



Opposition Analysis Dossier

Opposition Analysis Report
on: El Salvador

Jamaica 1 vs 1 El Salvador

25/3/22

El Salvador Starting Eleven 3-4-2-1 Formation

- For this away fixture El Salvador were set up in a 3-4-2-1 formation and not an orthodox 3-4-3 as is stated on the team sheets.
- A back three was made up of Rodriguez at LCB, Zavaleta in the central center back position and Dominguez on the right.
- A midfield four incorporating a wing back system consisted of Larin at LWB, Orellana in the LCM position with Ceren to his right and these two played in a semi- double pivot system both in and out of possession with Orellana tending to sit deep more often than Ceren with Ceren being part of the high El Salvador press. Tamacas played in the RWB position
- Calvillo left and Henriquez, right, played as two number 10's behind central striker Bonilla.
- Bonilla had to go off after 34 minutes and was replaced by Vasquez and this meant a tweak to the El Salvador shape. They switched to a 3-5-2 with Ceren in the RCM position, Orellana kept his CM position and Calvillo moved to a LCM position and out of possession this was a 5-3-2 shape with Calvillo, Orellana and Ceren making up the midfield 3 with Vazquez, Bonilla's replacement playing in the LCF position and Henriquez on the right.



El Salvador xT Passing Network

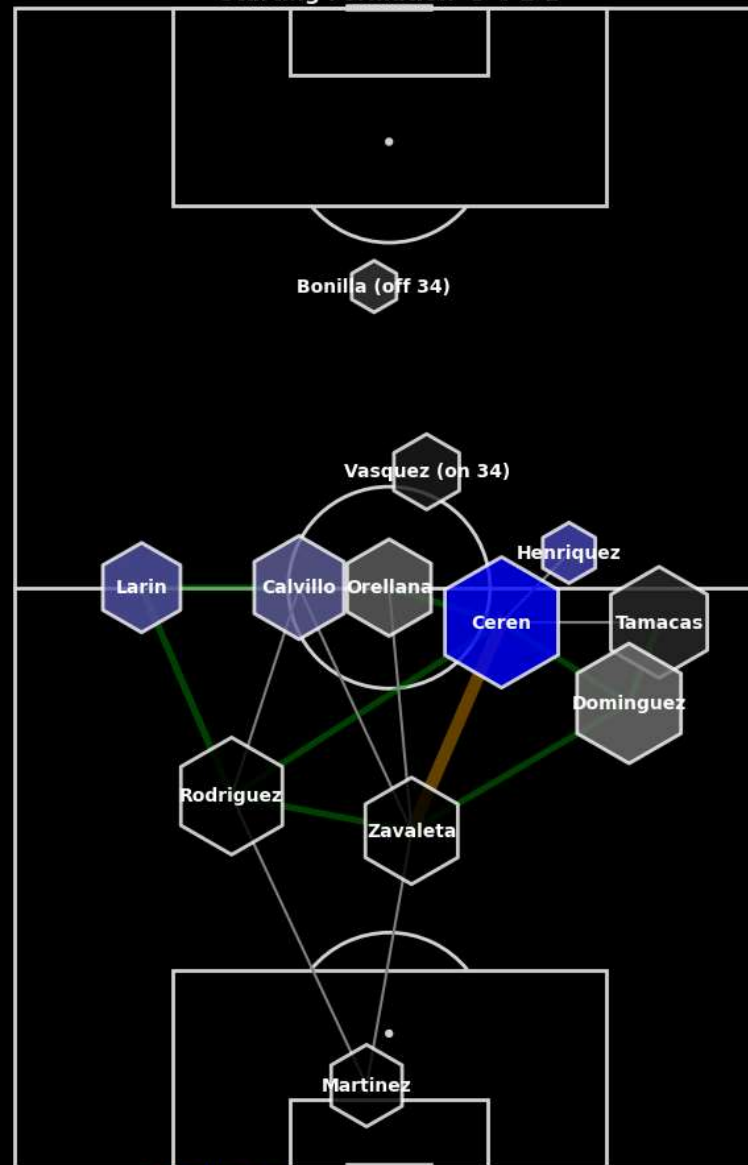
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- El Salvador's xThreat passing network is a typical one that would be expected when viewing a team playing with a back five out of possession but also in regard to the shape in possession and therefore a mixture of the two here is shown.
- A lot of El Salvador's build up play came from their right-hand side and that is visible here given the slight increase in passing volume down this side. Ceren, Dominguez and Tamacas were all involved with Dominguez completing 38 passes and Tamacas 32. The left side was sparsely used in comparison with LWB Larin completing just 19 passes.
- If they played short from a goal kick, then Rodriguez and Zavaleta would split either side of the 6-yard box with RCB Dominguez pushing into an RB position.
- Ceren was the top passer for El Salvador though completing 46 passes in the game and he also topped the xT values from his passing at 0.57. He has the technical ability on the ball to pick a pass and dictate play.
- The change of formation, to a 3-5-2 after the enforced substitution, didn't really affect them too much in terms of how they moved the ball and built-up play. A popular route for them was for one of the center backs to try to feed the ball quickly, with pace on the pass, into the feet of Orellana or Ceren and it worked to an extent because they had time on the ball to turn and dribble with the ball. They used a quick passing strategy and moved the ball very quickly both vertically and horizontally around the pitch with each player spending very little time on the ball (two or three touches at the most).
- They also went long on occasion from the GK, or the center backs up to Henriquez (something that they have done in previous games too).
- Almost visible is the semi double pivot that Ceren and Orellana were set up to play in however this was less common when they switched to the 3-5-2.
- Calvillo was also a threat for El Salvador as he played with great energy and looked a tidy player with the ball at his feet.

