

# LUIS ENRIQUE



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## Coaching Roles

- **Spain**  
(2018 - Present)
- **FC Barcelona**  
(2014 - 2017)
- **Celta Vigo**  
(2013 - 2014)
- **Roma**  
(2011 - 2012)
- **Barcelona B**  
(2008 - 2011)

## Honours

- **UEFA Champions League**  
(2015)
- **La Liga**  
(2015, 2016)
- **Copa del Rey**  
(2015, 2016, 2017)
- **FIFA Club World Cup**  
(2015)
- **FIFA World Coach of the Year**  
(2015)

## Most Used Formation

- **4-3-3**

## Style of Play

"Our goal is to play the same, looking for goals, whatever the result. Sometimes it's interesting to have a different type of game, but always controlling the play. If the opponent pressures us then more space appears, to know what areas of the pitch you can do more damage to the rival in is key."

"We will try to keep the ball as we always do, as long as we can throughout the game."

## Coaching Philosophy

"If I didn't feel that I was helping my team and my players, and didn't feel that very clearly, then I wouldn't be coaching."

"When we came to Barça, one of our first targets

was to make the team less predictable. That's not easy with a team that plays for possession. But Barça have many other resources to draw on now."

## What it takes to be a Successful Coach

"Coaches never enjoy anything. In football you can't live in the past or the future, only the present, and that is the next game. Only when you finish the season and you have achieved your objectives can you enjoy it, but not for long."

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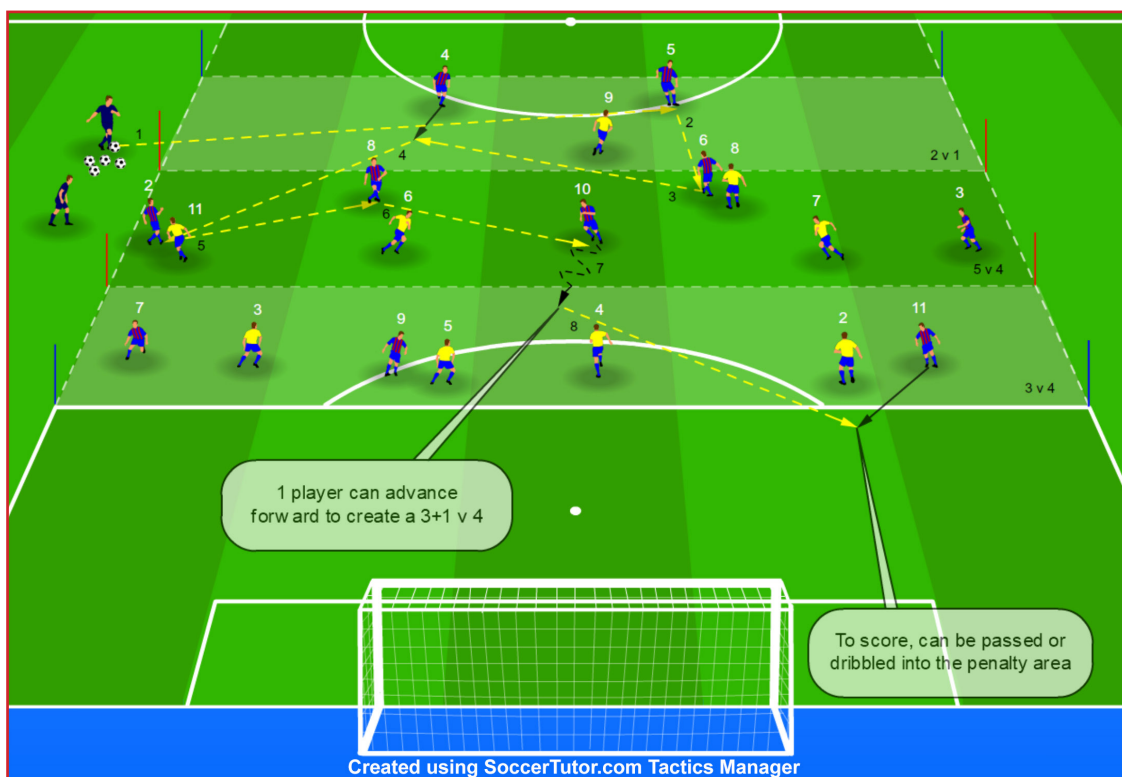


## FC Barcelona Training Practices

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## 4. Positional Attacks to Play in Behind in a Dynamic Zonal Practice



**Attacking Objective:** Positional build-up play and attacks, passing and receiving in space, playing in behind the defensive line and fast defensive transitions to win the ball back after losing it.

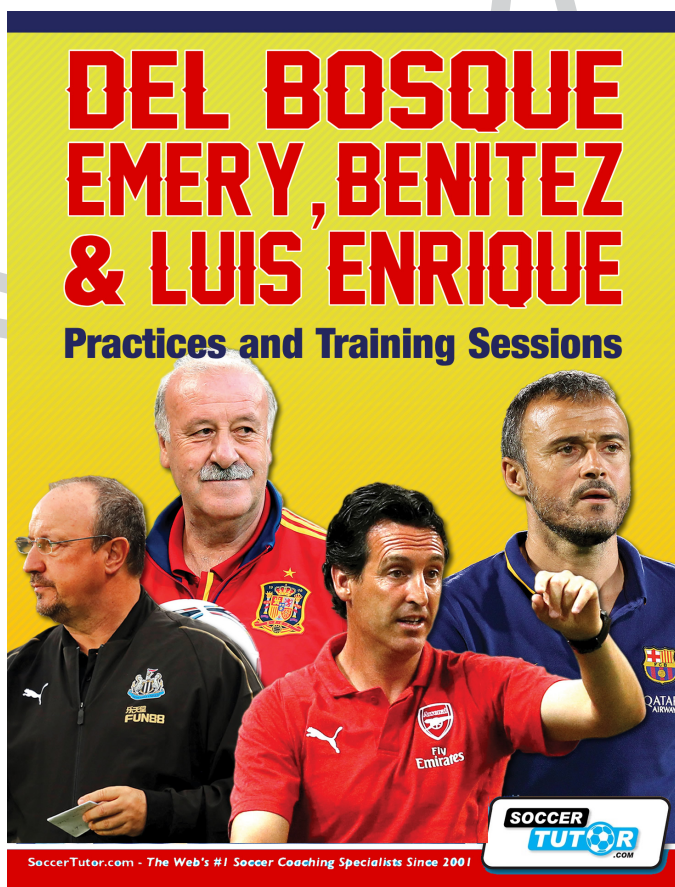
**Defending Objective:** Collective pressing, blocking passing lines, disrupting the opposition's attack to prevent them playing in behind and fast counter attacks after winning the ball.

### Description

The blues are in a 4-3-3 formation and the yellows are in a 4-4-1 formation. The practice starts with the Coach who passes to a one of the blue centre backs in Zone 1 (2 v 1). The blues use positional attacks and try to play the ball in behind (into the penalty area). This can be done by dribbling across the line or by receiving a pass from any player in any zone.

One player can move from Zone 2 to Zone 3 to create a 3 (+1) v 4 situation, as shown with No.10 dribbling forward in the diagram example. All yellow defending players must stay within their zones, but if they win the ball, they launch a counter attack and try to play in behind at the other end.

**Source:** Luis Enrique's Barcelona training session in Tbilisi before UEFA Super Cup vs Sevilla - 11th August 2015



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