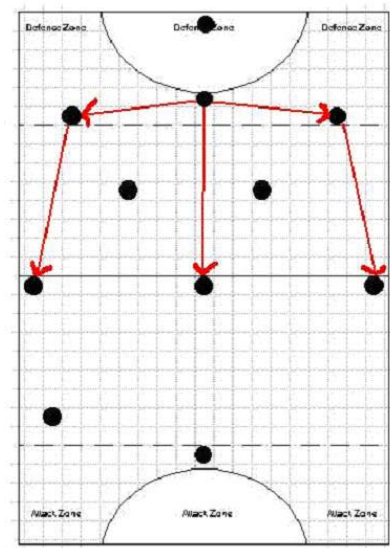


Defence Pass by Damager



Discussion
Color Key: -
Red - Defence Passes

Philosophy

1. Discussion on the concept of Defence Passes.
2. The **GOLDEN RULE** in **DEFENCE** is **NO SWITCHES ACROSS THE GOAL WITHIN OUR DEFENSIVE ZONE. SWITCH PASSES ARE ONLY TO HAPPEN IN THE ATTACKING ZONE.**
3. The general objective of a **DEFENSIVE PASS** is to clear the immediate area around our Defensive Circle and create an opportunity for our Attack Players to launch a counter-attack, catching the Opposition out of position and struggling to catch the Attackers. The Defensive Pass must be crisp & hard the objective of this type of Defensive Pass is to get the ball out of our Defensive Zone **QUICKLY & WITH MINIMUM EFFORT.**
4. The Defense Pass diagram shows the angles of the hits:
5. Sweeper diagonally out to either the Left Back or the Right Back;
6. Sweeper directly down the channel to the Center Midfield, or any other player directly down a channel;
7. Left back or Right back directly towards the Outside Left Midfield, or Outside Right Midfield, or to any other player directly down a channel.
8. **ALL DEFENSIVE PASSES SHOULD BE HIT WITH THE ANTICIPATED POWER OF CLEARING A MINIMUM OF 50 METRES - THAT IS THE**

DISTANCE FROM THE BACK LINE TO THE 1/2 WAY LINE, EVEN IF THE PLAYER - LEFT BACK, FOR EXAMPLE IS ONLY 20 METRES AWAY WHY THIS POWER MUST BE USED.....:

- 9. Minimize the possibility of a successful interception..... THE HARDER THE BALL IS HIT, THE LESS LIKELY FOR THE OPPONENT TO TRAP THE BALL CLEANLY AND LAUNCH A COUNTER ATTACK - also there is always the possibility of having the opponent send the ball over the side line, which in turn allows ourselves the opportunity to start an attack from the side-line and from an advantage of being able to build the play constructively, not having the pressure of having to make a mobile DEFENSIVE PASS;**
- 10. Gain TIME to re-set the defensive pattern in the event of the Opposition having a hit in from the line if the ball was not trapped cleanly by a team mate or was miss-directed;**
- 11. Change the speed of the game..... OFTEN AN ATTACK FROM THE OPPOSITION WILL BE SLOWED DOWN BY THE DEFENSIVE PATTERN..... THE HARD DEFENSIVE PASS AT SPEED LEAVES THE OPPOSITION STRANDED IN OUR DEFENSIVE ZONE, ALLOWING OUR ATTACKING PLAYERS THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING PLAYER IN AN OVERLAP POSITION - THE OPPOSITION WILL BE OUTNUMBERED IN ATTACK:-**
- 12. WE WILL HAVE GAINED SPACE TO ATTACK - First requirement for ATTACKING THE OPPOSITION IN THEIR CIRCLE;**
- 13. WE WILL HAVE GAINED A NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY IN ATTACK - Second requirement for ATTACKING THE OPPOSITION IN THEIR CIRCLE;**
- 14. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE WILL HAVE CLEARED OUR DEFENSIVE ZONE..... WE HAVE THE BALL..... THE OPPOSITION DO NOT HAVE THE BALL..... THEREFORE WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SCORE..... AND THE OPPOSITION DOES NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SCOREIF WE SCORE..... WE WIN, especially if the OPPOSITION CANNOT SCORE!!!!!!!!!!**

