

SES10124

# Advanced Performance Analysis Module

Component-2 Assessment

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Team Analysed: MOROCCO

Games Analysed: AFCON

Morocco vs Cameroon

Morocco vs Nigeria

Morocco vs Senegal





# WHAT TO EXPECT?





# CURRENT FORM

DATE: 18/12/2025 KICK OFF: 16:00 UTC FIFA ARAB CUP FINAL



**JORDAN** **2** Full Time **3**

HT 2-2 AET 2-3

Olwan 48', 68' Tannane 4' Hamed-Allah 87', 100'

LOCATION: LUSAIL STADIUM LUSAIL, QATAR

MOTM: ABDERRAZZAQ HAMED-ALLAH

DATE: 29/12/2025 KICK OFF: 19:00 UTC AFCON GROUP STAGES



**ZAMBIA** **0** Full Time **3**

HT 0-2

El Kaabi 9', 50' B. Diaz 27'

LOCATION: STADE PRINCE MOULAY ABDALLAH RABAT, MOROCCO

MOTM: AYOUB EL KAABI

DATE: 21/12/2025 KICK OFF: 19:00 UTC AFCON GROUP STAGES



**MOROCCO** **2** Full Time **0**

HT 0-0

B. Diaz 55' El Kaabi 74'

LOCATION: STADE PRINCE MOULAY ABDALLAH RABAT, MOROCCO

MOTM: BRAHIM DIAZ

DATE: 04/01/2026 KICK OFF: 16:00 UTC AFCON ROUND OF 16



**MOROCCO** **1** Full Time **0**

HT 0-0

B. Diaz 64'

LOCATION: STADE PRINCE MOULAY ABDALLAH RABAT, MOROCCO

MOTM: ACHRAF HAKIMI

DATE: 26/12/2025 KICK OFF: 20:00 UTC AFCON GROUP STAGES



**MOROCCO** **1** Full Time **1**

HT 1-0

B. Diaz 45+5 (Pen) Sinayoko 64' (Pen)

LOCATION: STADE PRINCE MOULAY ABDALLAH RABAT, MOROCCO

MOTM: ABDOULAYE DIABY

	TOTAL	WINS	LOSS	DRAWS
MATCHES	5	4	-	1



# MATCH CONTEXTS

Morocco – Shape  
In 4-3-3/ Out 4-1-4-1



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 21 GAME UNBEATEN RUN BEFORE THESE THREE MATCHES
- ONLY CONCEDED 4\* AND SCORED 12 IN THEIR LAST 8 GAMES
- CHANGED TO 5-3-2 FOR 10-MINUTE SPELL IN CAMEROON GAME
- FIFA WORLD RANKING #8
- ALL AFCON GAMES WERE PLAYED IN THE SAME STADIUM IN THEIR RUN TO FINAL – POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE?
- LAST 8 GAMES WERE PLAYED IN TEMPERATURES BETWEEN 8-13 °C

DATE: 09/01/2026 KICK OFF: 19:00 UTC AFCON QUARTER-FINAL

**0** Full Time **2**

HT 0-1  
B. Diaz 26'  
Saibari 74'

LOCATION: STADE PRINCE MOULAY ABDALLAH  
RABAT, MOROCCO  
MOTM: NAYEF AGUERD

DATE: 14/01/2026 KICK OFF: 20:00 UTC AFCON SEMI-FINAL

**0** Full Time **0**

HT 0-0  
AET 0-0  
PENS 2-4

LOCATION: STADE PRINCE MOULAY ABDALLAH  
RABAT, MOROCCO  
MOTM: STANLEY NWABILI

DATE: 18/01/2026 KICK OFF: 19:00 UTC AFCON FINAL

**0** Full Time **3\***

HT 0-0  
AET 1-0  
Papa Gueye 94'

LOCATION: STADE PRINCE MOULAY ABDALLAH  
RABAT, MOROCCO  
MOTM: EDOUARD MENDY



# MATCH CONTEXTS

FOTMOB: [Cameroon vs Morocco - live score, predicted lineups and H2H stats](#)

## Top stats

### Ball possession



0.46 Expected goals (xG) 1.43

5 Total shots 9

0 Shots on target 3

1 Big chances 1

1 Big chances missed 0

267 (78%) Accurate passes 158 (70%)

19 Fouls committed 24

4 Corners 7

DATE: 09/01/2026 KICK OFF: 19:00 UTC AFCON QUARTER-FINAL

**0** Full Time **2**  
HT 0-1  
B. Diaz 26'  
Saibari 74'

LOCATION: STADE PRINCE MOULAY ABDALLAH  
RABAT, MOROCCO  
MOTM: NAYEF AGUERD





# MATCH CONTEXTS

## Top stats

### Ball possession



0.08 Expected goals (xG) 0.86

2 Total shots 16

1 Shots on target 5

0 Big chances 1

0 Big chances missed 1


462 (83%) Accurate passes 439 (83%)

29 Fouls committed 22

1 Corners 5

FOTMOB: [Nigeria vs Morocco - live score, predicted lineups and H2H stats](#)


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**0**

**Full Time**

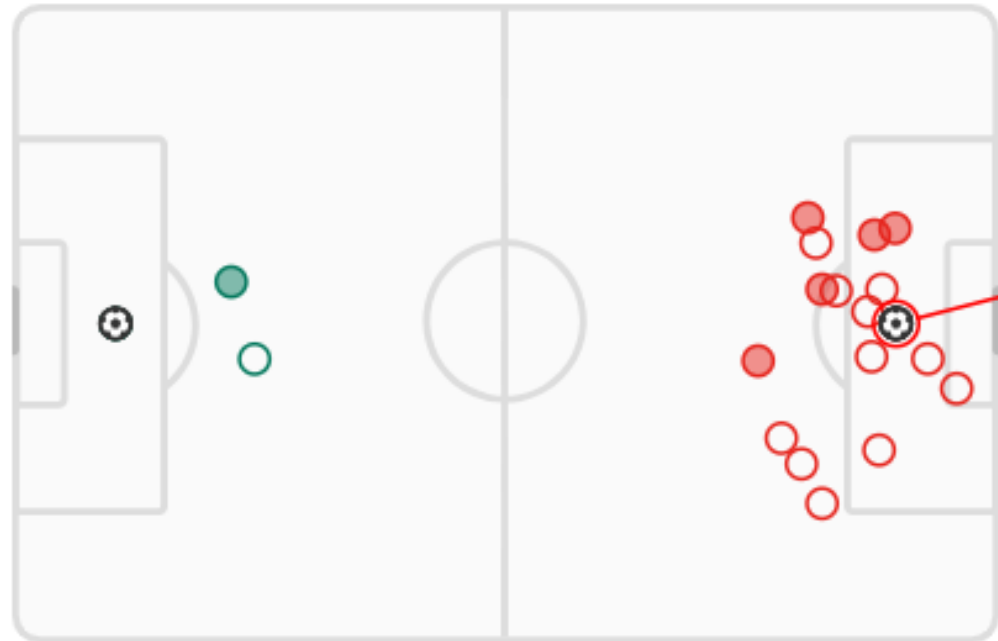
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HT 0-0  
AET 0-0  
PENS 2-4

LOCATION: STADE PRINCE MOULAY ABDALLAH  
RABAT, MOROCCO

MOTM: STANLEY NWABILI





# MATCH CONTEXTS

## Top stats

### Ball possession



1.71 Expected goals (xG) 2.18

14 Total shots 21

7 Shots on target 4

4 Big chances 3

4 Big chances missed 3


386 (81%) Accurate passes 374 (81%)

25 Fouls committed 17

8 Corners 10

## FOTMOB: [Senegal vs Morocco - live score, predicted lineups and H2H stats](#)

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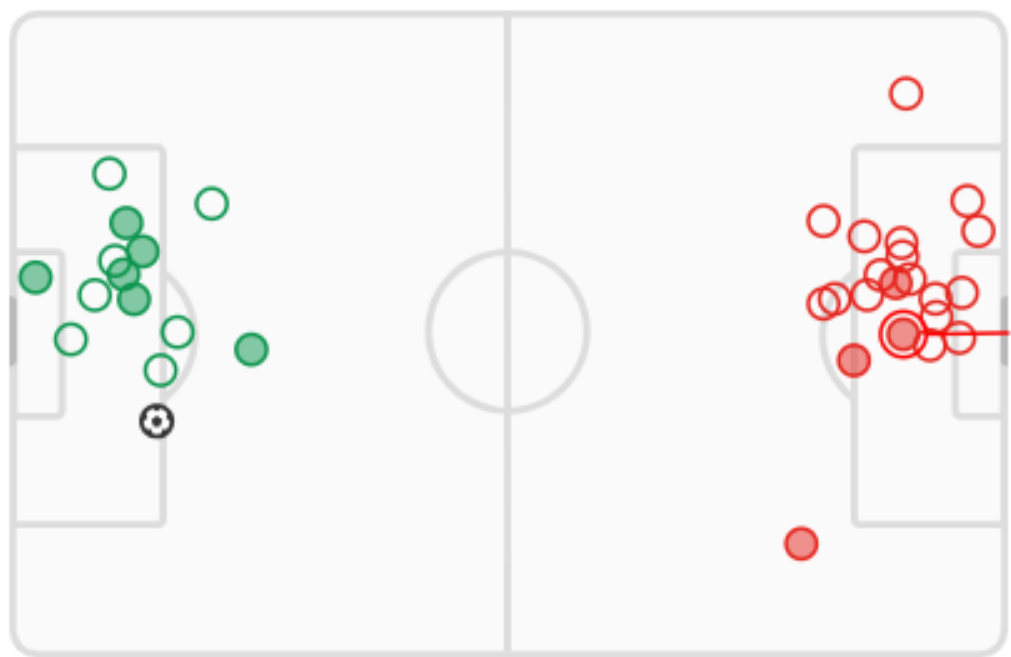


**0** Full Time **3\***

HT 0-0 AET 1-0  
Papa Gueye 94'

