

Mourinho' CCER philosophy

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for Quick Attack, Quit ball possession

May is coming. The champions League is continuing to excite and offer us amazing games. Several days ago in the first leg of the semi-final, Real Madrid defended its home field, defeating Bayern with 1-0 result. As a team that has the greatest promise to win the title, Bayern lost out of expectation, driving the soccer universe into an astonished state and it brought about a hot debate. Meanwhile, experts pointed out the reason why Real Madrid could win lies in its former manager Mourinho's soccer philosophy- for quick attack, quick ball possession.

As is known to all, Guadiola's team (he is the manager of Bayern)

important than the number of passes a team completes. No one would doubt that Bayern had a huge advantage in ball possession. However, most of the possession is scattered around the middle and back field, which is regarded as useless positioning. The useless ball possession takes away plenty of time and never really contributed to any deadly passes or shots.

overwhelmingly controlled the midfield in that game. OPTA's statistics are as follows: The ball possession rate of Bayern was unbelievably at 72%, and the number of passes succeeded was an amazing 705! Compared with Bayern, Real Madrid managed 273 passes, with the ball possession rate at 28%.

The pass attempts of Bayern is about 2.5 times as much as that of Real Madrid, but finally they lost, which informs us that just because you have more pass attempts does not necessarily bring about a good performance. Bayern made just four shots on target, I think this is more

What is mourinho's quick attack philosophy? First of all, for defense, the team should arrange more defensive players in the backfield. Secondly, for stealing the ball, defensive players need to cooperate with each other to surround the ball-possessioning footballer. Thirdly, once the ball is stolen, players must organize a counterattack at a lightening quick speed. In this theory even on defense they are also an active offense.





It seems that Mourinho's tactic is not that difficult to carry out. In practical terms, all teams can't make it. That sort of tactic is demanding, and requires players to be of a high-level capacity. Morinho's players need to be well-trained, they need to have great agility skills and be willing to run and be in such great conditioning that they do not get tired quickly.

There should be first-class defensive players and offensive players on the team ,which is able to apply Mourinho's quick attack tactic. Coincidentally, Real Madrid happens to have all the right people. The defensive midfielder Alonso, the center back Pepe, the left back Ramos, and the right back Coentrao are all prominent defensive players, and we haven't even mentioned the strikers such as C. Ronald, Benzema and Isco, who make up the frontline of Real Madrid. Those three strikers are fast and most importantly good at shooting.

Based on the analysis above, it is of no amazement that Real Madrid was able to succeed in defeating Bayern. Let us say that Mourinho's quick attack tactic turned out to be the better tactic when faced against Guardiola's ball possession tactic.

However, we should be clearly aware that it does not mean Mourinho's soccer philosophy is better that Guardiola's. We should entertain the notion that nothing is impossible on the soccer field. Players' physical condition and impromptu performance also plays a critical role.

In this game, the offensive pivots of Bayern, Ribery and Robben, lost themselves. The result of the second leg is still unpredictable because the game is going to be held in Allianz-Arena, the home field of Bayern on Tuesday April, 29th.