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DEFENDING AGAINST A 4 MAN DEFENCE
Pressing When the Winger is in a Deep Position On the Strong Side

In situations when there was a winger in a deep position on Juventus’ left side and the distances between the defenders were too big to ensure the effective switch in the opponents’ marking, the wing back didn’t risk moving forward to put pressure on the right back with the ball. Instead he stayed close to his direct opponent and let the attacking midfielder do the job.

Defending When the Winger is in a Deep Position On the Strong Side
(No Chain Reaction)

In this example the white team’s right midfielder (7) is in a deep position.

Chiellini (3) is too far away from the left wing back Asamoah (22) so a chain reaction (shifting and switching the marking of players) cannot take place.

Chiellini communicates with Asamoah so he does not move forwards.

As soon as the pass is directed to the right back (2), Marchisio (8) has either read the tactical situation or been informed by Asamoah, so he takes over the responsibility of closing the new player in possession down.

The left wing back Asamoah (22) stays close to his direct opponent - the right winger No.7.
Defending When the Winger is in a Deep Position On the Strong Side (Chain Reaction)

In this example the distance between the centre back Chiellini (3) and the left wing back Asamoah (22) is much shorter.

As there is coaching between the players, when the pass is made towards the white right back (2), Asamoah (22) takes advantage of the transmission phase (the time the ball takes to travel) and puts pressure on No.2.

At the same time, in the form of a chain reaction, Chiellini (3) takes over the right winger No.7’s marking and Marchisio (8) moves to help apply double marking.
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