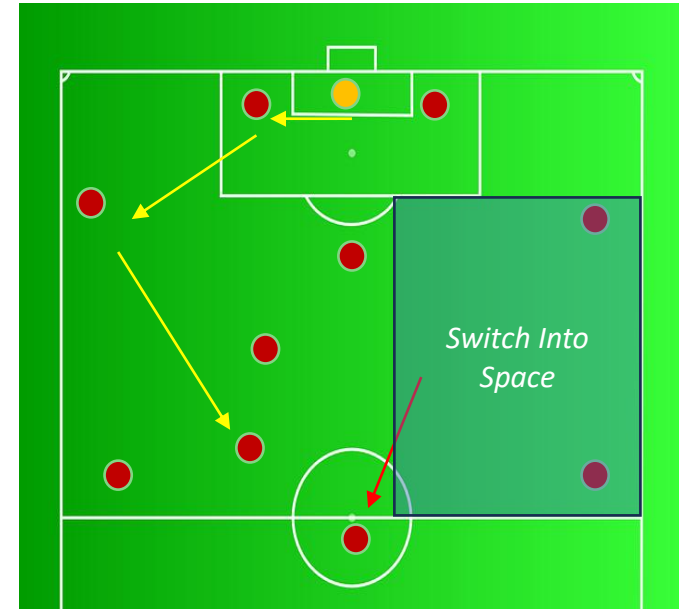
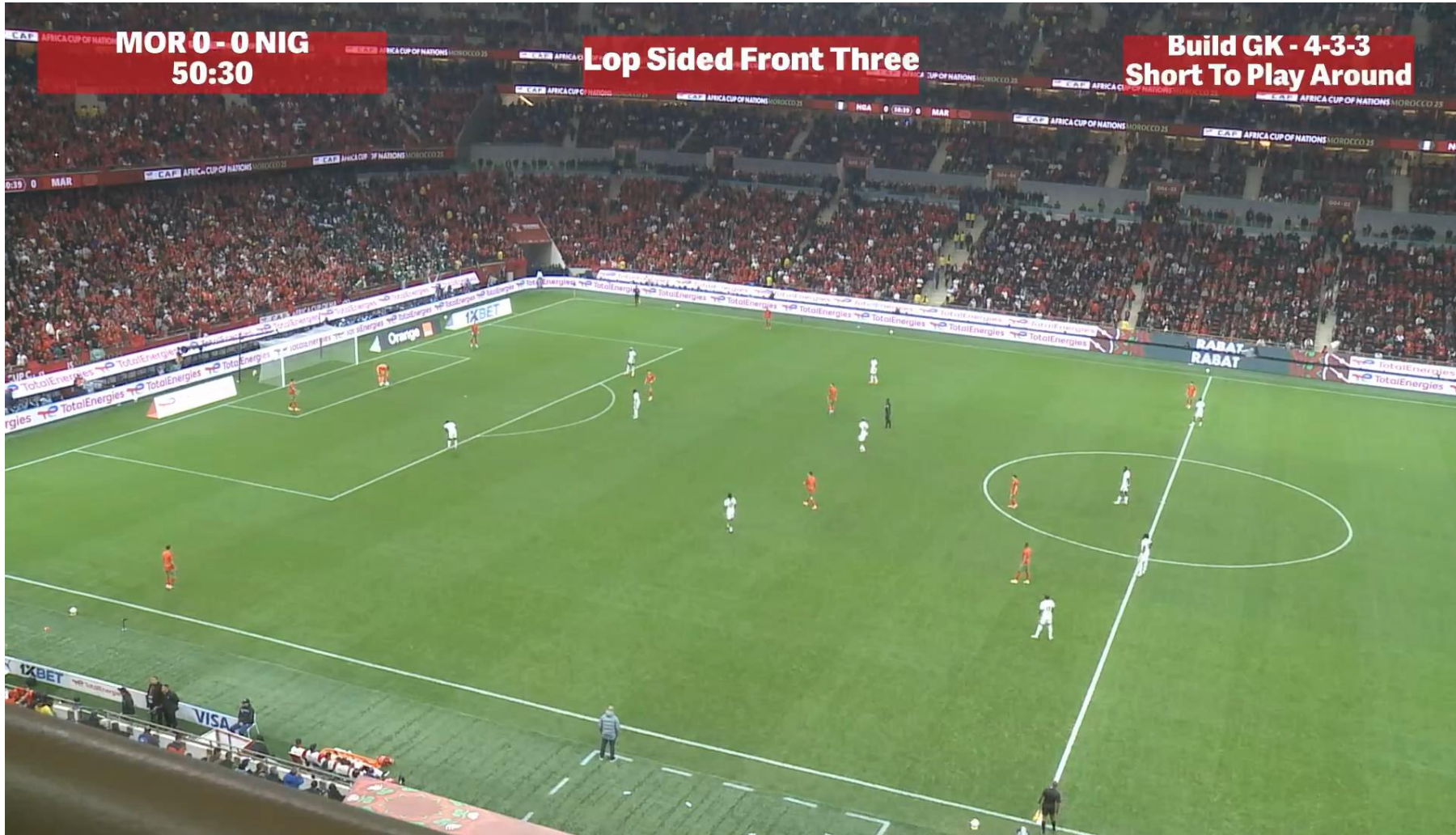
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MOTM: EDOUARD MENDY



# SHAPE & STYLE – IN POSSESSION



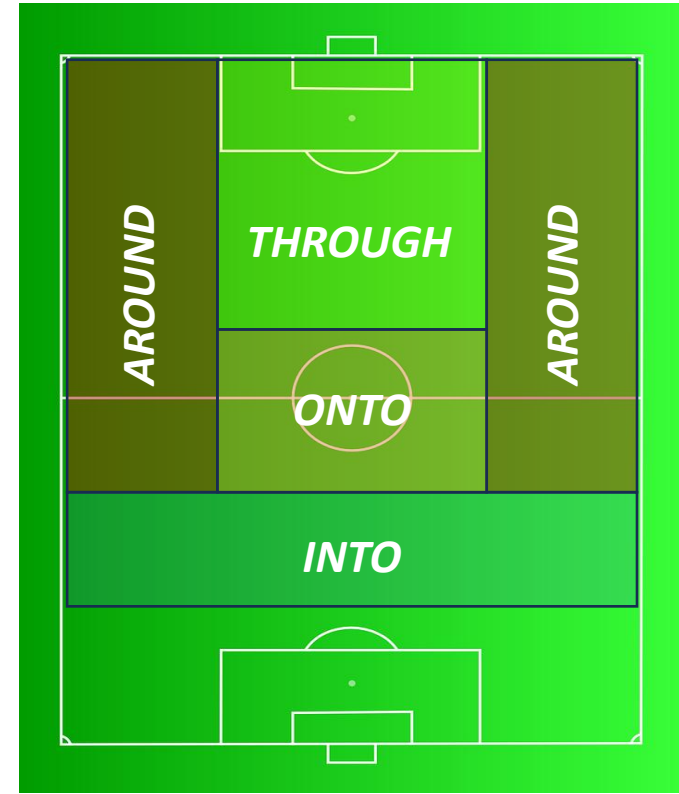
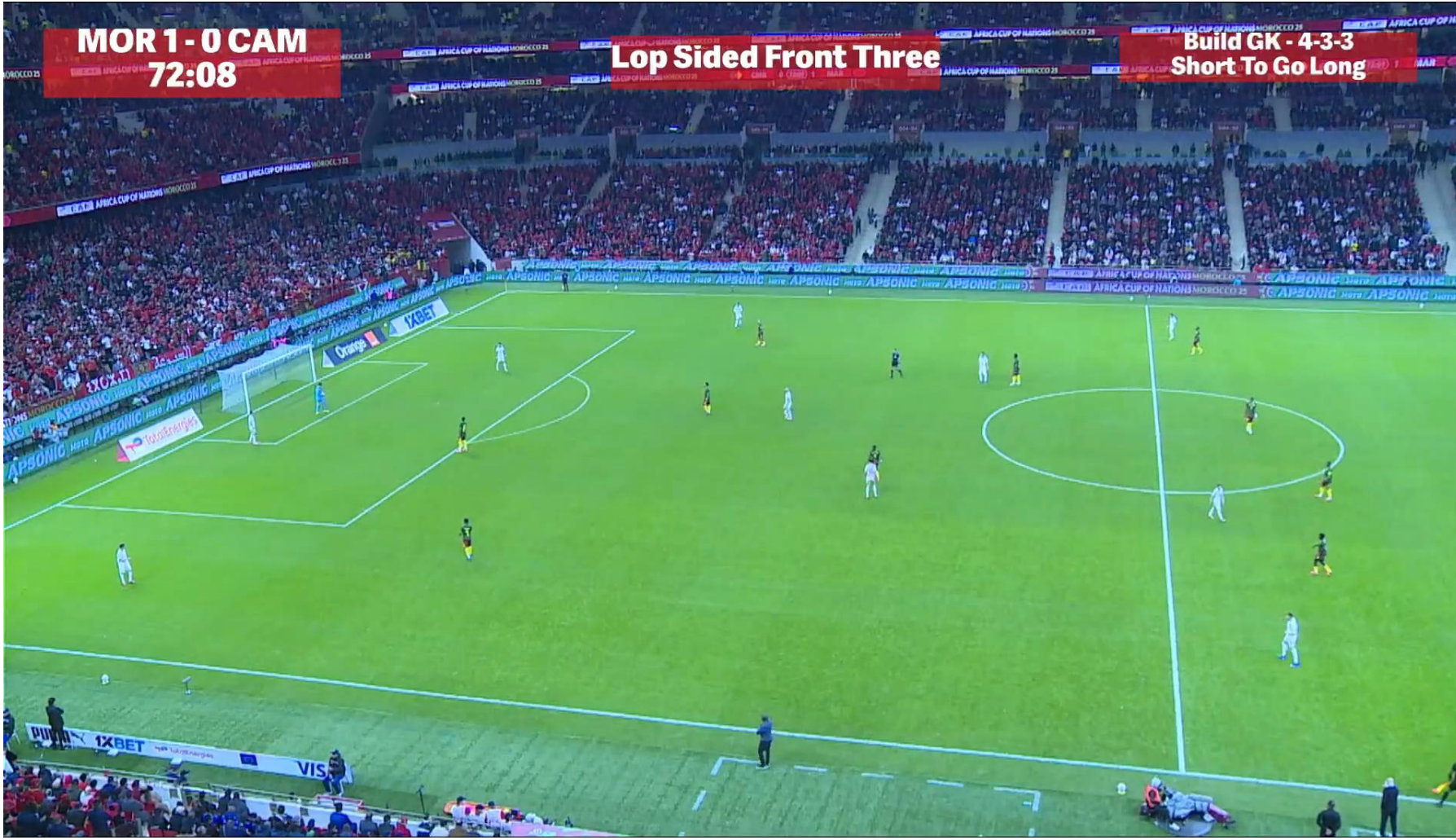
SHORT	RIGHT	LEFT	CENTRE
SUCCESSFUL	2	2	1
UNSUCCESSFUL	1	1	1

