

## Welcome to PA West Soccer Free Webinar COVID-19 Series.

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# PRINCIPLE OF PLAY ATTACKING







# WHAT IS PRINCIPLE OF ATTACK?

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WHAT ARE THEY?



#### WHAT IS PRINCIPLE OF ATTACK?

Principle of Attack is what your players do or should be doing (individually and/or collectively as a team) when they have possession of the ball.





## WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPLE OF ATTACK?

- \* Penetration
- \* Support (Depth)
- \* Width
- \* Movement
- \* Creativity
- \* Counter-Attack
- Finishing (new?)





#### **PENETRATION**

- Is basically moving the ball forward to get behind the opposition's defensive line.
  - \* The player with the ball 1st attacker.
  - \*Passing \*Dribbling\* Shooting
  - Finishing?









#### **SUPPORT (DEPTH)**

\* These are the players (2<sup>nd</sup> attacker) around the player with the ball – They help players w/ball with options in front, sides, & from behind. DISTANCE AND ANGLE of that support is VITAL





#### WIDTH

- \* Spreading out side-to-side on the field.
- \* Width gives opportunities to penetrate/attack, side-to-side, & up the middle of the field.



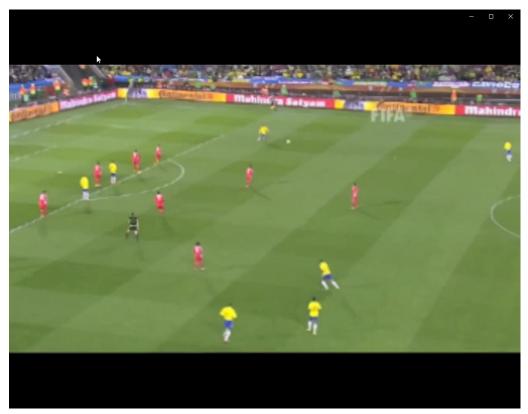


#### WIDTH... Cont.



## **MOVEMENT (MOBILITY)**

- \* Movement helps to create space for yourself and/or for teammates.
- \* Helps to unbalance the opponent's defense
- \* Helps to create scoring opportunities. This movement can be from any player RB, LB, etc





#### **CREATIVITY**

- Difficult to teach/coach
  - \*Players with natural/develop talent
- Players individual skills to create opportunities
  - \* themselves and/or for teammates.
- This could be smart dribbling or passing skills
  - \* to eliminate defenders.
  - \* to create openings for teammates.
- \* Can you think of players that fits this on your team/club/environment?
  - \* Leo Messi
  - \* Luka Modric
  - \* Jay Jay Okocha
  - \* Cristiano Ronaldo
  - \* Eden Hazard



### **CREATIVITY...** Cont.





## CREATIVITY (Jay Jay)... Cont.



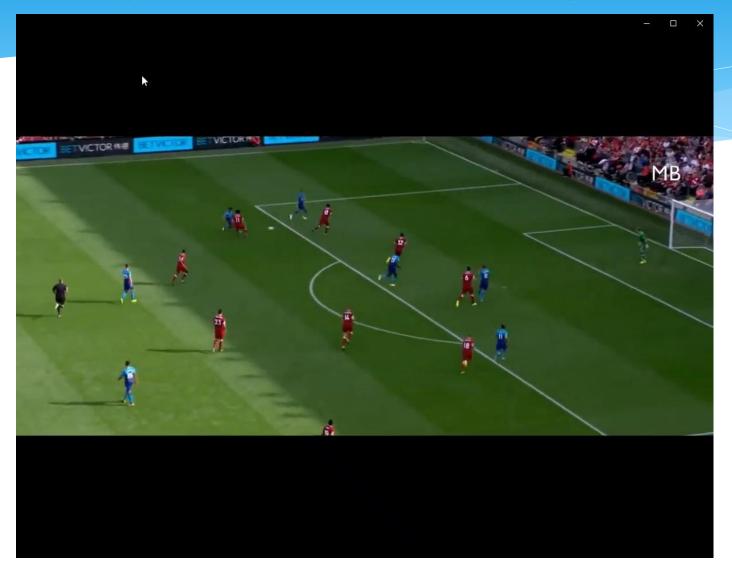


#### **Counter-Attack**

- \*A <u>strategy</u> where you sit-back and <u>soak-up</u> the <u>pressure</u> from the opposition (some times deep in the defensive 3<sup>rd</sup>).
- \* Then immediately you regain possession, you penetrate with precision and quickly... (how many seconds?)
  - \* With precision what does that mean?
  - \* Where on the pitch do we win the ball?
  - \* Who will win the ball?
  - \* Who will be our outlet after winning the ball?
  - \* Which part of the pitch will that long pass be played to?



#### Counter-Attack... Cont.





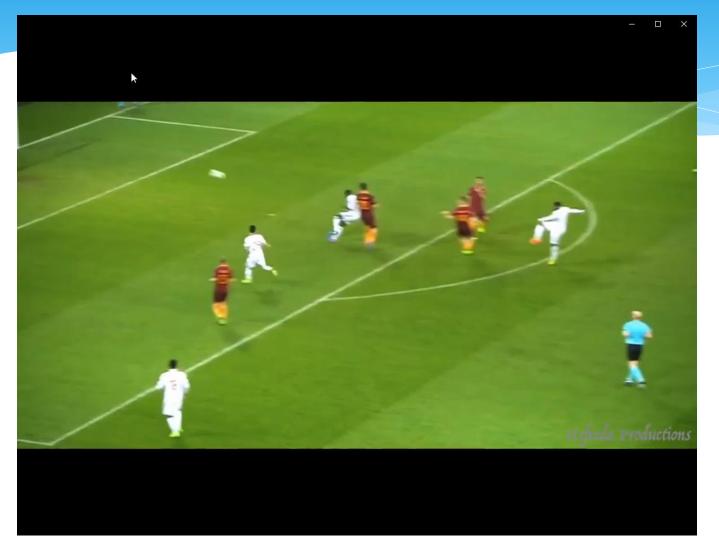
### **SHOOTING/FINISHING**

- Basically scoring goals
- Shooting when you can (opportunity & technical skills)
- Shoots on target (goal) not wide nor over the goal, etc.





## SHOOTING/FINISHING... Cont.





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#### PRINCIPLE OF PLAY

#### **DEFENSE**



