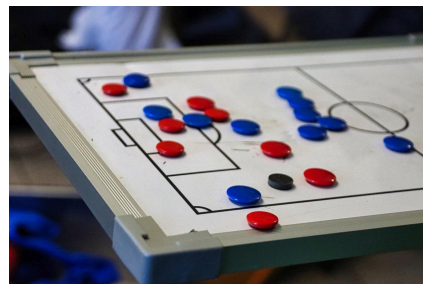


Inverted Wingers



1) Discussion

- a) Who are your favourite wingers in football? Both today and in the past?
 - b) Who are the best wingers at your club?
 - c) Can you think of any wingers who have a good goalscoring record?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Winger (noun) | a) Being scared of something or someone. |
| 2) To Adjust (verb) | b) Things or people that can cause harm. |
| 3) To Cut Inside (phrasal verb) | c) Moving from the side of the field toward the middle to score or pass. |
| 4) Feared (adjective) | d) Changed to fit a specific situation. |
| 5) Threat (noun) | e) Players on the sides who pass and cross the ball in football e.g. Leroy Sane. |
| 6) Over the Course (phrase) | f) Throughout a period of time. |
| 7) Inverted (adjective) | g) Turned inward or backward in position. |



b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Winger To adjust To cut inside Feared
Threat Over the course Inverted

- 1) In international tournaments, teams face various _____ from different playing styles and strategies.
- 2) The manager needed to _____ to the team's tactics in the game.
- 3) Arjen Robben was famous for his _____ style of play, cutting inside from the wing to unleash powerful shots on goal.
- 4) Kylian Mbappé is one of the most _____ attackers in the world.
- 5) Robert Lewandowski has consistently scored goals _____ his remarkable career.
- 6) Many teams rely on their _____ to create scoring opportunities by delivering accurate crosses into the box.
- 7) Many wingers like to _____ to shoot at goal.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

a) What players are mentioned in the article?

Inverted Wingers

In modern football, wingers have changed a lot. Before, they stayed wide and crossed the ball. But now, many wingers play more centrally. They use an "inverted" style, cutting inside onto their stronger foot to score goals directly.

Cristiano Ronaldo is known for his incredible goal-scoring abilities. He played for Manchester United and Real Madrid, where he amazed fans with his speed, footwork, and finishing. He started off as a winger at Manchester United but adjusted his style in 2007. For the next 3 seasons at United he scored 91 goals, including an incredible 42 in the 2007-2008 season. All this whilst playing from the wing.

Mohamed Salah has been fantastic for Liverpool since joining in 2017. He usually plays on the right wing and is very fast and good at dribbling. Salah often cuts inside onto his left foot to score goals, and he's been one of the top scorers in the Premier League, scoring a total of over 200 goals for Liverpool since 2017.

Arjen Robben was a star for Bayern Munich. He was famous, like Salah, for cutting inside from the right wing onto his left foot. Robben scored over 140 goals during his 10 seasons in Munich, including the winner in the 2013 Champions League final making him one of the best inverted wingers in the game. Partnered with Frank Ribbery, they became one of the most feared attacking teams in Europe.

Bukayo Saka is a young superstar talent at Arsenal. He plays on the right wing and has shown he's good at scoring goals. Despite his age, Saka is already an important player for Arsenal, becoming one of their main attacking threats over the course of his development

Overall, inverted wingers have changed how teams attack. Players like Ronaldo, Salah, Robben, and Saka have shown that cutting inside can lead to incredible goals, setting new standards in modern football.



4) Discussion

- a) What are your thoughts on inverted wingers?
- b) Which of the players mentioned in the article has been the most impressive?
- c) Can you think of any other examples of inverted wingers?