LONG	RIGHT	LEFT	CENTRE
SUCCESSFUL	1		
UNSUCCESSFUL	3	1	2

**MOROCCO TEND TO LOP SIDE THEIR BUILD WHETHER THEY GO SHORT OR LONG. DIAZ (10) TENDS TO SWAP WITH EL KAABI (20) AS HE IS TARGET FOR DIRECT GOALKICK, WHEREAS DIAZ CAN RECEIVE CENTRALLY**



# SHAPE & STYLE – IN POSSESSION



**SUCCESSFUL ACTIONS WERE WHEN THE BALL WAS RECEIVED BY A TEAMMATE IN THE MIDDLE OR FINAL 3<sup>rd</sup>. AT TIMES, SHORT GOALKICKS STILL WENT LONG AFTERWARDS, I.E., GK TO CB TO PLAY OVER.**

<b>SUCCESSFUL BUILDS</b>	
ONTO	2
AROUND	3
THROUGH	
INTO	

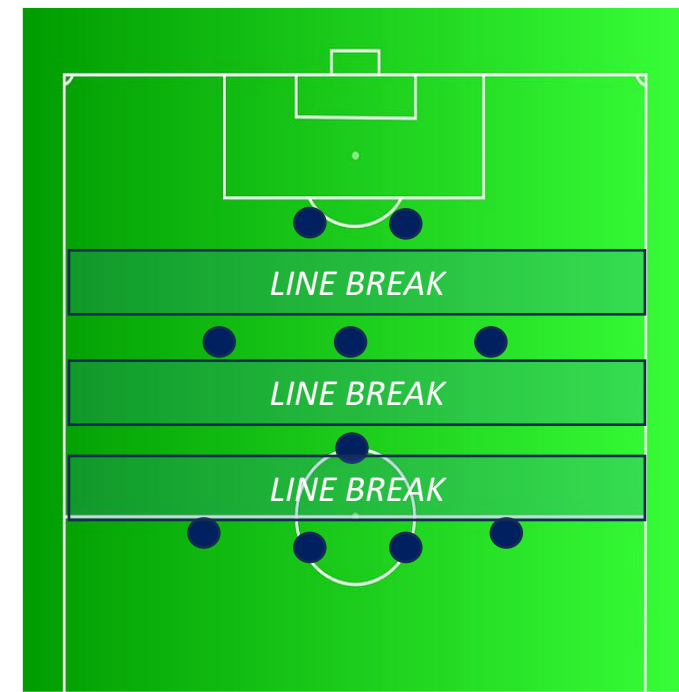


# SHAPE & STYLE – IN POSSESSION

MOR 0 - 0 SEN  
53:14

Relationship with Outside Three

Progressive Play  
Low To Mid 2-3-2-3



LINE BREAKS	1	2	3>
SUCCESSFUL	6	9	12
UNSUCCESSFUL	1	2	12

Successful Progressions	Around	Through	Into	Onto
1 Line	1	1		
2 Lines	4	1		
3> Lines		1	2	3

**CLEAR STYLE OF AIMING TO PLAY "AROUND" WHICH MATCHES CLIP.**

**SUGGESTS THAT MOROCCO'S MIDFIELD IS POSSIBLY NOT THEIR STRONGEST UNIT AS THEY DON'T PLAY "THROUGH" OFTEN WHICH FOR SCOTLAND IS POSSIBLY OUR STRONGEST UNIT IN TERMS OF TALENT POOL**



