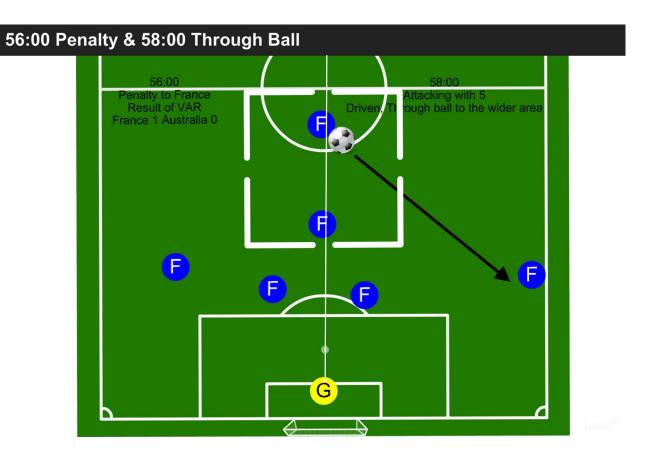
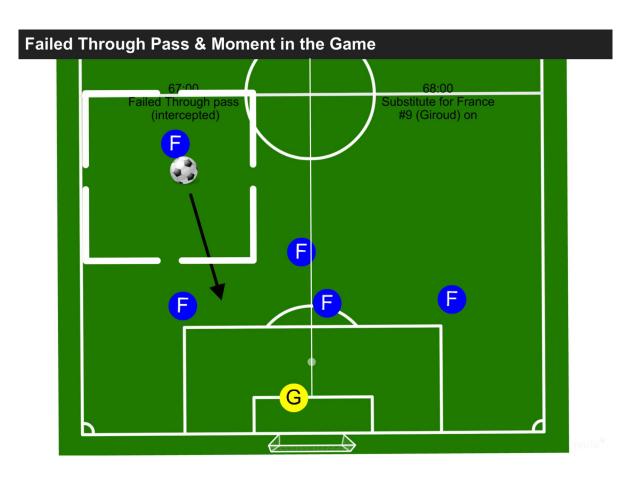
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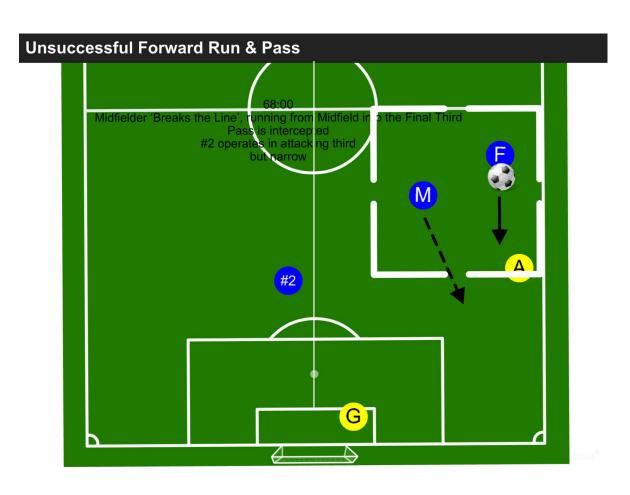


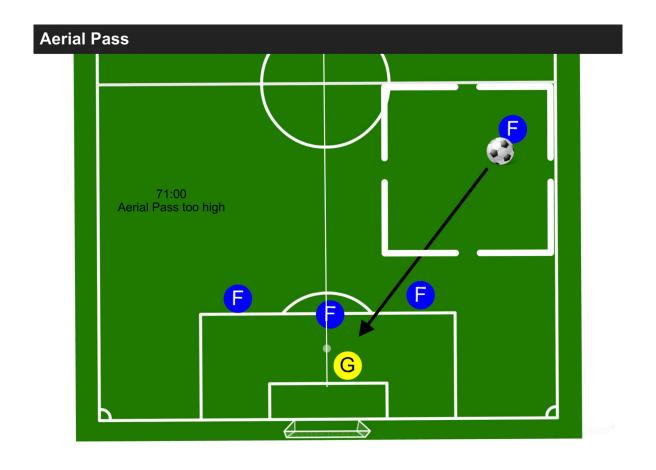
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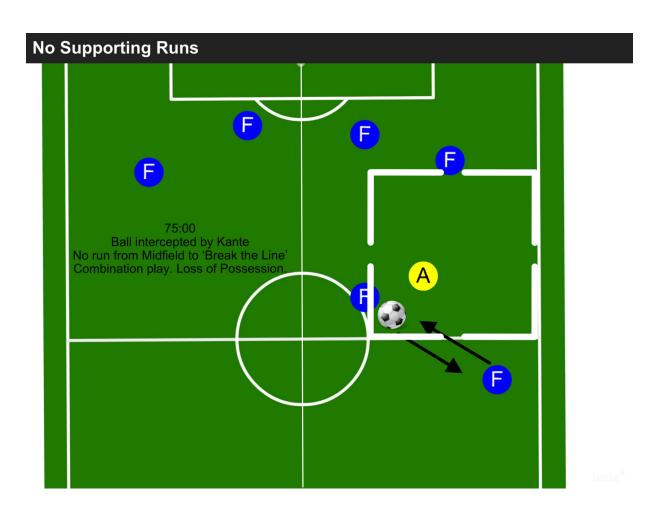