El Salvador xT Passing Network VS Jamaica

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Starting Formation- 3-4-2-1



Passes volume = High Medium Low V Low
 Node size = Passes Completed
 Node Position = Average Player Position
 7+ completed pass combinations only
 Player xT Value: Low Medium High



Highest Player xT
Ceren

Non-Pen xG
Calvillo (0.14)

Highest Pass Combination
Zavaleta > Ceren

Ball Recoveries
Ceren (3)

Shots On Target
Orellana + 2 others (1)

Chances Created
Calvillo/Larin (1)

Dribbles
Ceren (4)

Duel Win%
52%

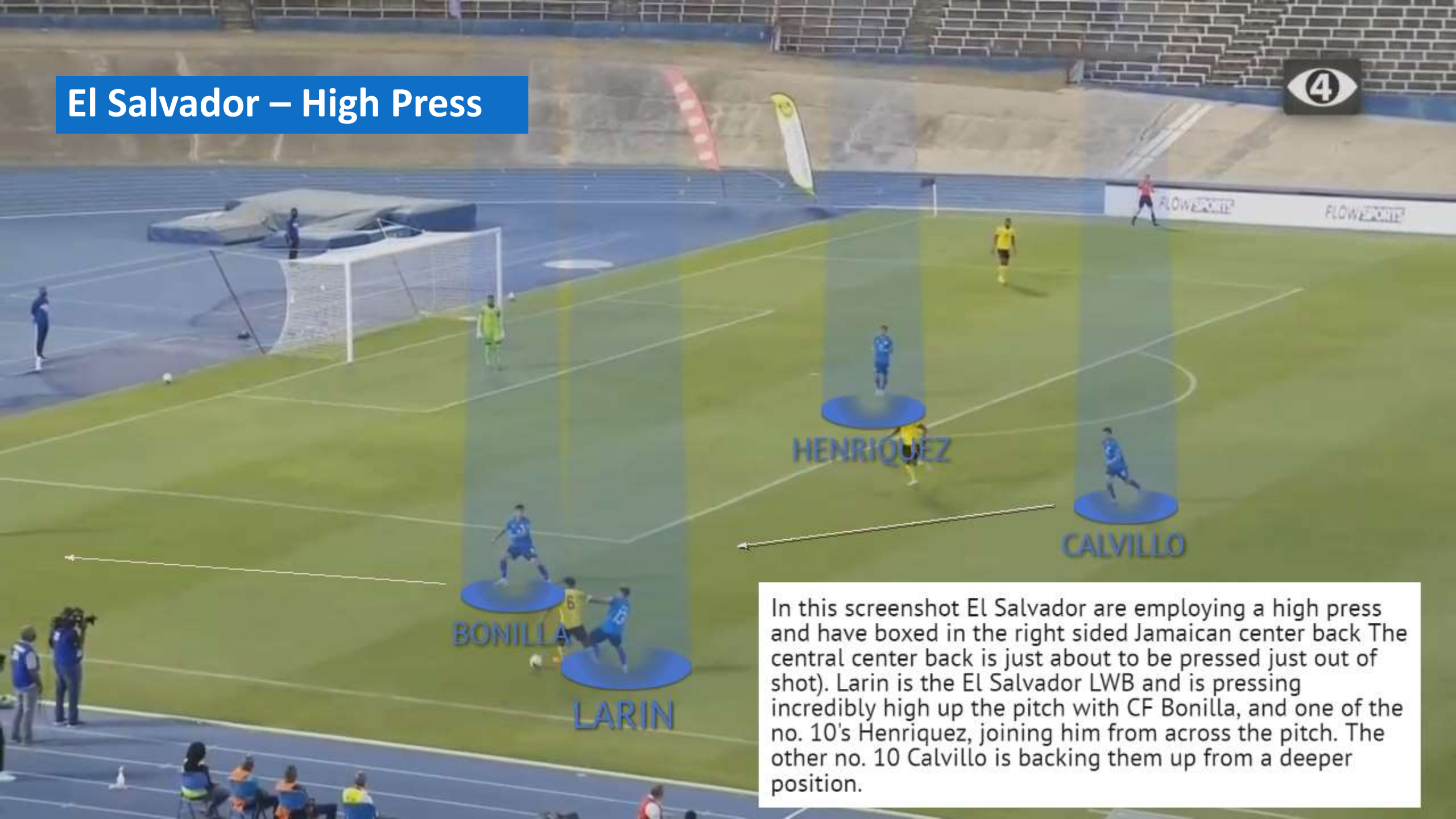
Key Passes
Larin (1)

