



The opposites listed below are to help players recognize what is happening from both sides of the ball. If you can understand "the opposites game" you can dictate and be aware of what is happening during a game. Remember soccer is made up of hundreds of mini duels like 1v1, 2v1, etc. the object is to win as many of these duels as possible; then it favors your team winning the game.

When we have possession:

Vision up vs. Vision down

Good players do their "soccer homework" before they receive the ball they scan, plan and act ahead of the next play.
WE WIN

First - Touch Control vs Killing Angles

Good players need instant, 1st touch control to create space, to access their next move (pass or dribble)
WE WIN

Over hit passing vs Slow Passing

Accurate, simple, quick, and overhit passing is the fastest way to create scoring chances and unlock defenses.
WE WIN

Making Angles vs. Killing Angles

Creating passing angles and constant passing options makes attacking play flow.
WE WIN

Spread Space vs. Squeeze Space

Spreading out, both in length & width creates large holes of space to penetrate, This movement stretches out and exposes opponents.
WE WIN

When they have the ball:

Vision down on the ball means (HAWK) lights out on the game. They cannot see the surroundings so they cannot make good decisions
THEY LOSE

Poor control is self-inflicted pressure and it helps the defense buy time to (Hawk) and pressure the player.
THEY LOSE

Allowing the defense time to close down the move often sets up Interceptions.
THEY LOSE

No passing angles or teammates to pass to often means "turnover time"
THEY LOSE

By making the field smaller and narrow, their attacks have less time and space to operate in.
THEY LOSE

Shoot Early vs. Shoot Late

When a scoring opportunity is created
take it. Shoot low and on target
and goals will come
WE WIN

To delay or to elect not to
take a scoring chance is a soccer crime
Chances never come back.
THEY LOSE

Winners vs. Losers

Good teams communicate, Time, Turn, Man-on
etc. They encourage, demand, and organize
all the time. It enhances team spirit.
WE WIN

Silent teams tend to lack
enthusiasm and end up
playing poorly.
THEY LOSE