# SHAPE & STYLE – IN POSSESSION

MOR 0 - 0 NIG  
75:24

Relationship Between Outside Three

Progressive Play  
Mid To High 2-3-5

## MID TO HIGH PROGRESSIONS



42

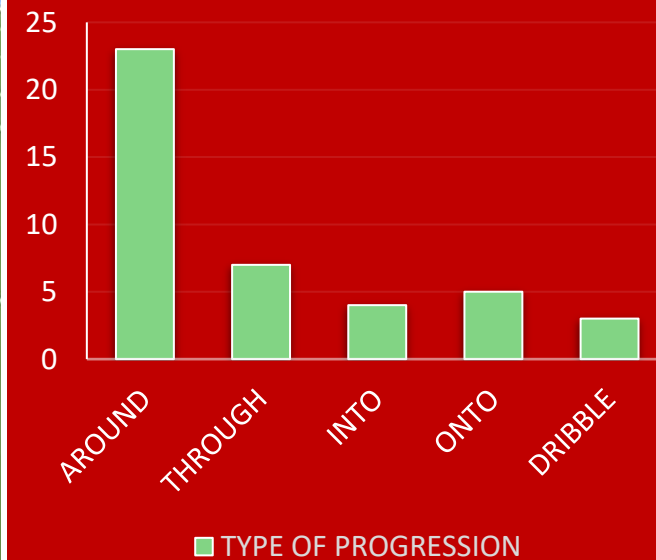


21

TOTAL

63

## TYPE OF PROGRESSION





# SHAPE & STYLE – IN POSSESSION

MOR 0 - 0 SEN  
35:01

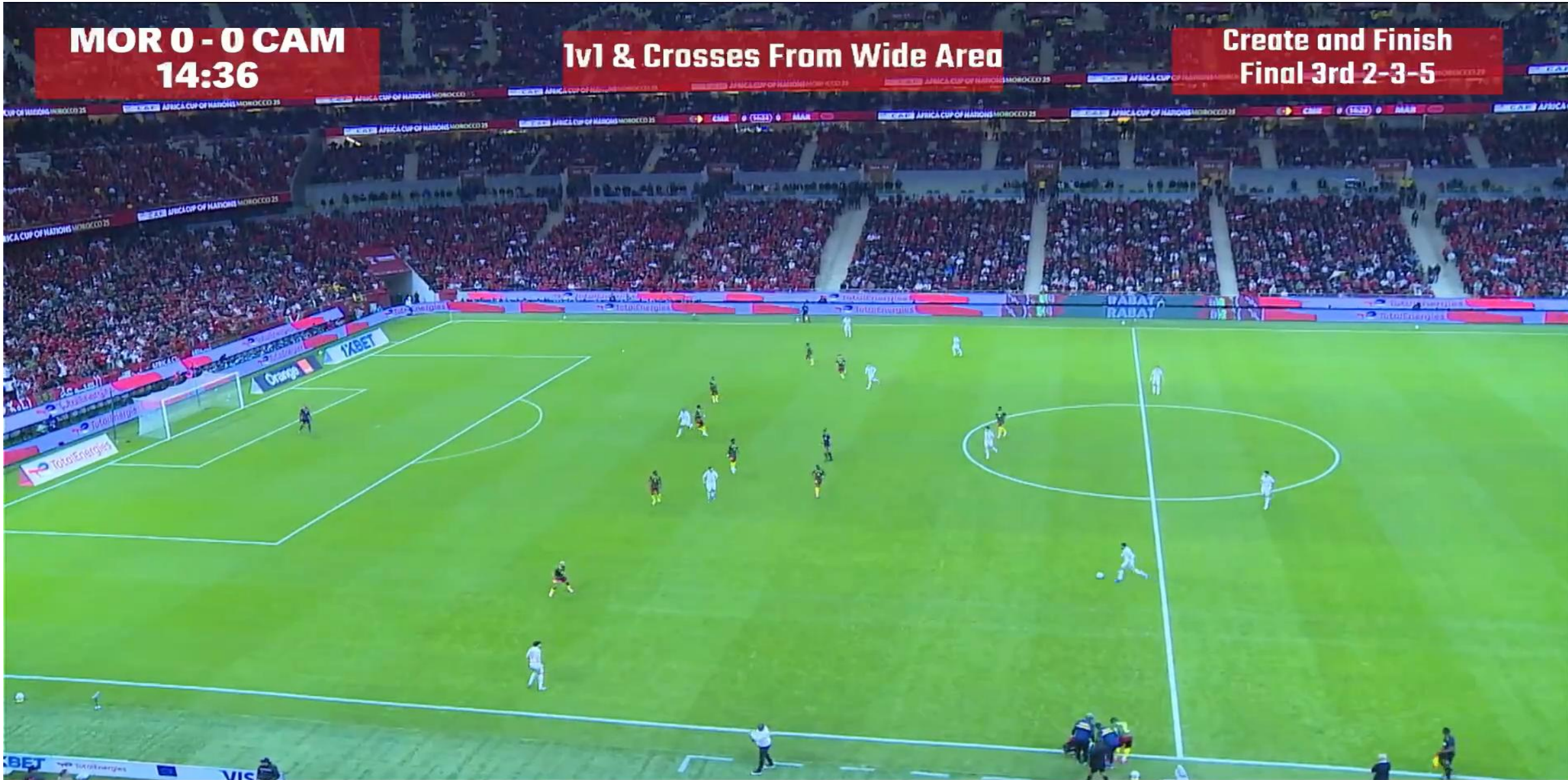
Relationship Between Outside Three

Progressive Play  
Mid To High 2-3-5





# SHAPE & STYLE – IN POSSESSION

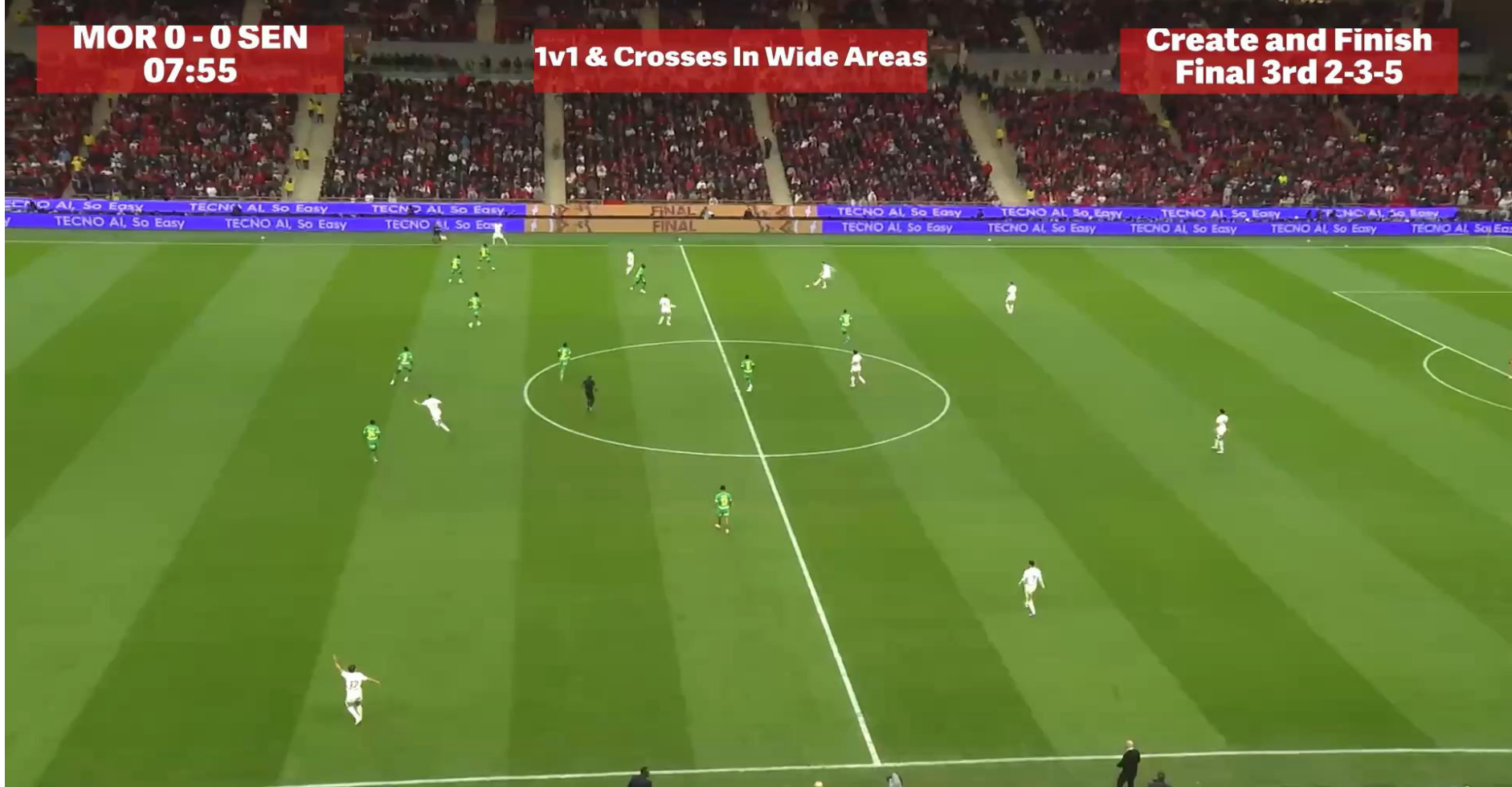


**MOR 0 - 0 CAM**  
**14:36**

**1v1 & Crosses From Wide Area**

**Create and Finish**  
**Final 3rd 2-3-5**

# SHAPE & STYLE – IN POSSESSION



**CLEAR STYLE IDENTIFIED OF FINAL 3<sup>rd</sup> ACTIONS OF LOOKING TO CROSS OR GO 1v1 IN WIDE AREAS WHICH RELATES TO HOW THEY PROGRESS PLAY BY GOING AROUND**

**CROSSING ACTIONS WERE VARIED TYPES AND HARD TO IDENTIFY A SPECIFIC TYPE THEY WERE AIMING FOR.**

**VARIED FROM LOFTED, CUTBACKS, DRIVEN, OR EVEN DEEPER CROSSES FROM FULL BACKS ARRIVING LATE.**

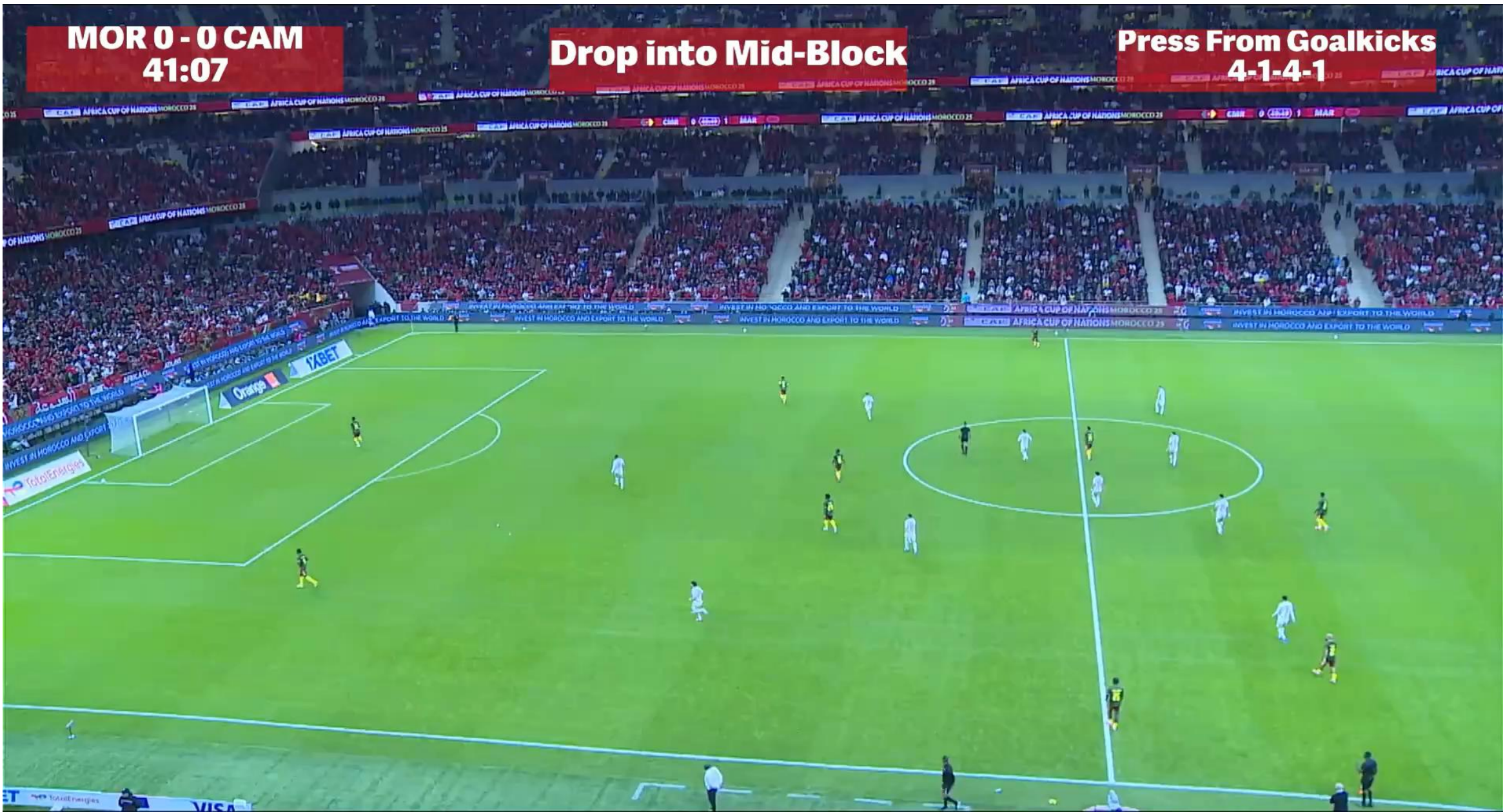
CROSS	
SUCCESSFUL	20
UNSUCCESSFUL	26

SHOT	
SUCCESSFUL	1
UNSUCCESSFUL	9

DRIBBLE	
SUCCESSFUL	10
UNSUCCESSFUL	6



# SHAPE & STYLE – OUT OF POSSESSION



**MOR 0 - 0 CAM**  
**41:07**

**Drop into Mid-Block**

**Press From Goalkicks**  
**4-1-4-1**



# SHAPE & STYLE – OUT OF POSSESSION

**MOR 0 - 0 SEN**  
**80:39**

**Aggressive Press Due To CB Build**

**Press From Goalkicks**  
**4-1-3-2**





**MOR 0 - 0 NIG**  
**15:10**

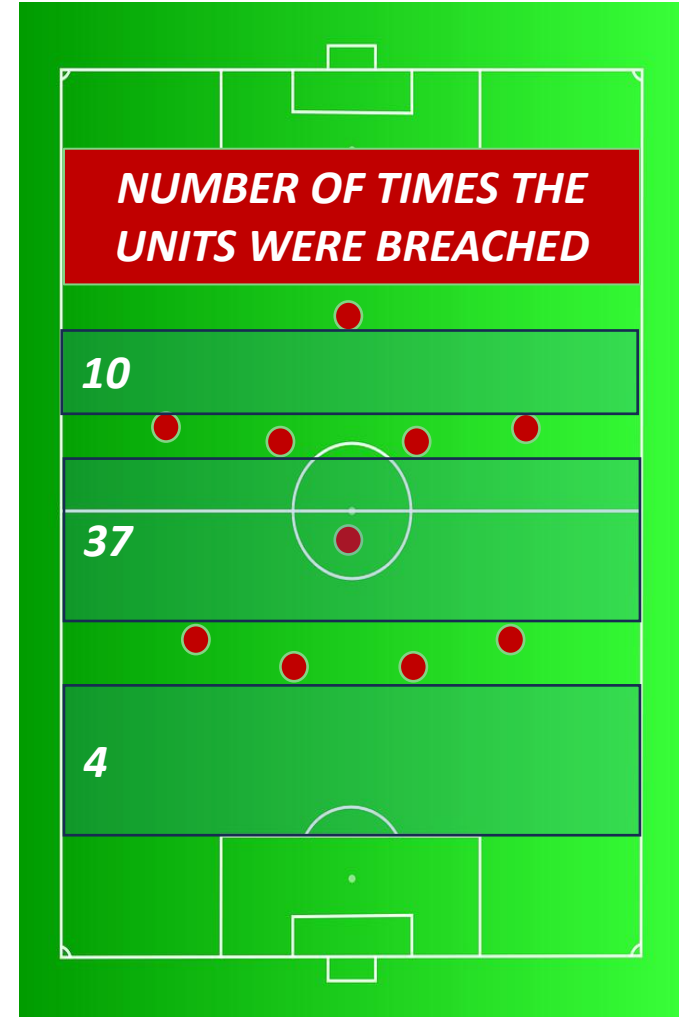
**Find Central Pass**  
**CAM Behind Midfield Line**

