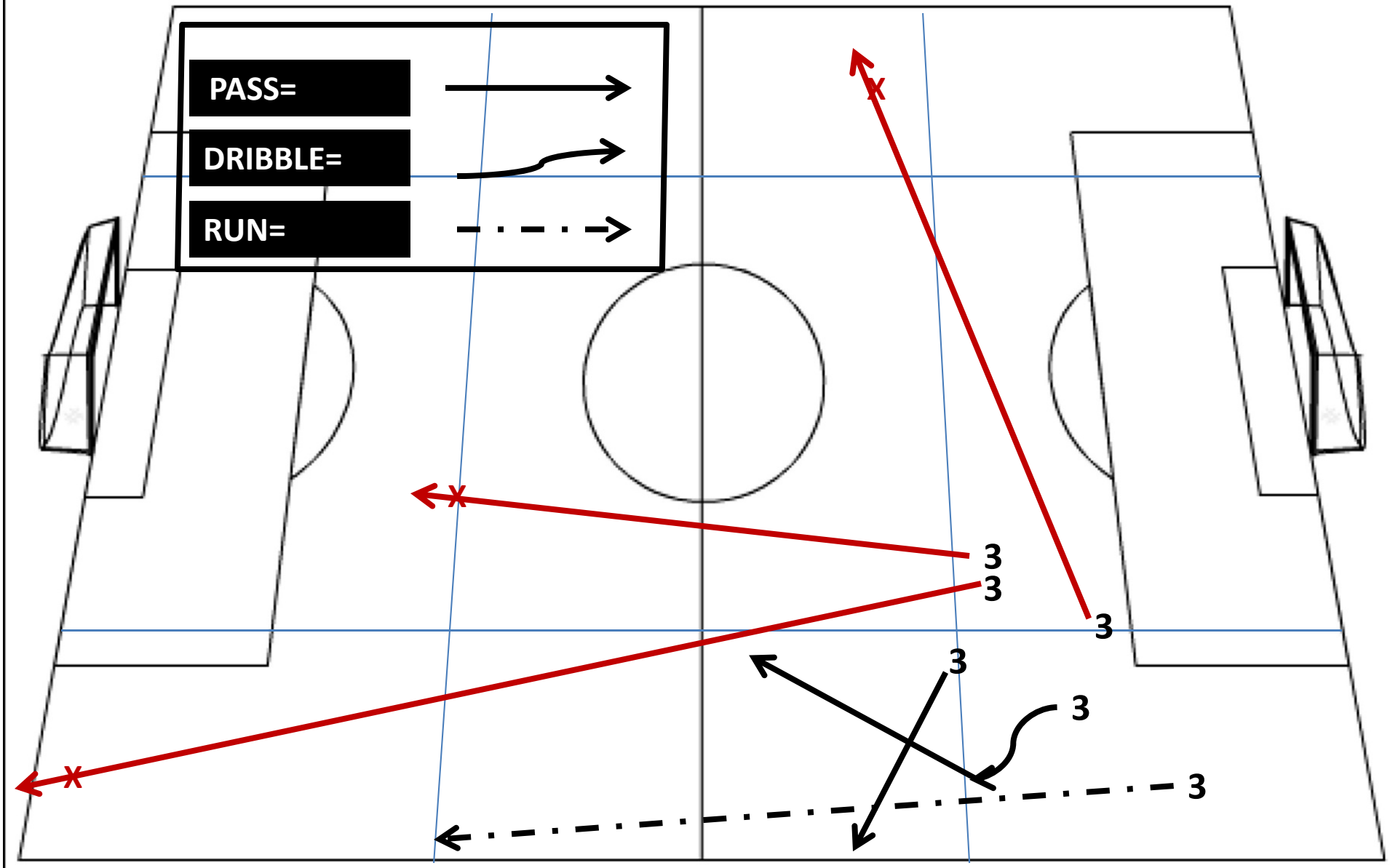
