



Creating space in the middle of the field

Category: Tactical: Positional understanding

Difficulty: Beginner

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Poor use of space

This is an example of a team failing to use the space available to them in possession of the ball. Young players are always eager to go to the ball and provide support but if they move towards the ball carrier, they usually bring pressure with them and the space gets clogged up. I saw many examples of this at the festival in Macon and we need to try and address it during training this week.



Wide player stays wide

When in possession of the ball...

If BLUE player 'A', the left sided midfielder stays wide and RED player 'B' stays inside, the switch is always on and if properly executed provides BLUE player 'A' with lots of space to exploit.



Wide player stays wide w/ opponent

When in possession of the ball...

If BLUE player 'A', the left sided midfielder stays wide and RED player 'B' also goes wide to mark, space is now created in the middle of the field (shaded area). The center midfielder now has room to receive the ball and look to play a through ball to player 'A' making a penetrating run.