Team Pass Completion %
82% (334/409)



Data: InStat

El Salvador – High Press



In this screenshot El Salvador are employing a high press and have boxed in the right sided Jamaican center back (The central center back is just about to be pressed just out of shot). Larin is the El Salvador LWB and is pressing incredibly high up the pitch with CF Bonilla, and one of the no. 10's Henriquez, joining him from across the pitch. The other no. 10 Calvillo is backing them up from a deeper position.

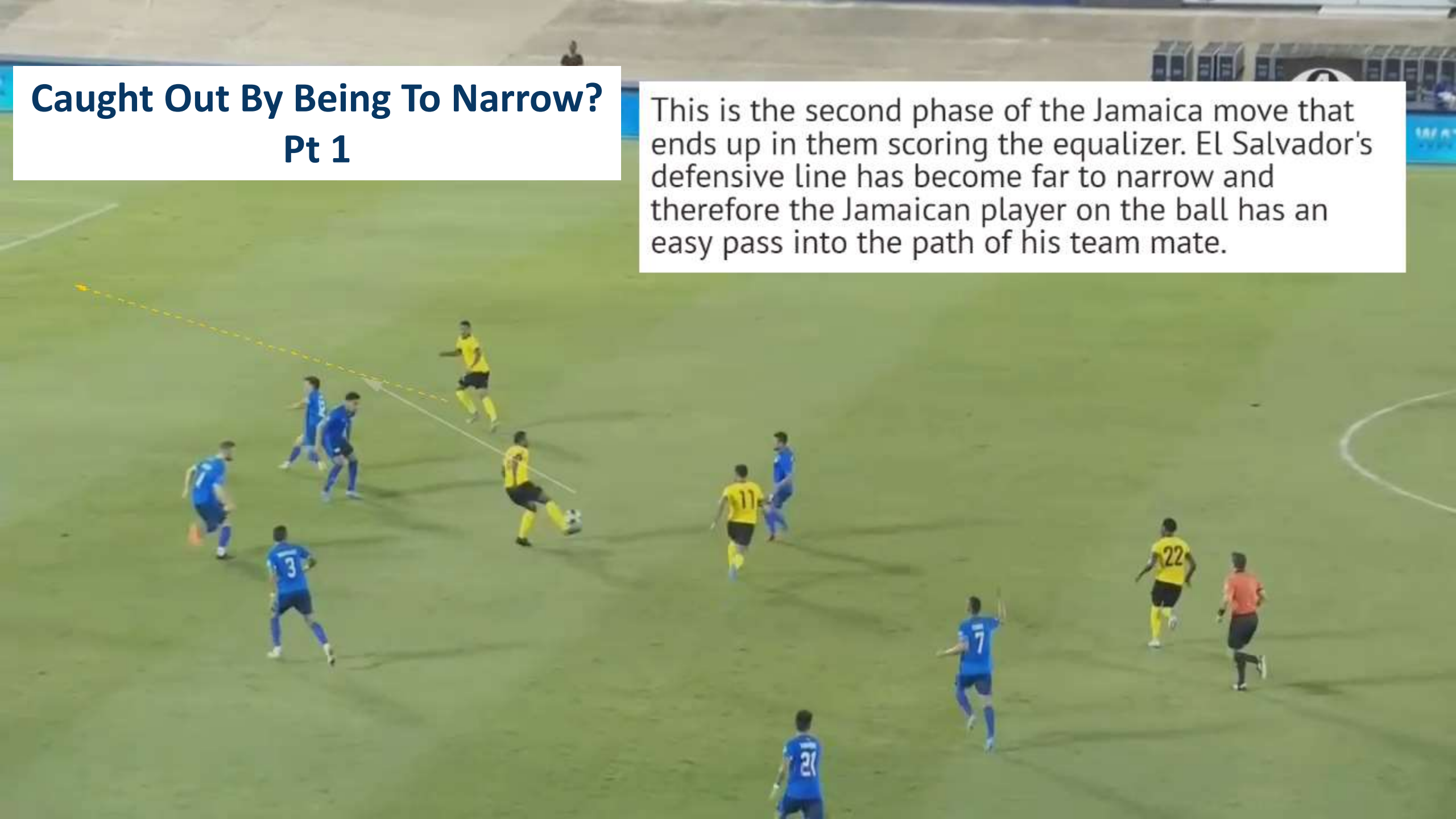
El Salvador - Out of Possession Shape



El Salvador set themselves up in this 5-3-2 formation out of possession. This meant Calvillo, playing in the left sided no. 10 position when in possession, dropped to a left sided midfield position. The two CM's Orellana & Ceren completed the midfield three.

Caught Out By Being Too Narrow? Pt 1

This is the second phase of the Jamaica move that ends up in them scoring the equalizer. El Salvador's defensive line has become far too narrow and therefore the Jamaican player on the ball has an easy pass into the path of his team mate.



Caught Out By Being Too Narrow? Pt 2

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This is the third phase of the Jamaican equalizer and again El Salvador have let a similar situation occur within a few seconds of the previous screenshot and now face another overload down their defensive left hand-side, and remember this is still in the build up phase to the goal. Do El Salvador have issues with these type of scenarios when playing with a back 5?

Set piece set up, vacating the spaces and distracting runners



This is the set up and strategy that El Salvador used on this set piece corner routing and this one ended up with them scoring the opening goal of the game.