**Exploiting Mid-Block**  
**4-1-4-1**

## MOROCCO MID-BLOCK EFFECTIVENESS

REGAINED	28
BREACHED	51

**64% OF REGAINS WERE MORE DIRECT BALLS LONG INTO OR ONTO THE MOROCCAN DEFENSIVE LINE**



**EVEN THOUGH MID-BLOCK THERE WAS EVIDENT FOR MOROCCO OUT OF POSSESSION, IT WASN'T EFFECTIVE IN STOPPING THE OPPOSITION PLAY THROUGH THE LINES**

**FURTHER EMPHASISES THE MIDFIELD UNIT IS THEIR WEAK LINK**



# SHAPE & STYLE – OUT OF POSSESSION

**MOR 2 - 0 CAM**  
**76:42**

**Defending Wide Areas  
Doubling Up**

**Defensive Third Structure  
4-3-3**

**POSITIVE OUTCOMES WERE DEEMED AS ANYTHING THAT STOPPED OPPOSITION THREAT I.E., BLOCKS OR CLEARNACES.**

**NEGATIVE OUTCOMES WERE DEEMD AS ANYTHING THAT LED TO CONTINUOUS THREAT FROM THE OPPOSITON I.E, CROSS INTO THE BOX OR SHOT AT GOAL**

**FROM COMPARING BOTH OUTCOMES, IT HIGHLIGHTS HOW WELL THEY DEFEND THEIR DEFENSIVE 3<sup>rd</sup>. WHICH IS REFELCTED IN THE CURRENT FORM**

## DEFENSIVE 3<sup>rd</sup> OUTCOMES

POSITIVE	52
NEGATIVE	32



# SHAPE & STYLE – TRANSITION TO ATTACK

**MOR 1-0 CAM**  
**65:35**

**Intensity of Attack**  
**Speed of Play**

**Transition To Attack**  
**Number of Players Supporting**





# SHAPE & STYLE – TRANSITION TO ATTACK

**MOR 0 - 0 SEN**  
**19:47**

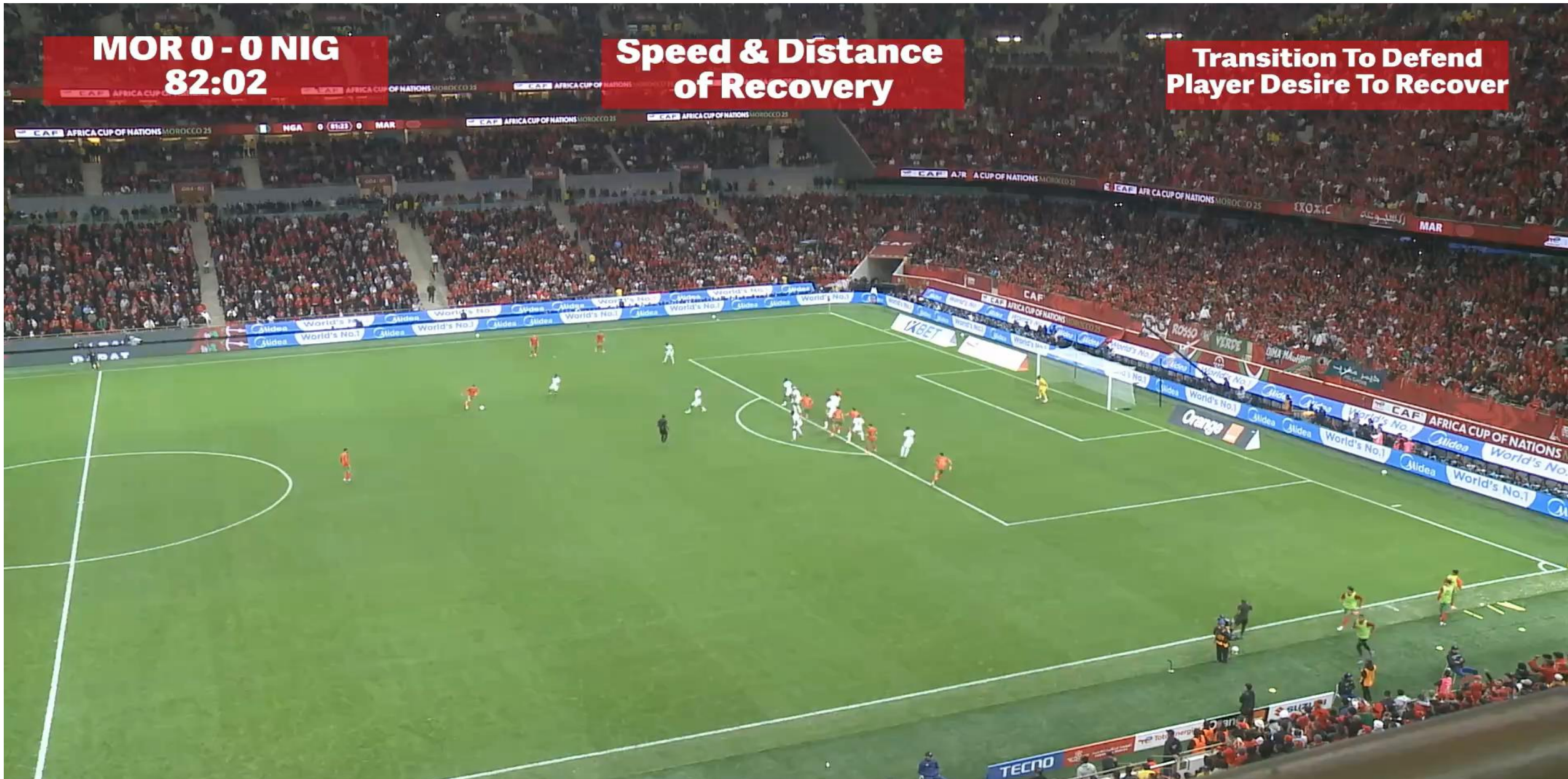
**CAM Engages From Mid-Block  
2v2 in Final Third**

**Transition To Attack  
Chance To Score**





# SHAPE & STYLE – TRANSITION TO DEFEND



**MOR 0 - 0 NIG**  
**82:02**

**Speed & Distance  
of Recovery**

**Transition To Defend  
Player Desire To Recover**



# PLAYER PROFILE

## ACHRAF HAKIMI



### [Achraf Hakimi - Player profile 25/26 | Transfermarkt](#)

**D.O.B:** 04/11/1998 (27)

**Born:** Madrid, Spain (Moroccan Citizenship)

**Height:** 181cm

**Preferred Foot:** Right

**Main Position:** RB

**Other Positions Played:** LB, RWB, RM

**Market Value:** €80m

**Accolades:**

African Player of the Year 2025

2x Champions League Winner

4x Ligue 1 Winner

Serie A Winner

UEFA Super Cup Winner

FIFA Club World Cup Winner

**National Team Appearances:**

**U20s** – 8 Appearances

**U23s** – 2 Appearance

**First Team** – 95 Appearances, 11 Goals & 19 Assists - Captain



HELPED MOROCCO GAIN A BRONZE MEDAL AT THE PARIS OLYMPICS IN 2024

NAMED IN FIFA MEN'S BEST XI 2025

KNOWN TO BE ONE OF THE BEST FULLBACKS IN WORLD FOOTBALL TODAY



# PLAYER IMPACT

**MOR 0 - 0 SEN**  
**63:58**

**Attacking Play**

**Hakimi (2) - Key Player**





# BRAHIM DIAZ



# PLAYER PROFILE

[Brahim Díaz - Player profile 25/26 | Transfermarkt](#)

**D.O.B:** 03/08/1999 (26)  
**Born:** Malaga, Spain (Moroccan Citizenship)  
**Height:** 170cm  
**Preferred Foot:** Both  
**Main Position:** RW  
**Other Positions Played:** CAM, LW  
**Market Value:** €35m

**Accolades:**  
 Top Goalscorer at AFCON  
 AFCON WINNER 2025  
 Champions League Winner  
 English Premier League Winner  
 2x La Liga Winner  
 Serie A Winner  
 UEFA Supercup Winner

**National Team Appearances:**  
 Spain U17 to U21 – 25 Appearances, 5 Goals  
 Spain First Team – 1 Appearance, 1 Goal  
 Morocco First Team – 24 Appearances, 13 Goals



SWITCHED FROM SPAIN TO MOROCCO IN 2023  
 WON ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE AT 19 YEARS OLD  
 KNOWN AS A CLUTCH PLAYER, SCORING KEY GOALS TO WIN BIG GAMES



# PLAYER IMPACT

**MOR 0 - 0 NIG**  
**03:32**

**1v1 & Shooting Ability**

**Brahim Diaz (10)**  
**Key Player**





# PLAYER PROFILE

## AYOUB EL KAABI



[Ayoub El Kaabi - Player profile 25/26 | Transfermarkt](#)

**D.O.B:** 25/06/1993 (32)

**Born:** Casablanca, Morocco

**Height:** 182cm

**Preferred Foot:** Left

**Main Position:** CF

**Other Positions Played:** LW, RW

**Market Value:** €5m

**Accolades:**

Top Goalscorer in Several Competitions: AFCON, Europa League & Conference League

AFCON Winner

Europa Conference League Winner

Europa Conference League – Player of the Tournament

Greek Super League Winner

Greek Super League – Player of the Year

**National Team Appearances:**

Morocco U23s – 1 Appearance

Morocco First Team – 68 Appearances, 32 Goals



HAS A REPUTATION OF BEING TOP SCORER AT ANY CLUB HE HAS BEEN AT  
NATIONAL TEAM VETERAN – NATIONAL TEAM PLAYER SINCE 2018  
KNOWN AS A STRIKER WITH GOOD MOVEMENT OFF THE BALL



