From the starting positions shown, Ronaldo makes a move into the available ‘passing lane’ between the opposition’s defensive and midfield lines. No.2 (the right back) does not follow Ronaldo as he tries to retain a balanced position because Marcelo moves forward.

**Description:**

Ronaldo receives and dribbles towards the centre. No.2 contests him but Ronaldo has 3 passing options; a vertical pass to Benzema (option 1), a diagonal pass to Di Maria (option 2) or a short pass to Ozil (option 3). Options 1 & 2 can lead to a clear shot on goal.

**Coaching Points:**

**ASSESSMENT:**

Ronaldo, Di Maria and Ozil all used to take up positions between the defensive line and the midfield line of the opposition.

The movement would be towards the available passing lanes in order to receive the ball from the defenders or the defensive midfielders.

When Ronaldo received the ball and had the chance to turn and move towards the inside of the field, the final pass was easy for him.

If he received and moved towards the sideline, he would also dominate the 1v1 situations on the flank.

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