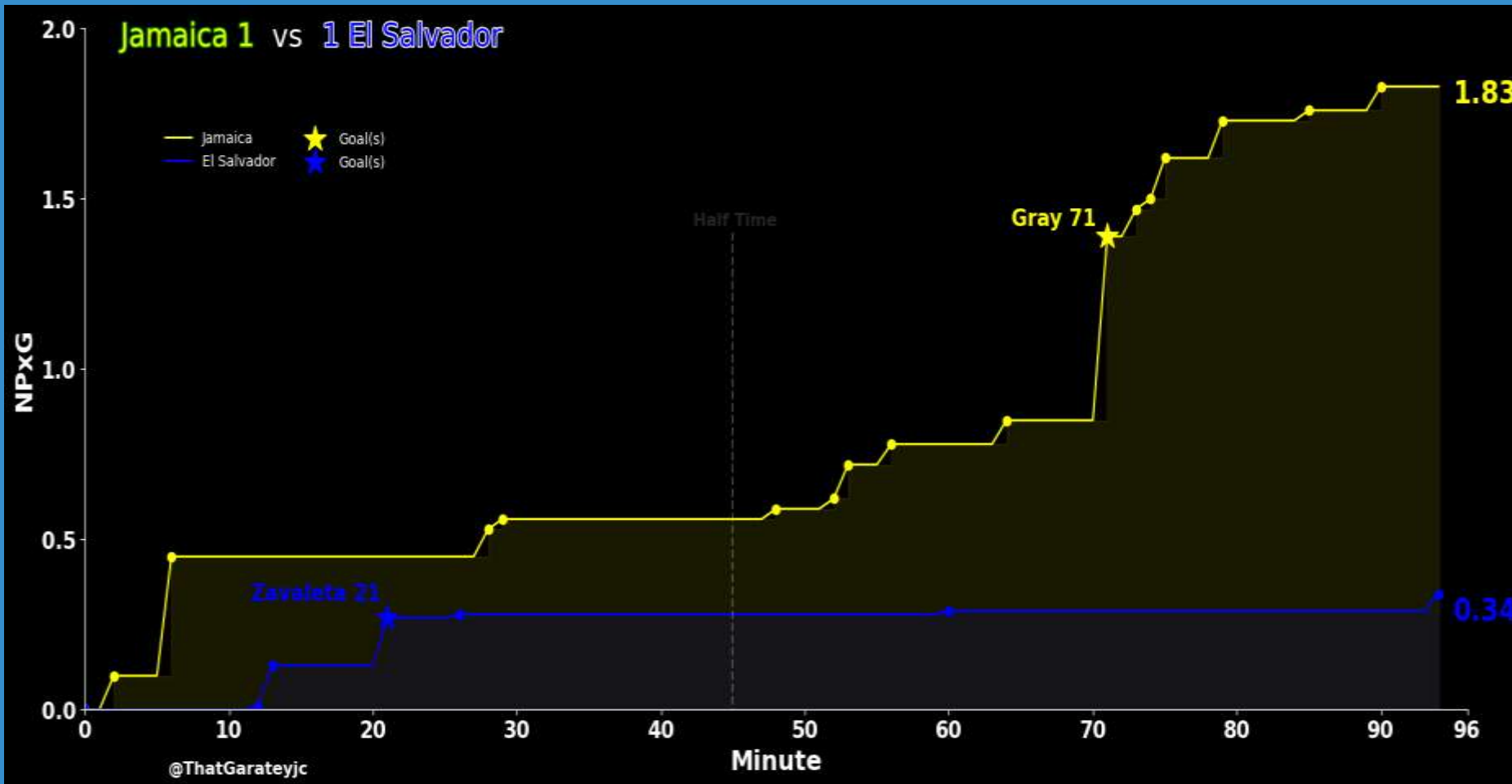
1. Henriquez makes a run away from the near post possible distracting the Jamaican defense.
2. Dominguez darts toward the space left vacant by Henriquez taking a defender with him.
3. Jamaica now have two El Salvador players attacking the cross (Rodriguez & the eventual scorer Zavaleta.
4. No 9 Bonilla has left the space at the back post for Zavaleta to attack and he does just that.

Main threats at set pieces:
Zavaleta, Dominguez, Rodriguez.