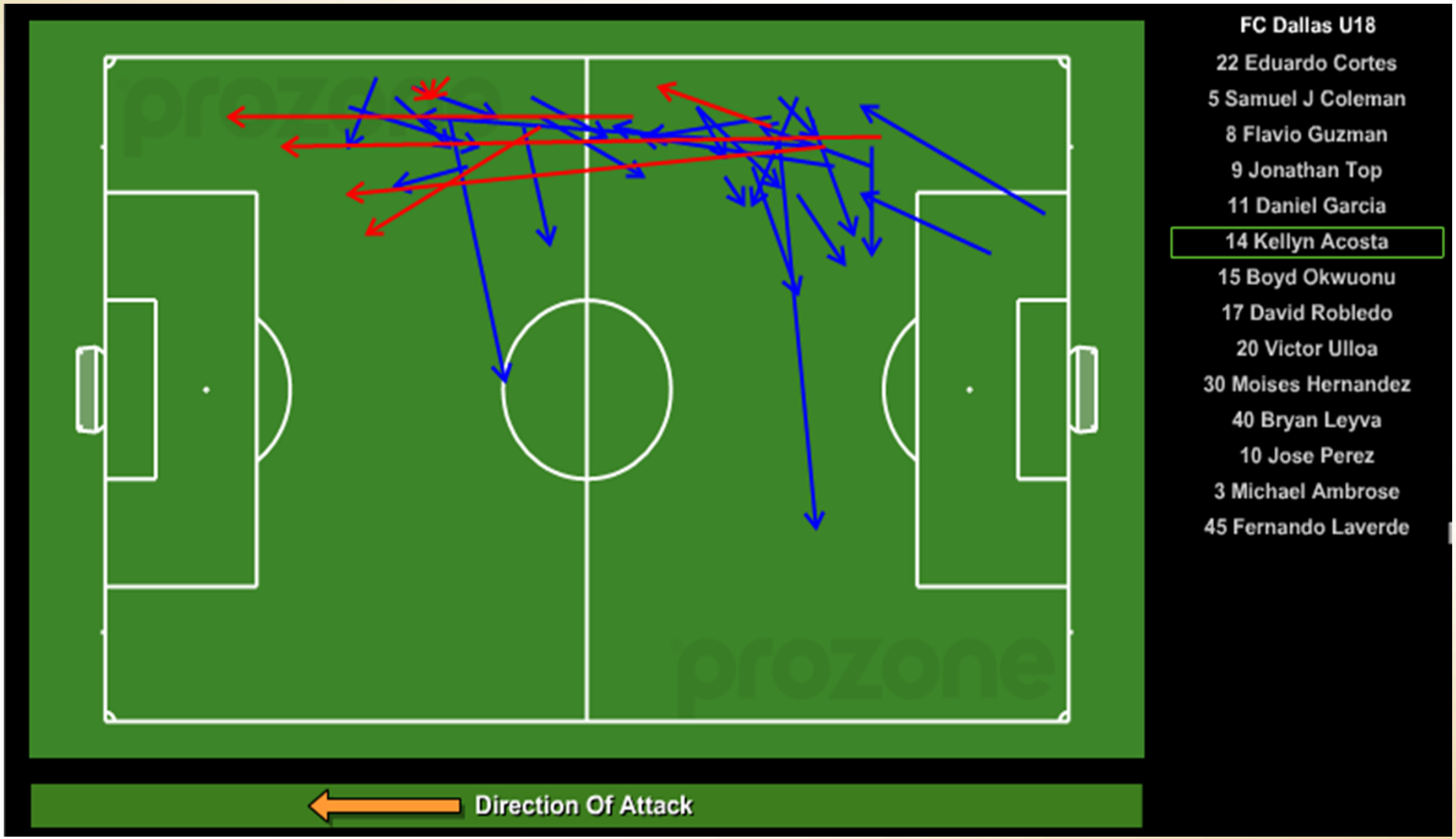