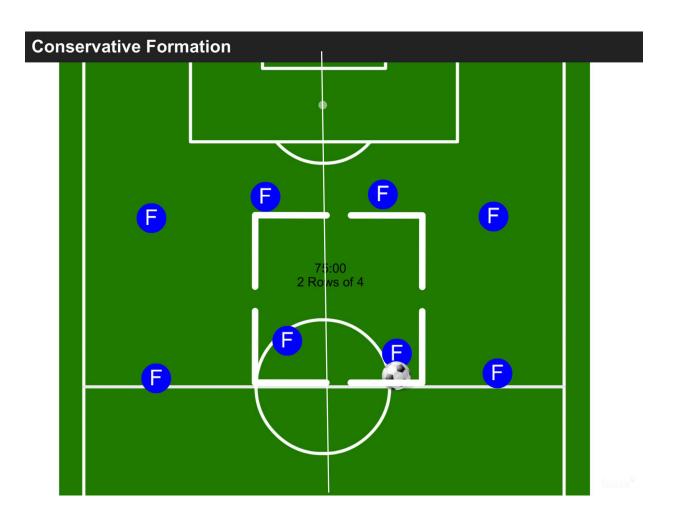






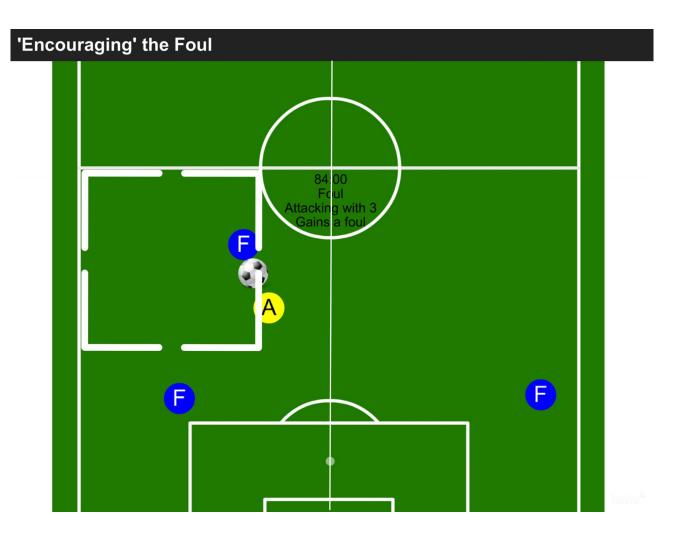


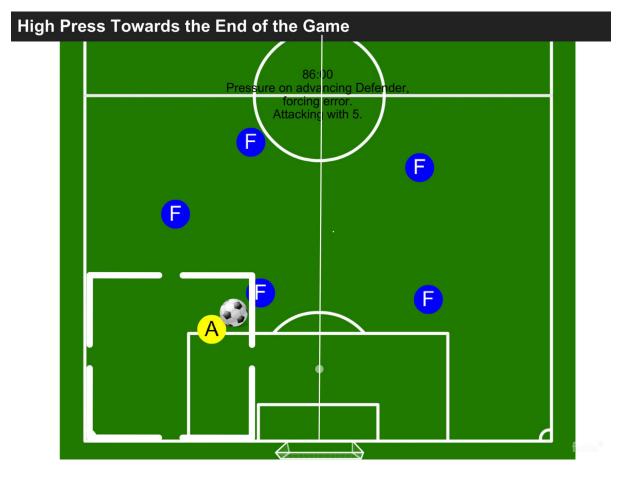
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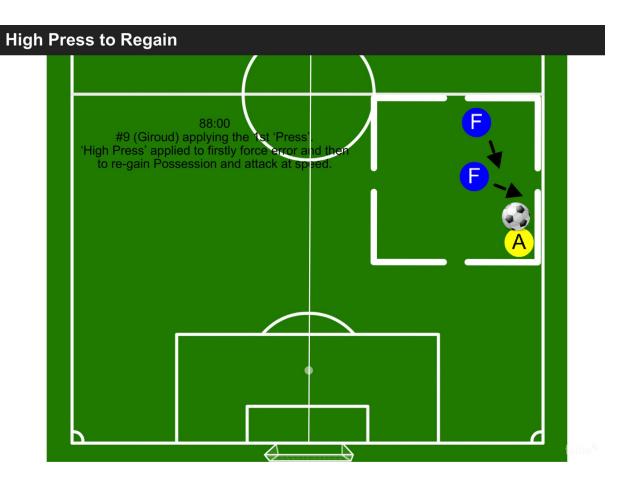


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## Observational Summary

The Disrupter - In the Middle 3rd, the forward passes tended to come from the Central Midfielder (Kante) who also acted as the 'Disrupter', breaking up the attacking play from Australia.

3 Forwards - There was little success from the 3 Forwards. Possibly because of their smaller stature and preferred style of play offered no aerial threat. Passes to feet, back to goal, passes around the Defenders, passes in between or around, all of which were managed effectively by the Australians.

Reducing Time with 'The Press' - The introduction of the taller number 9, meant that the system could change. The Defenders were put under pressure quicker, if they were in possession in their third. The pass threatening over the Defenders was managed less effectively.

Reducing Time with 'Quicker Combinations' - The winning goal was the result of quicker interplay in the area immediately in front of the goal. Threatening the Defenders at higher speed, causing confusion, the outcome - a deflected winning goal.

Reducing the time which the Defenders had to manage the attacks was a more effective tactic as the game reached the latter stages. This is evidence of the level which the individuals within the teams operate. Basic terms - individually, France have players who are playing regularly at high domestic levels in world football, more so than Australia. Managing and dominating tempo for the entire game, should be a more achievable objective for the France MNT.