



U14 Right Center Midfielder Role Canvas

Academy box-to-box 8: connect play, support the right side, recover fast, and arrive with timing.

What we want to see

- Be available between the back line and front line.
- Support the RW and RB on the right side.
- Receive with an open body and play forward.
- Arrive around the box at the right time.
- Help the 6 when the ball is on the left.

Touches and skills to master

- Open-body first touch.
- Bounce pass and forward pass.
- Support run and third-man movement.
- Carry the ball into space.
- Tackle, recover, and compete.

Final-third job

- Support combinations around the RW, RB, and 9.
- Arrive for cutbacks and rebounds.
- Slip passes into runners when the lane opens.
- Shoot from the edge of the box when set.
- Recycle possession if the final pass is blocked.

Pro models / video study

- Kevin De Bruyne: scanning and final pass.
- Jude Bellingham: timing and arrivals.
- Federico Valverde: work rate and balance.
- Bernardo Silva: support angles and pressing.
- Study body shape, timing, first touch, reaction.

How to have success

- Open your body before the pass arrives.
- Scan early and know your next action.
- Pass, then move to support again.
- Compete for second balls.
- Recover goalside quickly after loss.

Team patterns

- Left overload -> switch to RW -> RCM supports.
- RW inside -> RB overlaps -> RCM protects under the ball.
- RCM -> 9 set -> runner beyond.
- If the attack slows down, stay connected and balanced.

Pressing role

- Press forward on clear triggers.
- Help trap one side with the RW and RB.
- Counter-press immediately after losing it.
- Recover and help the 6 if the press is beaten.
- Stay switched on between actions.

Scan & study