# PLAYER IMPACT

**MOR 0 - 0 SEN**  
**109:23 ET**

**Target Player  
& Movement**

**El Kaabi (20)**  
**Key Player**





# PLAYER SUMMARIES



**ACHRAF HAKIMI**



- PLAYS HIGH TO JOIN ATTACK
- LOOKS TO DELIVER WHEN POSSIBLE
- CONFIDENT IN DEFENSIVE DUELS



**BRAHIM DIAZ**



- LIKES TO INVERT AND RECEIVE CENTRALLY
- LIKES TO GO 1v1 TO DELIVER OR SHOOT
- CONFIDENT ON BOTH FEET

**AYOUB EL KAABI**



- PHYSICAL PRESENCE & TARGET PLAYER
- LIKES TO BE ON THE MOVE OFF THE BALL
- KNOWN GOALSCORER

**ADDITIONAL PLAYERS**  
**AGUERO (5) – CENTRE BACK:** MAN OF THE MATCH AGAINST CAMEROON DUE TO HIS SOLID DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCE  
**EZZALZOULI (17) – LEFT WINGER:** OFTEN GOT DOUBLED UP ON DUE TO HIS SHARPNESS AND CREATIVITY IN 1V1 DUELS

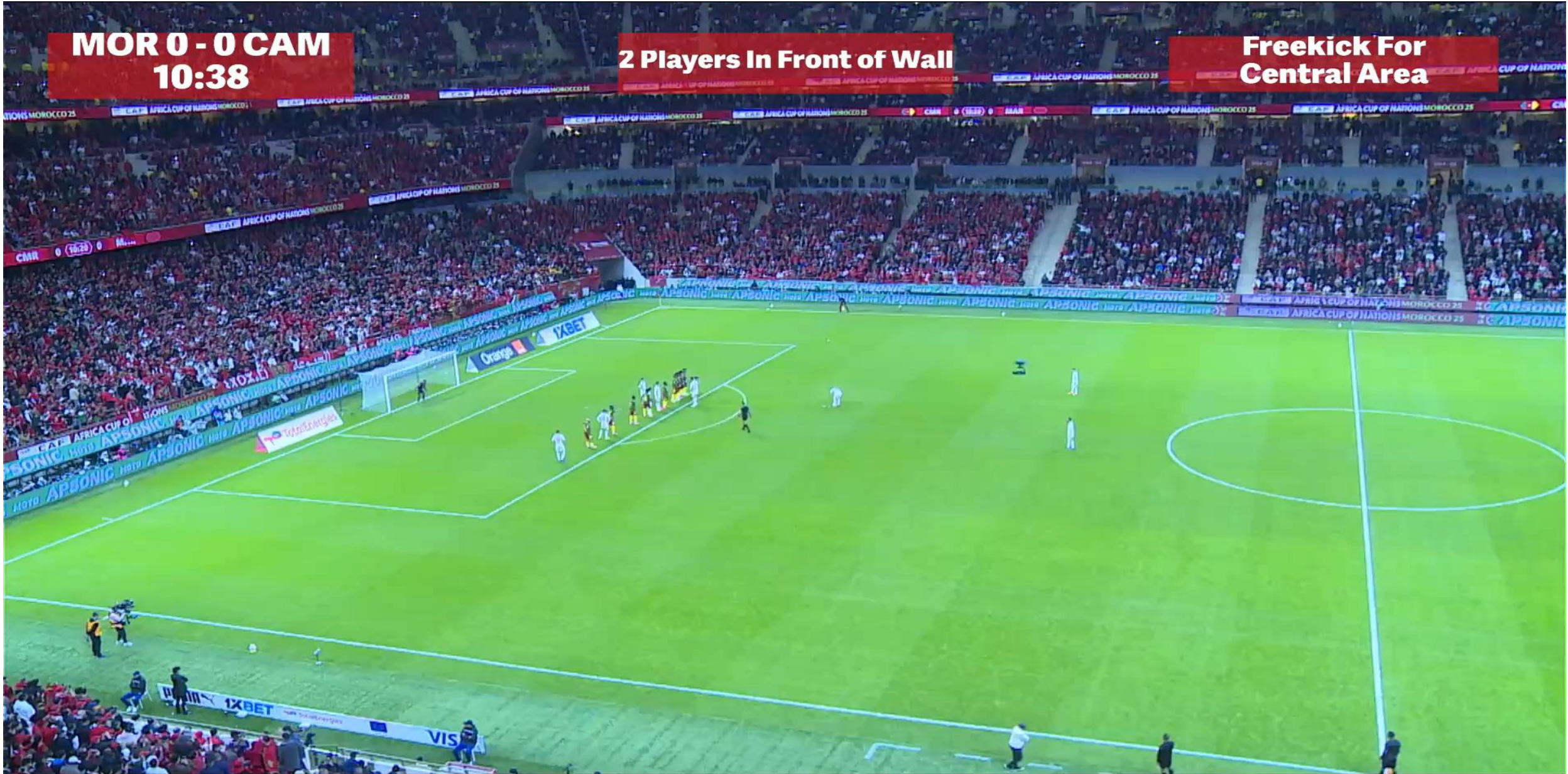


# ***FREEKICKS - FOR***

**MOR 0 - 0 CAM  
10:38**

**2 Players In Front of Wall**

**Freekick For  
Central Area**





# FREEKICKS - FOR



**MOR 2 - 0 CAM**  
**73:28**

**Back Area**  
**Saibari (11)**

**Freekick For**  
**Wide Area**

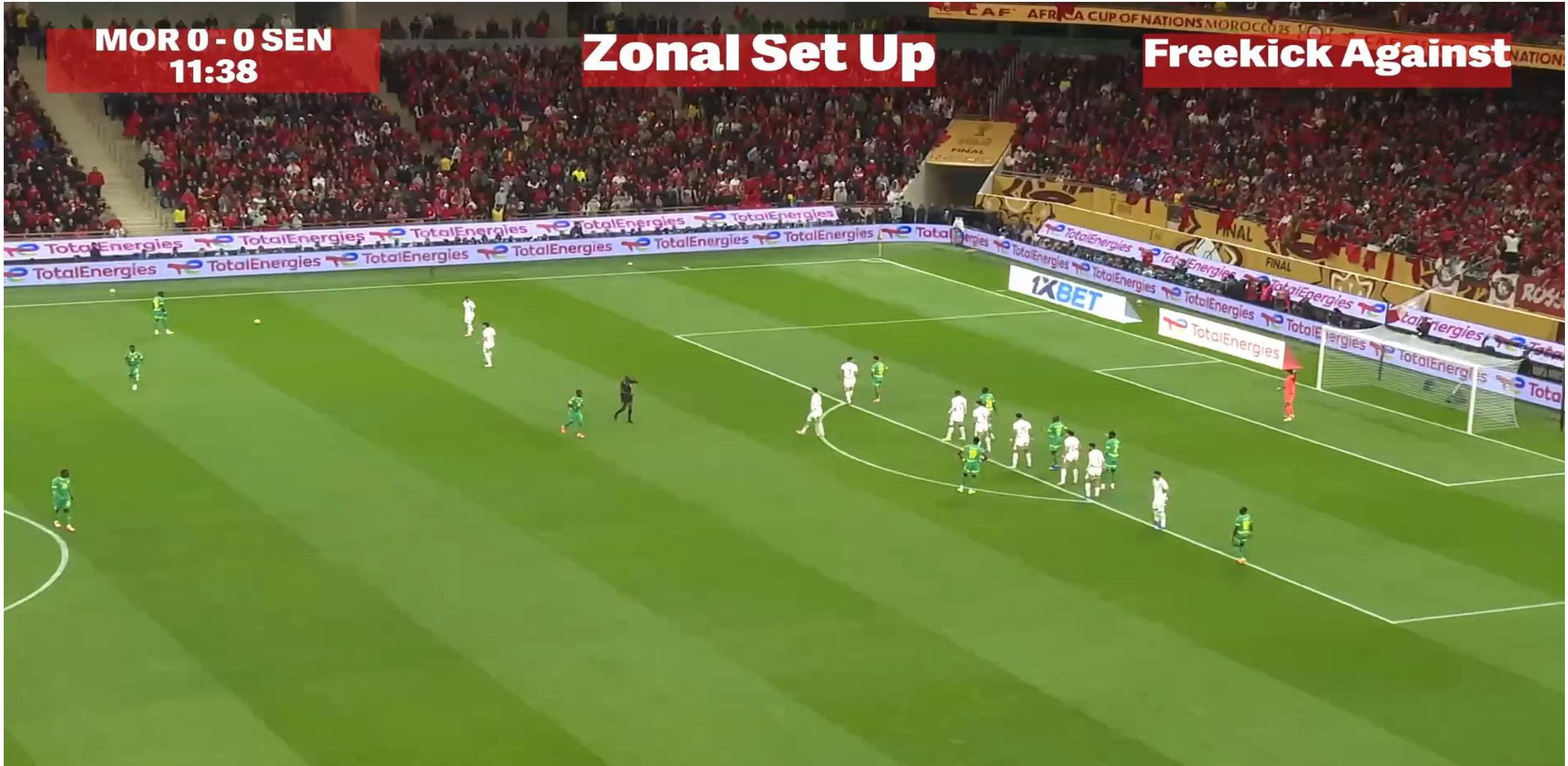


# ***FREEKICKS - AGAINST***

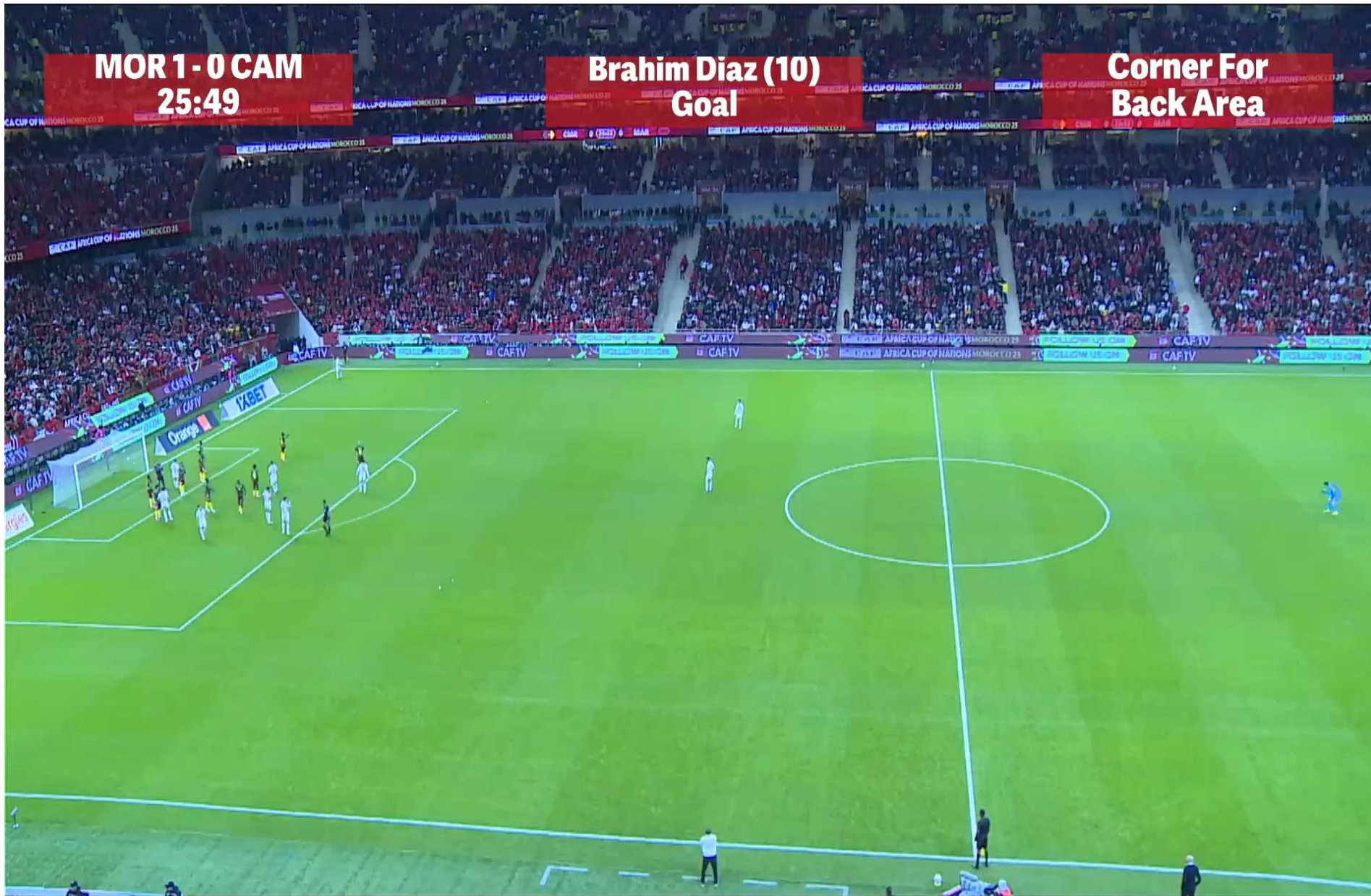
**MOR 0 - 0 SEN  
11:38**

**Zonal Set Up**

**Freekick Against**



# CORNERS - FOR



TYPE OF CORNER	
INSWINGER	3
OUTSWINGER	15
SHORT	3

CONTACT	
FIRST	8
SECOND	2
OPPOSITION	11

SIDE	
LEFT	4
RIGHT	17

**DIAZ (10) SCORED OFF SECOND CONTACT OF AN OUTSWINGING CORNER, FROM THE RIGHT SIDE. INTIAL CONTACT WAS MADE AT FRONT AREA**



# CORNERS - FOR

MOR 0 - 0 SEN  
39:56

Zoomed In

Corner For  
Clear Rotation

AREA	
BACK	6
MIDDLE	2
FRONT	11

FROM OBSERVING ALL CORNERS, MOROCCO AIMED TO MAKE INTIAL CONTACT AT THE FRONT POST WHICH SUGGESTED WHY MAJOITY OF PLAYERS MADE THEIR RUNS THERE





