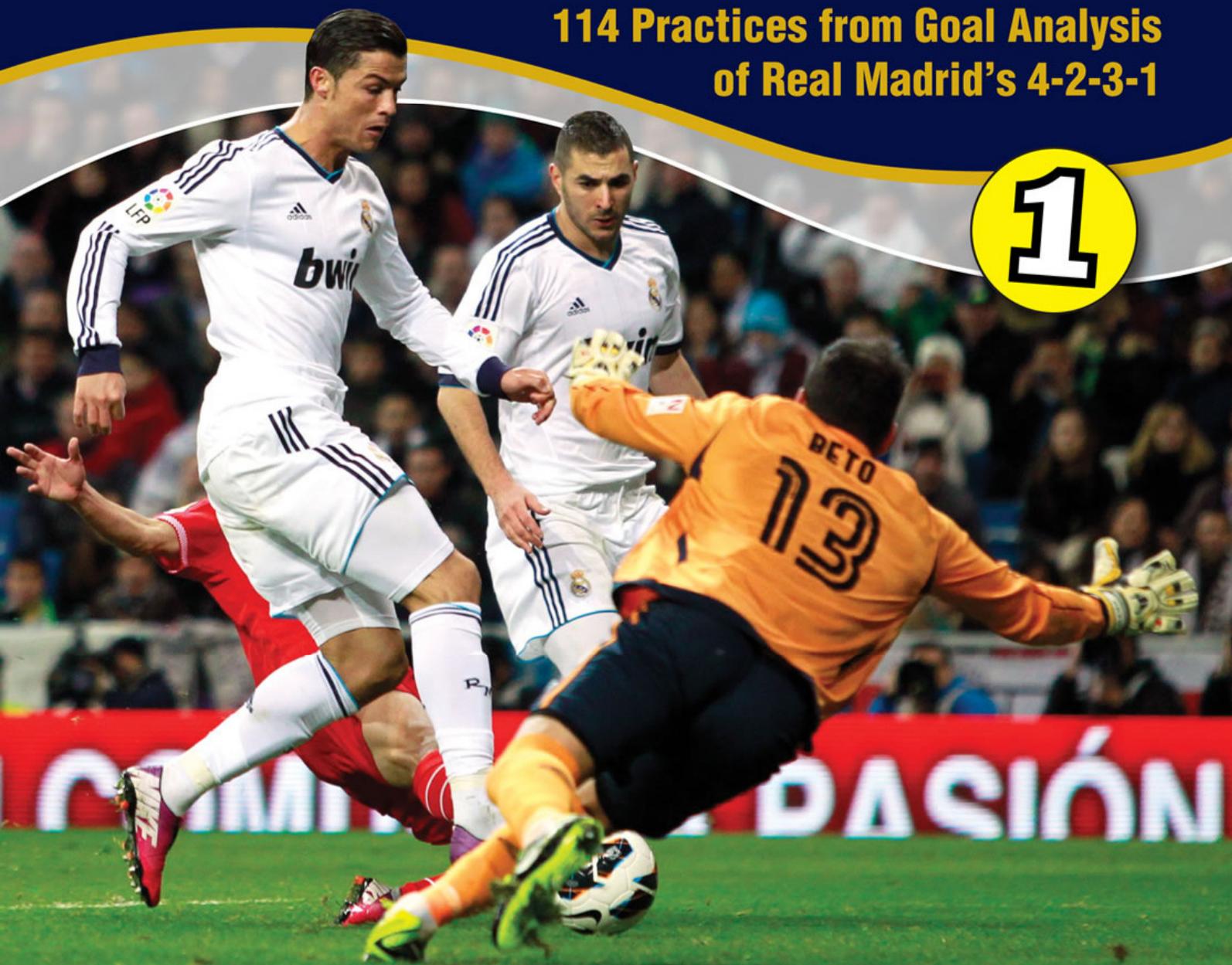


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114 Practices from Goal Analysis
of Real Madrid's 4-2-3-1

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ATTACKING AGAINST OPPONENTS WHO USE A HIGH DEFENSIVE LINE



Some teams decide to defend against Real Madrid with a high line at the start of a match or sometimes during a match if they were behind and needed a goal or because a player had been sent off (11v10).

In these cases Real Madrid focused a lot of their game on getting round the back of their opponents. This was mainly with direct forward passes in behind the back four (especially in the lateral space in between the full back and the central defender).

Passes into space gave a big advantage to the quick Real players who had good dribbling ability and it also enabled the other players to quickly move up from the back to provide support and finish the attack.

In this phase with pressure from the opposition high up the pitch and a numerical disadvantage Real Madrid's objective would be:

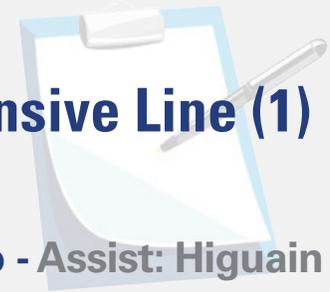
1. Maintain possession with accurate passing to feet in the low zone.
2. Use 1 touch passing combined with quick support play (1-2 combinations) to break through the pressure.
3. Forward pass to the player highest up the pitch into space and in behind the high defensive line.
4. Provide fast support for this player to quickly finish the attack.

GOAL ANALYSIS

Playing the Ball in Behind a High Defensive Line (1)

24-Mar-12

Real Madrid **5-1** Real Sociedad (5th Goal): Ronaldo - Assist: Higuain



The opposition are very compact in closed lines high up the pitch. There is free space in behind the back 4. Ramos has the ball with 10 opponents in front of him, but with one pass round the back of the left back he neutralises all 10 players. Higuain leaves his direct opponent to make his diagonal run in behind. Ronaldo also starts to move and takes up a good position in the penalty area.



