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Tactical Analysis: Passing Combination With A Third Man Run

Situation 1

The aim is to move the ball to a player in behind the defence. In order to be successful, the third man (10) should not be in a deep position. As soon as Bender receives the ball and turns, No.9 makes a movement to receive (but not too deep). As soon as the pass towards Lewandowski is played, Mkhitaryan (10) is already on the move. Lewandowski passes first time to Mkhitaryan. It is the No.10 that determines where the pass should be played by choosing to move towards the appropriate path.

Situation 2

This is a variation of the previous situation as Mkhitaryan chooses a different path to make his forward run.

With this combination, Mkhitaryan is able to receive in behind the defence again.
Situation 3

This is another variation of the previous situation, but the combination is between the centre forward (9) and the left winger (11) this time.

**ASSESSMENT:**

The positioning of the players on the right side were similar to the ones displayed here in the diagrams which display the left side.

In order for the third man run combination to be effective, the third man should be high up the pitch and the opposition defence must be stretched in order for there to be gaps in between the defenders.
Session For This Tactical Situation (4 Practices)
1. Passing Combination with a Third Man Run

Objective
To develop an attacking combination through tight spaces with a third man run.

Description
In a 30 x 30 yard area, Players A and D start the practice at the same time. They both dribble the ball through the cone gates. As soon as they move through the red cone gate (trigger), the players in the advanced positions (B and E) on the yellow cones drop back in front of the mannequins and the players in the deeper positions (C and F) move forward at the same time.

The pass is made when they dribble through the blue cone gate. Players B and E receive the pass and play a first time pass between the mannequins towards the path of C and F. These players receive the ball and make an accurate pass/shot into the mini goals. All players move one position forward.

Coaching Points
1. Monitor the correct weight and accuracy of the passes which should be timed for the runs.
2. This requires synchronisation in the players’ movements and good reactions to the ‘triggers’.
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