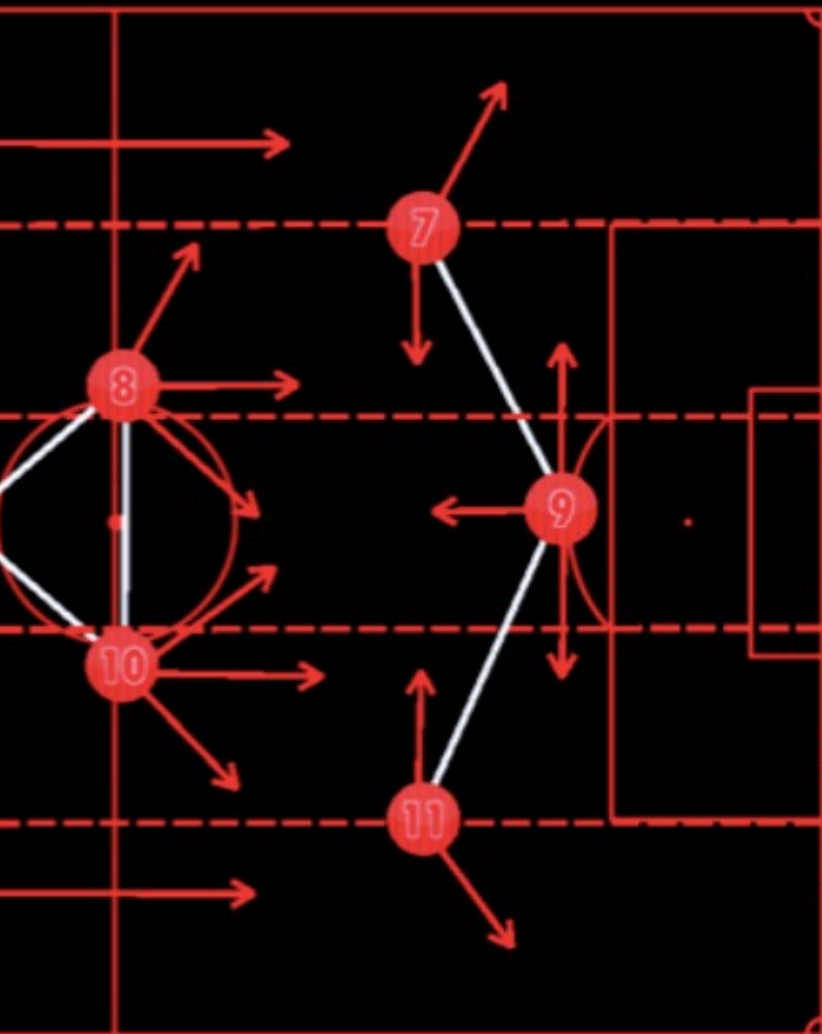


# STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE 4-3-3

ARGUABLY ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR FORMATIONS IN MODERN FOOTBALL, THE 4-3-3 HAS BECOME WIDELY APPRECIATED AS A SOLID STRATEGY IN ALL PHASES OF THE GAME, ALLOWING FOR SUPERB DEFENSIVE COVERAGE WHEN OUT OF POSSESSION, BUT ALSO AN EXTREMELY GOOD SYSTEM WHEN BUILDING PLAY THROUGH SHORT PASSES AND COMBINATIONS, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE THREE CENTRAL MIDFIELDERS.

## INITIAL SET-UP



## NATURAL STRENGTHS

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- PROVIDES EXCELLENT BALANCE IN CENTRAL MIDFIELD WITH THREE C.M.S.
- THE NUMBER SIX ACTS AS A DEFENSIVE SCREEN FOR THE BACK FOUR.
- A DEEP MIDFIELDER ALLOWS THE FB'S MORE FREEDOM TO JOIN THE ATTACK.
- THE BALANCE IN THE MIDDLE ALLOWS FOR ONE OR TWO OF THE CM'S TO JOIN THE ATTACK.
- NATURAL WIDE PLAYERS ALLOWS FOR PENETRATION IN WIDE AREAS, SUPPORTED BY THE FB'S.
- THE SYSTEM CREATES NATURAL PASSING TRIANGLES WHEN IN POSSESSION.
- DEFENSIVELY, THE FORMATION CAN SHIFT TO A 4-1-4-1 OR 4-5-1 AND PROVIDES GOOD DEFENSIVE COVERAGE WHEN IN A MID/LOW BLOCK.