Higuain drives the ball across the box at the perfect time and the short parallel pass meets Ronaldo's movement into space and he scores.

GOAL ANALYSIS

Playing the Ball in Behind a High Defensive Line (2)

24-Sep-11

Real Madrid **6-2** Rayo Vallecano (6th Goal): Ronaldo - Assist: Ozil

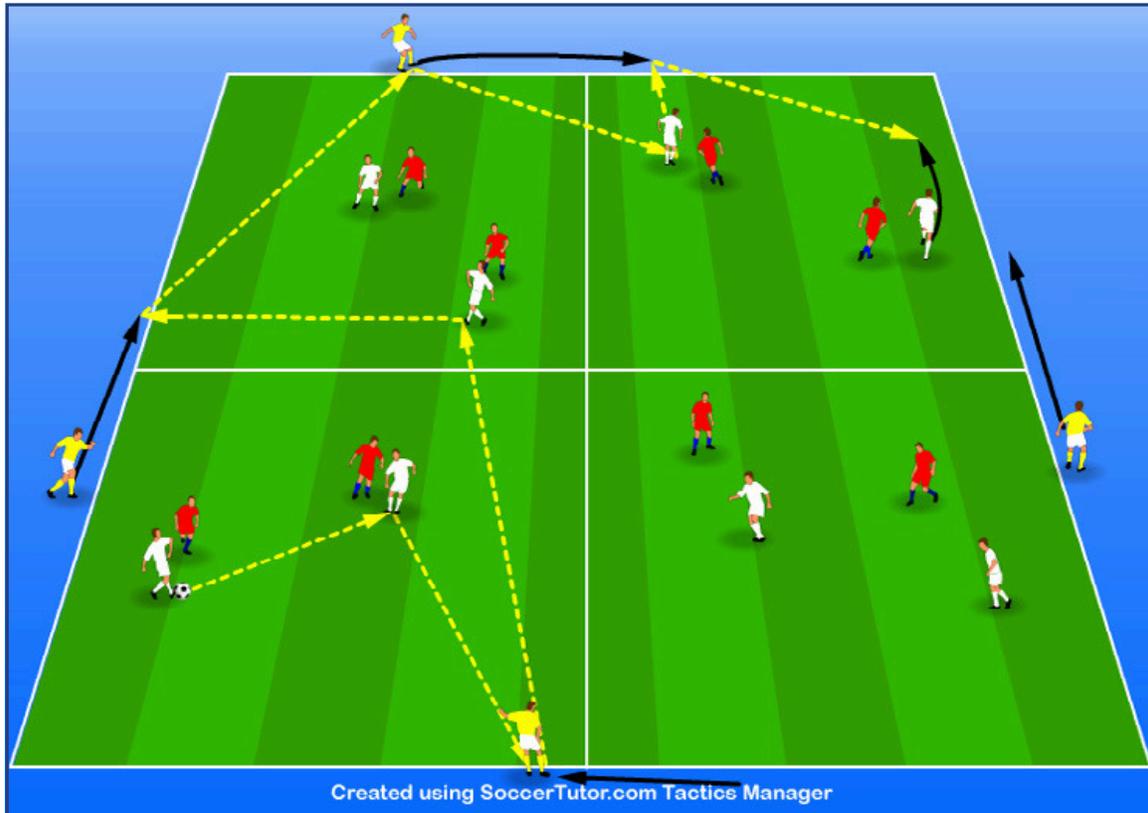


The opposition are playing a very high line and Ramos with 1 pass inside to Ozil takes 6 players out of the game and gives the advantage to Real Madrid in the centre.

Ozil dribbles the ball further inside and Ronaldo makes a good diagonal run in between the right back and the central defender. The run and pass are timed perfectly for Ronaldo to receive in behind. Ronaldo takes the ball round the goalkeeper who brings him down for a penalty. He converts it himself to score.

SESSION FOR THIS TOPIC *(4 Practices)*

1. 4 Zone Possession Game



Objective

To develop possession play with high pressure in limited space and time.

Description **8 v 8 (+4 Neutral Players)**

In an area 20 yards x 20 yards, we split the pitch into 4 grids which are 10 yards x 10 yards each. In each grid we have a 2v2 situation. We also have 4 neutral players who can move all the way along their side of the square without entering the grids. The neutral players play with the team in possession.

If a team completes 8 passes or keeps the ball for 10 seconds they win 1 point. If a team passes through all the grids without losing possession they get 2 points.

Different Rules: **1)** Unlimited touches for regular players and neutral players are limited to 1 or 2 touches. **2)** 1 or 2 touches for all players.

Coaching Points

1. Correct body shape (open up on the half turn) and positioning is important to view where the options for where the next pass is going.
2. Players need to protect the ball in these 1v1/2v2 situations; put their body in between the opponent and the ball.
3. Key aspects: Speed and quality of pass, good decision making, correct angles and distances for support play and creative combination play and movement.



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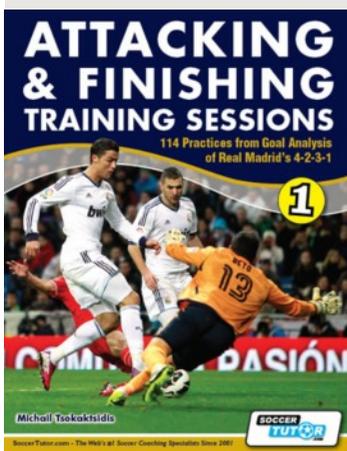
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