

3-5-2 SYSTEM

TACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PLAYER FUNCTIONS

(OUTSIDE [FLANK] MIDFIELD)

- ***RESPONSIBLE TO DEFEND FLANK AND TO “TAKE FIRST ONE DOWN”.*** THE OUTSIDE HALFBACK TRACKS THE FIRST AND/OR MOST ADVANCED ATTACKER ON THAT FLANK.
- ***USUALLY ASKED TO MARK ZONALLY WHEN OPPONENT FLANK PLAYER RUNS TOWARD MIDDLE.*** OPPONENT IS THEN PASSED ON TO PLAYERS IN CENTRAL AREA (I.E. DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDERS, ETC.).
- ***MAY BE DETAILED TO ONLY MARK OPPONENT FLANK PLAYER.*** MAY NOT BE PERMITTED TO GO IN ADVANCE OF THE PLAYER WHEN THE BALL IS WON.
- ***RESPONSIBLE TO ATTACK FROM THEIR FLANK.***
 - ACHIEVE PENETRATION UP AND DOWN ENTIRE FLANK BY PASSING, DRIBBLING, AND COMBINING WITH FORWARDS.
 - MAY BE ASKED TO “ANCHOR” THEIR FLANK AND ONLY PENETRATE THROUGH PASSING VERTICALLY TO FORWARDS AND CENTRAL MIDFIELD PLAYERS USING SPACE ON FLANK IN FINAL THIRD.
- ***OFTEN TEAM “BALANCES” FLANKS BY ASKING ONE SIDE TO ANCHOR AND THE OTHER TO PENETRATE.***
- ***FLANK PLAYERS MUST BE VERY ATHLETIC.*** SPEED AND ANAEROBIC CAPACITY ARE NECESSARY PHYSICAL CRITERIA.