REMEMBER THAT THE DEFENSE PASS IS NOT ONLY A PART OF THE ARMOURY OF THE DEFENDERS, ALL PLAYERS - MIDFIELD AND ATTACK PLAYERS INCLUDED MUST BE ABLE TO CLEAR THE BALL FROM ANYWHERE ON THE FIELD, INCLUDING THE DEFENSIVE ZONE, MIDFIELD ZONE AND ATTACK ZONE THE OBJECTIVES REMAIN THE SAME AT ALL TIMES..... CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SCORE AND ELIMINATE THE OPPOSITIONS OPPORTUNITIES TO SCORE..... BY CLEARING THE IMMEDIATE DANGER CREATED BY THE OPPOSITION!

BE AWARE OF THE DEFENSIVE PASS ANYTIME AND ANY PLACE ON THE FIELD..... TRANSFER THE DEFENSIVE POSITION INTO ATTACK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE - IF NOT QUICKER..... BUT AS ALWAYS.....

KNOW WHERE YOUR ATTACK TEAM MATES ARE..... DO NOT CLEAR WILDLY INTO PLAYERS..... RATHER LOOK FOR THE SIDE LINES OR THE DEEP CHANNEL BALL..... THE FAMOUSE "RIVER BALL"..... GET IT OVER THE OPPOSITIONS BACK LINE AND LET THEM START WITH A 16 YARD HIT..... AUSTRALIA MAKES USE OF IT..... NETHERLANDS MAKES USE OF IT..... SO WE CAN MAKE USE OF IT..... AND WE MUST MAKE USE OF IT.....

Questions to ensure that you are aware of requiring Defensive Pass

Keywords

Defense Pass Awareness this means the following:

- 1. Defense Pass Awareness:-**
- 2. Where am I in relation to my own goal?**
- 3. Where am I in relation to my DEFENSIVE TEAM MATES?**
- 4. Where is my direct opposition in relation to my own goal?**
- 5. Where is the BALL in relation to myself, my team mates, my goals, and the opposition?**
- 6. How fast is the BALL traveling?**
- 7. What direction is the BALL traveling?**
- 8. What is the possibility of:**
- 9. The opposition getting to the ball before I do?**
- 10. The opposition creating a scoring opportunity from getting the ball?**
- 11. Who touched the ball last?**
- 12. Can I leave the ball to go over the back line?**
- 13. What is the impact of me doing nothing?**
- 14. Will my next course of action put myself and my team under pressure?**

REMEMBER..... ON MANY OCCASIONS, THE BEST FORM OF DEFENCE IS TO DO NOTHING..... THE BALL IS TRAVELLING TOO FAST..... TO TRY AND CLEAR IT COULD LEAD TO A LONG CORNER, SHORT CORNER, OR..... GIVING AN ATTACKER A FREE BALL FOR A SHOT AT GOAL..... IF IT WAS TOUCHED BY ONE OF YOUR TEAM MATES, RATHER LET IT GO FOR A LONG CORNER THAN CREATE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ANOTHER TYPE OF INFRINGEMENT..... ALWAYS REMEMBER..... DEFENDERS MUST ALWAYS ACT FROM A POINT OF VIEW OF "TAKING THE SAFEST COURSE OF ACTION"..... RATHER LIVE TO DEFEND ANOTHER ATTACK FROM A LONG CORNER, THAN HAVE THE ATTACKERS HAVING TO GO OUT AND TRY AND SCORE ANOTHER GOAL TO ELIMINATE THE GOAL THAT HAS JUST BEEN SCORED.....