START TIME: 5' (1st Half)

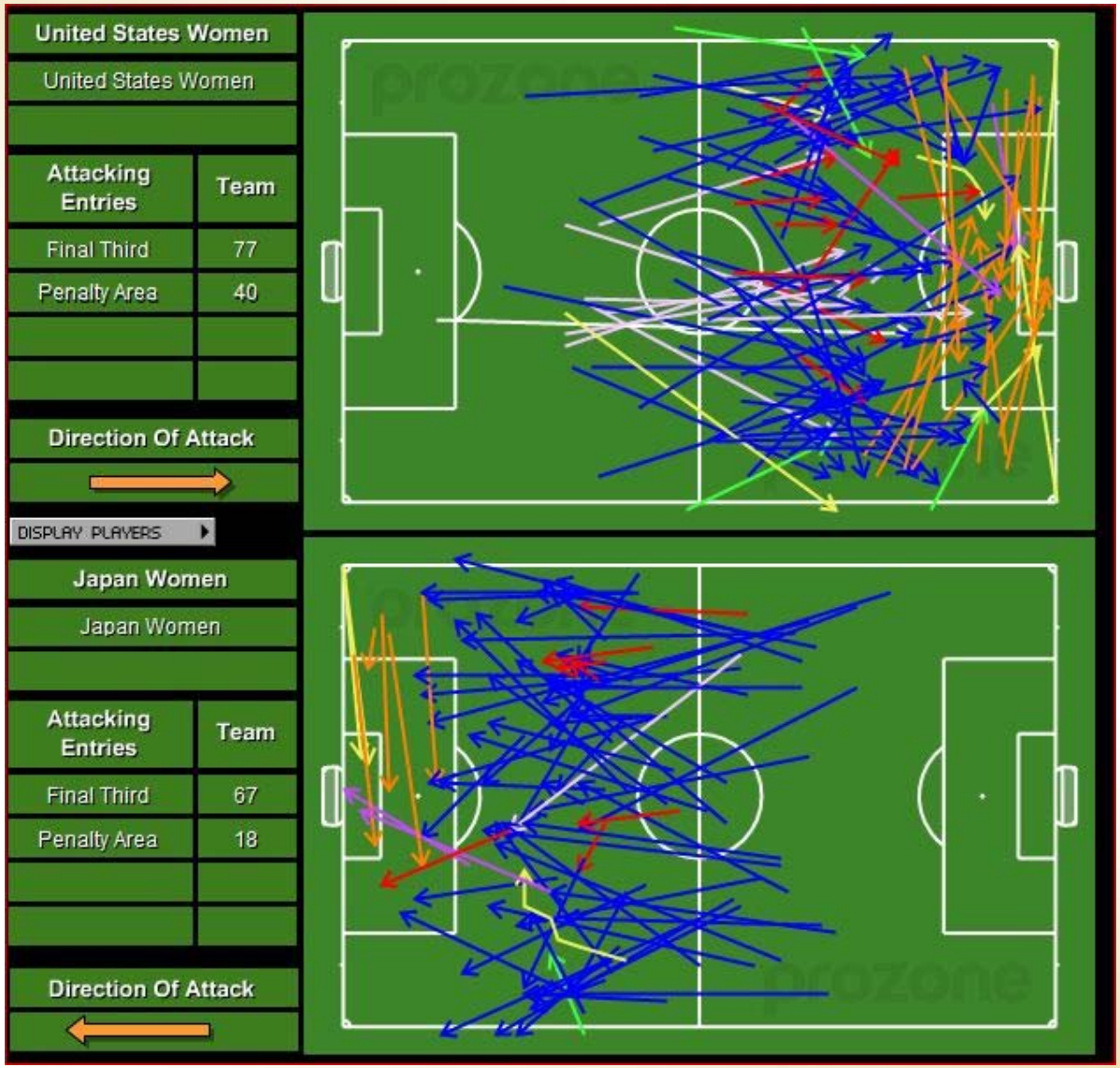
END TIME: 20'