# CORNERS - AGAINST

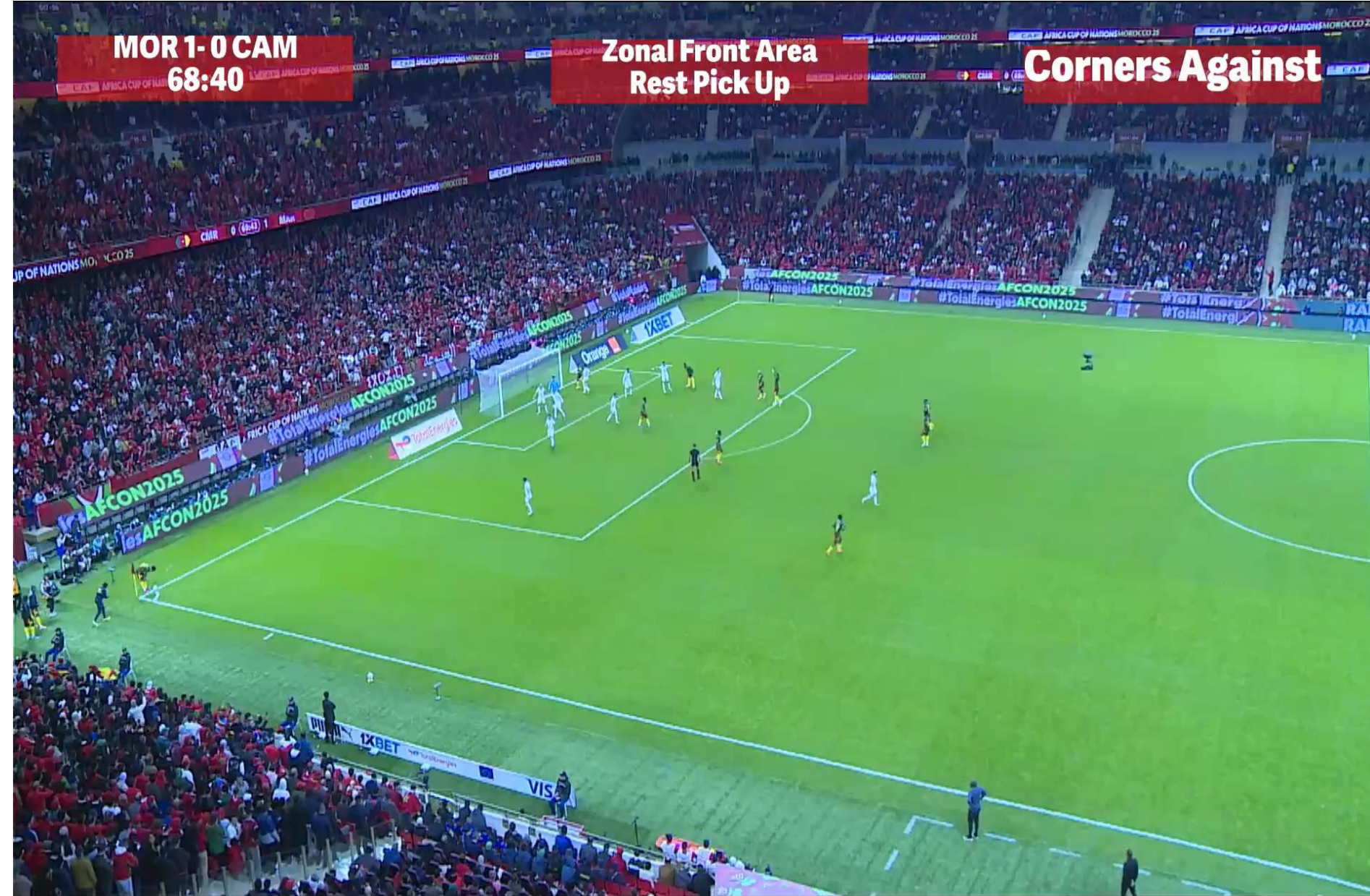
MOR 1-0 CAM  
68:40

Zonal Front Area  
Rest Pick Up

Corners Against

CONTACT	
MOROCCO	9
OPPOSITION	3

FURTHER BACKS UP  
THE POINT THAT  
MOROCCO ARE GOOD  
AT DEFENDING THEIR  
OWN BOX





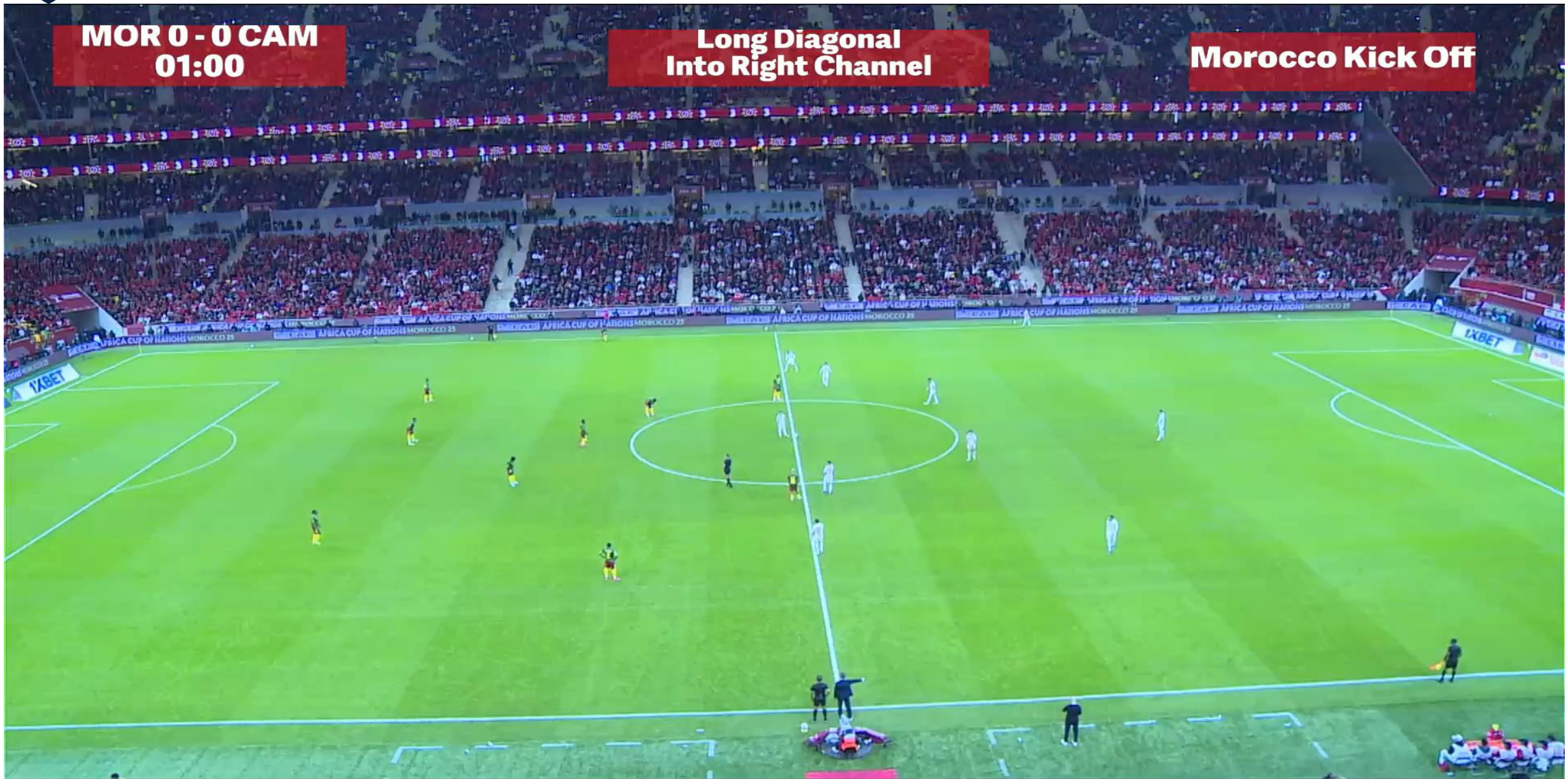
# KICK OFF - FOR



**MOR 0 - 0 CAM**  
**01:00**

**Long Diagonal  
Into Right Channel**

**Morocco Kick Off**





# KICK OFF - AGAINST

**MOR 0 - 0 SEN  
45:00**

**Press From Kick Off**

**Kick Off  
Against**

**MOROCCO WILL  
RETREAT 'IF' THE  
OPPOSITON PLAYER IS  
LINING UP TO GO  
LONG**

**MOROCCO WILL  
PRESS AGRESIVELY IF  
THE OPPOSITON  
DECIDE TO PASS  
SIDEWAYS OR  
THROUGH THE  
MIDDLE**

**NEVER INCLUDED THROW  
INS AS MAJORITY WERE  
BACK TO SWITCH PLAY & IN  
TERMS OF PENALTIES  
THERE WASN'T ENOUGH  
SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO  
ACCURATELY DETERMINE  
PENALTY DATA**



# STRENGTHS & AREAS TO EXPLOIT



## Additional Factors:

*Morocco Tend To Waste Time and Stop Momentum By Fouling.*

*Would Be Key For Us To Exploit This Are By Having Planned Set Piece Routines*



## In Possession:

- *Rotations To Progress Play – Low To Mid/Mid to High*