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xG Timeline

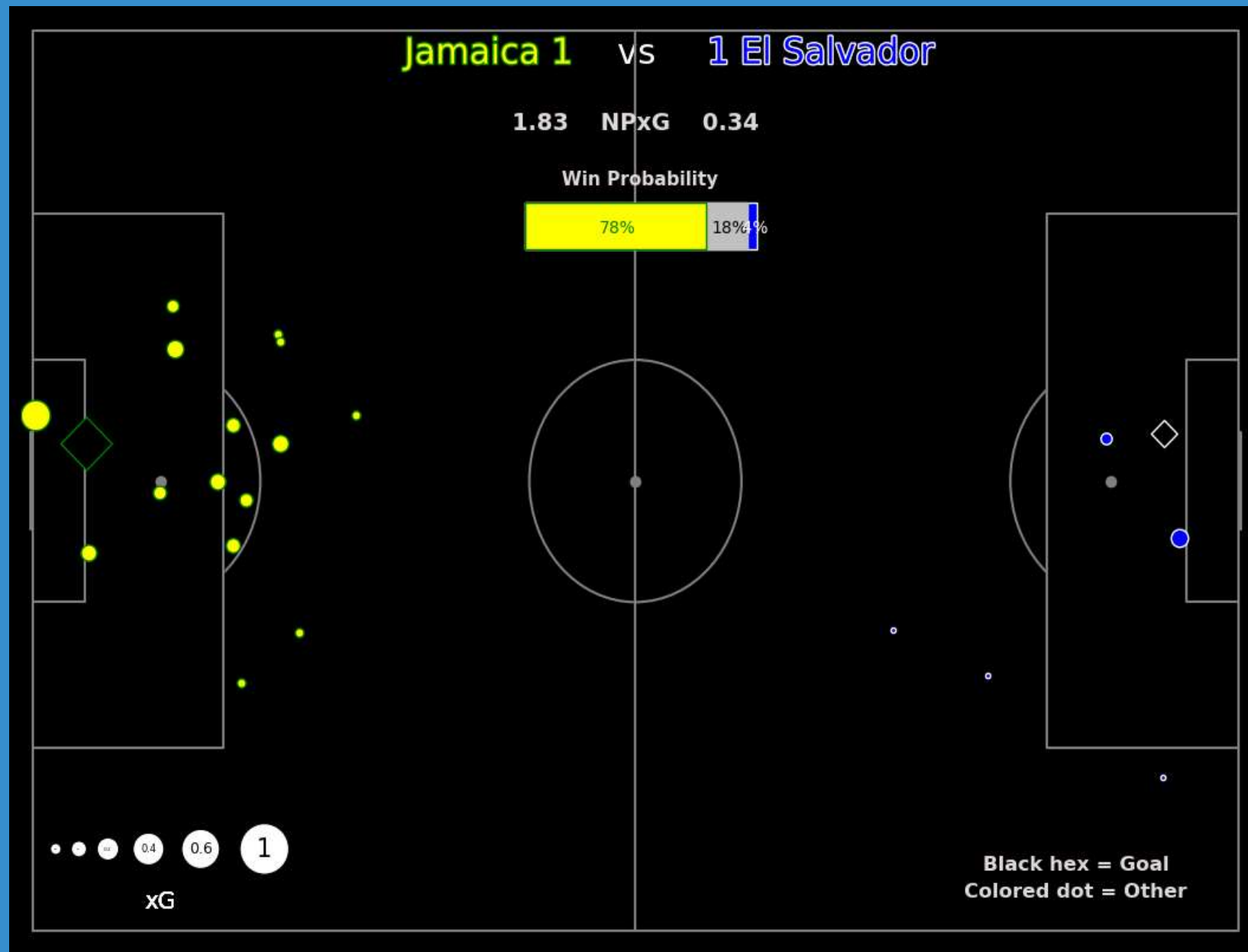
- Jamaica had 16 shots in this game with 5 hitting the target and from those shots they created a match xG total of 1.83. Jamaica came on strong late in the second half as the timeline shows in fact out of those 16 shots 12 came in the second half with 7 inside the last 19 minutes, one of which they scored from with Gray's close-range effort. That chance was worth 0.54 xG.



- El Salvador had just the 6 shots with 3 finding the target but there wasn't much to shout about in terms of the quality of their chances overall with the highest xG value shot being the Zavaleta headed goal from a corner which hit 0.14 xG.
- They did have a 13th minute chance which was rated at 0.12 xG but of the other 4 chances 3 were all at 0.01 xG and one other at 0.05 xG.

Jamaica vs El Salvador xG Shot Map

- El Salvador do not take many shots and in the last 6 World Cup Qualifying games they have given up a total of 93 shots and taken just 45 themselves and so they will give up plenty of opportunities in games and it was no different in this game against Jamaica.
- They allowed the home side to take 7 shots from inside their 18-yard box with a further 3 in good, central positions just outside the box.
- El Salvador managed three attempts inside the Jamaican penalty area and in reasonably good areas, but they could only managed chances worth 0.34 xG.



El Salvador

Overall Summary- Areas to exploit, Passing Combinations, Key Players, Tactics, Formations etc

Style of play-

- They did attempt to press Jamaica high up the pitch and with some success and good organization overall.
- Quick passing with high intensity in moving the ball across, and up and down, the pitch.
- The wing back system was partially effective although they didn't get the most out of it.

Passing Combinations-

- Ceren was the main man on the ball for them and he looked to move the ball up the pitch rather than backwards and in combination with fellow CM Orellana but also Calvillo.
- The CB's, especially looked to get the ball into central midfield with some quickfire passing.

Areas to exploit-

- When Jamaica beat the high press (see slide no. 4), and due to the players El Salvador committed in that press, they were able to drive at El Salvador and put them on the back foot immediately so beat the press, should they decide to employ it of course, and attacking avenues will appear.

Formations Used-

- They used a 3-4-2-1 initially and then a 3-5-2 after an early substitution..

Key Players-

- Ceren, when able to get on the ball, was somewhat effective and has technical ability to pick a pass but also has good defensive awareness too.
- Calvillo also looked good on the ball and looked to get involved in the attacking phases of play by wandering across the pitch to receive the ball.

Set Piece Takers-

- Calvillo took two out swinging right footed corners from the attacking right hand side.
- Larin took one in swinging left footed corner from the right - hand side and an out swinging one from the left-hand side.