# PRACTICAL APPLICATION (Deliberate Practice)

# INDIVIDUAL ANALYSIS….Right Fullback



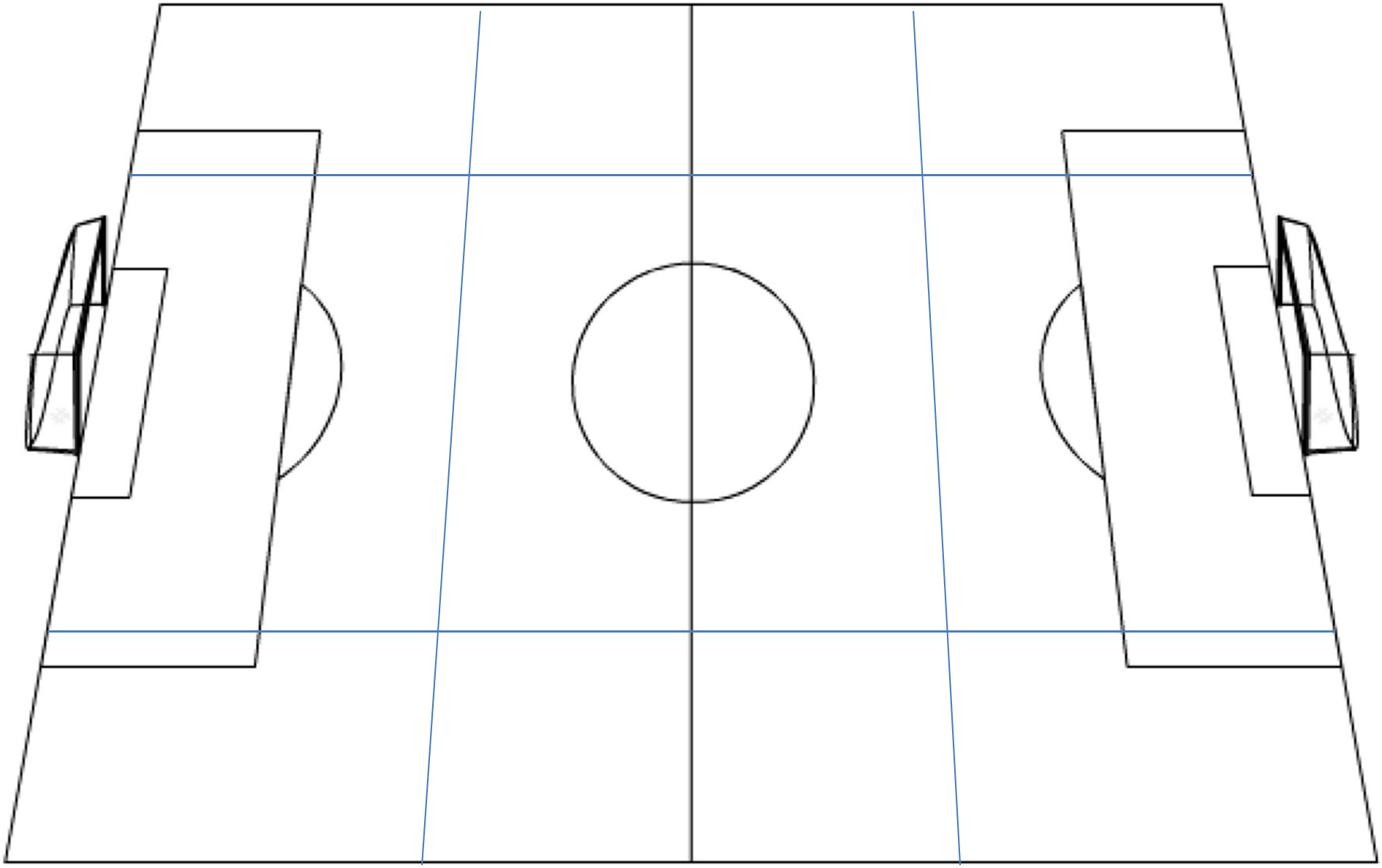
# GROUP ANALYSIS…attacking entries




Passes = Blue
Throw-ins = Green
Headers = Red
Free Kicks = Purple / White
Crosses = Orange
Corners = Yellow
Dribbles = Yellow (squiggly)

**EVENT:**

**DATE:**



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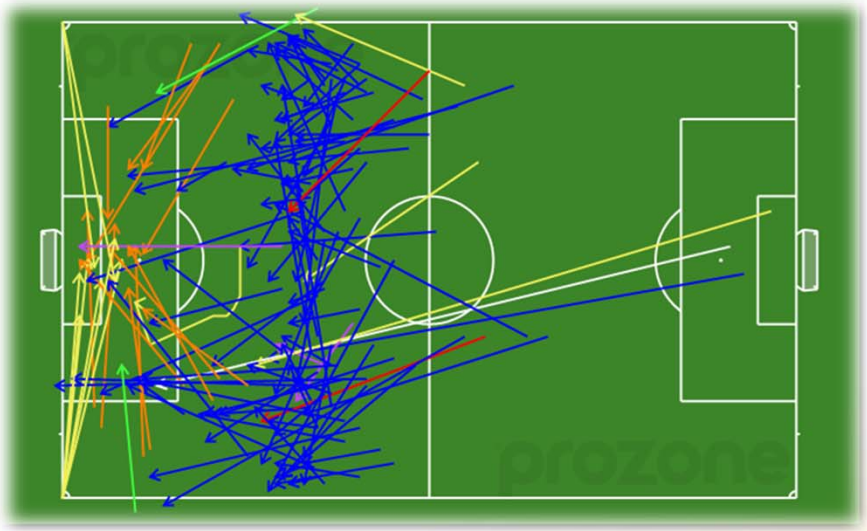
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