# Session Plan 19 – Topics: Triangulation, Compaction & Reinforcing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defender's Two Jobs





<u>Time</u>: 10mins **Size**: 20x10 yards

**Organization / Equipment:** Cones & Balls

**Explanation:** Players try steal or spoil possession to switch roles or change the defenders ever 1-2

minutes.

### **Coaching Points:**

- i) Pressure quickly (Close Down)
- ii) Jockey with body side on and balanced to channel the play & split the field (Slow Down & Get Down)
- iii) Anticipate & read cues (eyes, hips, shoulders, etc) to intercept directional pass (Show Down)
- iv) 2<sup>nd</sup> Defender covers the lane and marks the player based on

## **Intervention Key Questions:**

- ) What tells us where a player is passing?
- ii) Why is it important to put pressure on the ball carrier?
- iii) As the first defender, how can you make it predictable and easier to intercept the ball?
- iv) What are the two jobs of the 2<sup>nd</sup> defender? How many jobs are you doing?

Constraints to Modify or Challenge: Size of playing area. Number of players

<u>Time</u>: 15mins <u>Size</u>: 25x20 yards

**Organization / Equipment:** Cones, Balls, & Pinnies

**Explanation**: The three defenders remain compact and go together to win the ball together. If they recover the ball they then play to their target team mates.

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**ODD MAN OUT** 

<u>Time</u>: 15mins **Size**: 25 x 30 yards

**Organization / Equipment:** Cones, Balls, & Pinnies

**Explanation:** Can be played with 3v3+1, 4v4+1, 5v5+1, 6v6+1, etc. The team in possession tries to advance the ball from one side of the field to the other for a point. Each time one of their players must act as an end player. If the defenders acquire the ball, they find their players behind the line.

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<u>Constraints to Modify or Challenge</u>: Size of playing area. # of floaters/neutral players. There and back equals a point.

**EVEN SIDED END GAME (Regular FIFA Rules)** 

Time: 20mins

Size: May vary but ideally 30x40 yards or more

Organization / Equipment: Cones, Balls, Pinnies & two goals

**Explanation:** A regular even strength game to see if the players can implement the session topics in a realistic and representative performance context. Regular FIFA rules.

<u>Coaching Points</u>: -Previous coaching points <u>Intervention Key Questions</u> - Previous questions

Constraints to Modify or Challenge: floater use or size of playing area