

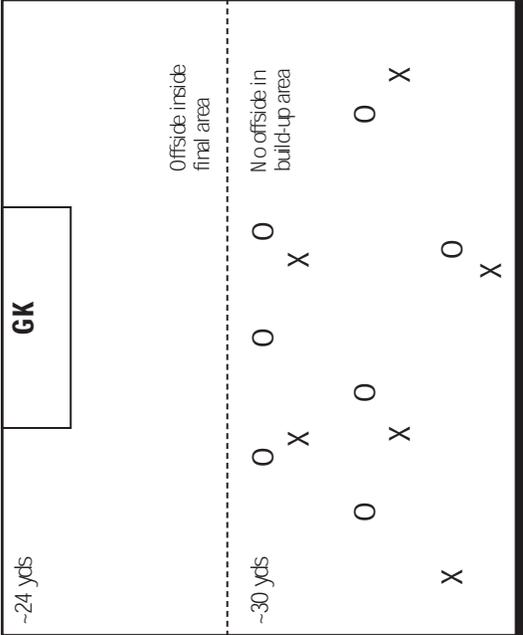

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**U15 LESSON PLAN**  
**Finding & Combining w/Strikers**  


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<p><b>1. Warm-up: Players responsibility.</b></p>			<p>Expect the players to take charge of themselves</p>																												
<p><b>2 Activity #2</b></p> <p>ORGANIZATION:                      Playing Rules:                      X/T starts each build up                      X/T can pass to the strikers (on the ground), but not on the first ball.                      4/5 passes to X/T from 0 = goal. Play rounds to two or three goals.                      2 corners = goal - Don't take corners!</p>		<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">18 yds</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;"><b>GK</b></td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">-10-15 yds</td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;"> <table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">X</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> </table> </td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">Even numbers</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">-20-25 yds</td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;"> <table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">X</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">X</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> </table> </td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">MF numbers can be from 3v2 to 3v4 to balance between challenge and success</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">44 yds</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">X / T ..... X / T</p> <p>Balls on the ground to the strikers trigger the end of the build-up and the beginning of the attack                      Midfield players can/should combine with strikers                      Play out each attack to its natural conclusion                      Maintain midfield balance in attack</p>	18 yds	<b>GK</b>		-10-15 yds	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">X</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> </table>	X	O	O	X	Even numbers	-20-25 yds	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">X</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">X</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> </table>	X	O	O	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O	X	MF numbers can be from 3v2 to 3v4 to balance between challenge and success	44 yds			<p><b>COACHING POINTS:</b>                      Vision and patience to pick out the strikers                      Strikers create space to show for balls to feet or make diagonal runs into channels.                      Develop combination ideas                      Attack with speed but recycle as necessary when attack stalls</p>
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<p><b>3 Activity #3</b></p> <p>ORGANIZATION:                      General organizational rules as Activity #2 above</p> <p>~24 yds                      GK                      Offside inside final area                      ~30 yds                      O                      X                      O O                      X X                      O O                      X X                      O                      X</p>	<p>O                      X                      No offside in build-up area                      O                      X                      X/T ... .. X/T</p>		<p>Defenders should not be restricted to playing on the midfield zone.</p> <p>In the building-up area, play between 4v3 and 4v5, as necessary, to balance success and challenge.</p> <p>Be careful of "requiring" balls be played to forwards, allowing midfielders to get forward as the game dictates should open up natural options to the strikers.</p>
<p><b>4 Activity #4:</b>  <b>11v11</b></p> <p>Regulation pitch</p>	<p>Add a "no press" zone at 20 yards from half way to develop more frequent possession in the back/midfield. No press rule applies to GK possessions and outbound throw-ins</p>		<p>Play by FIFA Laws of the Game.</p>
<p><b>5 Cool-Down</b></p>	<p>Rhythmic exercises at a slow pace.                      Static stretching exercises</p>	<p>Rehydrate!</p>	<p>Lower the heart rate to below 100 beats per minute</p>