REMEMBER..... THE BALL TOUCHED LAST BY AN OPPONENT..... LET IT GO OVER THE BASE LINE..... WE WILL GET A 16 YARD HIT

IN..... ALLOW THE SWEEPER THE OPPORTUNITY TO START PLAY FROM THE 16 YARD LINE..... AFTER ALL THAT IS WHAT THEY SHOULD BE GOOD AT DOING - THAT IS WHY THEY ARE SWEEPERS (AND ARE FULL OF NONSENSE ANYWAY LET THEM HAVE THEIR WAY)..... THEY WOULD NORMALLY BE VERY CONFIDENT IN CLEARING THE LINES FROM A 16 YARD FREE HIT..... LET THEM DO IT.....

REMEMBER..... THE BALL IS GOING ACROSS THE DEFENSIVE CIRCLE FROM AN OPPOSITION STRIKE AT GOAL..... BE AWARE OF THE OPPOSITION PLAYERS AROUND THE AREA..... IF IT IS SAFE..... LET THE BALL GOES..... WE WILL HAVE THE FREE HIT FROM THE SIDE LINE..... RATHER TAKE THIS OPTION..... THE SWEEPER CAN RE-START THE GAME FROM THAT POSITION..... AGAIN THAT IS WHAT THEY SHOULD BE GOOD AT DOING..... THE BALL IS IN THE OUTSIDE CHANNELS AND WE HAVE CONTROL OF THE BALL..... KEEP CONTROL OF THE BALL..... IT IS A LOOSE BALL FROM AN OPPONENTBUT WE ARE CONTROLLING THE LOOSE BALL BY UNDERSTANDING WHERE THE BALL IS GOING AND WHO WILL HAVE CONTROL OF THE NEXT FREE HIT..... DO NOT THROW AWAY THE ADVANTAGE GAINED BY TRYING TO INTERCEPT OR TRAP A BALL THAT IS GOING AWAY FROM HARMS WAY..... DO NOT CREATE A NEW FORM OF DANGER BY ALLOWING THE OPPONENTS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE AN ATTACK..... IT IS JUST NOT WORTH IT

The Decision on the Defensive Pass - When

Keywords

Defensive Pass Awareness which mean the following:-

1. **Defensive Pass Awareness:-**
2. **Simply put - a Defensive Pass is required only when the next course of action involving the ball and the opposition will place yourself, and your team under a DIRECT OR INDIRECT THREAT of allowing the opposition and GOAL SCORING OPPORTUNITY..... IF THERE IS NO THREAT OR INDIRECT THREAT OF THE OPPOSITION HAVING A SHOT ON GOAL.....? DO NOTHING..... LET THE BALL RATHER GO OVER THE BASELINE..... DO NOT CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE OPPOSITION THAT THEY DO NOT DESERVE..... THEY WILL NOT GIVE US SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY..... WHY MUST WE GIVE THEM SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY.....? Who To Pass Too**

Keywords

Defensive Pass Awareness which mean the following:-

1. **Defensive Pass Awareness:-**
2. **Simply put - The ANSWER on who to pass too is:**
3. **THE TEAM MATE WHO IS IN THE SAFEST POSITION ON THE FIELD, WHERE THERE IS NO DIRECT OR INDIRECT THREAT OF THE OPPOSITON COUNTER ATTACKING - IF THERE IS NO TEAM MATE IN SUCH A POSITION AND THE DEFENSIVE PASS MUST TAKE PLACE - AIM FOR THE SIDE-LINE AND THE HALF WAY LINE JUNCTION - IT IS THE SAFEST - REMEMBER - HIT IT HARD AND WITH INTENT TO CLEAR THAT MARKER, AND TO ELIMINATE THE OPPORTUNITY OF A DEFENDER INTERCEPTING THE BALL AND COUNTER ATTACKING..... DO NOT BE KIND TO THE OPPOSITION..... LET THEM START THEIR NEW ATTACK FROM AS FAR BACK AS POSSIBLE..... EVEN OFFER THEM THE RIVER BALL..... LET THEM START AT THEIR OWN 16 YARD LINE..... YOU NEVER KNOW, MAYBE OUR CENTER FORWARD GETS THE BALL AND SCORES THE WINNING GOAL FROM YOUR DEFENSIVE PASS.....**