

## FC Barcelona - Pressing to Regain Possession High up the Pitch



<b>Date:</b>	10/Feb/2012	<b>Measurement:</b>	Half a Pitch
<b>Time:</b>	N/A:N/A	<b>Players:</b>	21
<b>Duration:</b>	N/A	<b>Level/Age Group:</b>	U15 - 18+

**Description:** Busquets pass to Messi has been intercepted by the white No.4, so Xavi and Iniesta move immediately to double mark him. Busquets moves forward to prevent a possible pass towards No.10. Abidal and Pique mark the two forwards closely in order to block off a possible pass directed to them. As all the players move close to the ball zone, they limit the space for the opposition and all possible passing options are removed. Barcelona utilise this tactic consistently and inevitably regain possession.

**Objective:** To develop pressing as a team by limiting the opponents time, space and regain possession.

**Coaching Points:**

1. The immediate movement is to close down the ball carrier.
2. The other players aim is to cover possible passing options.
3. The team work as a cohesive unit and all move inwards together to make the play compact and create a numerical advantage around the ball zone.

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