

# ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF A 3-5-2

## IN POSSESSION

ON THE 3-5-2  
 1-1-2 WITH A  
 ER ADVANCING  
 ELD TO THE FORWARDS



## 3-5-2 KEY FACTORS WHEN IN POSSESSION

WIDER CB'S SHIFT INTO HALF SPACES TO CREATE ANGLES TO: 1)  
 2) POSITION IN BETTER SPACES TO PROGRESS THE BALL

TWO CM'S CAN PROVIDE DEPTH AND CREATE A PIVOT TO RECEIVE  
 CB'S.

ONE CM OPERATES HIGHER UP THE PITCH TO LINK THE PLAY BETWEEN  
 AND ATTACK. ENSURING A CREATIVE LINK IN AND AROUND

THE WING-BACKS PROVIDE WIDTH AND OPERATE HIGH

TWO CF'S CREATE COMBINATIONS WITH EACH OTHER, WING-BACKS  
 ATTACKING MIDFIELDER. ONE DROPS DEEPER WHILST ANOTHER  
 RUNS OFF THE BACK OF A DEFENDER

### NATURAL ADVS:

- 3 CB'S OFFER MORE PASSING OPTIONS WHEN PLAYING THROUGH THE THIRDS.
- 3 CM'S CAN CREATE OVERLOADS IN MIDDLE WITH SUPPORT FROM A CF DROPPING DEEPER.
- TWO CF'S CAN PIN OPPOSITION CB'S.

### NATURAL DISA

- 3 CB'S = ATTACK WITH ATTACKER COMPARED
- WB'S CAN BE OUTNUMBERED OUT WIDE WHEN A
- THE 10 CAN BE OUTNUMBERED IF AGAINST A DOUBLE