- *Attacking Wide Areas*
- *Can Be Effective At Corners*

## Out of Possession:

- *Defending the Wide Areas In Defensive 3<sup>rd</sup>*
- *Defending Their Box*

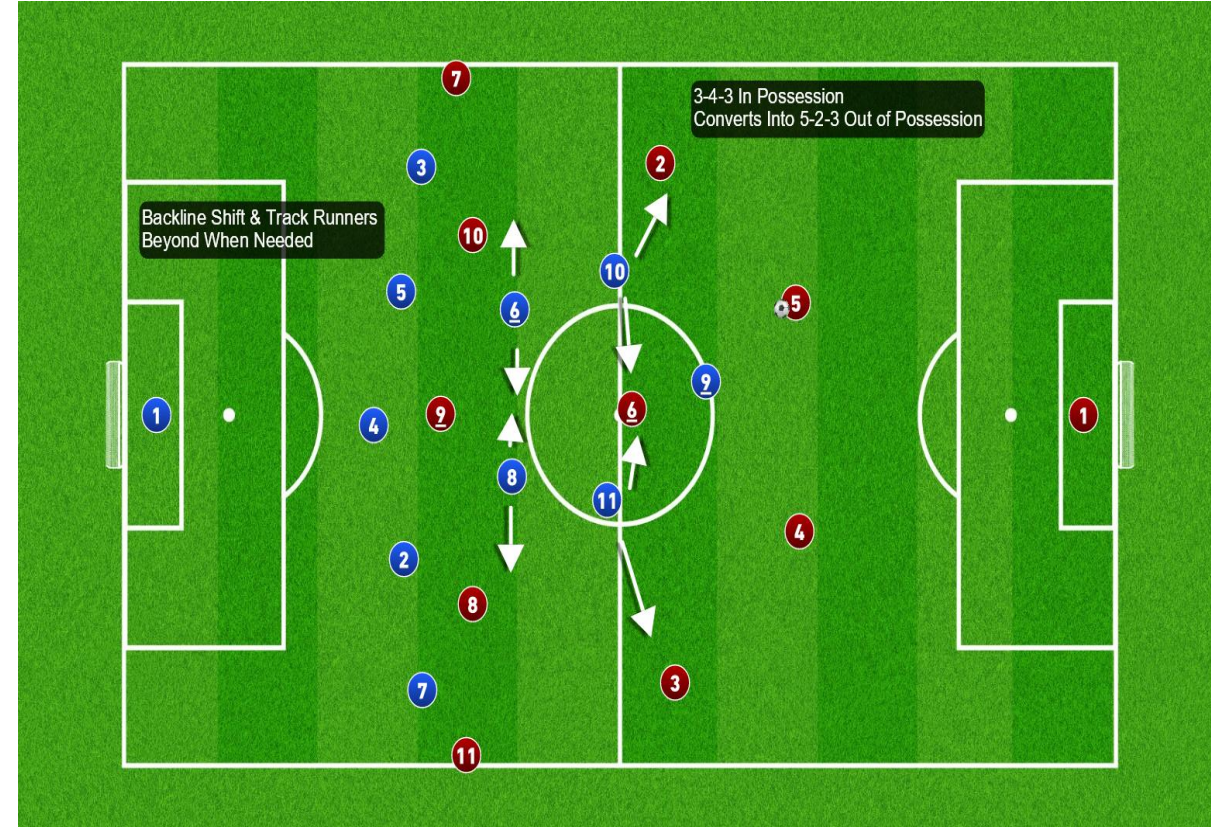
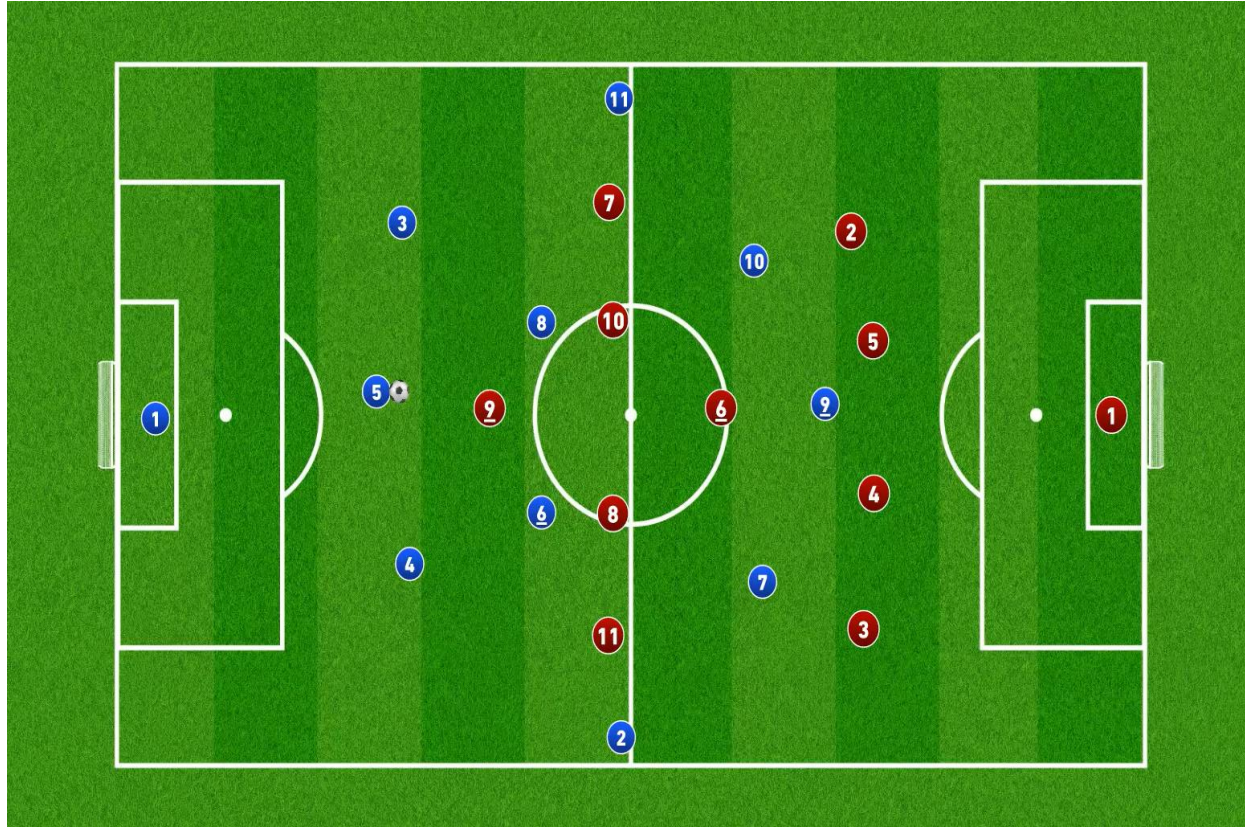
## In Possession:

- *Rotations To Exploit Their Mid-Block Shape*
- *Combination Play Centrally In Final 3<sup>rd</sup> As They Are Comfortable Defending Crosses and Wide Areas*

## Out of Possession:

- *Force Play Centrally – Their Midfield Is Their Weakest Unit & Our Strongest*

# TACTICAL PLAN & KEY STRATEGIES



**DUE TO THE POOR MID-BLOCK STRUCTURE OF MOROCCO, BY OVERLOADING THE MIDFIELD WITHIN A 3-4-3 SHAPE AND BREACHING THEIR MIDFIELD WILL WORK TO OUR ADVANTAGE.**

**I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE BETTER MIDFIELD PLAYERS TO HURT MOROCCO IN POSSESSION**

**DUE TO THE STLE OF MOROCCO HAVING THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OUTSIDE THREE PLAYERS ON EACH SIDE.**

**WE NEED TO MANAGE THEIR ROTATION BY STOPPING THE SPACE THEY CAN MOVE INTO AND BY HAVING THIS SHAPE IT SHOULD HELP PROVIDE A MORE COMPACTED DEFENSIVE UNIT IN MY OPINION**